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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 tribute to the Class of 2021: *The Echo's Senior Edition*.

So much about your Senior Year could be looked at through a lens of loss or regret. But in these pages you will find the voices of your classmates, both their memories and their plans. Their hopes and their ambitions.

Looking Back: This is a journey that did not just begin Freshman year, but well before that. You are shaped by your experiences and relationships, each year building towards the next.

Looking Forward: Take with you a sense of community as a Class. There is optimism and purpose in the words shared here. See their pride and gratitude and let it carry you forward.

Congratulations on the trials you have passed, the obstacles you have cleared and the goals you have held true.

We are proud of you!

- DR. FUHRER

SQ - SENIOR QUOTE
MM - MEMORABLE MOMENT
FP - FUTURE PLANS
TS - TEACHER SHOUTOUT



Claire Adams

MM: In sophomore block class, we had presentations, and Gianna Malek took pictures of our teacher Mr. Keller and represented him as Gatsby.

FP: I will be attending Purdue University to study nursing.

TS: Mr. Keller - for always supporting me throughout the last 3 years and always keeping classes engaging

Griffin Adaya

MM: I loved aiding the athletic trainers. I'll never forget the memories I made on the sidelines and in the training room.

SQ: "Stay positive, test negative."

FP: I am studying biomedical sciences on the pre-med track at Marquette University.

TS: Big thanks to Mr. Rossi, Ms. LaScola and Mr. Java for being some of the most inspiring teachers and fostering an awesome student community.

Erin Alcott

MM: Playing a solo in my final crystal concert and getting two medals from a speech tournament my junior year

FP: University of Michigan, economics and math

TS: Ms. Kagan, Mr. Fox and Ms. Dunham

Amir Aliyev

SQ: "Don't let your greatest enemy be the one between your own two ears."

FP: I plan to study law and international relations.

TS: Ms. LaScola

Thalia Alleman

MM: My favorite memory is my ENTIRE American society class.

FP: I'm attending Indiana University on the pre-law track, where I will study criminal justice sciences or psychology with a minor in English.

TS: Mr. Whisler and Ms. Schneider were my American Society teachers, and they shaped me as a person and taught me how to work with others. American Society has been the one class in high school that taught me life lessons and how to be a good person. I will forever be so grateful for them and wish I could go back to take that class again.

Christian Allen

SQ: "I'm in Paris."

FP: Studying architecture, college undecided

TS: Ms. Prawlocki and Señorita Torres

Hope Allen

MM: My favorite memory is being apart of the preschool class and being to able to teach and impact young kids every week.

FP: I will be going to Creighton University, and I am studying elementary education.

TS: Mr. Ricca has made a huge impact on me, as he showed me the true meaning of being a teacher. It's not all about the material or grades; it's about the positive impact and personal connection you create with your students, and he will always be my favorite teacher because of that.

Sara Alvidrez

SQ: "The roof is not my son, but I will raise it."

FP: University of Iowa for criminology, law and justice

TS: Mrs. Braband

Riley Ammenhauser

MM: My favorite memory from Neuqua Valley was participating on the Varsity Track Team and the Varsity Volleyball Team. I have created so many long lasting relationships with teammates and coaches. Another memory from Neuqua Valley would be getting my stir-fry from the lunch line everyday, it was soooo good.

FP: I will be attending The University of Michigan, I will be running track and field there and studying business.

TS: Shoutout to Mr. Figi, he was such an inspiration to my academic and athletic life because while I was in his class, he not only taught me Environmental Science, but he also taught the me little life lessons that I took to heart and really led by (for example, having a good mentality and mindset about life and how you should appreciate everything.

Jenna Anderson

MM: My favorite memory is being apart of the Swim and Dive team.

FP: Not sure on college yet, but I will be studying civil engineering

TS: I've loved so many of my teachers but Ms. Prawlocki stands out as one of the best for sure.

Leif Anderson

MM: Recreating "The Breakfast Club" poster during a scavenger hunt at XC practice junior year

FP: Mechanical engineering

TS: Ms. Prawlocki

Keira Apeland

SQ: "Jessica Sun"

FP: I'm going out.

TS: Mrs. Wilson

Sam Appelbaum

SQ: "Stay positive, test negative."

FP: Illinois State University

TS: Ms. LaScola

Zoya Arman

MM: I don't remember the days, I remember the moments, and high school has given me some of the best moments that I will always cherish.

FP: Planning to study pre-med to be a psychiatrist

TS: Mr. Schaub

Aarushi Arora

SQ: "We have to dance it out, that's how we finish" - Christina Yang

FP: I plan to study biomedical engineering at UIC while simultaneously being on the pre-med track.

TS: Mrs. Schmauderer

Ved Arora

SQ: "Popeyes > Chick-fil-A"

FP: D3 Football while studying data science at Case Western Reserve University

TS: Ms. Lawson

Selah Ashby

MM: Making rockets for physics

FP: I will be majoring in business management and minoring in Spanish at either IU's Kelley School of Business or Purdue's Krannert School of Management.

TS: Señorita Sack has always been there for me and has inspired me to want to minor in Spanish!

Jack Ashby

MM: Broadcasting sporting events through Neuqua Media

FP: I plan to attend Ball State University and major in telecommunications.

TS: Ms. Traut

Shaan Asif

SQ: "If a bat can change the world, so can you."

FP: Major in biology

TS: Mrs. Schmauderer and Ms. Morgan

Mya Askam

SQ: "Due to social distancing guidelines, I will no longer be allowing hugs or shaking hands. As a result, you may kneel, bow or curtsy (six feet away). You are welcome."

FP: Engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology

TS: Mr. Holba and Ms. Klimkowski

Om Asodaria

SQ: "Just because you're trash doesn't mean you can't do great things. It's called Garbage CAN, Not Garbage CANNOT."

FP: Become a race car driver

TS: Mr. Kennedy

Anika Ayyalaraju

SQ: "Don't be afraid to bring a massive bag of chips to share with all the other sleepless zombies."

FP: The Ohio State University for microbiology

TS: Thank you to Mr. Farrar for having the extra credit meme contest!

Zabeer Azam

SQ: "God won't let me die."

FP: To marry someone who respects me

TS: Mrs. Sammit



Luke Bacani

MM: Going crazy during the

Crystal Concert percussion ensemble was pretty fun.

FP: I plan on studying jazz vibraphone at a college in New York City. I am still deciding between colleges, but I plan to continue performing during and after college.

TS: Thanks Mr. Lauff and Bien Laoshi for the three long years in class together!

Dana Balmas

MM: My favorite memory from high school was when I got to dress up in a pizza onesie for PE and play human foosball!

FP: I plan on attending Northwestern Preparatory School in California on a Falcon Foundation Scholarship from the Air Force Academy.

TS: To Mrs. Bannack, thank you for pushing me to always be myself and strive for more in life.

Hrishita Batra

SQ: "High school is ending. Feeling: Sad :(""

FP: I want to be a vlogger.

TS: Mr. Farrar was the best math teacher ever because he made math fun, and I didn't even know that was possible.

Will Beach

SQ: "Ravioli, ravioli, give me the diplomoli."

FP: I'm studying international business and policy at Pitt.

TS: Mr. Cebzynski because his energy is unmatched.

Tyler Beck

FP: Planning on attending college and studying sociology or business

TS: Mrs. Dabezic, thank you for teaching me how to think and speak for myself!

Zayn Beg

SQ: "Alhumduilillah."

FP: I will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Cham-

paign for my undergraduate studies. I plan to major in bio-chemistry.

TS: Mr. Whisler is one of the most kindhearted and compassionate human beings I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. His open-minded and welcoming nature is a delight for any student who enters his classroom. He is truly exemplary and raises the standard for what it means to be an educator. Thank you Mr. Whisler.

Grace Bernholdt

MM: The football games before COVID

FP: Attending UIUC studying health sciences

TS: Madame Beck, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Janota

Emily Blowers

MM: APES trip to Treehaven junior year

SQ: "Have you seen the sky today?"

FP: Drake University for environmental science/sustainability with a concentration in animal behavior

TS: Mrs. Thormeyer and Ms. Prawlocki

Bryce Boumans

MM: Watching my brother in the state finals in 2019

SQ: "Once you realize this life was GIVEN to you, you understand the meaning of self respect."

FP: Wrestling and studying diesel mechanics at Northwest Kansas

TS: Ms. Altidis, I sucked at English but still looked forward to being in your class almost every day.

Sarah Bourke

MM: My favorite memory from the last 4 years is having lunch with my friends and all of the laughs we had.

FP: I have committed to Carthage

College, and I will also be on their bowling team.

TS: Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Verdin because they are both really fun teachers, and I really enjoyed their classes.

Kyle Brege

SQ: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" - Wayne Gretzky - Michael Scott - Kyle Brege

FP: Going to Miami Ohio, I plan to study accounting and finance, and plan to join a fraternity.

