

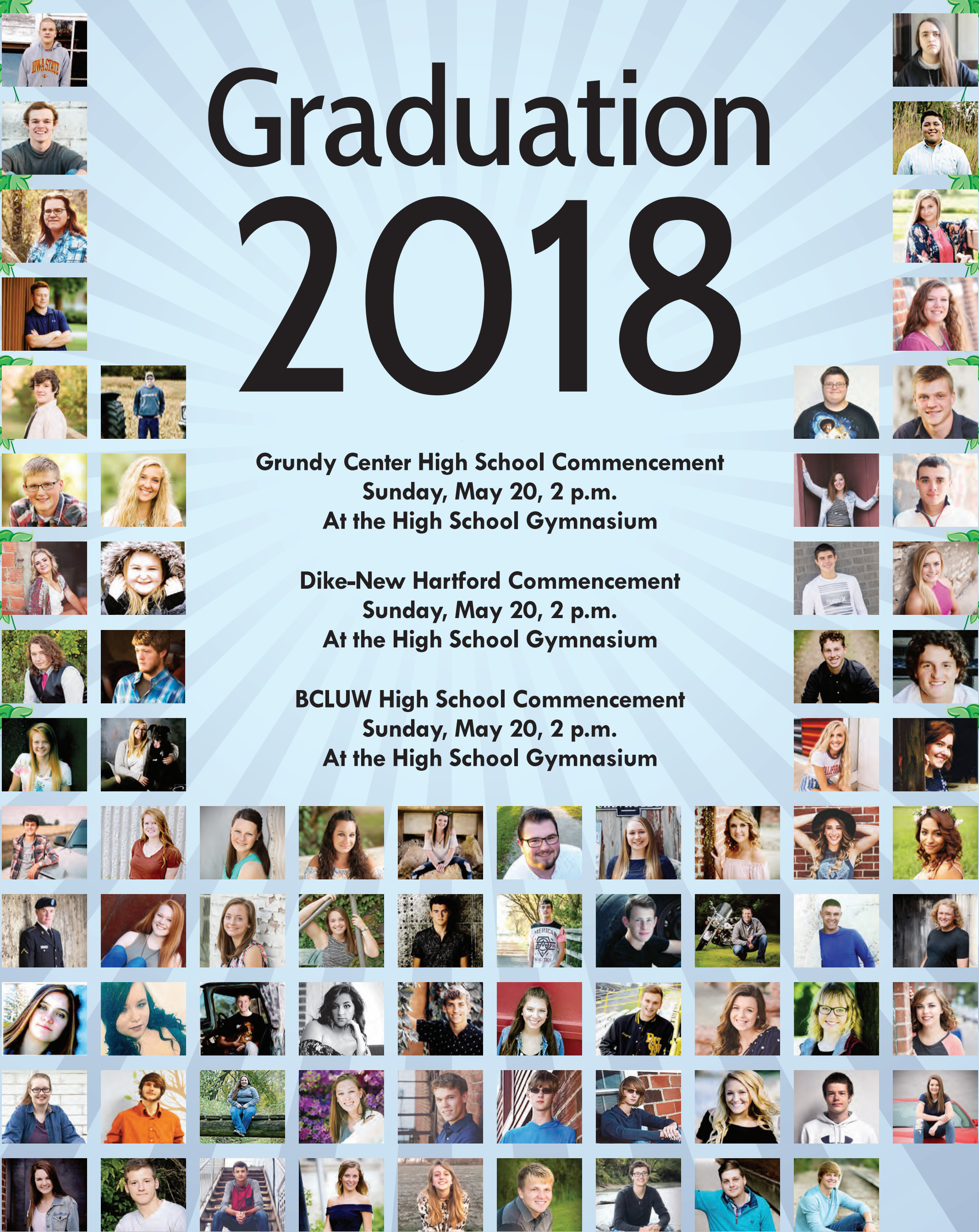


Graduation 2018

Grundy Center High School Commencement
Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m.
At the High School Gymnasium

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Grundy Center High School Class of 2018



Mariah Abben



Jake Edward Bangasser
Son of Dan and Chris Bangasser

BIRTHDAY: July 6, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Lane Bangasser
• **HOBBIES:** Playing golf, hanging out with friends, and spending way too much money on food • **ACTIVITIES:** Football, Golf, Student Senate, Friends First, Various Junior Golf • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Making it to state in golf and getting to spend sports with my friends • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Cheeseburger and Fries • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Friday Night Lights • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Harry Potter's, and the Dark Knight. • **FAVORITE SONG:** Time For Me to Fly by REO Speedwagon • **FAVORITE SINGER:** The Weeknd • **SPARE TIME:** Play golf, a lot of it. • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** Dennis Dirks, because he's always willing to do whatever is necessary for others, as well as whatever is necessary for our golf team to be successful. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Be kind always, and try to make everyone feel as you wish to feel. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Iowa Western Community College to play golf and get a degree in Human Resources Management. Following that, attend a University to continue playing golf and achieve my bachelors or masters degree.



Sawyer LeGrand Bowen
Son of Melvin and Christine Bowen

BIRTHDAY: April 27, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** 3 sisters, Madi, Carli, Lyndi • **HOBBIES:** Hunting, Hanging out with friends, Sports, • **ACTIVITIES:** Football, Track, Baseball, Musical Theater, • **HONORS:** Student of the week, Perfect Attendance in 2 grade • **AWARDS:** 2 time district champion in baseball, all conference in track, • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** 2 time district champs in baseball (8 grade and sophomore years), Senior year homecoming, Girls State basketball senior year, State track junior year as an alternate, senior year prom, • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** American Idol • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Stand By Me • **FAVORITE SONG:** Where I come From • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Jason Aldean • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Crashing my Monte Carlo summer of sophomore year. • **SPARE TIME:** Hunt, Hangout with my friends, Cruise, • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My dad, He has taught me so many life lessons and has always been there for me at all times and is the hardest working man I know. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** You Only Live Once, Just send it • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Marshalltown Community College for a two-year Natural Gas Technician Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree • **SECRET AMBITION:** Be a country music singer



Emily Grace Ehrig
Daughter of Barry and Tina Ehrig

BIRTHDAY: March 15, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Kaitlynn Ehrig • **HOBBIES:** Hang out with friends, going out to eat, participating in extracurriculars • **ACTIVITIES:** Dance Team, Volleyball, Tennis, Student Senate, Madrigal, GC Jazz • **HONORS:** Class Secretary and Treasurer, Trusted Reader • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Homecoming Week, Prom, State Dance • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Watermelon • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** The Vampire Diaries • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Step Up • **FAVORITE SONG:** Tongue Tied • **FAVORITE SINGER:** BØRNS • **SPARE TIME:** Spend time with friends, have bonfires, and enjoy warm weather • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Dance like nobody's watching • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Iowa State University, majoring in Mass Communications and Journalism • **SECRET AMBITION:** Become a yoga guru



Madison May Glass
Daughter of Jodie and Brent Baker

BIRTHDAY: May 1, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Samantha Glass • **HOBBIES:** Dance, Cheer, swimming, hanging out with friends, and scuba diving • **ACTIVITIES:** Dance, football cheer, competition cheer, basketball cheer, and golf • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Winning a state title for pom • **FAVORITE FOOD:** pizza, Chinese, burgers, brats, and mini donuts • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Walking dead, hot to get away with murder, and criminal minds • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Goonies • **FAVORITE SONG:** Heaven by Kane Brown • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Florida Georgia Line • **SPARE TIME:** In my spare time I enjoy going on walks with my dog Chloe. • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My mother because she is a strong independent woman. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Wealth is the ability to fully experience life. • **FUTURE PLANS:** My future plans are to be in the Air-force for six years.



Chloe Ryann Anderson
Daughter of Kevin James Anderson and Doni Rene Hanesford

BIRTHDAY: December 15, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Calli Anderson, Riley Richmond, Parker Ticknor • **HOBBIES:** Singing, dancing, acting, reading, drawing, painting, photography, writing Activities: Choir, Madrigal, Musical Theatre, Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Drumline, Football-Basketball-Competition Cheerleading, Academic Decathlon, LoL (Literature over Lunch), Publications, Speech, Track and Field, Softball, Solo Ensemble, and Large Group Ensemble • **HONORS:** Emblem G for Chorus (4 years), Band (4 years), and Track and Field (1 year) Awards: Division 1 for Trumpet (3 years), French Horn (2 years), vocal solo (4 years), and vocal ensemble (3 years), Best Supporting Actress in 'HamlIT', State Fair Bill Riley Talent Search Participation Award (2 years), 'Dancing Queen Award', 'Sharpest Moves Award', Third Place IHSSA Cheer/Dance, Fourth Place IHSSA Stunt Group, Deerwood Softball • **AWARDS:** 2014 First Place Senior Girls Tournament Winner, 2013 Second Place Senior Girls Tournament Winner, 2011 Third Place Overall Season for Junior Girls Award, 2014 Second Place Overall Season for Senior Girls Award, 2013 Second Place Overall Season for Senior Girls Award, Sportsmanship Award for 2011, 2012, and 2013 • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Getting my first standing ovation • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Pizza • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Ask Us Anything (Knowing Bros) • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Harry Potter Series • **FAVORITE SONG:** At Last by Etta James • **FAVORITE SINGER:** BTS • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Losing my grandpa. It made me want to go after my goals for the future even more. • **SPARE TIME:** Sleep and watch music videos, anything on YouTube, and tv and movies. • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My Grandma, because she can do anything and everything. She takes care of everyone and taught me almost everything I know today. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Do as many things as you want and can! You keep yourself busy and learn many different life lessons and skills. I love to learn new things and it has helped me grow as a person. It may be scary at first to try something new, but that's the fun part! You'll be comfortable eventually, it just takes time. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Going to college to learn more about acting and musical theatre, planning to get a career in acting, travel, and then retire and run the musical theatre department in a high school. • **SECRET AMBITION:** To learn 5 languages fluently.



