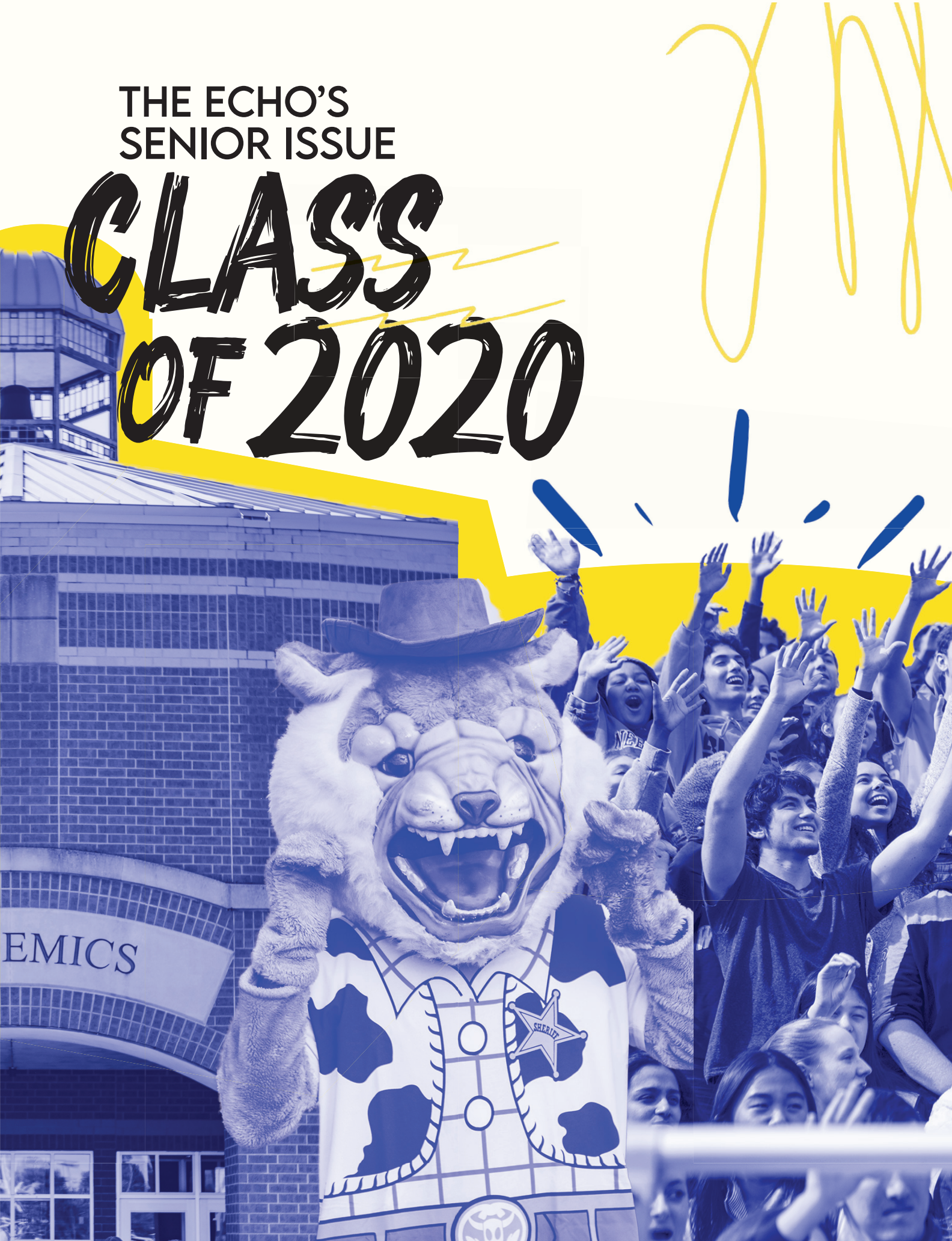


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CLASS OF 2020





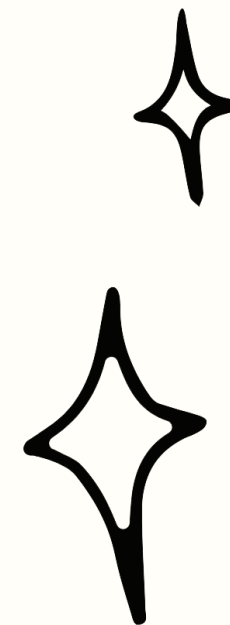
THANK YOU!



We did it. We finished high school. We've spent 5632 hours of our lives within our semicircle of a school. And our senior year may not have been "High School Musical" or the typical end of the year celebration, but we did it. Our hard work has paid off and we're ready for the next step, no matter what that is. But what we do know and will remember is the four years we spent at Neuqua. We'll remember our first football game, our first pep rally, our first loves, and the ones we're able to call friends. We'll remember the stress we had flipping through our notes 10 minutes before our test. We'll remember trying to run from the opposite ends of the buildings in 5 minutes because our schedules were out against us. We'll remember being freshmen in such a big school and eventually finding our places in classes and clubs. We'll remember our senior advisors and all the upperclassmen who helped us along before it was our turn, and we'll remember the underclassmen friends we got to mentor. We'll remember the teachers we looked up to and the teachers we ... didn't quite click with. The past four years were times of happiness, struggle and growth.

We can look back with pride at the challenges we overcame and the people we became. We can remember fondly the good times and know we got through the bad. Some of our friendships will change, but some will last for the rest of our lives. The people we have become have changed drastically since freshman year and we will continue to change for the better. We will take our memories into the next chapters of our lives and continue to grow. The future awaits, but for now, we should celebrate.

**- Editors-In-Chief of The Echo: Abby McArthur-Self
and Rianna Panergalin**





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Seniors!

Congratulations to you and thank you to the staff of The Echo, who during the past weeks have worked to deliver to you their testament to the Class of 2020: The Echo's Senior Edition.

You don't need any reminders about missed events or celebrations. But for a moment, let's talk about conversations and connections. Nothing on any calendar speaks to the value of the impromptu encounters that have gone unsaid and unheard between you and friends in our halls and classrooms: A casual "What's up?!" to a more significant "What are you doing after graduation?" You would have asked these to someone you would have seen at school but have not spoken to since March.

These simple connections mean as much as anything formal or fancy. As much as we take advantage of our streams and feeds, there is real appreciation for the opportunity of looking someone in the eye and seeing them smile.

I hope you find in these pages a sense of purpose and pride for your friends and classmates.

Congratulations!

-Dr. Fuhrer

TS: Teacher Shoutout
FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

A

Paige Adamski

TS: To Ms. Marach and Ms. Ticheabault, I will miss working with both of you and the preschoolers!! I have grown so much because of your teachings and without having had both of you as strong influences in the Wee Wildcat Preschool, I would not be as nearly as prepared for my future as a teacher. Thank you both so much!!