TS: Mr. Cebrzynski

Iza Brencis

MM: My favorite memory is hanging out with friends and advice is to GET INVOLVED!

FP: Colorado State University, studying human resources and family studies to become a special education teacher

TS: Mrs. Thormeyer - she's SO MUCH fun and is able to engage everyone in class! I am NOT a morning person and I have Body-sculpt/Dance every morning 2nd period, but she makes me excited for class.

Liam Briese

SQ: "Only through applying yourself do pathways become accessible and self exploration begins."

FP: Attending Columbia College or Chicago for a BFA in cinematography

TS: Mr. Gelsomino - he's always been supportive of my creative pursuits outside of high school level education, helping me with countless letters of recommendation for my Eagle Scout project and several scholarships. He's been a person to rely upon when I need help and someone to get to know over my 3 years in media classes.

Reese Brosnan

SQ: "All I got out of my 4 years of high school was depression

and a poor sleep schedule."

FP: I will be attending Belmont University this upcoming fall!

TS: Thanks Ms. LaScola and Ms. Prawlocki for making junior year enjoyable despite the stress from school, the SAT/ACT and being home the last few months (also thank you for the letters of recommendation).

Isabel Brouch

SQ: "Definitely zoomed through senior year!"

FP: I will be attending Western Michigan next year for interior design.

TS: Mrs. Jensen

Mitch Brouder

MM: Making the baseball team

FP: Colorado State University, business

TS: Mrs. Wilson - she was easily my favorite teacher ever.

Connor Burns

SQ: "I need a room full of mirrors so I can be surrounded by winners." - Kanye West

FP: Going to Illinois State but pursuing social media as well

TS: Ms. Traut



Tony Cai

SQ: "There is no such thing known as absolute losses, there are only stepping stones."

FP: My current intent is to study electrical engineering at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

TS: Mrs. Schmauderer

Chase Calcaterra

SQ: "The next quote is a lie."

FP: I will be studying marine

biology at Hawaii Pacific University.

TS: Mrs. Toomey, biology was a while ago, but it was one of my favorite classes. I partly have you to thank for being able to go to Hawaii for college. Thank you for an awesome freshman year.

Nina Calcaterra

SQ: "The previous quote is telling the truth."

FP: I plan to study neuroscience at the University of Texas at Dallas.

TS: Mr. Rossi, thank you so much for everything. You supported me through one of the toughest years of my life and helped me grow into the best version of myself, both emotionally and educationally.

Elaine Carroll

MM: My favorite memory was jumping in the pool after winning state with the girl's swim team my junior year.

FP: I'll be going to Notre Dame to study economics and data science!

TS: Ms. Roth was an awesome math teacher and inspired me to continue math in college!

Ryan Cercello

MM: My favorite memories were the bonds I've been able to make over the years.

FP: Iowa State, planning on studying architecture

TS: Ms. Prawlocki

Holden Charboneau

MM: The unprecedented 2020-2021 senior year

FP: Playing D2 Lacrosse at Seton Hill University

TS: Mr. Rose

Kabir Chawla

SQ: "It's not a hat."

FP: University of Wisconsin - Madison, Biology (Pre-vet)

TS: Ms. Jakubas

Andrew Chen

SQ: "Finding success isn't just fixing your mistakes - that's only the starting line."

FP: UIUC Computer Science

TS: Mr. Whisler

Jamaree Chew

MM: A memorable moment from Highschool would be sophomore year homecoming where I had a great time with my friends

FP: I plan to go to trade school for welding and hvac, while training to be a pro-wrestler.

TS: A teacher that has impacted me would have to be Mrs. Baskai because she's always encouraging me to be great and to do great things.

Jessica Chivini

MM: My favorite memory is doing rap battles during Mrs. Rossi's English class at the end of the year.

FP: I will be studying finance at The Ohio State's Fisher College of Business.

TS: I want to thank Mr. Cebrzynski for being the most fun and energetic teacher I have ever had. He manages to make AP Micro one of my favorite classes, and I will always remember that MR=MC!

Jake Chivini

MM: One of my favorite memories from high school had to be when Mr. Carb sandwiched himself with two beds of nails and then had people stand on him to prove how pressure works.

FP: I am going to Indiana University next fall where I will be studying finance/supply chain management at the Kelley School of Business.

TS: Shout out to Mr. Cummings for being a great motivator for me as I was starting out high school freshman year. I was lucky enough to Have Coach Cummings

for Honors Biology, as well as my coach for freshman football and lacrosse. He always pushed me to be my best in anything that I was doing, and I think this early positive pressure was very beneficial to me in the long run!

Liliana Cisneros

SQ: "Life is an occasion. Rise to it."

FP: College of Attendance: Saint Louis University, Neuroscience,

FP: Neurologist

TS: Mrs. Ryder

Mackenzie Clark

SQ: "Congratulations, you pranked a minor!"

FP: ASU Barretts College, majoring in psychology

TS: Mr. Johnston (the antifish boy)

Bia Colalillo

SQ: "Yer a wizard, Harry!" - Rubeus Hagrid

FP: Studying at Purdue

TS: Mr Kennedy, thanks for being an amazing teacher, role model, and storyteller!

Ryan Coan

SQ: "Use code 'cuppaarmy' in the Fortnite item shop!"

FP: Going to Western Michigan University

TS: Ms. Prawlocki

Shay Conroy

MM: I have some really good memories from football games.

Thank you to Neuqua for the past 4 years. It's been hard, but I've gained so much knowledge and experience from you. I'm so grateful I got to be a Wildcat!

FP: I'm attending Indiana University Bloomington, and I'm majoring in pre-med! I hope to become a cardiologist.

TS: Mrs. Pavlik

Jack Considine

SQ: "Fail. If you aren't failing,

then you aren't trying hard enough."

FP: I will be attending Ohio State University to study finance and the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Scholars Program.

TS: Ms. LaScola

Jennifer Coolidge

SQ: "Makes me want a hot dog real bad!"

FP: Attending beauty school

TS: Mr. Rossi. Perfectly understands the complexities of the y2k comedy genre.

Ethan Covington

SQ: "It was a fun 4 years."

FP: Practicing psychiatrist

TS: Mrs. Stock

Taylor Crawley

SQ: "It was nice not seeing you all this year."

FP: I plan to attend Colorado State University and study business marketing.

TS: Mr. Whisler and Ms. Schneider are the absolute best teachers at Neuqua; they deserve the whole world, and I will forever remember them.

Daniel Cuesta

SQ: "Married to the Game."

FP: DePaul University, entrepreneurship major

TS: Mr Figi is the coolest teacher.

Katrina Curtis

SQ: "All the friends I have made from class and clubs; when people tell you to join clubs to make friends and have more fun in high school, they are not lying."

FP: I plan on studying biology/environmental science and philosophy.

TS: Mr. Janota is such a fun and inspiring teacher and taught me so much in such a short span of time. He deserves all the praise and more he gets.



Neema Darabi

SQ: "Reach for the stars, so if you fall, you land on a cloud."

FP: The University of Chicago, neuroscience/biology

TS: Mr. Whisler - very considerate teacher who makes learning any topic fun

Sai Dasari

MM: Lunchtime in the cafeteria with my friends is what I most looked forward to everyday.

FP: Computer science at UIUC

TS: Madame Beck

Zack Davis

MM: I will never forget beating Waubonsie on our home court last year off a buzzer beater.

FP: I will be going to Dominican University to play basketball and major in computer science.

TS: Thanks to Mr. Johnston for being a great math teacher and just a fun guy in the classroom.

Adrian de Guzman

SQ: "There is no rose-colored campus life. Everything is a bunch of colors mixed up."

FP: CompSci at UIC

TS: Thank you Mr. Koos for being an awesome Comp Sci teacher!

Giovanni Delgado

MM: My favorite memory would be school events.

SQ: "Don't try to do what everyone else is doing."

FP: Going to COD to become a web developer

TS: Mr. Verdin was definitely a teacher that was an inspiration, never had a negative attitude about anything when he was

teaching and was always 100% thorough and honest.

Matt Devor

SQ: "Take every opportunity given to you, try everything at least once. That is the key to having fulfilling and exciting high school experiences."

FP: My plan for the next four years is to go to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and study engineering.

TS: Mr. Ross, who taught me how to draw concept sketches and got me interesting in engineering.

Cameron DiMambro

SQ: "I'm Di man bro."

FP: Computer science at the University of Minnesota

TS: Mr. Ricca

Bella Dirilten

SQ: "Throw me to the wolves, and I come back leading the pack."

FP: UIUC, finance major, lacrosse

TS: Ms. Simmons

Brandon Do

FP: Human biology major at USC, pre-health track

TS: Mr. Vandersteen has always been there to offer me advice when needed.

Nicolas Dovalovsky

MM: 2018 Track State Champs

FP: Track and Cross Country at University of Illinois, studying bioengineering

TS: Mr. Janota

Sam Drake

MM: My favorite memory is the Orchesis Showcase. It's always a highlight of every single year.