Michael Barkhoff



Noah Christopher Boquet
Son of Emily Boquet And Chris Boquet

BIRTHDAY: September 12, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Saban Boquet • **HOBBIES:** sleep, reading • **ACTIVITIES:** Musicals, Acdec, choir, GC jazz • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** When we got a perfect score at state solo ensemble. When I went to Acdec Nationals • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Steak • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** The expanse • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Life of Pi • **FAVORITE SONG:** Scenes from an Italian Restaurant. Billy Joel • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Billy Joel • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Skipping a grade • **SPARE TIME:** Not do homework • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** Ms. Boquet. She's pretty good at being my mom and my teacher • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Don't Fail Literally the first class you take in high school • **FUTURE PLANS:** College- Probably Coe • **SECRET AMBITION:** To become so rich that I can pay the news to ignore that I'm rich.



Preston Breyfogle



Shelbey Coy



Luke Edgerton



Chasyti Erickson
Daughter of Tami Purvis and Andy Erickson

BIRTHDAY: July 23, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Devon Erickson, Hunter Purvis, and Preston Hinders • **HOBBIES:** Hanging out with friends • **ACTIVITIES:** Volleyball • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Leaving Grundy my freshman year coming back my Senior year • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Pickles • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Spongebob • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Brother dying • **SPARE TIME:** Talk to Mrs. Dieken • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** Jeff Pelzer, Great hard working man who supports his family • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** "It'll Buff Out"-Devon Erickson • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attending DMACC going into Dental Hygiene



Zachary Grant



Mason Gronen



Aaron Jeffrey Havens
Son of Jeff and Jennifer Havens

BIRTHDAY: January 12, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Phoebe, Racheal, Cody, and Alexis • **HOBBIES:** Board Games, Cards • **ACTIVITIES:** Football, Archery, Tennis • **HONORS:** Boys State Governor, A Honor Roll all 4 years of High School • **MEMORABLE MOMENT:** Football playoffs, state tennis, girls state basketball/volleyball, dancing in the dance show • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Waffle Fries from Chick Fil A • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Parks and Recreation • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Doctor Strange • **FAVORITE SONG:** Because of You by Delusion • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Scotty McCreery • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Boys State • **SPARE TIME:** Hang out with friends; Words of wisdom: Don't worry about things you can't control • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Iowa State in the Fall with a major in political science • **SECRET AMBITION:** Become the Governor of Iowa.

Class Song

"5 More Minutes" - Scotty McCreery



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Brianna Ryann Heltibridle

Daughter of Jeff Heltibridle and Terri Colson

BIRTHDAY: May 1, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Sister Amanda Colson and Nephew Tyler Colson • **HOBBIES:** Hunting, Fishing, and Socializing • **ACTIVITIES:** Trap shooting, Basketball, Track, Softball, National Honors Society, FFA • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Attending state volleyball as well as state basketball my senior year. • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Steak, Cheesy Potatoes, a Mac and Cheese • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Heartland, Baby Daddy, and Flash • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Fault in Our Stars • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Jason Aldean and Khalid • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** The birth of my nephew Tyler • **SPARE TIME:** Watch Netflix and eat food • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My grandparents, Darwin and Janet Heltibridle. I aspire to be supportive and there for anyone just like they have for many years and the years to come! • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** "Nobody accomplishes big things in their life alone." ~ Frances Lankin • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend the University of Iowa to become a dentist. • **SECRET AMBITION:** To become a Pilot



Adam Kaufman



Emmett Kendrick



Joshua Alexander Kuiper

Son of Mark and Shonda Kuiper

BIRTHDAY: September 9, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Caleb Kuiper • **HOBBIES:** Hanging out with friends, playing sports • **ACTIVITIES:** football, basketball, track, NHS, and student senate • **AWARDS:** First team all-district in football • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Adam tripping over the track fence, Last senior football game, Senior homecoming • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Burgers • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Parks and Recreation • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Shrek • **FAVORITE SONG:** Nobody's Perfect • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Hannah Montana • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Playing High school football for the first time • **SPARE TIME:** Hang out with friends • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My Grandpa • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** "Don't be an idiot" -Michael Scott • **FUTURE PLANS:** Going to Central College to study engineering while playing football • **SECRET AMBITION:** Becoming the greatest boxer in the world



Jordan Lehr



Landry Grace Luhning

Daughter of Kurt and Angela Luhning

BIRTHDAY: January 26, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Kyah and Ellery Luhning • **HOBBIES:** Reading and Writing, Watching movies with friends and family, going to Starbucks frequently, Being active • **ACTIVITIES:** Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Softball, GC Jazz, Chorus, Lit-Over-Lunch, Friends First, American Lutheran Church Lector • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Qualifying for state in both Volleyball and Track multiple times. Specifically beating Woodward-Granger in 5 sets, coming back from 9-14 to win. • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Tater-tot-casserole • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Friends • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days • **FAVORITE SONG:** Yeah by Usher • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Rascal Flatts • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Being confirmed at the American Lutheran Church as well as attending FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Camp in Pella, Iowa. • **SPARE TIME:** I love reading and listening to music, sometimes at the same time • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** I admire my parents how they always push to become a better person and taught me to never settle for average. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** "Don't be an idiot. Changed my life." -Dwight Schrute • **FUTURE PLANS:** I plan on attending Central College in Pella, Iowa, to double-major in Exercise Science and Creative Writing. I will also participate in both Volleyball and Track and Field collegiately. • **SECRET AMBITION:** To be a children's book author.



Sabrina Mast

Daughter of Adam and Courtney Mast, Samantha Benson, and Shawn Ford

BIRTHDAY: December 6, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Brett Mast, Kacie Ford, and Kylee Mast • **HOBBIES:** Eating • **ACTIVITIES:** Volleyball and Track • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** State Volleyball Freshman year (2015) • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Raw Potatoes • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Friends or New Girl • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Fear or Nerve • **FAVORITE SONG:** Hips Don't Lie by Shakira • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Demi Lovato • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Justin Bieber Concert • **SPARE TIME:** Eat • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** Carli Bowen because she's taught me to push myself and be the best that I can be. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** High School doesn't last forever so go to the football game, dress-up for homecoming, and make the most of your time here. Also, everything that you think is going to ruin your life, isn't going to ruin your life. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Taking a gap year then going to Hawkeye for nursing • **SECRET AMBITION:** To be a military nurse.



Jordan Ray Hook

Son of Alan and Teri Hook

BIRTHDAY: May 13, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Heather Hook • **HOBBIES:** Hunting, Fishing, Farming, Hanging out with friends • **ACTIVITIES:** Football, Wrestling, Tennis, Track, Musical Theater • **AWARDS:** 4x All-District Football, 3x All-State Football • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Anything with my friends • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Barbecue Ribs and Cheesy Potatoes • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Alf • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Dumb and Dumber • **FAVORITE SONG:** Everything's gonna be alright • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Toby Keith • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Missions trip to Haiti • **SPARE TIME:** Hangout with friends • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** Ron Gruber because of his story of redemption and how much he cares about people. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** "You need a little bit of insanity to do great things" - Unknown • **FUTURE PLANS:** Play football at the University of Northern Iowa and major in business • **SECRET AMBITION:** I would like to be a highly decorated Navy SEAL for the United States of America.



Megan Klammer

Daughter of Valinda Hall and Kent Klammer

BIRTHDAY: December 6, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Joe Hall, Jersey Snyder and Natalee Klammer • **HOBBIES:** Watch Netflix, hang out with friends, eat, sleep, fishing, cooking, and working • **HONORS:** Honor Roll all 3 trimesters of all 4 years • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Reminiscing with my classmates about everything that has happened over the last four years, there's a lot. • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Ice cream, chocolate, and pizza • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Once upon a time, the crossing, the 100, and the vampire diaries • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Blind Side • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Carrie Underwood, Kane Brown, Post Malone • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Taking the CNA class at Hawkeye Community College through Grundy Center influenced my life, because that's where I realized I had a real passion for nursing and I have been working as a CNA ever since. • **SPARE TIME:** Hang out with friends and go out to eat. • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** Grandma Lillie, because I have lived with her since I was 5 years old. She has taught me to be the best me I can be everyday and that things will get better no matter how dark the skies are. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** "It's 10% what happens, 90% how you react to it." • **FUTURE PLANS:** I will be attending Ellsworth Community College in the fall of 2018 majoring in nursing. I will get my RN from Ellsworth and I plan on working for a few years after that and hopefully going on to become a prenatal or a neonatal nurse. • **SECRET AMBITION:** I want to travel the world someday



Amber Laube

Daughter of Phil and Monica Laube

BIRTHDAY: May 23, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Whitney, Tanner, and Carson • **HOBBIES:** Going out to eat, watching movies, and being with my friends • **ACTIVITIES:** Plays, Musicals, Tennis, Cheerleading, GCJazz, Madrigal, Band, Chorus, Student Senate, Silver Cord • **HONORS:** President of the Class of 2018, President of Student Senate, Courage Retreat Leader, Ed Thomas Legacy Leadership Conference, Cheerleading Award, Captain of the Cheer Team, Trusted Reader • **AWARDS:** Female Freshman Citizenship Award, Female Sophomore at Senior Awards Night, Female Escort During Commencement, NICL All Academic in All Sports' Seasons, Scholastic Achievement Award, President's Education Awards Program Outstanding Academic Excellence • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Homecoming, Receiving the First Place State Title in Competition Cheerleading, and Cheering at State Basketball • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Pork • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Fixer Upper • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Armageddon, Die Hard, The Longest Ride, Greatest Showman • **FAVORITE SONG:** Nothin Like You (Dan and Shay), Wanna Be That Song (Brett Eldredge) • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Taylor Swift • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Joining Cheerleading • **SPARE TIME:** Do my hobbies • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My mom, she's very supportive • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** DON'T PROCRASTINATE, Always try new things, and NEVER GIVE UP • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend college at Wartburg to possibly study Criminology and Computer Science • **SECRET AMBITION:** Work for the FBI, travel the world, and become a world-class baker