FP: I will be attending Illinois State University, and majoring in Elementary Education.

MM: Watching the kids in the Wee Wildcat preschool grow over the two years I was with them.

Kenzie Alberts

TS: Mrs. Kasprzak has been my director for the past three years and I'm so thankful to have worked with such an amazing musician and inspiring woman. She has always believed in me and helped me to become a better musician and person. Working with Mrs. Kasprzak and seeing her passion for music definitely impacted my decision to follow my dreams and study music.

FP: I will be attending the San Francisco Conservatory of Music to study Vocal Performance.

MM: The European choir tour last summer is a trip I will never forget. I had a blast traveling through Croatia, Slovenia and Italy with my friends, making music and learning about different cultures.

Sriya Alla

TS: Amanda Dunham- had three amazing classes with her!!

FP: Either UIC or IU, still thinking but mostly IU. I want to work in the tech-business field until I've settled and am stable and I dream to have my own business or even work as a chief officer in a company. The dream might be far away but I know I will get there.

MM: When I won 1st place in the hydro car race in POE with Mr. Tegtmeyer! My partner and I didn't think about winning and competed for fun, but we unexpectedly won 1st place!

Raghav Anand

TS: Mrs. Dabezic

FP: UIUC, Software Engineer, Create a tech startup.

MM: My final swing dance.

Jake Anderson

TS: N/A

FP: College of Dupage, not sure what I'm going to be studying yet

MM: Participating in the basketball game halftime show with the varsity dance team.

Kaitlyn Angell

TS: The Arnoldo Gonzalez

FP: Nursing!

MM: Football games and school dances

Matthew Appel

TS: Srta. Torres, Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Dabezic & Mrs. Smykal - Some of the most enjoyable teachers/classes I've been apart of

FP: Studying chemistry at Yale while competing in track and field

MM: Winning state as a team in track and field sophomore year. It was my first experience going to the state meet and competing and to be surrounded by so many talented athletes who all had the same goal really made the moment that much more special when they announced our name over the speaker as state champs.

Jonathan Arizzi

TS: Mark Rose

FP: go to college of dupage and southern Illinois university for automotive technology and become an automotive technician hopefully specializing in jeeps

MM: Meeting new people

Nupur Aroskar

TS: Mrs. Burns for being the most understanding, dedicated, and passionate teacher I know! I love her.

FP: I'll be going to Boston University with a major in Human Physiology. The goal is to become a hotshot orthopedic surgeon or go into Biotech and change the world!

MM: Being back to back conference and sectional champs for tennis and then going to state! Or Singing and Dancing to "Low" for a Variety Show bit and getting everyone to join in as well!

Dharma Ayer

TS: Mrs. Burns (ap bio)

FP: pre med

MM: any day in chem- i will never understand how many clueless ppl could be in one classroom

B

Neil Bahl

TS: Mr. Mertz

FP: Indiana University, Kelly School of Business

MM: the first day

Avery Ballard

TS: Mr. Fox, Mrs. Ameling, and Señorita Tiffin

FP: I will be attending West Virginia university to study aerospace engineering. I hope to take my degree and find a job working for NASA.

MM: My most memorable moment at Neuqua was Senior Night during football season. Walking with my parents in front of the stands was incredible, and then getting to dance on the field was amazing as well. My most memorable moment at Neuqua was Senior Night during football season. Walking with my parents in front of the stands was incredible, and then getting to dance on the field was amazing as well.

Gianna Belcastro

TS: Shoutout to my two English teachers that I had while at Neuqua: Ms. Lawson and Mr. Schaub. Both of them are very nice, supportive, and were always trying to get us to see the bigger picture of things.

FP: I plan to study sports management in college. I want to work in the sports industry. My dream job would be the GM of a team in the WNBA.

MM: My most memorable moment at Neuqua was giving my "Hello My Name Is" speech.

Katherine Bieber

TS: Shoutout to Mrs. Dabezic for helping me rediscover my love for reading

FP: Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign on the pre-medicine track. I hope to also get involved with undergraduate research focused in genomics and bioengineering.

MM: Winning Girls Track and Field DVC as a junior and competing with some of my best friends.

Diana Billerman

TS: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. La Scola, Madame Beck, Mr. Fumagalli

FP: U of I, civil engineering

MM: Going to France as part of the French Department and meeting some of my best friends.

Piper Biziorek

TS: Ms. Schneider, whose Creative Writing class helped me remember how much I live writing. Mr. Kennedy, whose Burrito Story I am STILL waiting to hear. Thanks for always taking the time to help us and making physics so fun! Mr. Yanisch, for being the best teacher I've ever had:).

FP: I'm going to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) to major in International Business and play soccer with their women's soccer team. Go Niners!

MM: My most memorable moment was being a part of the Monologue Show my senior year. Seriously, it was something I'll never forget

Evan Burger

TS: Best Teacher in neuqua

FP: COD and unsure otherwise

MM: When someone jumped on the sink and broke it like sophomore year.

TS: Teacher Shoutout
FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

Aylani Castro

TS: Picking one teacher would be difficult but I thank Wingate for always dedicating time for his students and always checking up on me, Mrs. Tufo for allowing me to be vulnerable and for all of her help when I needed someone the most.

FP: I will be getting my business/marketing degree at North Central and begin my career in sales at Land Rover Jaguar this July, and in the future I hope to start my own business by the age of 25.

MM: When my freshman, Demari from PE leaders told me she wants to be a PE leader because of me. It makes me feel like I really got to impact others.

Ankit Chhajer

TS: Michelle La Scola

FP: University of South Carolina as a psychology major pursuing Med school. Also I want to go on Jeopardy at some point in time.

MM: Dr. McB dancing in front of the whole school--absolute legend of a man, doing the shoot in front of 4000 teenagers.

Maggie Clolinger

TS: Mrs. Schmidtgal for being more than just a teacher and becoming my school mom.

FP: I'm going to IU majoring in accounting and finance.

MM: N/A

C



TS: Teacher Shoutout
FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

Daniel Conway

TS: Ms. La Scola - most epic and understanding teacher you'll ever meet

FP: South Carolina, CEO, own a company one day

MM: McBride rapping and dancing during pep assembly

Grace Cross

TS: Mr. Ricca

FP: University of Iowa, Economics Major

MM: Storming the basketball court after the buzzer beater win and the Neuqua-Waubonsie game



Michael Dalaly

TS: Ms. Prawlocki

FP: I am going to be playing junior hockey in the North American Hockey League or National Collegiate Development Conference

MM: Being a senior advisor

Shaila Dantluri

TS: Ms. Marach!

FP: I will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to major in developmental psychology! I hope to eventually go to graduate school and become a school psychologist.

MM: Teaching in the Wee Wildcat Preschool for two years.