FP: I'm going to college at Columbia College Chicago, and I am studying film.

TS: My teacher shoutout goes to Mr. G

Simreen Dua

MM: My favorite memory at Neuqua is Homecoming 2018.
FP: Business at Indiana University
TS: Mr. Rossi GOAT

Jacob Duncan

MM: My favorite memories were just the times where I met my new friends because they made my life more exciting. High school goes way to fast enjoy it!
FP: Going to University of Alabama and studying business
TS: Mr. Treptow for my freshman and senior year; freshman year was super fun, loved the class. Mr. Johnston, junior year math teacher, class was super fun and I looked forward to it everyday

Rohan Duraipandian

SQ: "Do what excites."
FP: Indiana University, marketing & data analytics
TS: Ms. Prawlocki



Danielle Engler

MM: My favorite memory was being on the Orchesis Dance Company all 4 years.
FP: University of Kentucky, studying fashion merchandising, apparel and textiles
TS: Mr. Java



Zarreen Faatimah

MM: I loved when I could be outside with my friends at the pep rallies; I'm really going to miss those.
FP: I plan on going to UIC to get a bachelor's degree in math.
TS: Mr. D'Anza

Zoya Faiz-Balagam

MM: All the pep rallies brought a lot of joy and funny moments of the school. It was a way to bring the school together.
FP: Plan on going to a 4 year college and major in psychology.
TS: Mr. Flemming, my freshman year helped me a lot to become a better student.

James Farmer

MM: I enjoyed watching the football games on Friday nights.
FP: Going to University of Illinois to study computer science
TS: Freshman year, Mr. Gambino inspired me to further pursue my interest in computer science in college.

Haya Faruqui

MM: Friday night football games with my friends
FP: Midwestern University, pharmacist
TS: Mrs. Vaidya

Vasant Fong

SQ: "KCP"
FP: Drake University Cross Country/Track
TS: Ms. P

Paul Fournier

SQ: "Don't sleep during math, you won't have any idea what's going on for the rest of the year."
FP: Go to college, get a job, live comfortably
TS: Mr. Swarts

Vanessa Froschauer

SQ: "I made it through high school without dying or cutting my hair."

FP: I will be attending LSU (Louisiana State University), and I will be majoring in food science.
TS: Mrs. Vega Soto, Mr. Figi, Mr. Mendoza, Mrs. Hannon and Mrs. McCarthy

Patrick Fulgaro

SQ: "Take what life gives you."
FP: I plan on doing something involving sports.
TS: Mrs. Wilson

Naomi Furuichi

MM: Junior year homecoming!
FP: I'm going to the University of Illinois in Chicago to major in elementary education.
TS: Two teachers who have impacted me are Mrs. Perona and Senora Fehring. Both teachers inspired and pushed me to do well in their class, while making the subject fun to learn.



Olivia Gaar

MM: My favorite memory at Neuqua was participating in the hosting of a Slovakian student from Nitra, Naperville's sister city.
FP: I will be attending University of Tennessee and majoring in nursing.
TS: Mr. Johnston

Tommy Galvin

MM: My favorite memory has to be all the Neuqua versus Waubonsie football games. Those were so fun to watch, and the energy in the student section was outstanding.
FP: I will be attending Boston College and studying finance.
TS: I would like to give a shoutout

to Mrs. Dabezic. She has taught me so much, and I wouldn't be the person I am today without her.

Rohan Gangopadhyay

MM: Being in Ms. P's Class / Prawlocki for President

FP: Going to become a marketing genius and live in the city

TS: Ms. Prawlocki

Mike Giglione

SQ: "Music is love, that's why our hearts have a beat."

FP: Entrepreneurship at College of DuPage

TS: Ms. Tiffin - definitely the only teacher that could make me feel engaged in a first period class and overall a great person

Anna Ginocchio

SQ: "Take their criticism to heart. Let it burn you, but then grow from the ashes."

FP: I'm planning on going to ISU to help me pursue a career in clinical psychology.

TS: Mrs. Schmauderer

Riley Glas

MM: When some kid broke the sink

FP: Going to ISU for computer science

TS: Shoutout to Mr. Bidlingmeyer for being the best teacher through my four years here.

Samantha Go

MM: My favorite memory is either all the activities we did in AP English III or homecoming.

FP: I plan on going to Columbia College Chicago to pursue game design or arts management.

TS: Mrs. Dabezic made my whole year.

Shanice Green

MM: My favorite memory would be my chem/physics class in sophomore year; all my friends were in my class and we had a

pretty laid back teacher who was really funny but also understanding.

FP: Still deciding between TSU and Central State, but I will be studying business administration as my major

TS: Mr. Verdin taught African American Literature, and this is how I gained so much knowledge of my black background and real history.

Eva Greene

MM: My favorite memory has been taking media for three years in a row. I met my best friends because of these classes, and will for sure try to visit when I come home from college.

FP: I will be attending the Newhouse School at Syracuse University and majoring in Graphic Design. I've wanted to pursue art since I was about four, so this is a big deal to me.

TS: Mr. Gelsomino, my media teacher! Mr. G, thanks for helping me grow creatively and making high school super fun for me!

Kaitlyn Greenwald

SQ: "yeah <3"

FP: I am going to Wisconsin-Madison to study mechanical engineering. I eventually hope to go abroad and work in Germany for an automotive company.

TS: I would like to shout out Ms. LaScola as high school is rough. English can also be really rough, but I really loved going to class and I really built some skills and didn't feel useless.

Emma Guthrie

SQ: "No <3"

FP: I will be playing soccer at the University of Loyola Chicago and plan on majoring in psychology!

TS: Thank you Mr. Figi, you made first period actually enjoyable.



William Harkins

SQ: "Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is the ability to act in spite of fear."

FP: College through ROTC scholarship and then military career

TS: Ms. Tufo, Mr. John, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Binder and Frau Calvert

Harmon 'Gus' Herzberg

SQ: "This ain't no hobby." - Kevin Kisner

FP: Southern Illinois University, aviation

TS: Mr. Cebrzynski

Emily Harvey

SQ: "Life would've been a whole lot easier had I been related to Steve (iykyk)."

FP: I plan to attend Loyola in the short-term and become a surgeon in the long-term.

TS: Shout out to Mr. Java, Ms. Kontos, Mr. Cebrzynski (Ceebreezyyyyy) and Mr. Verdin

JD Hastings

MM: Gaming with the boys after school

FP: Studying aerospace engineering at Purdue

TS: Mr. Kennedy always makes physics interesting.

Matt Havlin

MM: Never forget the Falcons blew a 28-3 lead

FP: Purdue

TS: Mrs. Bannack

Ally Henderson

SQ: "Waited 12 years for my senior year and got this? Wack."

FP: I plan to major in psychology and play volleyball.

TS: My shout out goes to my history teacher junior year, Mrs. Kontos, for helping me when I was struggling and for always wanting me to do better.

Maxxwell Hoehn

SQ: "I only went for 1 year, and we were online."

FP: College

TS: Mr. Java

Ellie Hofemann

SQ: "Have fun but focus on the things that make you happy!"

FP: I plan to go to college: I'm still deciding which one, I plan to do something in business or medical, and I want to have fun too!

TS: Mr. Figi! He was my favorite teacher and was super fun; I always looked forward to his class and enjoyed hearing all of his crazy stories. His teaching style was amazing, and I'm really going to miss his class.

Lauryn Housholder

MM: My favorite memory of Neuqua is definitely the connections I have made with my classmates and the amazing teachers I have had. Also, winning Neuqua Knows It Can Dance my sophomore year with the Varsity Volleyball team

FP: Study public health at Baylor University or University of Iowa with plans to continue volleyball at a club level

TS: Mrs. Simon really impacted me not only as a coach, but as a mentor. I appreciate all she has done for me throughout the years and will miss being on her team!

Andrew Hurley

MM: Just sitting back stage in the dressing rooms in the theater talking to my friends

FP: I'm planning on going to COD, and I'm going in undecided.

TS: Mrs. Zwebiel - she is literally just absolutely amazing.

Mahira Hussaini

SQ: "And He is with you wherever you are." [Qur'an 57:4]

FP: It's a surprise to everyone, including me.

TS: Mr. Vandersteen



Sarah Jacover

MM: My favorite memory from Neuqua has been all of the school dances and preparing for them.

FP: University of Illinois - double majoring in actuarial science and statistics

TS: Madame Beck - she works so hard everyday to make sure students have as many resources as possible. She gets to know each student individually and makes individual connections with everyone. Madame Beck is passionate about the French language and betters her French to make herself more knowledgeable. Madame Beck is so selfless, and I am so lucky to have had her for 3 years.

Rahael Javaid

SQ: "My biggest flex is that whenever people hear The Weeknd or Selena Gomez they always think of me whether they like me or not."