Brody Mackie



Calvin Mackie



Nicole Marie McNeil

Daughter of Chad and Linda Mackie and the late Joe McNeil

BIRTHDAY: May 25, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Kyle McNeil and Chelsea Eggleston • **HOBBIES:** Jet ski, skateboard, swim, golf, hang out with friends, have bonfires, travel, photograph nature. • **ACTIVITIES:** Dance Team, Football Cheerleading, Competition Cheerleading Honors: Leadership Honors award in dance junior and senior year. Lettered in Dance and Cheer and received bars every year. All-Iowa Honor Dance Team participant sophomore, junior, and senior year. • **AWARDS:** 1st place champions in Pom at State Dance junior and senior year. 1st place champions in stunt group at State Cheer sophomore year. 2nd place in Military at State Dance sophomore and junior year. 2nd place in Prop at State Dance freshman and junior year. Received the North Iowa Cedar League All Academic award in Football Cheer and the Dance Team every year. State Cheerleader Award for 3 years. Scholastic Achievement Award. Received citizenship award. • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Achieving first place in Pom my junior and senior year at State Dance • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Popcorn • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Spongebob • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Finding Nemo • **FAVORITE SONG:** Santeria by Sublime • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Justin Bieber or Bob Marley • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** When my father had passed away when I was 5 years old. • **SPARE TIME:** Hang out with friends, journal, go on long car rides jamming to music, edit youtube videos, listen to music, and photograph the world. Person I admire most: My sister Chelsea because she has always been there for me through anything and I know I can always count on her. She's my best friend and I admire her because she's worked so hard to achieve the things she has now and I strive to be just like her. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** "You can't change the direction of the wind, but you can adjust your sails to always reach your destination." -Jimmy Dean • **FUTURE PLANS:** Move to Clear Lake for the summer and work, then attending North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City for Graphic Communications. After graduating there, I will transfer to a university, most likely UNI for Video Production and Photojournalism. • **SECRET AMBITION:** Be a famous videographer and photographer for National Geographic and Beautiful Destinations. Filming and photographing the beauty in people and this world. Along with being a professional surfer, skateboarder, and an actress while living in California.



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Son of Brian and Geselle Steenhoek



Brady Byron North

Son of Colleen and Byron North

BIRTHDAY: December 26, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Ellie and Jake • **HOBBIES:** Hanging with my friends • **ACTIVITIES:** Choir, Band, Theatre, Speech, and Robotics • **HONORS:** 4-time letter winner for both Band and Choir. 3 time academic letter winner • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Watching my nephews and niece be born and grow up. • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Shrimp • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Friends • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Avengers: Infinity Wars • **FAVORITE SONG:** "Believe It or Not" Joey Scarbury • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Billy Joel • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Meeting my brother • **SPARE TIME:** Play Overwatch (a video game) • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My brother. He lives his life to help others with integrity, honesty, and strong faith. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Fake it till ya make it. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Be a successful engineer and eventually create my own engineering firm. • **SECRET AMBITION:** To wield an actual lightsaber.



Chloe Lynn Pelzer

Daughter of Jodi Pelzer and Jeff and Brenda Pelzer

BIRTHDAY: February 29, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Tyler Pelzer, Tanner Ackerson, Jessica Ackerson, and Tanner Pelzer • **HOBBIES:** Being with friends • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Junior year teachers skit • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Mashed Potatoes, Jack Pizza • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** The Office, Criminal Minds, Parks and Rec • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Insidious 1,2,3,and 4 • **FAVORITE SONG:** Any Jason Aldean or Chris Young song • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Jason Aldean • **SPARE TIME:** Be with friends and watch netflix • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My mom because she is selfless and goes out of her way to make sure I am happy and living my best life. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** "Suck it up Sally" -Jeff Pelzer • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Iowa Western Community College for the dental hygiene program • **SECRET AMBITION:** Live in Australia

BIRTHDAY: August 26, 1999 • **SIBLINGS:** Reagan Rathe • **HOBBIES:** Eating food, Sports, Fortnite, Hanging out with friends, Lifting • **ACTIVITIES:** Football, Basketball, Track, and Musical Theatre • **AWARDS:** 2017 All - District Wide Receiver, Mr. Spartan 2018 Basketball, 2017 Hardest Worker Basketball. 2016 Mr. Practice Football. • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Senior year Prom. State Football Playoffs Freshman and Sophomore year. Rock of Ages musical. Homecoming 2017. • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Pancheros Burritos :) • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Family Guy • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Aliens in the attic • **FAVORITE SONG:** Perfect, Ed Sheeran - Life's been good, Joe Walsh • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Migos • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Church Camp Freshman year • **SPARE TIME:** Lift, Hang with friends, play sports. Eat lots of food. • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** Coach Conger, he has really influenced me to become not just a better athlete, but a better person in the long run. He's really fun to be around at practice, and really pushes you to become better at whatever it is you want to do. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Just remember, teachers never think it's as funny as you do. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attending Upper Iowa University to play football, with an undecided major.



Julie Shoaf



Jovis Schoemaker



Jarrod Van Hauen



Olivia Faith Opheim

Daughter of Eric and Lisa Opheim

BIRTHDAY: August 14, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Zach Opheim and Taylor Heidbreder • **HOBBIES:** Be with friends, watch movies, bonfires • **ACTIVITIES:** Gymnastics, cheer, dance, student senate, National Honor Society • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Homecoming weeks, prom, games and movies before Christmas break • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Ice cream or tacos • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** New Girl and Grey's Anatomy • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Greatest Showman or Bad Moms • **FAVORITE SONG:** No Promises • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Miley Cyrus, Jason Derulo, Thomas Rhett • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Going to Costa Rica for the Spanish trip • **SPARE TIME:** Spend time with my dog • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My mama because she is the strongest and best person out there • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Smile and wave, be thankful, and live everyday like it's your birthday • **FUTURE PLANS:** Gymnastics at UW-Lacrosse, go into Pre-Med • **SECRET AMBITION:** Be Instagram famous and travel around the world (@Liv_Lou14)



Austyn Pinka



Cade Kenneth Rohler

Son of Todd and Steff Rohler

BIRTHDAY: June 17, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Brock Rohler • **HOBBIES:** Fishing, Playing sports, Reading • **ACTIVITIES:** Football, Track, Archery, Student Senate • **HONORS:** Academic All State Football • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** Fall Musicals • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Sushi • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Into the Badlands • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Accountant • **FAVORITE SONG:** Fly Away - Lenny Kravitz • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Phil Collins • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Birth • **SPARE TIME:** Listen to podcasts • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** My brother because he is the most resilient person I know. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Do everything you can, while you still can. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Truman State University to major in chemistry • **SECRET AMBITION:** To catch a shark



Hannah Michelle Stahl

Daughter of Nathan and Michelle Stahl

BIRTHDAY: March 29, 2000 • **SIBLINGS:** Taylor Stahl • **HOBBIES:** Hanging with friends, eating ice cream, bike rides/walks, watching movies • **ACTIVITIES:** Gc Jazz, Madrigal, Chorus, Musical Theater, Volleyball, Basketball cheer, Tennis, Trusted Reader, National Honors Society, Student Senate, Friends First • **MEMORABLE MOMENTS:** State volleyball, Football games, Fires with the senior class • **FAVORITE FOOD:** Steak • **FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Chicago Fire • **FAVORITE MOVIE:** Safe Haven • **FAVORITE SINGER:** Thomas Rhett • **EVENT THAT INFLUENCED MY LIFE:** Growing up in a small and getting the small town experiences. • **SPARE TIME:** Hang out with friends • **PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:** Mom and dad. They are my biggest supporters and have been with me every step of the way. • **WORDS OF WISDOM:** Enjoy the little things • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attending Winona State University and majoring in nursing • **SECRET AMBITION:** Work in a big hospital



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Alexandria Jo Aalderks

Daughter of Denise and Leon Aalderks

NICKNAME: Allie • **SIBLINGS:** Drew Aalderks • **HOBBIES:** I'm a talented handstander, Coffee and tea fanatic, and I enjoy watching a good movie or show like friends or the office • **ACTIVITIES:** Volleyball, basketball, track, speech, plays, drama, science club! • **BEST MEMORY:** Science club ski trip was so fun • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Iowa State University • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Live it up



Chase Andrew Arends

Son of Mike Arends, Sherri Buhr

NICKNAME: C bizzle • **SIBLINGS:** Kohle Arends Dustin Arends Casie Bass Mora Buhr Brett Hofferet • **HOBBIES:** Long boarding, shopping, eating • **ACTIVITIES:** Wrestling football track baseball golf • **BEST MEMORY:** Making it to state in wrestling • **FUTURE PLANS:** I'm going to UNI to play football and get a degree in business finance.



Taylor Nicole Brown

Daughter of Jeff and Terri Brown

NICKNAME: T-Brown- Mr. Boddicker • **SIBLINGS:** Braden Brown • **HOBBIES:** Reading, Writing, Listening to music • **ACTIVITIES:** Band, Academic Decathlon, TAG, Book Club, National History Day • **BEST MEMORY:** My best high school memory is going to homecoming with my friends. • **FUTURE PLANS:** I plan on going to college for psychology and pre- medicine. I then plan on attending medical school so that I may become a psychiatrist. After college, I hope to open up my own medical practice. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Do what makes you happy.