Ria Dhingra

TS: Okay I have a bunch!: Mrs. Rossi, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Pavlik, Mr. Whisler, and Mr. Rossi have all been more than amazing. I don't think I can thank them all enough.

FP: I am going to the University of Wisconsin Madison to pursue a career as a High School English Teacher.

MM: 2019 Homecoming Football Game

Carolina Diaz

TS: Rossi

FP: University of North Texas, music performance

MM: N/A

Julia Di Marco

TS: Madame Beck is awesome! She is so supportive and understanding and is willing to help her students with whatever they need. I had her 2 years in a row and had the best time with her!

FP: College of DuPage. Will be studying Spanish and secondary education. I want to work in translation in the future.

MM: The pep rallies! They were so much fun and we got to cheer on the Wildcats!

Anika Dixit

TS: Mrs. LaScola

FP: UIUC

MM: Senior Homecoming

Prakhar Dixit

TS: They were all okay/fine, but I feel the nicest person ever of the entire school was my counselor, Mrs. Janes.

FP: University of COD and Urbana Campaign.

MM: It was when was in Freshman or Sophomore year.

Erin Dorsey

TS: Mr. Figi for being one of the most understanding teachers out there and for all of our deep conversations at Treehaven while stargazing.

FP: Speech, Language, and Hearing Science major (probably at Purdue) with dreams of going into Speech Pathology grad school.

MM: Stargazing at Treehaven and going on night hikes with all the teachers and students while playing hide and seek in the woods.



Megan Engstrom

TS: Mrs. Tichelbaut

FP: I will be attending Elmhurst College and majoring in Communication Sciences and disorders, I want to be an elementary school speech pathologist hopefully in district 204

MM: Winning the tennis conference championship twice



Akbar Faruqi

TS: Mr. Berry

FP: I am going to Lewis University and I plan on being a doctor.

MM: All the football games.

Lily Feehan

TS: Mr. Kennedy

FP: Studying entrepreneurship at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University

MM: Every fun day all of my classes including Peer Partners, Advisory, VEI, and Yearbook!

Madi Firnett

TS: Mr. Whisler!!!!

FP: Loyola Marymount University, majoring in biology, just wanna travel all around!!

MM: being a senior advisor, such a fun time!!

Kimmia Fotovat

TS: Mr. Brouwer

FP: Obstetrician - Gynecologist

MM: When Dr. McBride went viral

Carly Friedman

TS: Ms. Marach & Mrs. T: Thank you for putting up with me and being my biggest supporters

FP: University of Kentucky: Elementary Education: My dream is to be a kindergarten teacher

MM: Preschool graduation

Mandy Fullriede

TS: Mr. Java, Ms. Prawlocki

FP: Grand Valley State University, Nursing, Become a labor and delivery nurse someday!

MM: Sidelines with NVDT during football games!



Lindsey Gies

TS: Schaub

FP: Hairstylist at Frank Gironda Finishing beauty school this May I just want to live a happy life to be honest

MM: Homecoming and meeting a lot of new people

Skylar Getty

TS: Mr. Brouwer - for wanting to be more than just a teacher to your students and actively accomplishing it.

FP: i'm majoring in psychology at OSU and hope to become a therapist

MM: meeting my three best friends freshman year

Keyana Gloeckle

TS: Mrs. VanderVelde

FP: I have committed to Carroll University. I will be majoring in nursing. Along with my academic career, I am also continuing to play volleyball there!

MM: During my sophomore year I was in Mrs. Wilson's English class, and every Friday we would scream "HAPPY FRIDAY" to the top of our lungs!

Aspen Glowacki

TS: Mr. Brouwer--> thank you for all that you do. we can tell that you care deeply about your students and the effort that you put forth in your teaching is incredible. Thank you for being so real with us and trying your best to relate our personal lives to your lessons!

FP: Bradley University, Nursing, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

MM: Ski club trips over the past four years.

TS: Teacher Shoutout
FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

Mason Graham

TS: Mr. Schaub

FP: Playing Baseball at University of Illinois Springfield, would like to have a marketing job in the city of Chicago. Would also like to live in the city.

MM: Winning the regional last year in baseball

Mark Gronowski

TS: Clayton Figi

FP: South Dakota State University to play football and study mechanical engineering. I have a dream of playing in the NFL one day.

MM: Either scoring 7 dts in the East St. Louis football game or passing to Connor Davis for the last second shot to beat Waubonsie and having a mosh pit on the court.

Nitya Guntaka

TS: Mrs. Lavin

FP: Career as a Medical Lawyer

MM: Strike at our last main stage play.

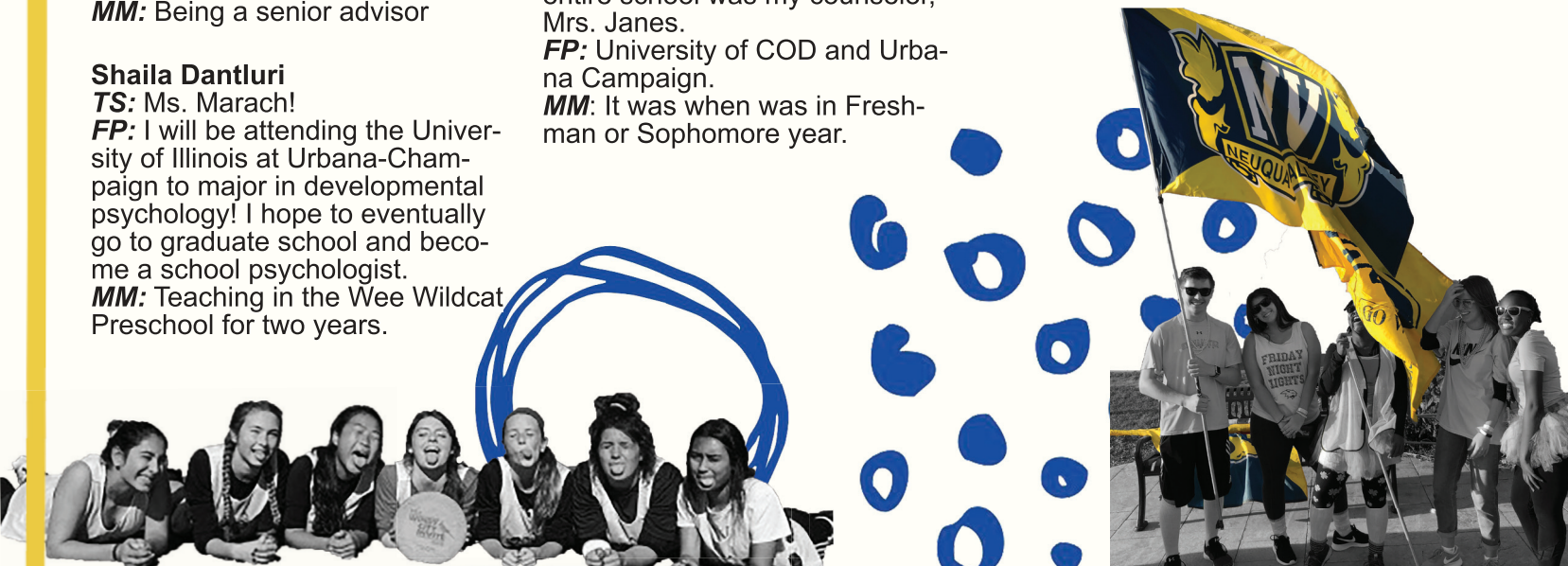


Charlie Hanneman

TS: Mr. McCoskey

FP: Iowa State, Clinical Psychology, Becoming a mental health professional

MM: Playing in my last soccer game for Neuqua



TS: Teacher Shoutout
FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

Izzy Harder
TS: Mr. Keller
FP: Foster Care Social Worker
MM: Winning the swimming state meet junior and senior year