FP: Undecided

TS: Ms. LaScola, Mr. McCoskey, Ms. Sack, Mrs. Ryder, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Lavin and Mrs. Toomey

Shilpi Jena

MM: McBride doing the "In My

Feelings" dance challenge at the hoco pep rally

FP: College at Indiana University

TS: Ms. La Scola

Logan Jones

FP: COD and I plan to learn more about music production

TS: Mr. Dicken - really cool teacher he always pushed me in my senior year

Paul Jung

SQ: "It's never my fault."

FP: I plan to study marketing/business in college.

TS: Mr. William Rose is probably my favorite teacher because he tells us to go ahead in work if we are comfortable. He makes us go at our own pace.



Arivu Kapoor

MM: My favorite memories from Neuqua are probably just messing around/talking to friends during lunch. Looking back at it, that time was extremely underrated and helped build many friendships throughout high school.

FP: Although I haven't committed to a college yet, I'm planning on studying biomedical engineering.

TS: Mr. Tegtmeyer

Eirene Kapsis

SQ: "I wish I told myself to stop caring about what others said about me way earlier."

FP: I'm going to Purdue to study environmental engineering, and I'm hoping to do a bunch of gigs on campus at local bars.

TS: There are two teachers that have absolutely changed my

life. Shout out to Ms. Prawlocki and Mrs. Smart for being the best teachers in the world. They were always so supportive and encouraging and I will forever be grateful for being one of their students.

Francys 'Frannie' Keen

MM: My favorite memories come from the Neuqua Girls Soccer bus rides to and from games singing as loud as possible with my team.

FP: I am headed to University of Iowa next fall majoring in biomedical sciences on the pre-physician assistant track.

TS: Mr. Johnston was my junior year AP Calculus AB teacher, and it was my favorite class that I took at Neuqua. Not only was he a great teacher, but he also made class so much more enjoyable by giving us daily pep talks, stories and random advice.

Christopher Kesler

FP: Colorado State University

TS: Mr. Tatham

Nehel Khan

SQ: "The best and most unforgettable memories are the little moments that you don't plan on remembering."

FP: I plan on becoming a doctor of pharmacy.

TS: Dr. Hobbs

Salman Khan

SQ: "You wanna do something fun?? Wanna go to Tacobell?"

FP: Attending UIUC for Marketing; Living Laughing Loving <3.

TS: Mr. & Mrs. Rossi, Mrs. Sammit, Mr. Figi, Mrs. Kagan, Mr. McCoskey and Ms. Sultan were not only empathetic and genuine in their desire to teach, but made class entertaining and something worth looking forward to.

Amsal Khimani

FP: I will be attending the Univer-

sity of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

TS: Of all the teachers at Neuqua Valley, it is the band department (Mr. Seidel, Mrs. Binder, Mr. Lauff, Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Javan) that educated me the most. I may have learned more difficult things in more difficult and essential classes, but what I learned in band trumps all others. Sure, I learned how to be a better trombonist, but more importantly I learned what it means to be a good person, a good human, and a good friend. And that education can only come from those who know you personally, knows your strengths and your weaknesses and knows your growth over the years. I can surely say that the band department is where I learned how to be better altogether at Neuqua Valley.

Ramsha Khurshid

SQ: "The wise build bridges, while the foolish build barriers."

FP: Engineering Pathways at COD and UIUC

TS: Mrs. Andreas - helping me find my love for reading again

Will Kiecker

FP: Indiana University, international studies, with a minor in German

TS: Ms. Tufo, Ms. Calvert, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Verdin and Mr. Monis

Enoch Kim

MM: 'Stealing' my friend's snack during lunch.

SQ: "She doesn't like you, bro, go to sleep."

FP: Get a degree in law and become a lawyer

TS: Mrs. LadebeziScola

Jason Klein

MM: My favorite memory is messing around with my friends every day during lunch.

FP: I plan on going to COD and

transferring to Illinois State or Colorado State to study law and business.

TS: Mr. Dicken

Jack Klug

SQ: "The cram is a scam."

FP: I plan on studying statistics at UIUC, where I will be continuing my expert procrastination.

TS: I'd like to place the limelight on Ms. LaScola for being the sole teacher who enjoys my "humor." Oh, she also threw me a "Double Birthday Bonanza," so that deserves some recognition.

Natalie Kocimski

SQ: "If you were one of my teachers, thank you for putting up with me."

FP: I am going to Iowa State and majoring in event management and minoring in public relations.

TS: Ms. Altidis

Campbell Kohls

SQ: "I thought these four years were going to teach me how to be Beyoncé."

FP: Oberlin College - I am committed to playing lacrosse for their team. I will be studying neuroscience and psychology.

TS: Mr. Rossi and Ms. Schneider have allowed me to grow into the writer and person that I am now. They showed me different perspectives, supported me and allowed me to use my voice. I will always remember their kindness.

Erin Korinek

MM: My favorite memories have been the fun competitions and games in peer partners and advisory!

FP: I am attending Indiana University to study business at the Kelley School of Business!

TS: Mr. Whisler, thank you so much for everything and all of your help since sophomore year block class!

Megan Korinek

MM: My favorite memory from high school was Peer Partners.

FP: I plan on attending the University of Iowa and majoring in business at the Tippie School of Business.

TS: Mr. Cebrzynski was such a great teacher, and I truly learned so much as a student in his class!

Alex Kovalenko

SQ: "The power of an out-stretched arm is unmatched."

FP: I plan to go to COD and also plan to learn how to do this whole "adulting" thing.

TS: Ms. Bien - there are many teachers who will just try to get through the year and don't seem to care about their students or what they are teaching, but Ms. Bien is not one of those. She tries to make the class fun with her activities and personality, and she adapts what she does to the needs of her classes.

Meredith Kristufek

MM: My favorite memories come from being on the swim team, or the time spent with my friends when we left classes early when I was on crutches or win a boot. I have so many memories of my friends and I laughing in the hallways and going on the sketchy elevators.

FP: I will be attending the Savannah College of Art and Design to major in fashion marketing and management.

TS: I'd give a shout-out to Mr. Fitzgerald for making gym fun (when I could participate) and always being so nice to talk to. I'd also like to shout-out Mrs. Stock for being the best math teacher I've ever had.

Blake Kuebelbeck

MM: My favorite memory was homecoming freshman year.

FP: Going to college at Illinois state to study marketing and

sales

TS: Mrs. Yavorski for helping me out with the business field

Sarah Kuper

MM: I really enjoyed going to football games in junior year because I would get to spend time with friends, have a fun time and just scream!

FP: I am attending the College of William and Mary to continue my academic and athletic career as a gymnast. I plan to major in biology or health sciences & kinesiology with a minor in math or neuroscience on the pre-med track. I am super excited for my future!



Aarya Labade

MM: My favorite memories are Hoco 2019, lunch with my friends and sitting at the lockers in the morning.

SQ: "With my friends, our lockers experienced many laughs, cries and secrets."

FP: I'm majoring in psychology at University of Illinois Chicago.

TS: Mr. D'Anza, who retired last year

Lucy Lehman

MM: My favorite memory is being able to experience the second semester of my senior year in person with the Homecoming drive thru, Prom, Senior Spectacular and graduation.

SQ: "Ayo high school graduate checkkkkkkkkkk"

FP: I will be attending North Carolina State University. I will be on the D1 gymnastics team with a major in pre-Med/nursing.

TS: I want to give a shoutout to Ms. P. You have inspired me to push through anything that has got in my way. My mood is always uplifted when I am around you, and you make me feel comfortable and I am able to be my true self. Thank you for everything you have done for me ever since junior year period 3 physics. I am going to miss you the most when I graduate.

Michael Leshock

MM: My favorite memory from Neuqua Valley is getting into a car accident on the way to junior year homecoming.

FP: I'm attending the University of Illinois and will study political science.

TS: Ms. Prawlocki

Blake Lewis

SQ: "No one said it was easy, but it was."

FP: I will be going to North Central College, majoring in business marketing and playing soccer there.

TS: Mrs. Block - my old counselor

Aidan Lewis

SQ: "Half of being smart is knowing when you're dumb."

FP: Go to COD for the first two years and then transfer to University of Illinois for chemical engineering

TS: Mr. Ragusa

Dominick Liacone

MM: One of my favorite moments was getting to call the football game against East St. Louis in 2019 because it was one of the most exciting high school football games I've ever seen.

SQ: "if you go with the flow, the flow goes with you." I got that from a buddy I played baseball with way back, and it's stuck with me because I think it's hilarious.