Jadyn JoAnn Gronowski

Daughter of Rich and Cindy Gronowski

NICKNAME: Jade my mom • **SIBLINGS:** Krystal, Erica, Nic, and JaKoby Gronowski • **HOBBIES:** Hanging out with friends, Watching Netflix, taking pictures • **ACTIVITIES:** Competitive Cheerleading • **BEST MEMORY:** Being able to compete in Florida with my team • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Hawkeye Community College to become a dental hygienist • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** It goes by fast so enjoy it.



Ryan Douglas Hinde

Son of Steve and Melissa Hinde

NICKNAME: Ry, shortening my name • **SIBLINGS:** Sam Hinde • **HOBBIES:** The Den, Xbox, hanging out with friends • **ACTIVITIES:** Cross Country • **BEST MEMORY:** Going to State Volleyball senior • **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to college, get a job, get married • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** It's not as hard as everyone says it is.



Aaron Michael Adolphs

Son of Mike Adolphs and Trisha Adolphs

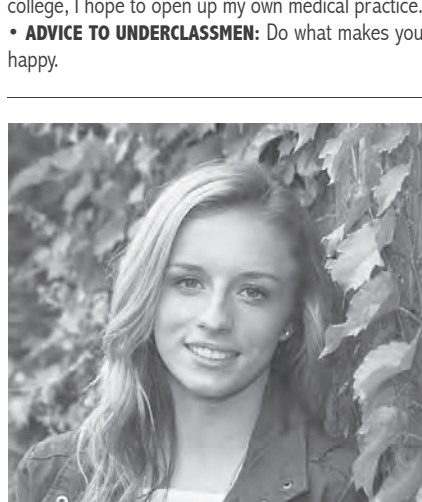
NICKNAME: Double A, because I got two A's in my name. • **SIBLINGS:** Ethan Adolphs, Levi Adolphs, Julian Adolphs, Gabe Adolphs, Silas Adolphs • **HOBBIES:** Xbox, Some Netflix, DJ Board, also work a lot at Hy-vee, basketball pickup games • **ACTIVITIES:** I'm in Football and Baseball and did Large Group Speech, Band, Jazz Band, Student Council • **BEST MEMORY:** To many memories to just pick out the "Best". I loved just being involved and seeing success. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attending UNI to go into Business. Plan on owning or help running my own business. To be Successful and to get married have a happy family. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Failure is Part of life. You will don't fail you will never learn.



Courtney Anne Bolhuis

Daughter of Frey and Dee Bolhuis

NICKNAME: Court, my family members have called me it since I was little. • **SIBLINGS:** 2 older sisters, Carolyn and Chelsea • **HOBBIES:** I like to read, be outside, and spend time with my family and friends. • **ACTIVITIES:** I'm involved in volleyball, track, musicals, band, jazz band, choir, show choir, and student council. • **BEST MEMORY:** Winning the volleyball state championship two years in a row. • **FUTURE PLANS:** I plan to attend the University of Northern Iowa to study elementary education. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Don't be afraid to try new things!



Josie Noel Claude

Daughter of Shawn and Billie Claude

SIBLINGS: Braden Claude • **ACTIVITIES:** Track and Cross Country • **BEST MEMORY:** Running in the state track meet • **FUTURE PLANS:** To continue my education at Hawkeye Community College



Madilyn Kai Harms

Daughter of Carissa and Ryan Harms

NICKNAME: My nickname is "happy" because my best friends dad Al Venenga told me when I was little that I always had a smile on my face and that my name should not be Madi because I am not a mad person, it should be "Happy" • **SIBLINGS:** Hunter and Landen • **HOBBIES:** I love showing horses, painting, and trail riding with friends. • **ACTIVITIES:** I am involved in trapshooting and FFA • **BEST MEMORY:** My best high school memory would have to be running to different peoples houses on the cross country team during practice to stand in the AC for 5 seconds before coach Reingar knew we were gone. • **FUTURE PLANS:** My plans are to go to college and obtain my Associate's degree in nursing and become an RN, after that, I plan to go on and obtain my BSN. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Do not take a second for granted because time flies and before you know it your out of high school and into the real world.



Sarah Grace Hoehns

Daughter of Jim and Barb Hoehns

SIBLINGS: Taylor and Jack Hoehns • **HOBBIES:** My hobbies include reading, hanging out with friends, and baking. • **ACTIVITIES:** During high school I have been involved in cross country, tennis, academic decathlon, band, jazz band, and book club. • **BEST MEMORY:** My best high school memory is running in the rain and mud during my final cross country meet. • **FUTURE PLANS:** I plan to study biology at St. Ambrose and become a physical therapist. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Carpe Diem.



Nicholas Joseph Apel

Son of Becky and Matt Apel

NICKNAME: FaZe Apel, I have no idea • **SIBLINGS:** Lora Apel • **HOBBIES:** History, fishing, and hiking • **ACTIVITIES:** Band and baseball • **BEST MEMORY:** Being in History of Warfare • **FUTURE PLANS:** Become a historian • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Always have a period of PE for each trimester



Allie Morgan Brouwer

Daughter of Jeff and Jenny Brouwer

NICKNAME: Al or Brouwer, which I got from my family who calls me Al for short and Brouwer came from playing sports with other Allies on the team. • **SIBLINGS:** Kaleb Brouwer • **HOBBIES:** I love to show cattle and pigs at the Grundy County Fair and also at the Iowa State Fair. I enjoy playing sports, hanging with friends, and going to animal swaps to buy and sell animals that my brother and I raise. • **ACTIVITIES:** Throughout my high school career I played soccer for 4 years, basketball for 3 years and softball my freshman year. I also was a football manager for 4 years. I have been in 4H for 8 years now, FFA for 4 years, and County Council for just 2 years. I am also part of the St. Gabriel's Catholic church where I went to Faith Formation since I was a little kid. • **BEST MEMORY:** I don't honestly have a favorite high school memory because there were a lot of good times that I shared with my fellow classmates and teammates. • **FUTURE PLANS:** After high school I plan on attending Hawkeye Community College where I will decide on to major in Ag Business, Animal Science, and/or Liberal Arts. After college I hope to find I job that I enjoy doing, such as working with animals or elementary education. I hope to find an acreage in Grundy County, raise a couple kids with my husband, and have lots of animals to care for as well. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** I feel as though it's important for future graduates to know that not everyone knows what they want to do or where they want their future to go following high school, but it'll all work out one way or another so don't over think it and just make sure you stop and have fun in high school before the real world hits you.



Benjamin Douglas Freese

Son of Steve and Lisa Freese

NICKNAME: Ben- just short for Benjamin • **HOBBIES:** Snowboarding, Working out, hanging with friends, Xbox • **ACTIVITIES:** Football, Golf, Baseball • **BEST MEMORY:** Watching film with all my teammates during football season. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Coe College to play football and study Management Information Systems. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Enjoy the time you have now with your classmates because it goes by way to quickly.



Steven Jon Heerts

Son of Jason and Sarah Heerts

NICKNAME: I don't really have a recurring nickname • **SIBLINGS:** Sam Heerts • **DOGS:** Bauzer Heerts • **HOBBIES:** Filmmaking, writing, reading, photography, design, travelling, Netflix • **ACTIVITIES:** Band, choir, speech, ministry, media design/production • **BEST MEMORY:** Seeing the lights of Time's Square during the high school music trip to New York. • **FUTURE PLANS:** I plan to go to Hawkeye Community College for two years, then transfer to a four-year school and major in Media Production • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Be involved. Nothing is better than staying busy while doing stuff that you love.



Marley Rae Kiewiet

Daughter of Travis and Teresa Kiewiet

NICKNAME: Marlasses • **MY BROTHER CALLS ME THAT.** • **SIBLINGS:** Parker and Taylor • **HOBBIES:** Reading, playing and listening to music, doing my makeup, and longboarding. • **ACTIVITIES:** Football and basketball cheerleading, show choir, jazz choir, and student council. • **BEST MEMORY:** Eating Jimmy John's with Swag Money. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Wartburg College for music education and become a band teacher. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Whenever you're going through hard or difficult times, remember that it won't last forever and that you've been through worse.



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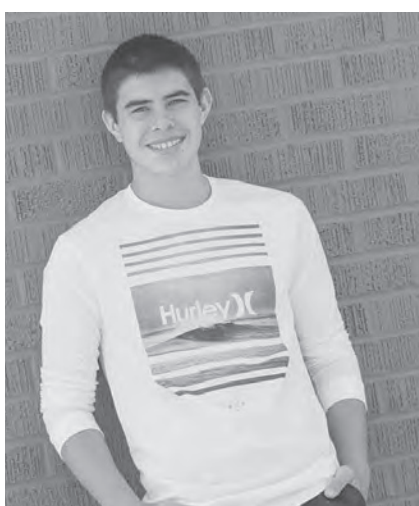
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Kaleb Joseph Kinskey

Son of Joseph Kinskey and Paulette Kinskey

NICKNAME: Kinskey, Kinskey is my last name so many people naturally call me by my last name. • **SIBLINGS:** Erin Tveter (Sister) Jacob Kinskey (Brother) Ian Kinskey (Brother) • **HOBBIES:** My hobbies include hockey, golf, hanging out with friends, playing Xbox, and shopping. • **ACTIVITIES:** Hockey and Golf • **BEST MEMORY:** Scoring in the Illinois State Hockey Championship Game • **FUTURE PLANS:** Play Junior Hockey and possibly collegiate hockey. After hockey I would like to become an engineer. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"-Wayne Gretzky



Connor Allen Luhring

Son of Tammy and Eric Luhring

NICKNAME: Connor, because my parents thought it really fit my wacky personality. • **SIBLINGS:** Stephanie, Raquel, and Christian • **HOBBIES:** I love to read books, watch movies and tv shows and hangout with my friends. • **ACTIVITIES:** Football, Wrestling, and Golf • **BEST MEMORY:** Current Events II, playing Tiny Tanks every single day. • **FUTURE PLANS:** To go to school for Journalism and Mass Media Communications and eventually write a novel or win the lottery. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Have fun, high school only happens once.