Anika Haridas
TS: Mr. Keller
FP: Business Major at UIC >.<
MM: N/A

Michaela Hassler
TS: Mrs. Schmauderer
FP: Denison University, I want to be either a psychologist or psychiatrist.
MM: Sophomore year homecoming! I had such a good time!

Tyler Henderson
TS: Mr. Geers
FP: Attend College at The University of Kansas
MM: Soccer Seasons

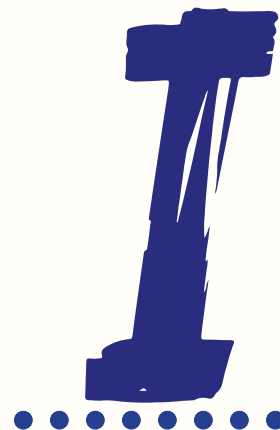
Patrick Hoffmann
TS: Mr. Figi
FP: Northern Illinois to play football
MM: Winning a state championship with track my sophomore year

Paige Holobowski
TS: Mr Whisler & Ms Schneider
FP: Elementary Education Teacher, studying at Illinois State
MM: walking the halls with all of my friends all four years and being able to experience together as a whole :)

Ali Hotchkiss
TS: James Kennedy(peer partners teacher)
FP: Indiana University majoring in kinesiology
MM: Every minute spent with my special olympics and best buddies fam

Jason Huang
TS: Yanish
FP: University of Chicago
MM: Sleeping at home. Sleep is good.

Lauren Hughes
TS: Brouwer thanks for being so passionate about your job!
FP: Going to play volleyball at Butler University
MM: When I had to do trust falls in PE leaders and I cried on the top of the bleachers in front of the whole class.



Ikram Isa
TS: Madame Beck
FP: Medicine or Economics
MM: There's too many

Divya Iyer
TS: Mrs. Thormeyer - Thanks for making my first semester of senior year unforgettable!
FP: Marquette University, Political Journalist, be in the US Senate
MM: Speech Team tournaments with my best friends

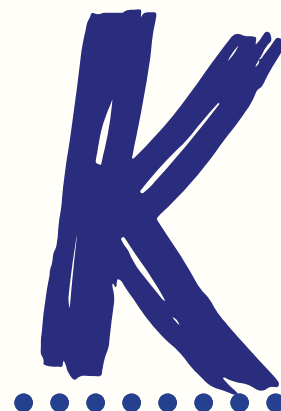


Marina Jacobson
TS: Mr. Brouwer
FP: Iowa State University for Aerospace Engineering
MM: Going to the National Ultimate frisbee tournament and beating our rivals.

Hannah Ji
TS: Thanks to Mr.Rossi and Ms.Schneider for being great English teachers and inspiring me to pursue writing
FP: Going to School of the Art Institute of Chicago to study Creative Writing
MM: When Dr.Mcbride came into our AP English 3 class and said if he was an evil person he would overthrow Mr.Rossi to teach the book we were currently reading.

Emily Johnson
TS: Thank you Mr.Wynne for helping me though everything you have definitely made an impact on my life. Thank you so much.
FP: Hair Professionals, Cosmetology. Open my own salon
MM: Going to sectionals for the first time ever as a team for bowling

Sayali Joshi
TS: Mr Schaub, such a funny teacher and is super chill as well!
FP: I'm going to Illinois State University this fall and my major is Elementary Education so I can be a teacher!
MM: Going to the football games and just letting loose and enjoying with my friends!



Nishant Kabra
TS: Mrs. Smart
FP: Majoring at Computer Engineering at UIC and hoping to work at Tesla. Also hoping to study theoretical physics in the future and study string theory.
MM: The circular motion lab practical in Honors Physics.

Chloe Kallberg
TS: Thank you Mrs. Van Milligen for casting me three years in a row for Children's Show. Despite all of the ups and downs, it was always my favorite time of year.
FP: I will be studying English at North Central College and participating in their theatre department as much as possible.
MM: Emceeing the Homecoming Pep Rally my junior year where I got to see Dr. McBride dancing from my the emcee stage.

Jackson Karshen
TS: MR. FOX
FP: Purdue University to study Computer Science to become a software developer
MM: mcbride dancing at the pep rally

Ellie Keen
TS: Mr. Brouwer
FP: Studying Occupational Therapy at St. Louis University and hoping to start my own practice in Colorado after school and a year of travel
MM: Saying goodbye the seniors of 2019 on the soccer team after our last game of the season.

Fatema Khan
TS: Thanks to Mrs. Sammit and Mrs. Lavin for being amazing and supportive teachers! I genuinely looked forward to your classes and I thank you both for being so positive :)
FP: In the future, I hope to study abroad in Italy and pursue a career in medicine.
MM: I'd say the pep rally where Dr. McBride did the 'In My Feelings' challenge was very memorable.

Dan Khomusi
TS: Mr. Whisler
FP: USC
MM: Hoco 2k19



Jake Klimek
TS: To Mrs. Lavin & Mr. Lauff: Thanks for all you do!
FP: Princeton University Major: Chemical & Biological Engineering Minor: Applied & Computational Mathematics Dream Job: Researcher Focusing on Math Oncology
MM: Dressing up as a monkey with my fellow percussionists for this past year's Spooktacular Concert was pretty hilarious.



Sara Lindstrom
TS: Mr. Seidel- thank you for all the times you made us laugh out loud mid-run-through of our music, for your bizarre analogies, and for your ability to be so down-to-earth. You never failed to brighten my day after having your class.
FP: Ooh let's avoid this one for now please. I wanna fly planes and have a pet komodo dragon and that's all I've got so far. I'm serious.
MM: The pep rally where Dr. McBride went viral by doing so many stupidly iconic internet things. And that whole entire week preceding the 2018 pep rally, actually. And when Chaz and Paris won hoco king and queen? God. What a trippy year that was.

Ethan Lockwood
TS:Ms. Prawlocki
FP: Hopefully attend either Penn State University or North Central College!
MM: AP Environmental fieldtrip to Treehaven.