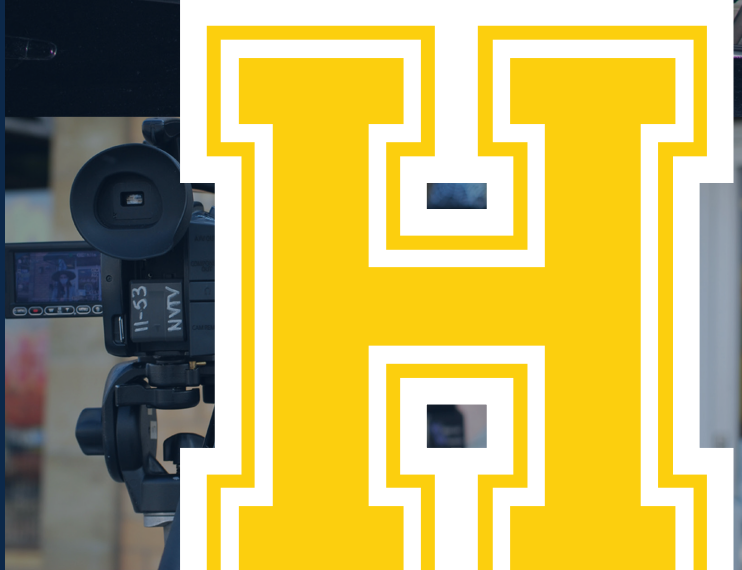
FP: I am going to Ball State University to study digital sports production and minoring in media



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education. I hope to one day be play-by-play announcing or broadcasting with a professional sports organization.

TS: Ms. Traut - I wouldn't be where I'm at or doing what I am now without her and I can't thank her enough for everything she's done.

Kayla Licitra

SQ: "So often we worry about grades and have a mindset that anything below a B is unacceptable, but a C in a class I was failing made all the difference. Be patient with yourself and don't dismiss progress."

FP: Special education-deaf and hard of hearing, possibly a double special education major for learning disabilities, at Illinois State University

TS: Mr. Bodwell - for being my mentor and giving me an outlet through the Spoken Word Team.

George Liu

MM: When I interrupted English class in the middle of a lecture last March to announce that school was moving online

FP: Studying computer science, economics and data science at MIT

TS: Mr. Kennedy

Charles Llewellyn

MM: I drove an RV to school junior year.

FP: Southern Illinois University, automotive technology

TS: Mr. Bidlingmeyer and Mrs. Yavorski

Jason Lu

SQ: "They told me high school was four years, not three."

FP: Northwestern University studying computer engineering

TS: Ms. LaScola, Dr. Hobbs, Mrs. Lavin and Mr. Koos

Kate Lukyanov

SQ: "The last 4 years have been

a roller coaster, and it's crazy how fast it went by."

FP: I'm planning on going to either COD or NSU in Florida to study law/pre-law.

TS: Mr. Brouwer - one of the most down to earth people and definitely the teacher that I learned the most from.



Sean MacDonald

SQ: "Use code CuppaArmy" - mellowmac

FP: Mechanical engineering at Purdue

TS: Mr. Ross

Tyler Madsen

MM: Going to Wisconsin with the soccer team my junior year

FP: I am going to Marquette University, and I plan to study business.

TS: Mr. Johnston

Noelle Maher

SQ: "My parents became teachers at Neuqua, so I could be a theatre major."

FP: I am planning on going to Long Island University Post Campus to study musical theatre.

TS: One teacher that always inspired me was Mrs. Van Milligen; she always was so passionate about her students, and she cast me in my first Neuqua Theatre production. She has always really inspired me and helped me so much throughout my time at Neuqua!

Jen Maimon

MM: Freshman year lunch she-nigans

FP: I will be attending North Central College, and I plan on

majoring in organizational communications.

SQ: Mrs. Thormeyer and Mr. Kennedy

Nandini Maiti

SQ: "Friday the 13th is real."

FP: I will be going to West Point.

TS: Mr. Cummings and Mr. Fox

Anushree Majumdar

MM: My favorite memory is spending time with my friends during Homecoming and homecoming week.

SQ: "The only time you should ever look back, is to see how far you've come." - BTS

FP: I will be studying biomedical science at OSU.

TS: Ms. Schneider and Ms. Jakubas

Gianna Malek

SQ: "High school truly does fly by, so cherish every moment you get."

FP: I am going to Mizzou and majoring in nursing.

TS: Mrs. Nash

Ellen Malone

MM: One of my favorite memories is going to the Galapagos Islands and looking back on all the pictures of our group sleeping on boat rides. I also enjoyed the bus rides to high school soccer games and singing along to music as a team.

FP: I am attending Eckerd College to study marine biology, and I hope to become a marine biologist and specialize in elasmobranchology.

TS: Mr. Vandersteen and Ms. Schneider

Jon Martinez

MM: Meeting new friends to talk and hang out with

FP: Going to college

TS: Mr. Holba

Evelyn Marx

MM: My freshman year throwing

team - we all became super close and have stayed in touch even after everyone has graduated.

FP: Studying nursing at Siena Heights University

TS: Mr. Fumo from my junior year government class - he always made class fun, and I really enjoyed his teaching style. Also, Mr. Ricca from Track - although I did not continue to throw throughout my high school years, he always had the best personality to be around.

Hannah Meger

MM: Favorite memory was APES field trip

FP: University of Missouri, majoring in marketing, planning to go into medical sales

TS: Mr. Whisler

Alexa Mehra

MM: My favorite memory was my very first pep rally freshman year. I sat with my whole swim team, and we just had the best time dancing and watching everyone perform!

TS: I plan on going to college as a health science major with a pre-occupational therapy focus.

TS: Mr. Kennedy - for teaching me how to be a good leader and inspiring me to go into a profession where I get to work with a variety of individuals with special needs

Mena Milivojevic

MM: Mr. Fitz spilling his coffee on my jeans in freshman year advisory

FP: I am majoring in elementary education at the University of Iowa.

TS: Mr. Figli! He was the best teacher, and I looked forward to going to his class everyday.

Alisha Miller

SQ: "When in doubt, use Google."

FP: I plan on attending Aurora

University, and I will be studying social work.

TS: Ms. Little all the way!

Kelly Moore

MM: There was never a dull moment, and Neuqua Valley offered us an interesting adventure!

FP: I will be attending Augustana College and will be majoring in political science! I plan to attend law school and become a lawyer in the future!

TS: Shout out to Mr. Rossi for being one of the greatest and most inspiring teachers I have ever had! He helped my friends and I over the course of our junior year, and I can't thank him enough for his dedication and commitment to his students!

Kyara Munzani

MM: Junior year homecoming

SQ: "I was really at my LOWest point during HIGH school."

FP: Going to Depaul University, planning on majoring in game design

TS: Mr. Turner - probably one of my favorite teachers and super fun and cool to be around

Amanda Murray

MM: When I was going through a really hard time and my friend told me that "no one got anywhere in life leaning on someone else"

FP: ISU to study communications

TS: Mr. Schaub



Jamique Naraine

MM: Getting to know all of the seniors and having a good time

SQ: "Take time to enjoy the moment and the people around you because this could be the last time you see them."

FP: Going to community then transferring

TS: I feel as though all of teachers have inspired to work harder in some way, but if I had to choose, it would be Mr. McCann, Mrs. Fraczky, and Mr. Verdin because I feel as though they pushed when I just wasn't motivated to work.

Katelyn Nardulli

MM: My favorite memories from Neuqua have been riding to and from soccer games on the bus with my team.

FP: Going to Xavier University to become a pediatric nurse and play soccer.

TS: Ms. LaScola was my favorite teacher who I was lucky to have for two years in a row for English classes.

Riddhi Naresh

SQ: "What are taxes? Credit? Chile, anyways $y=mx+b$ tho"

FP: IU - Kelley School of Business: I plan on majoring in finance, while simultaneously working towards getting into dental school for post-grad.

TS: Mrs. Lavin - I don't know how I would have survived most of my AP classes without her! She is one of the most genuine and passionate teachers who goes above and beyond to help her students. She has definitely pushed me to achieve beyond what I thought I was capable of!

Rewa Narsana

MM: Going to Anaheim my sophomore year for BPA Nationals

FP: University of Michigan - Study: economics & environmental science

TS: Mrs. Schmidtgal

Ashley Nelson

MM: My favorite memory is all

of the football games with fun themes at Neuqua.

FP: I plan on studying business management at DePaul University.

TS: Ms. Dunham helped me realize my love for business.

Emma Neubauer

SQ: "Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

FP: I plan to attend a college to study biology, on a path to becoming a physicians assistant.

TS: Mr. Williams! I was actually taught by Mr. Williams twice; he did a great job of supporting me as a student, and I learned to really appreciate his classes.

Maia Ninan

MM: My favorite memory over the last four years has to be the chaos of Crystal Concert season each year.

FP: University of Wisconsin-Madison

TS: Mr. Seidel works hard to make the band room feel like a family, and make sure that each and every one of us felt accepted. I thank him for being such a welcoming and kind figure in my high school career!

Jarrett Niznik

MM: The sink

FP: West Chicago Electrical School

TS: Mr. Figi

Elise Noonan

MM: My favorite memory at Neuqua was always performing with my Orchesis team at pep rally.

SQ: "Thanks for the memories."

