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Activities involved in during high school:

Volleyball
Musical
Speech: Musical theatre and short film
Play: Superheroes
Vocal jazz
Dance team
Track



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I had change a lot through high school. I learned from my mistakes and my failures becoming a person more mature and I'm also more open to try new experiences, to get out of my comfort zone.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? I loved all my teachers here, even if they tried to scare me (Mr. DeVore) or laugh at my cool Spanish accent.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? My last year in Spain was the most stressful one because of all we had to study. This year has also been stressful, but it was a good stressful year. What I mean with that is that I had a lot of things to do each day, but they were things I liked, such as singing, acting or filming for speech.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? You don't know how lucky you are of having this educational system, that is much easier than Europe's system. Take advantage of it and get good grades, because those grades are going to help to get in the college you want and get scholarships. Then, travel if you can. You learn so much traveling, and if you are able to travel at college, do it!

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I think we get too many chances to get things done or right and that makes us lazy. Teachers should be more strict with us and that would help us to be more responsible.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive all my experience of this year. It has been awesome and I wouldn't change this experience for anything in the world. I have learned so many things here and met so many great people! I'm so sad I only have one month left... I'm going to miss everyone so much!

Describe your worst fashion moment. At the begin of the year I dressed up every day of the week, and now I come with sweatpants!

What is your dream job? I would like to be a film director or just work on TV productions.

What is your favorite movie quote?
"What we do in life echoes in eternity" - Gladiator

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm trying to stay next year in Iowa for college, but it's really expensive here! In Spain public universities are almost free! Right now I have been accepted to a couple of colleges here and one of them that I like is Luther. I had been applying for scholarships, so I hope I can afford coming back next year!

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I guess that being here has been the hardest thing, although it hasn't been hard at all. I didn't get homesick because everyone is so nice and that made it a lot easier. I loved every second of my time in America, even if I'm surrounded by corn and pigs!

What one event has most impacted your life so far?
Being here had changed me so much and I learned a lot. You are all by your own, in a country you don't know, talking a language you are not really good at. It sounds crazy, but it's great. It helps you realize that not everyone lives like you do and it makes you more mature and independent.

Annie Fjelstul

Activities involved in during high school:

Basketball (4), Volleyball (4), Softball (2), Large group speech (4), Individual speech (4), Play (4), Musical (3), NHS (3), TEL (4), TATU (4), Spanish Club (4), Mentoring Program (2), NHS (3)



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I definitely feel as though I have changed throughout high school. I have learned so many great lessons and have just grown up in general. I have found out what really matters to me and who my true friends are.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? All of the teachers at Maquoketa Valley are extremely inspirational, but I would have to say that Mr. and Mrs. DeVore are probably my most inspirational teachers. They inspire me to be the best me that I can be, whether it be in the classroom or on the stage.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? In kindergarten Austin Knock and I used to be the least troublesome kids in our class. I distinctly remember a time when Mrs. Rissler bought us coloring books and crayons from the book fair so we could sit out in the library and color while the rest of the kids got in trouble. That was pretty awesome.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? I think senior year has been the most stressful just because there is so much going on and so much planning to be done. You're constantly filling out scholarships and looking for new ones, or deciding where you're going to go to college, or planning your graduation party, etc. Planning for the future, although extremely exciting, is stressful.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? The best advice I can give is to not be afraid to be yourself and stand out. Be who you want to be and not what others expect you to be. Make your own choices and just be you. Don't get caught up in what other people think of you, because at the end of the day, the only person whose opinion matters about you is your own. Be confident in yourself and be proud of yourself.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I think Maquoketa Valley is a pretty awesome school. I wouldn't want to be graduating from anywhere else. The only thing I disagree on here is how it's pretty much impossible to fail. Kids just get chance after chance to do their homework and to me that's setting them up for failure in the long run. They won't get chance after chance in the real world, outside of high school.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would want to relive state basketball just one more time. Being at state basketball and walking on the court in the Well is one of the best feelings I have ever had. It's truly amazing. It gives me goosebumps just thinking about it. This is an experience I hope everyone gets a chance to encounter.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Gauchos were pretty ugly, but, hey, I rocked them.

What is your dream job? My dream job is to be a pediatrician at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

What is your favorite movie quote? "You can't live your life for other people. You've got to do what's right for you, even if it hurts some people you love." -The Notebook

What does your future (college and career) look like? Next year I plan to attend the University of Iowa to major in biomedical engineering with a focus on pre-med. After that I plan to attend medical school, hopefully at the University of Iowa as well, to become a pediatrician.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I don't consider anything in my life to have been extremely hard. Honestly, I've had it pretty easy. I'm thankful for every tough situation I've had to go through, but just one very tough one doesn't stick out in my head.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Going out for speech freshman year was pretty influential. I feel as though I have changed quite a bit from speech and I wouldn't be the person I am today without it. Also my dad's accident has been pretty influential. I'm so thankful he's still here with us today.