TS: Teacher Shoutout
FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

Nicolas Luciano
TS: Mrs. Dabezic
FP: Saint Louis University. Bio-medical engineering. Laboratory technical job.
MM: Crystal Concert Solo



Mazvita Makoni
TS: Mrs. Collier
FP: I'm going to the University of Iowa to study Biomedical Sciences on the pre med tack. I hope to become a gynecologist/obstetrician.
MM: I hosted the Multicultural Show this year and it was a lot of fun!

Rhea Malik
TS: Arnoush Javaherian
FP: Pre-Med track at UIC
MM: Six Flags for physics

Jessica Mann
TS: Huge shoutout to Mr. Lauff, Srta. Torres, Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Burns, and all of my other wonderful teachers! :)
FP: I plan to study molecular biology at MIT.
MM: Taking four years of "behind the curtain" selfies at Crystal Concert.

Reese Martin
TS: Mr. Mucha and Mr. Rose
FP: Wrestle in college
MM: Snowball fight during woods

TS: Teacher Shoutout
FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

Sarah Mathew

TS: Mrs. Altidis!

FP: I'm going to Case Western Reserve University studying cognitive science with the goal to become a Doctor

MM: Performing at the Orchesis showcase with the Varsity Badminton Team

Brendan McCluskey

TS: Shoutout to Mr. Fox for making me completely reconsider how I view the subject of mathematics.

FP: Studying physics at Georgia Tech. I hope to combat the world's energy crisis by researching fusion energy.

MM: Shashank being crowned Homecoming King :)

Matt McDonnell

TS: Mrs. Binder - thank you for everything you've taught me, from ballet stroke to just being a good person and everything in between!

FP: University of Iowa (or Michigan Ann-Arbor, if they take me off the waitlist), Biomedical Engineering on a Pre-Med track in the Honors Program; I want to research and develop new medical devices, from diagnostic tools to prosthetics and beyond.

MM: Our very last Crystal Concert: performing with Wind Orchestra, managing the backstage crew, and playing with the percussion ensemble.

Samantha Meltzer

TS: Mrs. Thormeyer

FP: I will be attending Indiana State in the fall and I will be majoring in Psychology. I plan on being either a psychologist for the FBI or have my own private practice.

MM: There are plenty memorable moments at Neuqua but the one that stood out the most was probably the 2018 pep rally when Dr. McBride started dancing. It just showed all the school spirit he and it passed on to all the students.

Teagan Michalek

TS: Ms. Altidis & Ms. Jakubas

FP: I will be attending Florida Southern College. I will major in Secondary Education with hopes to become a Middle School math teacher. I will also be swimming in college and I have a goal to make it to NCAA Championships.

MM: The most memorable moment at Neuqua was being on the swim team. At the 2019 State Championship I was on the medley relay swimming fly. When I got out of the pool and looked at my time, I was in shock. I had never gone 24.7 before in anything. I was so happy I hugged my team mates. We ended up getting second and it was the best feeling in the whole entire world because I was able to help my team to victory and our second state championship.

Manyu Mogallapalli

TS: Mr. Whisler, thank you for always being there for me and boosting my confidence when I needed it the most, you always knew when I was having a bad day and needed to talk to someone. I'm so so grateful for everything you've done

FP: college: Saint Louis University/major:business

MM: Youth and gov events

Kiana Mohammadian

TS: Enorme gracias a Señorita Torres, Señorita Sack, y Señora Smithers for making Spanish class a highlight of my day! Thank you, Ms. Knuth, for being an amazing DECA advisor; thank you, Mr. Mertz, for letting us learn about the many dimensions of management (especially at Aquascape); thank you, Mr. Janota, for taking the time to get to know us as individuals and not just as students; and thank you, Mr. Parton, for helping me realize that Chem was one of my favorite classes.

FP: I will be attending Columbia University to (most likely) study Chemical Engineering.

MM: Thursday morning DECA meetings in the VEI room!

Keilah Moore

TS: Thank you Mrs.Dabezic for being someone who believed in me even when I didnt. I appreciate everything you did for the other students and myself.

FP: Leaning towards Texas Southern University, Major in Special Education, My dream is to be a voice for special needs children around the world because they deserve the same education as everyone else!

MM: My first day of high school, my friends and I were at school readiness, we saw the wildcat statue and I knew I had to get my photo with it because this was the beginning of my next four years.

Summer Moore

TS: Verdin, D'Anza, Schaub, Dabezic, Geers

FP: Missouri State, Research Genetics, To work for a cancer research facility

MM: Being apart of Gold Rush and dressing up to support the athletic events with friends

Natalie Nauman

TS: Me. Cebrzynski. He takes the time to get to know each of his students and made every single day fun. I will miss him a lot!

FP: Indiana University. I would like to work in a Big Accounting Firm in the City!!

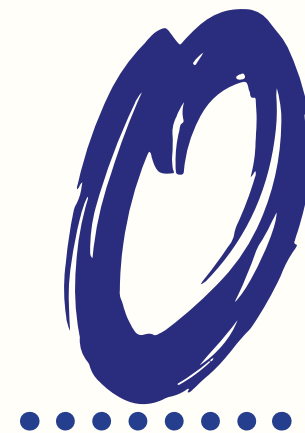
MM: VEI Tennessee Trip! VEI Tennessee Trip!

Alex Neuman

TS: Mr. Tegtmeyer

FP: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Aerospace Engineer, Design next fighter jet

MM: Having the opportunity to be a Senior PE Leader



Erin O'Connor

TS: Shoutout to Mrs. La Scola for always making class exciting and being super supportive even when I wasn't in her class

FP: I plan to go to Oklahoma State University in order to become a veterinarian

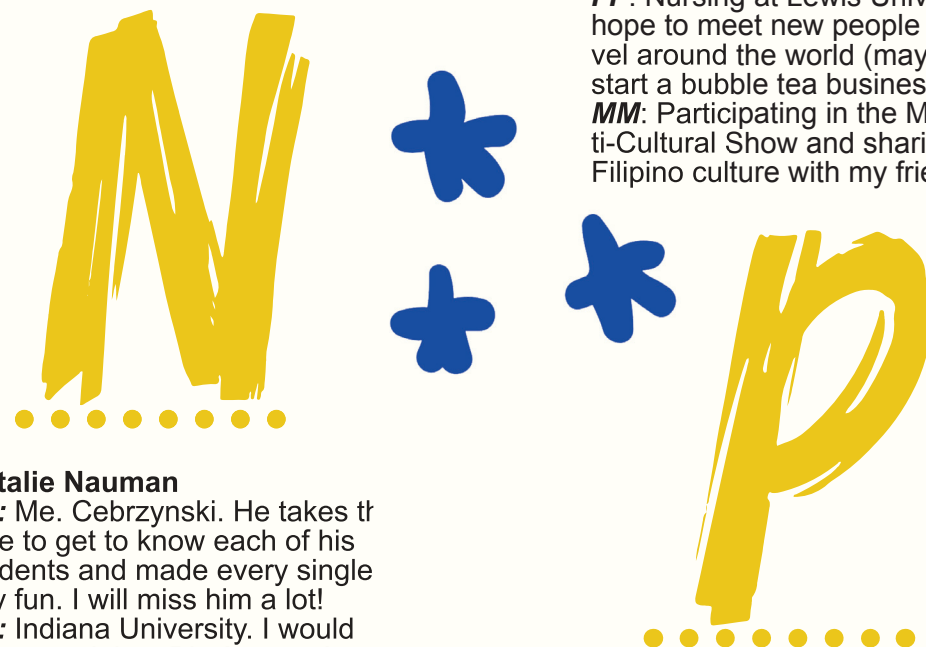
MM: Participating in writers week and singing one of my songs