FP: Studying behavioral neuroscience at Grand Valley State University

TS: Mrs. Kontos - she and I really connected, and she was always there for me in my classes. Mrs. Woodham - I know she's not a teacher, but she really did a lot

for me, same with Mrs. Little; they helped me so much with my mental health, and I'm so grateful.

Kaydon Norkus

SQ: "Thank you, Neuqua, for shaping me into the person I am today."

FP: Baseball at Southern Illinois

TS: Ms. Prawlocki

Lora Nwanesi

SQ: "A devastating blow... a worthy opponent."

FP: University of Pittsburgh, molecular biology - cell & development (pre-med track).

TS: Mrs. Ryder



E.J. Oketona

MM: Watching Mr. Ricca win the 100m at State Track

FP: Going to study information systems

TS: Mr. Holba gave me a great picture of how working in the future will feel when you have a good work ethic.

Emmie Opyd

MM: Hanging out in Mrs Sammit's room!

FP: I plan on studying forensics, behavioral sciences and possibly law!

TS: Mrs. Sammit and Mr. Rossi



Abbey Paik

SQ: "They told me high school was going to be four years not three."

FP: I'm going to the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and studying interdisciplinary health sciences at the College of Applied Health Science.

TS: Mr. Cummings, Mrs. Lavin, Ms. La Scola and Mr. Williams

Grant Palmer

SQ: "Hard Work Pays Off."

Whether that be in school, sports, a relationship, or whatever you are interested in, working hard at something each and every day will always pay off."

FP: In the future, I plan to attend a 2-year juco for baseball, and then transfer into a big-time Division One school. I have dreams of studying kinesiology and exercise sciences, and becoming a strength and conditioning trainer for collegiate/professional sports teams if my professional baseball dreams do not come true.

TS: I would say that my baseball coach, Mr. Thornton, has impacted me and inspired me to become the ball player and the man that I am today. He has pushed me both on and off the field, and I have been able to better myself over my four years at Neuqua Valley thanks to his leadership and passion for what he does.

Andre Park

SQ: "A mistake is only a failure if you never learn from it."

FP: Mathematics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

TS: Mr. Fox, thank you for inspiring me to pursue excellence and showing me how to be such a thorough thinker!

Nishikar Paruchuri

SQ: "huhhh"

FP: Going to college and studying biology and/or computer

science

TS: Ms. Simmons

Sierra Pattelli

SQ: "It was a good one."

FP: COD and I plan to study Business for interior design

TS: Mrs. Franzyk

Ratan Pedamallu

MM: My sophomore year basketball season

FP: I'm going to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and I'm going to major in accounting.

TS: Mr. Fox

Gia Pelzer

SQ: "Pound it!"

FP: I will be attending Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, and I will be golfing there as well as studying elementary education.

TS: Mr. Voller and Mrs. Dabezic

Addyson Perry

MM: My favorite memory was performing at the pep rally freshman year with the dance team.

FP: I am going to Indiana University and majoring in media.

TS: Shoutout to Mr. G for always encouraging me to be my best and believing in my potential.

Claire Peterson

SQ: "I cried in like a cool way."

FP: Attending Illinois State University - majoring in Psychology

TS: Shoutout to Ms P. for being so real and fun!

Mia Peterson

SQ: "Get in the boat and row."

FP: Iowa State for chemical engineering

TS: Mrs. Stock, thanks for an incredible two years of math, I will always appreciate the fun class experience and the attention and love you gave to us.

Ryan Pettey

SQ: "Veni Vidi Vici"

FP: DePaul University

TS: Mr. Fox for having more passion for his course than I thought any teacher ever could

Kylie Pickering

SQ: "It's okay to let go."

FP: Double majoring in biology and theatre at Chapman University

TS: Mrs. West and Mrs. Stock

Jess Pimentel

MM: One of my favorite memories was sitting in the back of AP 3 in Mr. Rossi's class where he had a Student Panic Room for us to sit in if we ever wanted to or if we were ever stressed about anything.

FP: Going to University of South Florida to major in criminology and minor in forensic psychology

TS: Thank you Ms. P for everything you've done for me these past two years and never failing to put a smile on my face. I'll miss you!

Natalie Pizza

MM: My favorite memory was winning 3A dance team Sectionals my freshman year **SQ:** "I was told senior year would go by in a flash not on zoom."

FP: Attending the University of Alabama and planning on majoring in business with a minor in entrepreneurship

TS: A teacher that impacted me would be Mrs. Thormeyer because she was someone I could trust and talk about my day to. She did a great job at making school more enjoyable for sure. She's the type of teacher you wish you could have all four years of highschool. I love you, Mrs. T.

Jailen Poole

SQ: "He hit the curb." - Laine

FP: I plan to major in business

and management.

TS: Mr. Verdin. I had Mr. Verdin for two classes senior year, and let me tell you, no one cares about their students more. Mr. Verdin goes above and beyond to make sure his students succeed in his class and after. His style of dealing with unruly students is better than other teachers; he works with you.

Gavin Poulos

SQ: "Try freshman year"

FP: Western Colorado University

TS: Mr. Gelsimino

Anna Previti

MM: Favorite memory has to be running the American flag down the football field with the team last year in a banana suit. Absolutely iconic.

FP: I'll be attending Clemson University and majoring in secondary education in English.

TS: The legends: Mr. Rossi, Mr. Treptow, Mr. Haas and Dr. Hobbs. They are all what I look up to in becoming a teacher.

Cole Priser

SQ: "L8r"

FP: Purdue University, studying computer science

TS: Mr. Koos



Madison Qualtier

MM: Going to the homecomings and football games

FP: Will be majoring in finance at the University of Alabama

TS: Mr. Keller

Vaanathi Rajasingham

SQ: "Your story may not have such a happy beginning, but that doesn't make you who you are. It is the rest of your story—who you choose to be." - Soothsayer from Kung Fu Panda 2

FP: I'm going to McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and I plan on studying social sciences!

TS: Señorita Tiffin was my Spanish teacher for sophomore and junior year, and I loved every minute of her class! She created such a fun learning environment, and she always took the chance to learn more about her students. I felt so much more comfortable speaking Spanish because of her class, and I will never forget the silly memes and jokes she started each class with!

Natalie Rappe

SQ: "Twelve years of school later and, all I get is a piece of paper and a handshake..."

FP: I am going to COD for fashion merchandising.

Jim Reindl

SQ: "Dogecoin to the moon."

FP: I'm going to Mizzou to study finance and journalism.

TS: I've known Ms. Traut for 3 years now and she's been super impactful in my personal development

Jane Riehs

SQ: "Donuts are always the answer."

FP: University of San Diego, psychology, part of swim and dive team at San Diego

TS: Mr. Whisler

Jenna Roach

MM: My favorite part of Neuqua would definitely have to be junior year in media class because that class was so fun.

FP: I am going to COD for one year, then I will be attending University of Kentucky, where I will be majoring in business.

TS: Mr. Fitz from freshman PE will forever be my favorite teacher because he was so kind, and I saw him at a country concert.

Kaitlyn Robinson

SQ: "Take every opportunity that you have because it might be something you might never get to experience again."

FP: Planning to go to the FBI Academy to be an FBI field agent

TS: Mrs. Ruff, she has been awesome and someone I can always talk to if something is wrong. If it wasn't for her, I probably would not have been able to survive high school with all of the new paths to take. She is awesome and very fun and exciting person to talk to, and she always listens and gives advice if you need it. Thank you Mrs. Ruff for everything that you have done for me and the school!

Desiree Romero

MM: My favorite memories will always be from the Variety Show; it was a great way to unite all the students and have us cheer for one another.

FP: I am planning on going to Loyola University to study psychology.

TS: Mrs. Ryder.

Claire Rusin

SQ: "This is my rock bottom." - Dot Campbell

FP: I am going to National Louis University to major in criminal justice to be a detective in the SVU.

TS: Mr. Gelsomino

Zahra Sajjad

SQ: "Our childhood was the free trial; now it's time to start paying the subscription fee in the form of taxes"

FP: I'm planning on going to UIC to study biology in hopes of going into immunology.

TS: Mrs. Sammit

Gowri Salem

MM: My favorite memory was all of Neuqua choir and badminton; it felt like a second family all four years. Thanks to Neuqua for making me develop as a student, athlete, musician and person.

FP: Indiana University Bloomington - majoring in marketing/business and minoring in music and information systems

TS: Mrs. Lavin inspired me to not give up, spent time motivating and helping me when I was one of the only girls and sophomores struggling in APCSP.

Diego Salinas

SQ: "Don't be sad because it's over, smile because it happened."

FP: I plan to major in engineering systems and designs at UIUC.

TS: Mrs. Wilson was by far the most fun and memorable teacher I had in my four years in high school.

Delainey Sanders

MM: My favorite memory is taking American Society Block and getting to watch "The Great Gatsby."