Mary Feldmann

Activities involved in during high school: Dance, softball, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, track, speech, musicals, and plays.

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

Yes, very much. I believe I have matured a great deal since freshman year. There is so much less drama and I have distanced myself from those who think drama is a number 1 priority.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Mrs. DeVore. She has been there for me a lot in the last four years. Not only homework in school but also speech and play. She has been like another mother to me over the years and she has inspired me to help others just like she has helped me.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Going to the principals office repeatedly. At the time it wasn't funny of course, but looking back at the goofy stuff I did is pretty amusing.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Senior year by far! You can either make senior year your easiest or hardest year, and I definitely made it my hardest. Along with my difficult college credit classes at Kirkwood, getting ready for college has also been very stressful, but still exciting.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Try your hardest now because if you don't, you'll regret it later on.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? Give the kids who are failing more consequences to make them want to do better.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? My junior prom because it was probably one of the best nights of my life getting to experience what it's all about.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Wearing the same outfit as someone else which happened a lot and sometimes on purpose.

What is your dream job? To be a very famous actress in Hollywood.

What is your favorite movie quote? "Crushed it." - Fat Amy

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to spend four years at Iowa State receiving a major in criminal justice and a minor in Spanish. After college I hope to have a well paying job that has to do with criminal justice and makes me happy.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Apologize for something that I didn't do to make the situation better for everyone.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Receiving my confirmation, because for the past two years I've taught religion which has really changed my life. I wouldn't have been given that opportunity if I hadn't gotten confirmed.



Steve Huber

Activities involved in during high school: Football, Wrestling, Track, Baseball, Golf, FFA, NHS, Student Council

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

Yes, I have become more independent and less naive of the world.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Mr. DeVore. He understands that failure is a part of life and that you must fail to have success.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Playing volleyball or roller blading in middle school.

What was the most stressful year in high school?

Why? Senior year. You decide your future within nine months.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Understand that teachers are only here to help you.

They're not out to get you. Work hard and things will go your way most of the time.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I think an open lunch policy would be a great idea.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Any of the state playoff football games or my last wrestling match of my career.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Gray on gray on gray on gray

What is your dream job? Designing tractors for John Deere.

What is your favorite movie quote? Get busy living or get busy dying. - *Shawshank Redemption*

What does your future (college and career) look like? Go to Iowa State and become an Agricultural Engineer.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Decide whether I wanted to continue to play sports after high school or hang it up.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

There is no one event, but many failures and successes have shaped me into who I have become.



Kelsey Gearhart

Activities involved in during high school: Cross Country, Spanish Club, At Monticello (Book Club, Science Bowl)

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?
YES! Well if I acted like the freshman do, then I have matured a lot! I have also become more disciplined, and have learned a lot!



Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Temple she always has a wise word or two to share with you.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?
Annie called me a dinosaur in first grade, and we had to talk to Mr. Hart about it. Neither of us would talk to him but in the middle of us both crying we looked up and started laughing. Yah, we have been pretty decent friends ever since. (;

What was the most stressful year in high school?
Why? Junior! I worked full time, went to school, and babysat after work and got him up and took him to school in the morning.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Take as many dual credits as possible! Your freshman year GPA does come back to bite you in the butt! Take it seriously; you will be so happy your senior year! You have to pay an application fee, and an acceptance fee to get into college, so just a heads up. GET INVOLVED! Colleges look at that stuff. It never hurts to do community services, it won't kill you, and it looks so good on any application. DO NOT try to work full time and go to school; it is not worth the money.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wouldn't

Describe your worst fashion moment. I wore tennis shoes with everything, and I mean everything.

What is your dream job? Emergency Room Nurse

What is your favorite movie quote? Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming

What does your future (college and career) look like?
Mount Mercy University to become an Emergency Room Nurse

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Working full time, while trying to be a full time student, and taking care of my family.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?
Being adopted

Mindy Burkle

Activities involved in during high school: FFA all four years, Choir freshman year, and 4-H

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?
I have definitely changed a whole lot since my first day of high school. I have gained a lot more confidence and talk more. If you knew me freshman year I hardly said a peep.



Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Mausser because she has helped with reaching my goals of possibly farming someday and getting more involved in the agriculture industry.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?
Eighth grade year when I finally got the courage to sing a solo at the Spectrum concert, and I had a blast.

What was the most stressful year in high school?
Why? Sophomore year was a huge wake up call. For some reason the classes are harder, and having to run to class because the sophomore hallway is so far away from the rest of the classes.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Take every opportunity that comes to you.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley?
Give a little more freedom to the students

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? When I received my Iowa FFA Degree. This is a huge award to received and all my hard work paid off.

What is your dream job? To become a country singer.