Kyle Obra

TS: Mrs. Valente-Benson

FP: Nursing at Lewis University! I hope to meet new people and travel around the world (maybe even start a bubble tea business?)

MM: Participating in the Multi-Cultural Show and sharing my Filipino culture with my friends.



Abbey Palmer

TS: Mrs. Simski, I had her first semester this year for film studies and really enjoyed her class! She is different than other teachers! She cares about the well being of her students and is a great friend as well! I enjoyed seeing her every day 7th period and talking about our two favorite things musicals and the Cubs! Forever a friend and great teacher! I love you Mrs. symski!

FP: I am going to Illinois college next year in Jacksonville Illinois! I am majoring in nursing and hope to become either a laybor and delivery nurse, OBGYN, or nurse of pediatrician nurse!

MM: Going in choir tour last summer to Europe!

Rianna Panergalin

TS: Thanks Ms. Altidis for being my inspiration to pursue secondary education and be a kind human to everyone. Thanks Mr. Verdin for making my last year on the newspaper so much fun!

FP: I am admitted into DePaul University with a major in Secondary Education. I hope to become a high school teacher and inspire my students the way my teachers did with me

MM: Spending 2-3 days at the JEA newspaper conference and just making a fool out of ourselves in front of the other high schools.

Shreya Patel

TS: Mr. Johnston

FP: Information Systems & Data Analytics

MM: BPA! (Business Professionals of America's)

Jane Peterson

TS: Schaub

FP: Dental

MM: Meeting the most important and amazing people

TS: Teacher Shoutout
FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

Anisha Pethkar

TS: I want to shoutout Mr.Schwagler for being such a passionate and enthusiastic director as he made orchestra so much fun and interesting everyday!

FP: Loyola University Chicago, A Doctor for the Elderly

MM: My most memorable moments at Neuqua were probably at the Crystal Concerts because it was something that I looked forward to every year and I was so proud to be in.

Abby Pikturna

TS: Mr.D'Anza for being one of the most dedicated and helpful teacher ever!

FP: Murray State University, Murray Kentucky studying Animal/Equine science. Hope to open up my own rescue ranch one day to take in abused and abandoned animals!

MM: Dr.Mcbride doing the "in my feelings" dance by drake at the spirit assembly.

Kiran Pillai

TS: Mrs. Fehring

FP: Arizona State University, Psychology Major (Possibly minor in Business)

MM: Homecoming and waking up early to set it up because of student council

Megan Pochlyl

TS: Mrs. Bacska

FP: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Psychology, possible criminal justice occupation

MM: Finding out I had double early dismissal



TS: Teacher Shoutout
FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

Sarah Poedtke

TS: I would like to give a shoutout to the Choir Department faculty. Mr. Rimington, Mrs. Kasprzak, and Mr. Spears have been very inspiring to work with throughout my high school career. The hard work and dedication that they put into each choir was truly amazing to have witnessed and been a part of. Thank you for everything each of you has done to help me grow musically and professionally. I wish you all the best in the future!

FP: This fall, I will be attending Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. I will be majoring in Communication and Media Studies. After completing my education, I hope to work for the Walt Disney Company in their communications department.

MM: My most memorable moment at Neuqua Valley was going on tour with the Choir Department to Croatia, Slovenia, and Italy. While on the choir tour, I had my first solo, explored some of the most beautiful places in the world, and became very close with many of my peers.

Angela Power

TS: Brouwer
FP: international fashion business
MM: Treehaven

Naren Rachapalli

TS: Mr. Fox
FP: Purdue University, Computer Science and Data Science, I am hoping to be a machine learning engineer
MM: Having fun with friends in the library before classes start.

Akshay Ramanathan

TS: Dave Brouwer
FP: UIUC, biology(pre-med)
MM: Pep Rally with McBride dancing

Madi Rathell

TS: Mr. Keller!!! He was such an amazing person to have as a teacher. He cared about individuals and always helped when we needed it. He made class fun every single day and gave me a break in my schedule from other, not so fun, classes!! He has always been a trusted adult I could talk to!

FP: I will be attending Illinois State University and studying Marketing. Dreaming of working with a sports team like the cubs.

MM: The friday night lights. Dancing on the sideline with my team, cheering on the football team.

Arti Rathore

TS: Thanks to all the English teachers I have had the pleasure of knowing over the years, Ms. Schneider, Mrs. Welton, Mr. Rossi, Mr. Janota, Mr. Verdin, Mrs. Cagney, and Mr. Keller. You guys were the biggest help in me navigating my way through life. And thanks to Mr. D'Anza and Mrs. Thornmeyer for putting up with all my chaos, I have never been more myself in any other class.

FP: Undergrad at ISU with a double major in Secondary English and Sociology and a minor in history before applying to UCLA Law.

MM: Watching my first ever football game and experiencing the energy in the stands that night.

Courtney Raupach

TS: Shoutout to Mr. Johnston for being the best teacher ever.
FP: I am going to either University of Iowa, or University of Oklahoma.

MM: The Orchesis shows

Emma Sherwin

TS: Mr. Kosobayashi and Mrs. Smithers
FP: I will be studying Physical Therapy at Saint Louis University this upcoming fall.
MM: Performing at North Central College with my curricular orchestra for a World Premier Concert with Reena Esmail and Vijay Gupta.

Sara Richter

TS: Mrs Vanmilligen
FP: Professional dancer in Europe
MM: Fall play: Things to not do

Alan Rosenberg

TS: Mr. Kennedy
FP: Going to Austin College to study computer science and play water polo
MM: Dr. McBride at the Pep Rally 2018

Milyn Ross

TS: Mr. Perry
FP: I am planning on going to Harding University to double major in Psychology and Theology in hopes of being a bible counselor
MM: Probably being at the game where we were division champs in football

Julia Rushing

TS: Mr. Yanisch- thank you so much for being not only the best math teacher I've ever had, but also one of the coolest people I've ever met. I don't think a single class went by when I didn't both laugh and learn something new. I wish I could say a proper goodbye, but for now, thank you so much for your wisdom, understanding, and thoughtfulness. You impacted me in more ways than you know.