FP: Colorado State University, I am majoring in biomedical and chemical and biological engineer-

ing

TS: Mrs. Kolbaba

Ryan Scheleski

MM: Anatomy and Physiology field trip to Marquette University's Cadaver Lab

SQ: "Don't expect anything and you won't be disappointed."

FP: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, majoring in biology

TS: Dr. Fuys

Benjamin Schiewe

FP: University of Nebraska (UNL), computer engineering

TS: Mr. Fox

Ari Schneider

SQ: "Just don't go to the Neuqua basement and look up."

FP: I plan to double major in history and Spanish with an alternate route to teaching certification.

TS: Thank you to Ms. La Scola for supporting all of her students and helping me break out of my shell. Her teaching is totally dynamic, and I never felt more valued as an introvert.

Bianca-Hanh Schneider

SQ: "But I realized some bigger dreams of mine." - Taylor Swift

FP: I'm going to Cal State University, Northridge to study political science.

TS: Ms. Prawlocki

Elena Schopler

SQ: "Covid who?"

FP: DePaul University

TS: Mrs. Jensen

Lucia Scola

SQ: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou

FP: To become a nail technician

TS: Ms. Altidis and Mr. Verdin

Ryan Scott

SQ: "R.I.P. Betty White, she ain't dead, but for when she does cuz' I know it's coming up."

FP: Lewis University, aviation

TS: Ms. Prawlocki

Matthew Senanou

SQ: "Waiting for my Jordan moment."

FP: University of North Carolina

TS: Madame Beck

Ravidi Serasinghe

SQ: "Always be appreciative of what you have."

FP: I will be attending Loyola University in Chicago and majoring in public health.

TS: There are so many but I would say Mrs. Thormeyer, Ms. Schneider and Mr. Johnston.

Nicole Sermeno

MM: My most memorable moments were during the crazy hours of tech week leading up to the Orchestris Showcase. I loved taking the stage surrounded by the people I love all four years.

FP: I plan on attending Purdue University. I will be entering their first year engineering program and proceed on to majoring in mechanical engineering.

TS: Special thank you to Mrs. Smart and Ms. La Scola for creating memorable learning environments within their classrooms. I am grateful for all their work and dedication.

Skylar Serrano

SQ: "As long as you are learning, you are not failing." - Bob Ross

FP: I'm going to Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO to study art education.

TS: Mrs. Sammit has helped me develop my style and portfolio and build up my technical skill to a place I'm really proud of.

Daniyah Shah

MM: Listening to music in the hallways

FP: I am going to be attending Loyola University with a major in management. I will also be receiving my real estate license this year and becoming a real estate agent.

TS: Mr. Arquilla

Bhoomi Sharma

SQ: "Fate favors the fearless, and I can only hope I've been brave enough to have its favor."

FP: I'm attending the Parsons School of Design.

TS: Shoutout to Ms. Sammit for consistently being a teacher I could look up to, who always helped me and guided me. She's a big part of the reason I am the person I am today.

Cierra Shearrill

SQ: "Maybe Cap can do this all day, but I can't, peace out!"

FP: I'm attending the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California, and I plan on majoring in visual effects and animation.

TS: Mr. Verdin, thank you for inspiring me to use my voice and step out of my comfort zone!

Nihal Shivannagari

SQ: "I am a quarter way to death and have nothing to show for it."

FP: Going to college

TS: Aniket Joglekar, while not an actual teacher, has inspired me to work harder whenever possible.

Vishnu Siva

MM: My favorite memory has to be the Crystal Concert from my junior year because you're able to see all the music students and come together as a whole school and produce such an awesome concert. Having the entire group together was an amazing feeling.

FP: I plan on attending Loyola

University Chicago this upcoming fall on the track of healthcare administration.

TS: A teacher that has impacted me throughout my high school career has to be Mrs. Binder; she has made my high school career one to remember and I can never forget how much of a great influence and role model she has been for me. Thank you for all that you do for us, Mrs. Binder!

Ava Slowinski

MM: One of the most memorable moments of my years at Neuqua Valley was hosting a student from Slovakia! It was such a great experience to meet someone from another country and get to know them so well.

FP: I plan to study environmental science in college. I want to go into a career that will help reverse the effects of the climate crisis.

TS: My creative writing teacher Ms. Schneider was a wonderful teacher. She taught me and my class so much about what it is to be a good author and how to write something meaningful. I will use what I learned in that class for the rest of my life.

Stephen Smilie

SQ: "I got nothing."

FP: UW-Stevens Point for zoology

TS: Mr. Schaub

Kendell Smith

SQ: "Impossible, improbable, summon the will, inevitable."

FP: Pursuing a bachelor's or a master's degree in business management and administration. From there, my ambition is to become an entrepreneur and build my own business, with the end goal of creating a successful company.

TS: Mrs. Dailey

Kenneth Smith

MM: Homecoming

FP: I will be attending Butler University Fall of 2021. I plan on double majoring in psychology and criminology with a minor in special education!

TS: Mr. Kennedy

Lucy Smith

SQ: "My therapist knows all of your names."

FP: Going to COD

TS: Mrs. Pavlik - giving good financial advice to help aid in the future with buying apartments, houses, cars, budgeting etc.

Aanya Sood

SQ: "Essentially every family is communistic." - Mr. Rossi

FP: University of Illinois Chicago

TS: Mrs. Vaidya

Gio Spatafora

MM: My favorite memory at Neuqua was homecoming sophomore year.

FP: Going to University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, majoring in biology

TS: Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Prawlocki

Callahan Steen

SQ: "Couldn't burn this place down because I didn't have any gas money."

FP: Western Illinois, criminal justice

TS: Mr. Farrar and Mrs. Dabezic

Rachel Stege

MM: I will never forget sophomore year swimming the 500 free at state and touching the wall to a standing ovation because I won and broke the state record then to later on have the team win our first title in Neuqua history.

FP: I am going to swim at the University of Georgia and study sports and exercise science; later on be an Olympian, rich and travel the world.

TS: Mrs. Wilson

Silke Stellingsma

MM: I have never heard my name being pronounced wrong in so many different ways.

FP: I am an exchange student this year, and when I go back to the Netherlands, I am going to attend the Hanze University of Applied Sciences where I will be studying nursing.

TS: Mr. Java

Ashley Stis

SQ: "Well... this was nothing like High School Musical."

FP: I will be attending the University of Michigan with the major of movement science in the School of Kinesiology on the pre-med track.

TS: Mr. Kennedy - for helping me find one of my passions with Peer Partners

Nicole Straczynski

SQ: "I'll cry at the end of the day, not with fresh makeup." - Kim Kardashian

FP: I'm most likely going to Marquette University. I will be majoring in biomedical sciences, with a minor in business, on the pre-dental track.

TS: Thank you Ms. Burns for being the best science and AP Biology teacher I've ever had!

Emily Stubitz

SQ: "I wish there was a way to know you were in the good old days before you actually left them." - Andy Bernard

FP: I plan on becoming a veterinary technologist and train service dogs.

TS: Mrs. Thormeyer

Ankita Sundaram

MM: Falling down Neuqua's stairs and then being on crutches for 1 month

FP: Attending Indiana University and I am studying finance and ac-

counting and minoring in music
TS: Mrs. Schmidtgall, thanks for always motivating me to be my best self in VEl and making class so fun.

Connor Sweeney

MM: Freshman year homecoming with my friends
FP: COD
TS: Mr. Whisler

Allison Swiebocki

MM: My favorite memory of Neuqua is being on the cheer team for the past three years.
FP: Western Michigan University, majoring in elementary education and minoring in special education
TS: Mrs. Ryder has inspired me to follow my dreams and be my own person.



Ishani Talukder

SQ: "It's all just conditioning. It's a rare man who truly knows who he is." - TB
FP: I am studying engineering; however, I want to dual-major in astronomy, astrophysics or business management. In the future, I plan on travelling the world before I officially settle down.
TS: Mr. Tegtmeyer

Julie Tarling

SQ: "Eat, pray, love."
FP: Augustana College in Rock Island for a double major in international business and marketing
TS: Madame Beck

Greg Teresky

MM: Winning 2019 DVC championship in football
FP: Iowa State, business analyst

ics
TS: Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Ryder, Mr. Brouwer, Mr. Polanski, Mr. Treptow, Mr. Monis and Mrs. Ameling

Tara Tesmond

MM: I enjoyed playing soccer at Neuqua. I will also enjoy graduating and being done with high school.
FP: I am playing soccer at Indiana State University.
TS: Mr. Moreau retired last year, but he is an amazing teacher, coach, and person. He made Neuqua soccer intense and competitive, yet he was so funny and relatable when I had him in class. Mrs. Kontos is also a teacher that I really admire because of her inclusiveness and kindness to everyone. She is extremely understanding and puts a lot of time into what she does for us as students.