Baylee Jo Petersen

Daughter of Duane and Bobbi Petersen

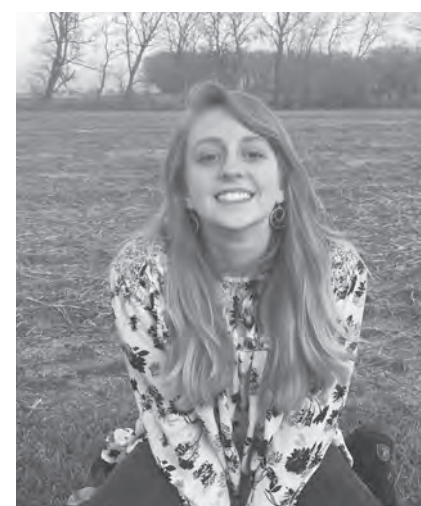
NICKNAME: B or Bayleez. They both are short for my real name • **SIBLINGS:** Sydney, Payton, and Jady Petersen • **HOBBIES:** I like to hang out with friends and family, watch Netflix, and be active. • **ACTIVITIES:** Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Band, and Fuel. • **BEST MEMORY:** Going to State in Volleyball and Basketball. • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend the University of Northern Iowa and major in Biology or Health Science while being a part of the UNI Women's Volleyball Program. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** To get plugged in, unplug. In order to get meaningful connections, put down your electronics and interact with your peers in person.



Meghan Ann Schmitz

Daughter Mark and Anna Schmitz

NICKNAME: Megs, my friends call me that for short • **SIBLINGS:** Myah Nystel, Tyler Nystel and Aiden Schmitz • **HOBBIES:** I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, shopping, eating out, spending money on unnecessary things, sleeping, and growing my faith. • **ACTIVITIES:** Cheerleading, Track, Softball, Student Council, Big House, Internships in the elementary • **BEST MEMORY:** Football season, Placing 2nd at State Cheer, getting crowned queen. • **FUTURE PLANS:** I will attend Kirkwood in the fall, play softball and get my gen eds. After Kirkwood I will transfer to UNI and finish my degree in Early Elementary Education and major in Special Ed. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Don't take yourself too seriously and stress over little things.



Breanna Rose Walsh

Daughter of Keshia Baethke and Eric Lahmon, and David Walsh

NICKNAME: Brenda - Sub called me that because teacher had written my name sloppily • **SIBLINGS:** Donaven Walsh, Kiara Walsh • **HOBBIES:** Drawing, Tennis, Reading, Writing Short-Stories, Playing with my cat, Leo • **ACTIVITIES:** Tennis, Book Club • **BEST MEMORY:** When I joined Tennis my Freshman year • **FUTURE PLANS:** Attending Upper Iowa University for Degrees in Psychology and English and later in life, have a husband and 1 or 2 kids. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Don't try to be friends with everyone; just choose a select few that you know you can stay close with and keep that bond as long as you can



Colin John Kyhl

Son of Kevin and Lara Kyhl

NICKNAME: Tractor, in junior high I rolled a tractor. • **SIBLINGS:** Kiley and Corbin Kyhl • **HOBBIES:** Hunting, Fishing, and Snowmobiling • **ACTIVITIES:** Golf and trapshooting • **BEST MEMORY:** Playing Floor Hockey • **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to Iowa State for agricultural Engineering. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Enjoy High school while you still can.



Adrianna Nicoleta Murphy

Daughter of Kent and Vicki Murphy

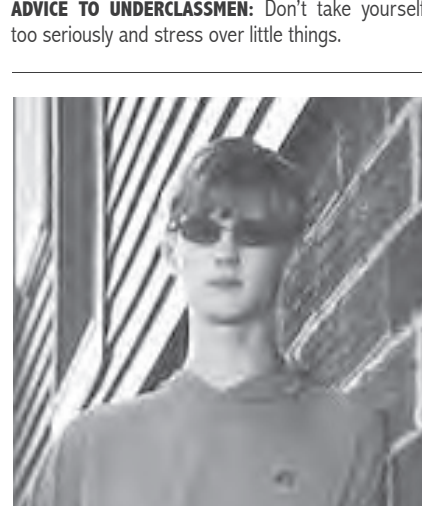
NICKNAME: Adie, my parents • **SIBLINGS:** Kayla Anderson and Jared Murphy • **HOBBIES:** I really don't have that many hobbies. I like hanging out with my brother and family/friends. • **ACTIVITIES:** I'm involved in robotics and outdoor adventure and science club • **BEST MEMORY:** My best high school memory was when I was in robotics I spent a lot of time with people I normally don't talk to or do anything with. We got to do a lot of things together and have fun making a robot • **FUTURE PLANS:** My plan is to keep my job I have now until August or until a better job comes up and I'm going to take a year off of school and go back later into the future. I am living at home for a year after I graduate and save up some money to afford an apartment. Later down the road I plan to get married and have a family. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Life is a journey take risks.



Sydney Marie Petersen

Daughter of Duane and Bobbi Petersen

NICKNAME: Syd or Syd P. Syd came from my family and Syd P. came from my friends. • **SIBLINGS:** Baylee (Twin Sister age 18) and Payton and Jady (Younger twin sisters age 12) • **HOBBIES:** Playing lots of volleyball, Listening to music, Netflix, Sleep, Hanging out with family and friends • **ACTIVITIES:** Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Softball for 2 years, Club Volleyball • **BEST MEMORY:** My best high school memory would probably be going to state in volleyball and basketball my senior year. That is something I will hold on to for a long time! • **FUTURE PLANS:** My plan in the future is to attend the University of Texas to continue my academic and volleyball career. While I am there I hope to get a national championship and a great education! • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Hold on to your time here, because it will be gone before you know it.



Dalton Paul Swatek-Briggs

Son of Jennifer and Larry Briggs-Moen; and Danny Jo Swatek

HOBBIES: Playing video games • **ACTIVITIES:** Bowled as Varsity Bowlers throughout High School • **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to Hawkeye to get General Studies AA



Robert Ray Weissenfluh

Son of Rob and Karla Weissenfluh

NICKNAME: Bo, It came from my parents • **SIBLINGS:** Nicole Weissenfluh • **HOBBIES:** Golf, Working Out, Spending time with friends • **ACTIVITIES:** Golf • **BEST MEMORY:** The Music trip to New York City. • **FUTURE PLANS:** I plan to go to college to major in business with an emphasis on either finance or accounting, and play golf while I am there. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Don't stress too much about school, and just have fun and make good memories with your friends.



Taylor Jean Lehr

Daughter of Jeremiah and Jennifer

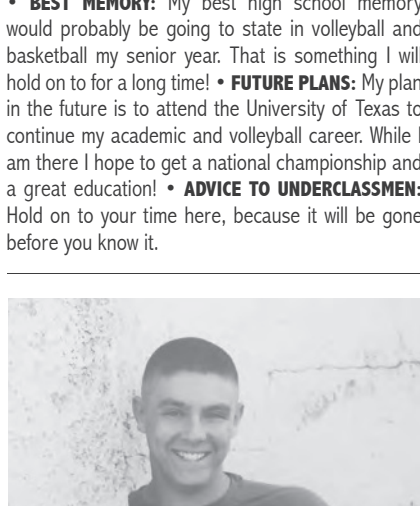
NICKNAME: Tatter tot came from my favorite dish, tatter tot casserole. When I was a little girl I was always begging my Mother to make it for supper. My Father started to call me Tatter tot • **SIBLINGS:** Haley and Chase • **HOBBIES:** My hobbies are hanging out with friends, camping, trail riding, and showing my three horses Ace, Comanche, and Blonde. I am involved in Tennis and Equestrian riding. • **BEST MEMORY:** My best high school memory was getting Doubles Runner Up at the Tennis Conference Tournament with my doubles partner Carrie O'Connor. • **FUTURE PLANS:** My plans for the future are to attend Hawkeye Community College to major in Animal Science and minor in Agricultural Business. Then I will continue my education at the University of Northern Iowa to finish my Bachelors degree. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** To future DNH graduates, stay strong because it only gets harder. :)



Carrie Marie O'Connor

Daughter of Paul and Ann O'Connor

NICKNAME: Bear, my sister Mckenzie thought it was too hard to say "carebear" • **SIBLINGS:** Mackenzie and Haley • **HOBBIES:** Tennis, playing with my puppy, hanging out with friends • **ACTIVITIES:** Cross Country, Tennis, Softball • **BEST MEMORY:** Getting second at the Dunkerton Tournament • **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to Hawkeye Community College for Dental Assisting. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Have fun



Devan Lane Rodgers

Son of Jason and Ashley Rodgers

NICKNAME: Gator or Buddy. Mom has always called me Gator and my Sister Lydia has always called me Buddy. • **SIBLINGS:** Lydia Rodgers • **HOBBIES:** Fishing, being with friends and family • **ACTIVITIES:** Football, Baseball, Wrestling and Track • **BEST MEMORY:** Football • **FUTURE PLANS:** Military • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Work hard play hard. Be the best you and never give up on your goals. Always ask Mr. K for help and Mrs Slaba gives good advice.