FP: I will be attending Miami University and studying Public Health. I hope that one day I can work for the W.H.O.

MM: My most memorable moment is Teacher Appreciation Night for the Girls Varsity Soccer team. It is also senior night, so the game is filled with a lot of adrenaline and emotion. Every year, teachers come out to cheer the team on and it is one of the best feelings in the world to be supported by such a strong community.

Taylor Sachs

TS: Mr. Whisler, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Seidel, Mrs. Vaidya, & Ms. Schneider
FP: University of Memphis, special education
MM: performing in the fall pep rallies

Abby McArthur-Self

TS: Ms. Collier -- You're the only teacher I've had all four years of my high school career, and I'm very lucky to have gotten that opportunity. You're incredible, and I try to emulate your joy and passion in everything I do. Mr. Whisler -- Although I only had you as a teacher freshman year, you made a really big impact on me, and I'm glad you were one of my YAG sponsors all four years. You helped me be comfortable being myself. Mr. Rossi -- You're one of the most intelligent teachers I've had, and you've helped both me and my siblings so much. Thank you.

FP: I'm heading to DePauw University in Greencastle, IN, to study English language with the hope of becoming an editor, and hoping to stay in touch with my family, my friends, and my wonderful partner, despite the distance!

MM: Running into the October snow the day of Uofl for Marching Band. RESILIENCE!

Hope Seidman

TS: Mrs. Kasprzak was a such an awesome director, and she really shows that she cares about her students.

FP: I'm attending Saint Louis University as a part of their six year doctorate of physical therapy program. I'm planning to become a physical therapist and hopefully work with the elderly.

MM: My most memorable moment was when my friend lost a bet to me and wore a Spider-Man suit to school for a full day.

TS: Teacher Shoutout
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Kate Sexton

TS: Mr. Brouwer
FP: I am going to The University of Nebraska in Lincoln and am going in undecided but am thinking about going into the business field, maybe marketing. I hope to travel when I get out of college and live in Europe when I am older.
MM: I loved traveling to Europe with the school as we toured Slovenia, Italy, and Croatia.

Anushka Sharma

TS: Mrs. Lavin
FP: Purdue University, Computer Scientist, write a novel
MM: Homecoming of Sophomore and Junior Year, Model UN, Monologue Show, Field trip to the Chicago Shakespeare Theater (yes, really), the weeks after AP Testing when we just play games

David Shefcik

TS: Ms. Knuth
FP: Got a software developer job at a company called Plaidypus. Eventually want to move into financial analysis and management as a career.
MM: Advisory during Freshman year.

Sonja Shirkevich

TS: Mr. Cebrzynski
FP: Going to uiuc for political science and econ--> dream job: work as an ambassador for the state department
MM: Swim/Dive Winning DVC multiple years !!!

Anna Shura

TS: Ms. Schneider
FP: I will be attending Purdue University and majoring in Professional Writing.
MM: Just being at school at almost every hour of the day. I will always remember early speech team mornings and late show nights when the atmosphere of the school belonged uniquely to the people I was with and the activities we were pursuing.



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FP: Future Plans
MM: Memorable Moments

Lydia Smith

TS: Mr Rossi
FP: U of I for Industrial Engineering
MM: The senior prank last year when seniors brought watermelons to school

Catherine Sorensen

TS: Mr. Kosobayashi
FP: University of Dayton, Mechanical Engineer, My ultimate dream to work for Disney and design rides
MM: Doing any show with my best friend, Madison

Sydney Stainer

TS: Mr. Schaub and Dr. Hobbs
FP: I am going to the University of Kentucky for Architecture
MM: I got to take pictures on the sidelines for the Varsity Football team and winning the senior advisor's relay race with Derek

Eirene Stavropoulos

TS: Ms. Schneider-Taught me to love literature so much and is just an overall amazing human.
FP: Vocal Performance Major
MM: Singing "Let My Love Be Heard" at Crystal concert my Junior year.

Carter Stubitz

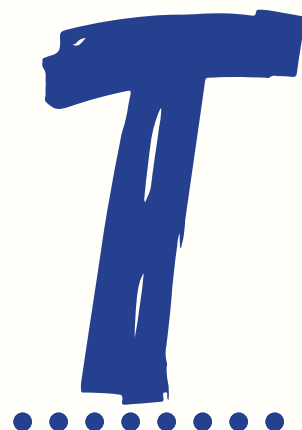
TS: Too many to shoutout!!
FP: Attend Wartburg College to continue my academic and baseball careers. Then attend grad school to become an Athletic Trainer and later more schooling to become a PA.
MM: NV Baseball

Audrey Su

TS: Ms. Torres
FP: College: (dream) Cornell University, occupation: something in the field of conservation, dreams: to live in a log cabin in the forests of Canada
MM: Going to swing dance

Kat Subramanian

TS: Mr. Whisler, Madame Beck, Madame Nemeth, Mrs. La Scola
FP: The University of Vermont, Speech Pathologist, To work in an expat school or for a non-for-profit!
MM: When I broke my foot running on the staircase after school because I was late, like usual



Brianna Tailor

TS: Mrs. Collier for being a great band teacher! It has been a pleasure to have known her since freshman year.
FP: North Central College - majoring in biology with a concentration in the biomedical track
MM: Senior year Crystal concert

Amna Tasneem

TS: Mr. Phelan
FP: Computer Information Systems and a minor in Arabic at Benedictine University
MM: Hosting the multicultural show with my amazing friend Meryum Ahmad.

Prakash Tata

TS: Mrs. Braband
FP: Doctor
MM: Getting 5th in speech at state

Braelin Taylor

TS: schaub
FP: cod
MM: mr schaub is the best

Nicole Tomte

TS: Mrs. Tichelbaut
FP: University of Tennessee!!
MM: Being a preschool teacher

Eva Topolewski

TS: Mr. Gelsomino for making media my favorite class!
FP: I'm going to Indiana University, and majoring in advertising. I hope to design something for magazines, billboards, or commercials one day!
MM: Hosting Variety Show, and during the Saturday night show everything about it was awesome.