Karthi Thiyagarajan

SQ: "If you're afraid, it's probably a worthwhile adventure."
FP: I will be attending Loyola University and majoring in biochemistry. I will be following the pre-medical track and hope to become a doctor in the future.
TS: Dr. Meeker

Kylie Thomas

MM: My favorite memory is creating great friends that are always there for me and creating fun memories every step of the way with them.
FP: I am going to University of Arizona and majoring in business administration.
TS: Mrs. Knuth has inspired me to pursue a major in the business field.

Emma Tolentino

SQ: "Be excellent to each other!"
FP: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, animal sciences on the pre-veterinary track

TS: Mrs. Nash because she helped me through calculus in the midst of the pandemic and played a huge part in my college admissions journey.

Nicole Torres

SQ: "No bread, no butter, no mayo. It's rye bread."
FP: I will be studying psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign!
TS: Shout out to Ms. LaScola! You rock!

Sanya Trehan

SQ: "Y'ALL THANK GOD FOR GOOGLE."
FP: Indiana University to be an investment banker
TS: Mrs. Schmidtgall

Sophia Trekas

SQ: "Life is like a box of chocolates. There's always going to be the terrible coconut one you bite into and instantly regret."
FP: I am attending Illinois State University and majoring in criminal justice and sciences. My future goal is to become an FBI agent.
TS: Mr. Rossi - he has helped me so much, just in one semester. I appreciate him so much and hope for the best in his future.

Anusha Trivedi

MM: My favorite memories at Neuqua were at lunch when I was able to relax and spend time with my friends. I also really enjoyed attending Model UN conferences each year.
FP: I'm attending UIC's GPPA Direct Medical Program. I plan to major in Integrated Health Studies and minor in history. I hope to be a doctor.
TS: I would like to give a shout-out to Mrs. Dabezic. She has always been there for me, and she always made class a fun, inclusive space.

Ava Turnquist

MM: My favorite memories are from the sidelines of the Homecoming Week pep rallies.

FP: Majoring in elementary education at the University of Iowa

TS: Mrs. T - as a coach and teacher



Vincentas Vaicaitis

SQ: "Just because you're trash doesn't mean you cannot do great things. It's called garbage can not garbage cannot." - Yunosuke Shigeta

FP: I plan to attend COD and study engineering.

TS: Mr. Geers was the best teacher I had during remote learning, since he made class easy and fun during COVID.

Avik Vaish

MM: McBride dancing at the Hoco Rally a couple of years ago

FP: I am going to the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, majoring in computer engineering.

TS: Mr. Vandersteen

Taylor Veerachat

MM: Performing at football games

FP: I will be attending the University of Iowa.

TS: Mr. Brouwer

Suhasni Venkatsubrahmanianw

MM: Junior year AP 3 English class with the talented Mrs. Dabezic. Our anxiousness for close reads and ICEs soon turned jovial and lighthearted, as we all realized we were receiving the same poor grades. Loved the

Julius Caesar themed acting class, or the lifeboat activity that catapulted the class into chaos.

FS: I'm planning on majoring in health sciences, and going on the pre-P.A. track! Hoping to either commit to University of Georgia or University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign soon!

TS: Ms. Prawlocki always speaks her mind and is generous with advice; a compassionate realist.

Gianna Vittorioso

SQ: "Four years felt like four days"

FP: Study nursing

TS: Mrs. Thormeyer

Lauren Voegele

MM: Making history puns with my friends while working back stage during the spring musicals

FP: Next year, I'm going to be studying biology at George Washington University. Eventually, I hope to pursue a masters in forensics and work as a forensic scientist.

TS: Madame Beck

Jenna Voorhees

MM: My favorite memory from high school was going to the football games with all my friends.

FP: I will be attending Purdue University to study cybersecurity.

TS: Ms. LaScola and Ms. Prawlocki



Andrew Wagner

MM: Love that I got to play with my band Dopamine on stage for Neuqua, a true experience

FP: Going to COD to study fire

science and eventually become a fireman

TS: Mrs. Collier

Zuzanna Wargala

SQ: "You can't do all the good the world needs, but the world needs all the good that you can do."

FP: I'll be studying biomedical science at North Central College for the next four years, as the first step on my path to becoming a general practitioner in the future.

TS: Shoutout to Mr. Java for being such an inspiration and showing unwavering support for his students. Thank you for everything that you do.

Nylah Washington

MM: Sophomore year was probably my favorite year because I was finally in the main building, and I met some close friends and experienced what high school was going to be like for real.

FP: Go to College of Dupage for my first two years then transfer to an HBCU to continue to learning engineering

TS: Mr. Kos impacted me majorly my sophomore year. He is the type of teacher that you have inside jokes with but also real life conversations with. He was also just a great teacher in general, taught lessons very thoroughly and made sure everyone understood. I will forever be thankful to have a teacher like Mr. Kos. Thank you.

Kendall Wasunyk

SQ: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller

FP: The University of Mississippi to major in legal studies

TS: Ms. Ktistow

Maria Widmann

SQ: "Embrace every moment.

Enjoy the little things and don't take high school for granted. Everyone says it goes by fast but be prepared for it to go by even faster."

FP: I will be attending Grand Valley State University. I will be majoring in marketing and will be running for their cross country and track programs.

TS: Mr. Johnston, one of the best teachers I had while at Neuqua Valley. I never really enjoyed math until taking his class. The skills he taught me I use on a daily basis and have helped me get to where I am in math today.

Alexis Wisnieski:

SQ: "Gaslight. Gatekeep. Girlboss."

FP: Beat God in a fist fight.

TS: Mrs. Sammit, she swag :)

Jeremy Wiles

SQ: "Dude, I swear to you this pangolin tastes amazing."

FP: Going to college up in Michigan and studying engineering

TS: It's got to be Mr. Ross or Mrs. Bien. Both were amazing teachers that I was able to relax knowing their classes were going to be fun. I know they made me laugh a ton, and because of their classes, I know more of what I want to do.

Lauren Wittry

MM: My favorite memories are from my four years of marching band—snow on competition day, sudden rain during practice and marching back to the school after football games.

FP: Knox College, undecided

TS: Mrs. Binder, Mrs. Dabezic and Ms. Kagan

Grace Xu

SQ: "In my Parvati Shallow era."

FP: I am going to the University of Michigan Ann-Arbor, and I am majoring in statistics.

TS: Mrs. Dabezic, for being the most enthusiastic and entertaining teacher I've ever had.

Sarah Yasin

SQ: "When life closes a door, open it again. That's how doors work."

FP: I'm going to major in computer science at UIC and hopefully work in gaming and/or the VR industry. I would also love to travel more and learn a new language!

Saranya Yegappan

MM: My favorite memory has to be homecoming! It was a blast each year.

FP: I will be studying civil engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign!

TS: Mr. Walker and Mr. Kennedy

Gabrielle Zavala

SQ: "High School Musical lied to us."

FP: I am going to Eastern Illinois University! I will be studying communication disorders and sciences and hope to be a future speech therapist!

TS: Mr. Gonzalez (Gonzo)

Ian Zhang

SQ: "I'd give it a 9/10. Had to take off 2 points for COVID."

FP: I will be attending the University of Chicago, where I am planning to study economics and statistics.

TS: Mrs. Lavin, Mr. Whisler, Mr. Polanski, Mr. Fox and Mr. Rossi

Raymond Zhao

SQ: "They're similar but different, mandarins and oranges."

FP: I'm going to major in CS at UW-Madison.

TS: Mr. Fox

Caitlin Zimmerman

MM: Walking through the hallways and seeing your friends

FP: I plan on going to the University of Illinois at Chicago; I am going in undecided.

TS: Mrs. Lawson, my junior year English teacher, was always there to support and help me.

Deborah Zimmerman

SQ: "Join the clubs that interest you, you'll regret it if you don't."

FP: Going to SIU for mortuary sciences



TO THE CLASS OF 2021,

This year was filled with nothing but surprises. You started off learning from behind a computer and finished with an in-person graduation, all just two highlights of what has been quite the senior year. After completing twelve years of education, you all are ready to take the next steps towards your future—whatever it may hold.

High school is filled with many trials and tribulations. There's those teachers that you never quite seemed to click with, those assignments you submitted at 11:59 p.m. and forgetting to mute yourself when you're watching TV during class. Nevertheless, you manage to laugh with your classmates, you cheer at football games and you all unite to laugh at your teachers over-using the phrase "Room-ers and Zoom-ers." You begin to discover your interests; you find those friends that will stay a lifetime, and most importantly, you begin to understand who you really are.

Graduating high school is no feat to be underestimated. Though the recent year was filled with many hardships and black screens, you all managed to find the shining light at the end of the tunnel. It truly has been an amazing journey filled with laughter and tears. Although you may be worried about the future, it's time to take a step back and recognize how far you have come.

We're incredibly proud of you for all that you've done and cannot wait to see you do more big things in the future. It's been an honor to watch you all grow, and we hope that one day, we can be as amazing as you. Congratulations and good luck.

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