Dylan Dean Swatek-Briggs

Son of Jennifer and Larry Briggs-Moen; and Danny Jo Swatek

HOBBIES: Playing video games • **ACTIVITIES:** Bowled as Varsity Bowlers throughout High School • **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to Hawkeye for Web Developer/ Design



Chase Wilson

Son of Jill and Jeff Wilson

NICKNAME: Cwils, It came from all my friends, no idea why • **SIBLINGS:** Brittany Brown and Tana Rawdon • **HOBBIES:** Buy and sell cars and working on them • **ACTIVITIES:** Baseball, Golf, Football • **BEST MEMORY:** When the whole High School plays dodgeball in the gym all together • **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to Hawkeye Community College and see where it takes me. Long term plans is to move down south. • **ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:** Be nice to everyone and listen more than talk.

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Brooke Aalfs

Brooke Elizabeth Aalfs is the daughter of Rick and Paula Aalfs, and she has one sister, Kelsey Ambler. She participated in volleyball and basketball, and her awards and honors include honor roll and academic awards. Her favorite food is cheesy potatoes, and her favorite movie is "The Longest Ride." In her free time, she enjoys riding horses, and Brooke plans to attend MCC for a business and liberal arts degree.



Helen Beyer

Helen Beyer is the daughter of Janann and Bill Beyer, and she participated in basketball cheer, state/competition cheer, art club, FCCLA, science club and letterwinners. Her future plans are to attend the University of Northern Iowa.



Cierra Clemons

Cierra Rose Clemons is the daughter of Leni D'Vine, and she has one sister, Hailey. She participated in writing club, and she made the honor roll. Her most memorable moment was texting at the beginning of history class after having gotten her first phone, when her teacher asked who she was talking to, to which she replied, "The bae." Her favorite food is spaghetti, and her favorite show is "Bob's Burgers." Cierra's favorite movie is "Pacific Rim," and her favorite song is "Suga Suga" by Baby Bash. Her favorite singer is Luis Dubuc from Mystery Skulls, and in her free time, she enjoys art, writing, gaming, walking outside, listening to scary stories and reading. Finding her boyfriend influenced her life because it was the day she realized she needed to stay alive so she could bring happiness to people who need it like he brought happiness to her. She admires Theodore Roosevelt because he rode into battle on horseback and won even though the battle was already deemed to be a loss, and her words of wisdom, from Barbara Bush, are "At the end of life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent." Cierra plans to become a college professor in history and religion, have a family and hopefully be the woman her descendants can look up to when she becomes big in the world. Her secret ambition is to be a storm chaser and follow the most dangerous storms across the United States.



Elizabeth Emley

Elizabeth Grace Emley is the daughter of Troy and Jordan Emley, and her siblings are Nolan and Spencer Emley. She participated in volleyball manager, basketball, FCCLA, book club, FFA, 4-H, Silver Cord, and letterwinners. Her favorite food is macaroni and cheese, and her favorite show is "Criminal Minds." Elizabeth's favorite movie is "Old Yeller," and in her free time, she enjoys showing and working with cattle and hanging out with friends. Her favorite song is "Ice Ice Baby," and her favorite singer is Randy Travis. Elizabeth's words of wisdom are "High school is what you make of it. If you spend all four years thinking it is the worst time, you're going to look back and regret a lot of things. Try to make the best of it so that you can look back on good memories." She plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Animal Science before going on to veterinary school, and her secret ambition is to own a mini panda cow farm.



Kaylee Goecke

Kaylee Rae Goecke is the daughter of Krista Cooper and Robb Goecke, and she has one sister, Kate. She participated in basketball, volleyball, softball, FCCLA, BCLUW Honor Society, science club and letterwinners, and her favorite food is spaghetti. Kaylee's favorite show is "One Tree Hill," and her favorite movie is "Blockers." In her free time, she enjoys playing with her dog Levi, hanging out with friends, going to school events and playing sports, and her favorite song is "One Number Away" by Luke Combs. She plans to attend Kirkwood Community College and then transfer to a university to get a degree before finding a job and loving what she does. Her secret ambition is to be an orca whale or dolphin trainer.



Lauren Anderson

Lauren Anderson is the daughter of Jody and Amy Anderson, and her siblings are Sydney Anderson and her two dogs Pieper and Tig. She participated in volleyball, basketball, golf, softball, FCCLA, science club, yearbook, letterwinners, leadership, drama and youth group, and her honors and awards include all-conference in golf, basketball and volleyball. Her most memorable moment is almost burning the school down while trying to make mac n' cheese, and her favorite food is cheesy potatoes. Lauren's favorite show is "One Tree Hill," and her favorite song is "Life Changes" by Thomas Rhett. Meeting Madison Ubben influenced her life, and in her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends and family, being involved in sports and doing puzzles with Kaylee and Madison. Lauren admires Darla Ubben because she was so supportive and committed to what she did, caring, loving and always treating everyone with respect. Her words of wisdom are "Enjoy high school because time really does go fast, and her future plans are to attend Grand View University and play golf. Her secret ambition is to own lots of dogs.



Alexa Callaway

Alexa Callaway is the daughter of Ryan and Shannan Callaway, and she has one brother, Ray. She participated in basketball, softball, FFA, FCCLA, student council, yearbook, drama, letterwinners, Mid-Iowa Youth Beef Team, silver cord, Comet Christians Youth Group, International Thespians Society and BCLUW Honor Society. Her favorite food is ice cream, and her favorite shows are "Grey's Anatomy" and "Chicago Fire." Her favorite movie is "The Longest Ride," and her favorite song is "Lost" by Walker McGuire. Alexa's words of wisdom are "Don't wait until you've reached your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take to reach your goal." She plans to attend DMACC and major in Agribusiness, and her secret ambition is to be a gymnast.



Troy Dolphin

Troy Dolphin is the son of James and Sharon Dolphin, and his brothers are Jace and Chad Dolphin. He participated in baseball, basketball, football, track, cross country, student council, National Honor Society, letterwinners and science club, and his honors and awards include six-time state track qualifier, the 2017 NICL West conference track MVP, three-time NICL West all-conference in baseball, three-time all-district baseball, 2017 all-district football, BCLUW honor roll, vice president of the National Honor Society and NICL West academic all-conference. His most memorable moments were Friday night football games, and in his free time, he enjoys spending time with friends, working out, fishing, being outside and playing baseball. His favorite show is "The Office," and his favorite singer is Tom Petty. Troy's words of wisdom are "Always give your best effort, but don't forget to enjoy yourself," and he plans to attend Iowa State University.



Kristian Ferneau

Kristian Ferneau is the son of Paul and Janie Ferneau, and his siblings are Melanie, Anna, Jeremy, Dustin, Garrett, Brayton and Lorelei. He participated in track, cross country, band, letter winners and pep band, and his awards and honors include academic all-conference, Eagle Scout and Comet Honor Society. His favorite food is chicken noodle soup, and his favorite show is "The Flash." Kristian's favorite movie is "Back to the Future," and his favorite song is "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue" by Toby Keith. In his free time, he enjoys working on cars and trucks, and his words of wisdom are "Get involved in as much as you can while in high school because your time is limited here." Kristian plans to attend the University of Iowa for a major in Computer Science and Engineering while joining the ROTC and making a career in the U.S. Army.



Talon Hala



Brad Barkema

Brad Lee Barkema is the son of Kevin and Gayle Barkema, and his siblings are Leah and Abby. He participated in football, swimming, golf, student council, BCLUW Honor Society, science club, letterwinners and the school newspaper, and his honors and awards include all-conference academic, all-district football, all-state football, all-conference baseball, all-district baseball, all-state baseball, class vice president, class representative, honor society secretary/treasurer, and captain of the football and swim teams. His most memorable moment was making it to the state swimming meet as a senior, and his favorite show is "The Big Bang Theory." Brad's favorite movie is "Forrest Gump," and his favorite song is "Running on Empty." In his free time, he enjoys playing Fortnite, watching TV and playing with his dog, and his words of wisdom are "Continue to lead and to better those around you as you strive to become the best version of yourself." His future plans are to attend Rochester Community and Technical College to play baseball and earn an AA degree in Liberal Arts before transferring to get a degree in Exercise Science and eventually graduate school for physical therapy. His secret ambition is to be a bullpen catcher for a Major League Baseball team.



Drew Carson



Vanessa Drummer

Vanessa Drummer is the daughter of Amy and Jeff Drummer, and she has one brother, Jarrett. She participated in football cheerleading, basketball cheerleading, FFA, FCCLA, art club, science club and letterwinners, and her honors and awards include the honor roll and sportsmanship award. Her favorite food is Italian, and her favorite show is "This Is Us." Vanessa's favorite song is "All the Pretty Girls" by Kenny Chesney, and in her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family. She plans to attend DMACC for elementary education.



Alic Giesking



Courtney Hansen

Courtney LeAnn Hansen is the daughter of Selena Mason and Chris Hansen, and her siblings are Kaitlynn and Zach Hansen. She made the honor roll, and her most memorable moment was face planting while trying to run away at Harris's house playing hide and seek. Her favorite food is tacos, and her favorite show is "Grey's Anatomy." Courtney's favorite movie is "Jurassic Park," and in her free time, she enjoys Netflix, hanging out with friends, napping and going to sporting events. She admires her grandma because she is always there for her, and her words of wisdom are "Life is short, so live it." Her future plans are to attend UNI and major in biomedical to become a forensic pathologist. Her secret ambition is to be a surgeon.



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Jisy Higbee

Jisy Higbee is the daughter of Rosaura Garcia and Nick and Shannon Higbee. She participated in show choir, cheerleading, student council and science club, and her favorite food is chicken alfredo. Her favorite show is "Grey's Anatomy," and her words of wisdom are "Just send it."