Emily Vander Zanden

TS: Howdy there Mr. Schaub! Thanks for making Film (aka Comp. & Media) such a fun class!
FP: The college I will be attending this year is the University of South Florida: Go Bulls! As for later on in life, I hope that by the time I graduate from USF I'll be able to wrangle an alligator or two--henceforth becoming the true, 'Florida Man' I have always been destined to be.
MM: The Rise and Fall of the Neuqua Goose

Olivia Van Fleet

TS: Mrs. Binder, Mrs. Collier, Mr. Lauff, and Mr. Seidel
FP: The University of Alabama, Audio systems engineer
MM: Running inside through a torrential downpour during a marching band rehearsal

Laasya Vashist

TS: Mrs Tichelbaut
FP: ISU- Elementary education
MM: Junior year homecoming that's when I met my best friends and we went to Oberweis and stayed there till like 11Then we wanted the streets till 1 AM

Jose Vazquez

TS: Mr. Cebrynski
FP: Architecture at the university of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
MM: Quitting the varsity soccer team after the first team run we had

Shreya Vellala

TS: Mrs.Schmidtgall
FP: College at UIUC
MM: BPA State

Allison Vojcak

TS: I won't forget how Mr. Haas allowed students to write encouraging notes in our foreign languages we were learning on the whiteboard each week. Thank you for making my introduction to Neuqua math so fun in Geometry.
FP: Full Sail University, anything in stage production, move abroad for a while after college
MM: Pacing the library after school trying to cram memorize poetry pieces with the Spoken Word team.

Alyssa Votava

TS: I would like to give a shout out to Mr. Johnston for being an amazing calc teacher and letting me de-stress in his class.
FP: Loyola University in Chicago, CEO or Entrepreneur, Start my own company or get a high-ranking position in a well-known company!
MM: My most memorable moment was at the end of my junior year in my APES class. All of the seniors left so it was just Mr. Figi, me, and two other students. We played Mario Kart and watched Cold Case documentaries!



Rhea Waghray

TS: Mr. Whistler
FP: George Washington University, Clinical Psychology
MM: Making my first goal during a water polo home game 3 years ago.

Alexis Weiss

TS: Shoutout to Ms. Jakubus for always being so positive and motivating her students all the time.
FP: DePaul University, Finding a job in the marketing field
MM: Being apart of Orchesis and the football games

Kiersten White

TS: Mr. Arquilla
FP: University of Kentucky, Athletic Trainer
MM: When I joined the Athletic Training Club at Neuqua

TS: Teacher Shoutout
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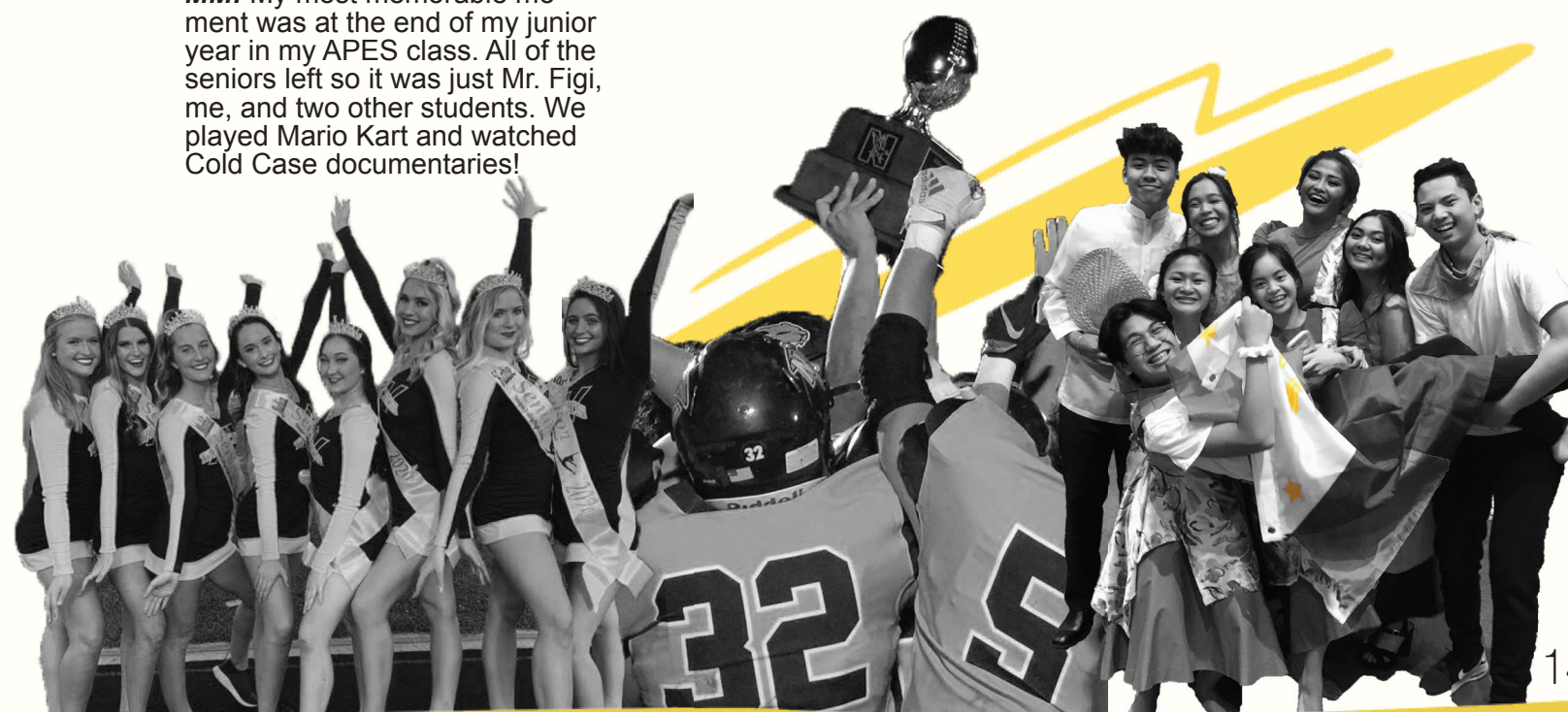
Emma Wightkin

TS: Shoutout Mr Rossi, I've never had a teacher who seemed to care as much as about their students as he does
FP: attending DePaul and majoring in film production and screenwriting
MM: senior year variety show



Madison Young

TS: Mrs. Van Milligan - thank you for everything!
FP: I'm going to Ball State University for Theatre Design and Technology
MM: Pontarelli getting attacked by the goose my freshman year



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CLASS OF 2020

You made it! Twelve years of education, and right before you made it to the end, it came to a screeching halt. Who would have thought that back in March would have been the last time that many of you saw some of your friends, your teachers, or even that one kid that you kind of knew that has been in your math class for the last three years?

Your generation has been one in the shadow of calamity: you were born in the shadow of 9/11, you have not known a world where the US has constantly been at war, you were reaching the end of elementary school in the midst of Sandy Hook, and Parkland was another nudge at the horrific reality of the possible dangers of being a student in school. And now, you leave high school and begin the next chapter of your life in the midst of a global pandemic. Yet through all of these tragedies, you withstood, endured, and have rallied to become stronger individuals that are ready, now more than ever, to take on the world.

Congrats class of 2020 on overcoming everything you have endured, everything you have accomplished, and everything you will attain.

- Mr. Verdin
The Echo Advisor