Westyn Kremanak



Faith Leonard

Faithyna Ashley Leonard is the daughter of Amy Anderson and Daniel Leonard, and her siblings are Lance, Chase, Danika, Jaxson, Abel and Gabriella. She participated in cheerleading, wrestling, FCCLA, writing club, book club, big buddy, trivia club, spirit club, student council, choir council, soccer, CHAMPS and Art Club, and her honors and awards include the Prove It Award, Coach Award, MVP Award, athletic letter, academic letter and principal's honor roll. Her most memorable moment was getting her acceptance letter from Simpson College, and her favorite food is million dollar spaghetti. Faith's favorite show is "Beat Bobby Flay," and her favorite movie is "Oliver and Company." In her free time, she enjoys writing, reading, drawing, baking and creating different things. Her favorite song is "If I Were a Boy," and her favorite musician is Eminem. She admires her grandfather for always supporting others even if it makes him miserable, and her words of advice are "Get involved and stay ahead!" Faith plans to attend Simpson College to pursue theater and education, and her secret ambition is to become a famous actress and do a movie with Channing Tatum.



Logan Mann

Logan Jay Mann is the son of Arlis and Jay Mann, and his siblings are Blake and Zach Mann. He participated in football, basketball, track and baseball, and he was an academic all-conference in all four sports at least one year. His most memorable moment was hitting a home run against G-R, and his favorite food is goulash. Logan's favorite show is "Sportscenter," and his favorite movie is "Transformers 2." In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends, watching TV and Youtube, and helping his dad, and his favorite song is "Walk It Like I Talk It." His favorite musician is Drake, and a youth group concert in Cedar Rapids influenced his life. Logan admires his mother because she's always there for him, and his words of wisdom are "Get involved." He plans to attend Kirkwood Community College, and his secret ambition is to become a rapper.



Ashley Moore

Ashley Crystal Moore is the daughter of Robert and Brandy Moore, and her siblings are Danielle, Kaitlyn and Jesse. She participated in basketball cheerleading, football cheerleading, competition cheerleading, track managing, show choir and all-state cheerleading. Her favorite food is peanut butter and jelly, and her favorite show is "The Office." Her favorite movie is "Back to the Future," and her favorite song is "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys. In her free time, Ashley enjoys hanging out with friends, playing with her dogs, reading, playing the guitar and painting, and she plans to attend Iowa State University to study Animal Science. Her secret ambition is to travel the world.



Sydnie Oaks

Sydnie Oaks is the daughter of Rod and Jodi Oaks, and she has one sister, Jorie. She participated in volleyball, track, FCCLA and Comet Café, and her favorite show is "Criminal Minds." Sydnie's favorite movies are "The Breakfast Club" and "Dirty Dancing," and in her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends and family, watching movies and shopping. She admires her dad because he is always there for her no matter what and pushes her to do her best. Sydnie plans to attend Kirkwood Community College and study human services.



Mason Hoveland



Calob Keller

Calob Keller is the son of Ben and Jenny Keller, and he has two brothers, Colton and Cael. He participated in football, golf, wrestling and baseball, and his favorite food is ice cream. His favorite show is "The Last Man on Earth," and his favorite movie is "42." Calob's favorite song is "By the Way" by his favorite band, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and in his free time, he enjoys playing Fortnite and fishing. His words of wisdom are "Try in school," and his future plans are to study business and play baseball at MCC while working second shift at Ritchie in Conrad.



Blake Mann

Blake Jordan Mann is the son of Arlis and Julie Mann, and his siblings are Zach and Logan Mann. He participated in football, cross-country, basketball, track, golf, baseball, show choir, student council, letterwinners and National Honor Society, and his honors and awards include golf sportsmanship, first and second team all-conference in baseball, all district in baseball, all academic in football one year, all academic in baseball two years and honor roll the last three years. His most memorable moment was hitting the game winning shot to beat North Tama in basketball, and his favorite food is ice cream. Blake's favorite show is "The Flash," and his favorite movie is "Back to the Future." His hobbies are hanging out with friends, golfing and playing baseball, and his future plans are to attend Kirkwood Community College for baseball before transferring to a four-year to get a masters in Sports Administration. His secret ambition is to become a racecar driver.



Riley McDonald

Riley McDonald is the daughter of Chad and Cheryl McDonald and has one sibling, Sydney Dighton. Her favorite movie is "Interstellar," and her future plans are to attend MCC.



Shelby Meehan

Shelby Meehan is the daughter of Jill and Randy Luth, and her siblings are Madalyn Calvert, Todd Meehan, Ryder Luth, Gracelyn Meehan, Sophie Luth and Evelyn Meehan. She participated in band and choir, and her hobbies are playing the flute, singing and dancing. Her favorite food is pizza. Shelby's favorite show is "90210," and her favorite movie is "The Last Song." Her sisters being born influenced her life, and in her spare time she watches Netflix. Shelby admires Brittany Purk because she's gone through so much and still fights through it, and her words of wisdom are "Ignore people trying to bring you down."



Lauren Mosher

Lauren Mosher is the daughter of Jim and Brenda Mosher, and she has one sister, Leah. She participated in Grundy Center FFA, Mid-Iowa Youth Beef Team, National Honor Society, drama, speech, National Junior Angus Association, Liscomb Lively Laborers 4-H Club, Marshall County 4-H Council, and Iowa State 4-H Council, and her honors and awards include National FFA Convention - Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event, Silver Semi-Finalist; Iowa FFA Degree; Iowa FFA Prepared Public Speaking Winner; Iowa FFA Rising Star Award; State 4-H Project Awards: Food & Nutrition, Citizenship, Communications; and National Junior Angus Association Prepared Public Speaking winner. Her most memorable moment was serving as a district FFA officer and interacting with members at different events, and her favorite food is steak and potatoes. Her favorite show is "Heartland," and her favorite movie is "Flicka." In her free time, she enjoys working alongside her dad and grandpa on the farm, and working with community organizations influenced her life because it made her realize she wanted to advocate for the beef industry. Lauren admires Annette Sweeney because she is a great advocate for the beef industry and a great person to work with, and her words of wisdom are "Don't be afraid to be who you want to be. Define yourself." She plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Communications with a double minor in Agricultural Business and Animal Science before becoming a public advocate for the beef industry. Her secret ambition is to own a cattle ranch in western Montana.



Danita Ortega

Danita Rochelle Ortega is the daughter of Dana and Ross Ritters, and her siblings are Javon, Ricki and Nathan Darden. Her favorite food is pizza, and her favorite show is "One Tree Hill." Her favorite movie is "Perks of Being a Wallflower," and her favorite song is "Yellow" by Coldplay. Danita's favorite singer is Lana Del Rey, and in her free time, she enjoys singing, writing, nature walks, napping and hanging out with her best friend. She admires her mom because she is determined, hard working and helpful with every obstacle she has faced. Her words of wisdom are "It's just a bad day, not a bad life," and her future plans are to get her own place and start from there. Danita's secret ambition is to start a psychedelic band and be lead vocalist and guitarist.



Harris Kopsa

Harris Kopsa is the son of LJ and Andrea Kopsa, and his siblings are Isaac and Lydia. He participated in football cheer, basketball cheer and state cheer, and his most memorable moment was seeing Bianca in the library. His favorite food is chicken strips, and his favorite show is "Frasier." His favorite movie is "Smokey and the Bandit," and in his free time, he enjoys farming, working on cars, working on his pickup and washing vehicles. His favorite song is "Hysteria" by Def Leppard, and his favorite singer is Phil Collins. His words of wisdom, from "Red Green," are "If the women don't find you handsome, they should at least find you handy." Harris's future plans are to go into the workforce and be successful.



Skylar Nelson



Gage Petty

Gage Petty is the son of Ben and Sherry Petty, and his siblings are Ava and Dane. He participated in swim team, and his favorite food is Rice Krispies. His favorite movie is "Interstellar."



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Keegan Rhinehart

Keegan Christopher Rhinehart is the son of Chris and Heath Rhinehart, and his siblings are Sarah and Shannon. He participated in football, basketball, golf, baseball, drama club, student council and science club, and his honors and awards include four years of honor roll, first team all-academic in sports, first team all-district offensive and defensive line and serving on student council. His most memorable moment was when Blake Mann hit a buzzer beater to defeat North Tama, and his favorite food is pizza. Keegan's favorite show is "The Office," and his favorite movie is "Harry Potter." In his free time, he enjoys playing sports, playing Fortnite and spending time with friends and family. His favorite song is "It's Still Rock n' Roll to Me" by Billy Joel, and his favorite singer is Billy Joel. His words of wisdom are "If you ain't first, you're last" from Ricky Bobby, and he plans to go to college and major in biochemistry, get married and buy a dog. His secret ambition is to win the Masters.



Eli Runge

Eli Runge is the son of Tim and Robin Runge, and his siblings are Steph, Cody, Leah, Ty, Ben, Benny and Faith. He participated in golf and baseball and made the honor roll all four years. His favorite food is pizza, and his favorite show is "The Office." Eli's favorite movie is "13 Hours," and in his free time he likes to play baseball and watch sports. His favorite song is "Free Bird."



Greg Schmitt

Gregory Schmitt is the son of Tom and Mary Schmitt, and his siblings are Matt, Lucas, Michelle and Sarah. He participated in football, track, show choir, Comet Construction and National Honor Society, and his awards and honors include all academic in track and football all four years. His most memorable moment was playing in his first high school football game against Denver, and his favorite food is steak. Greg's favorite song is "December 1963 (Oh What a Night)," and his favorite singer is John Denver. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games, hanging out with friends, listening to music, watching movies, sports, trap shooting and petting dogs, and he admires Randy Orvig because no matter how good he gets, he could never beat him in a game of badminton. His words of wisdom are "You can catch flies with honey, but you can catch more honeys being fly," and his future plans are to attend Iowa State University and major in Electrical Engineering. Greg's secret ambition is to be the lead in a Broadway musical.



Samantha Snyder



Briana Teckenburg

Briana Teckenburg is the daughter of Nydia and Richey Teckenburg, and her siblings are Skye, Shay and Conner Teckenburg. She participated in golf, volleyball, FCCLA, BCLUW Honor Society, yearbook, leadership and letterwinners, and she made honor roll. Her most memorable moment was making it to state golf, and her favorite food is chicken enchiladas. Briana's favorite show is "One Tree Hill," and her favorite movie is "The Shack." Her hobbies are golfing and spending time with friends, and her favorite song is "Five More Minutes." Her favorite band is Florida Georgia Line, and her future plan is to attend Hawkeye Community College and begin the Physical Therapist Assistant program.



Mackenzie Trinkle

Mackenzie Sue Trinkle is the daughter of Kelly and Richard Trinkle, and her siblings are Madison, Shelby and Morgan. She participated in volleyball, basketball cheerleading, competition cheerleading and golf, and her honors and awards include Academic Achievement Athletic Union awards, volleyball sportsmanship, KWWL best of class, honor society and top of class. Her most memorable moment was qualifying for the girls state golf tournament as a team in 2017, and her favorite food is pizza. Mackenzie's favorite show is "The Office," and her favorite movie is "Wreck-It Ralph." Her favorite song is "Chasing Fire" by Lauv, and her favorite musician is Drake. In her free time, Mackenzie enjoys taking naps and spending time with friends. She admires her sister Shelby for going to college and doing exactly what she wants to do while being happy and successful doing it. Her words of wisdom are "Don't care what other people think because people don't think," and her future plans are to go to Iowa Central Community College for golf before transferring to Iowa State. Her secret ambition is to become a pastry chef.



Mercedes Rook

Mercedes Jane Rook is the daughter of Bruce and Kelley Rook and Amy and Phil Wallace, and she has one sister, Mya. She participated in volleyball, softball, track manager for a year and cheerleading in middle school, and her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite show is "Law and Order: SVU," and her favorite movie is "Footloose." In her free time, Mercedes likes to hang out with friends and family, and she admires her dad because even though they don't always get along, he tries to help her and his sister be the best they can be. Her words of wisdom are "Just be yourself, don't let other people determine who you are," and her future plans are to go to college, get married, have kids and get a good paying job. Her secret ambition is being able to help people with any problem they have.



Natalia Ryner

Natalia Ryner is the daughter of Dena Ryner. She participated in dance, and her favorite food is her mom's spaghetti or chili. Her favorite shows are "13 Reasons Why," "Stranger Things" and "American Horror Story," and she enjoys dancing, showing her Arabian horse, playing the ukulele and spending time with family in her free time. One of her favorite songs is "Annie's Song" by John Denver, and her favorite singers are Justin Bieber, Enrique Iglesias, Bazzi, Cardi B, Steven Tyler, Barry Manilow and others. The year her dance studio closed influenced her because she was used to dancing 17 hours a week. In her free time, Natalia enjoys singing, dancing, horseback riding, playing ukulele and being with friends, and she admires her mom more than anyone because she has taught her so many valuable things, and she hopes that when she has kids she can be half the mom she was. Her words of wisdom are "No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and never give up," and she plans on attending the Iowa School of Beauty in Marshalltown and living the dream.



Kristen Selken

Kristen Selken is the daughter of Paul and Holly Selken, and her siblings are Seth, Kari, Melanie, and Will Selken. She participated in honor society, FFA and New Hope Christian Church youth group. Her most memorable moment was riding pedal tractors down the ramp during National FFA Week, and her favorite show is "The Office." In her free time, she enjoys being outside with her goats, sleeping and watching "The Office," and attending All CIY Move conferences in the summer influenced her. Kristen admires Devin and Sarah Robertson because they pushed her to get involved and be less introverted, and her words of wisdom are "Always be willing to try new things. If you don't like it, try something else and find your true passion." Her future plans are to attend the University of Northern Iowa and major in Early Childhood Education. Her secret ambition is to be a llama.



Connor Thompson

Connor Thompson is the son of Jay Thompson, and his siblings are Adam, Evan, Dylan, Kyle and Katie. He participated in track and football, and his most memorable moment was getting away with not serving his detentions. His favorite food is Cheez Its, and his favorite show is "Game of Thrones." Connor's favorite song is "Love Games" by Old Gregg, and his favorite band is Green Day. In his free time, he enjoys sports, video games, baking and making fun of Keegan Rhinehart, and he admires Mason Hoveland because he doesn't care about anything. His words of wisdom are "Some people are like clouds; when they disappear, it's a beautiful day," and his future plans are to disregard females and acquire currency.



Madison Trinkle

Madison Jo Trinkle is the daughter of Richard and Kelly Trinkle, and her siblings are Morgan, Shelby and Mackenzie. She participated in Football Cheer, Basketball Cheer, Competition Cheer, Golf, Choir, Show Choir, NHS, Student Council, FCCLA, and tumbling, and her honors and awards include Academic All-Conference for football cheer, basketball cheer, and golf and NICL Top 5 of Senior Class Banquet Winning State Cheerleading all four year of high school and seventh place at state golf. Her favorite food is gummy worms, and her favorite show is "One Tree Hill." Madison's favorite movie is "Bring It On," and in her free time, she enjoys golfing, tumbling, watching Netflix, spending time with her twin sister and cheering on the Comets. She admires her mother because she is the best role model and pushes her to be her best, and her future plans are to attend Iowa Central Community College before transferring to the University of Iowa for nursing. Her secret ambition is to be in "Disney On Ice."



Tressiah Rowe



Smanatha Schleisman



Melanie Selken

Melanie Selken is the daughter of Paul and Holly Selken and Michelle Selken, and her siblings are Seth Selken, Kari Selken, Kristen Selken and William Selken. She participated in art club, and she made the honor roll. Her favorite food is potatoes, and her favorite movie is "16 Candles." In her free time, Melanie enjoys shopping, bowling and hanging out with friends. She admires Amelia Earhart because despite what she was told and raised to believe, she did what she wanted and proved others wrong. Her words of wisdom, from "The Breakfast Club," are "We're all pretty bizarre. Some of us are just better at hiding it, that's all." Her future plans are to attend La James College of Hairstyling in Mason City and get a cosmetology and nail technician license. Her secret ambition is to become an Olympic gymnast.



Brett Truax

Brett Lee Truax is the son of Stacy Cordes and Josh Cordes, and his siblings are Zaden Eggers, Maleah Jones and Chance Cordes. He enjoys humorous activities with little to no point and seeing how many times he could get away with wearing his hat. Brett made the honor roll, and his favorite show is "Street Outlaws." His favorite movie is "Atomic Blonde," and in his free time he likes to fish. His favorite song is "Choo Choo" by Thomas the Train, and his favorite food is steak. He admires Chris Kyle, and his favorite singer is Ivan Moody. He plans to enter the Army, and his secret ambition is to get into a cryogenic tube, freeze and wake up 300 years later.

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Brooke Vry

Brooke Kinsley Vry is the daughter of Jeff Vry and Jayne Bryngelson, and she has one sister, Denelle Warneke. She participated in volleyball, NHS, letterwinners, Vice President in Art Club and FCCLA, and her honors and awards include IGSAU academic awards every year, honor roll all four years and NHS for three years. Her most memorable moment was breaking the bench in the student section at a GMG away football game, and her favorite food is chicken alfredo pasta, and her favorite show is "Grey's Anatomy." Brooke's favorite movie is "Endless Love," and in her free time, she likes to hang with friends, watch Netflix and traveling whenever possible. Her favorite song is "If I Ain't Got You" by Alicia Keys, and her favorite singer is Beyonce. She admires Julia Roberts for having a positive attitude, being happy, always being true to herself and not giving in to others on what they want her to be. Her words of wisdom are "Not every day is good, but there is something good in every day." She plans to attend UNI, and her secret ambition is creating the next top fashion clothes brand in a big building in New York.



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- 1** Learn Cost Benefit Analysis and use it as much as you can. Some battles aren't worth fighting, even if you're "right." Learn which things are worth the time and effort and which things should be let go. You'll find that most battles people fight are a giant waste of time, money and energy. Make sure you have a goal worth pursuing.
- 2** Learn empathy. You don't know what makes people act the way they do. If you try to put yourself in someone else's shoes, you might find yourself acting a bit more compassionately. While you're at it, try being kinder to people. Give people the benefit of the doubt. Don't take every slight against you so personally. Don't take yourself so seriously—no else does.
- 3** Learn to manage money. Learn to save, even if it's a little bit at a time. You don't have to immediately spend every cent you have. If you can start to put aside a few dollars on a regular interval now, you have a much easier time later in life. Many hardships in life are due to people not being able to manage money effectively. While you're at it, learn how to use debt effectively. It can be an asset or a liability.
- 4** Learn to reevaluate and admit when you're wrong. It's never too late to retreat from an incorrect path. Don't waste your time doing the wrong thing.
- 5** Avoid drama and toxic people. There's plenty of naturally occurring misery, there's no need to add more. Learn to de-escalate situations. Also, learn the difference between an inconvenience and an emergency and respond accordingly. (Hint: emergencies involve a hospital, jail or morgue. Everything else is an inconvenience.) Don't overreact.
- 6** Don't lose yourself trying to impress others. The people you try to impress in high school won't remember your name the day after graduation. Don't take it personally, you probably won't remember their names either.
- 7** You are the average of the people you choose to surround yourself with. Choose wisely and you'll excel. Choose poorly and you'll fail.
- 8** Appreciate what you have, even if it's not everything you want. Even on your worst day, there are billions of people who would give everything they've ever had in order to trade places with you on your "worst day."
- 9** Attitude is everything. You can be negative or positive about almost anything.
- 10** It's okay to party and have fun, but don't make that your only reason for living. Don't squander your education. It's one of the only things someone can't take from you.