What is your favorite movie quote? Even though some of you are pretty thin, you all have fat hearts, and that's what matters. - Fat Amy (Pitch Perfect)

What does your future (college and career) look like?
NICC in Calmar for Dairy Science and then go back to family farm and update the farm. Possibly put in robotic milkers and have a larger dairy herd with some beef cattle.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?
When my Aunt Julie passed away my Junior year. So many things changed after that, my cousin Emmy moved into our house with us. Our family had fought over the stupidest things and when never had gotten back to they way it was before she had passed.

Greg Guetzko

Activities involved in during high school: Choir, Wrestling, Soccer, Cross Country, FFA, 4-H

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

Yes, because I grew up. I'm more mature.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Mr. Andrews. He told me to never give up.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Playing at recess with all of my friends.

What was the most stressful year in high school?

Why? Freshman year. I didn't know where all my classes were, and I didn't know what to expect for homework.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Study hard and don't be afraid to take harder classes.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? Better food.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Going to Matthew's house because we always have fun.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Wearing my sister's pants.

What is your dream job? Help animals.

What is your favorite movie quote?

Gordie: Do you think I'm weird?

Chris: Definitely.

Gordie: No man, seriously. Am I weird?

Chris: Yeah, but so what? Everybody's weird.

What does your future (college and career) look like?

I'm going to NICC or Hawkeye, and I want to go into landscaping or construction.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Take a hard test.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

When my parents adopted me.



Christie Fry

Activities involved in during high school: Softball, Track, Volleyball, Play

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

I feel like I've become an independent, strong person. I've been through a lot so I've learned I can handle anything.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

I believe Mr. Cassutt was the most inspirational teacher I've had.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Dressing up for homecoming and going to the principal's office repeatedly

What was the most stressful year in high school?

Why? Sophomore year

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Just be yourself don't act like your someone your not a lot of people will find that annoying

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? Celebrate more holidays and do more activities as a school

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Hangout with Madi during homecoming just because it was a lot of fun and we made a lot of memories.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Having my knee surgery and having to wear the white stockings for four weeks.

What is your dream job? A model

What is your favorite movie quote?

The movie *Sweet Home Alabama*. He says "Why do you want to marry me anyways?" She replies with "So I can kiss you anytime I want."

What does your future (college and career) look like?

I am attending Upper Iowa to get a major in early education so than I can be a kindergarten teacher.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?

Go through my parents' divorce.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

When my little sister Lanni was born. Ever since that day I've felt like I was actually needed by someone.



Cassandra Hird



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I have matured throughout school.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Dunlap because he is awesome.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? The field trips at the end of the quarter.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? 9th was stressful getting to know the kids and remembering the kids' names.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get your homework done.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? more choices at lunch

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Horticulture class because it was my favorite.

What is your dream job? Day Care

What does your future (college and career) look like? Move out of home and get a job

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Moving and starting a new school.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The teachers and the people that I met in high school.

Ashley Holtz

Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Softball, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, T.E.L., National Honors Society, Academics of Excellence, Spanish Club, Yearbook, Tutoring



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I have gotten more comfortable with putting myself out there. I am not as afraid to step out of my box and try new things. I have also learned hard lessons. Your "best friends" freshman year, will not be your "best friends" in twenty years. By going through hardships and difficult times I have learned a lot about what is to come. I, personally, did not struggle much with my academics throughout high school. Taking more difficult classes and taking on challenges helped me becoming stronger and more confident in what I can do.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Temple. If you have questions or need any kind of life advice, GO TO MRS. TEMPLE. She'll even give advice on giving birth. :)

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? World War III, those involved have traded blood and tears and will know what I'm talking about. And we all remember when Matthew told Curtis to pull the fire alarm.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? My senior year was most stressful for me. Senior year is crunch time, and even though some people use their senior year as their "fun" and "easy" year, I took difficult classes. I pushed myself to the challenge of taking as many college credit classes as I could, especially AP Calc, to prepare me as much as I could for college. With my last year of high school and the valedictorian scholarship at the line, I can't get distracted and have to push through to the end.... which means avoiding senioritis.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Drive fast, take chances. I'M KIDDING. Don't sweat the small stuff. One science test won't affect the next 20 years of your life, so don't kill yourself over it. I did this and it only made me sleep deprived and made me do worse on the test because I was so nervous and tired. Also, learn how to take notes. Copying the whole textbook onto paper will not help you, I promise. You have to figure out which study habits benefit you. I have a photographic memory so writing some notes in different colors of pen helped me visualize it in my head.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? State basketball and prom. Prom comes and go before you know it, so make the most of it and take a lot of pictures!

Describe your worst fashion moment. Some say socks and sandals isn't cool...but...

What is your dream job? Actuary

What is your favorite movie quote?

"Spend a little more time trying to make something of yourself and a little less time trying to impress people." -*The Breakfast Club*

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will study four years of Business Analytics at Loras College and get into Actuarial Science for my occupation.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? (at times) Live in a house with 9 other yahoos, including the dog.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Tearing my ACL.

Tiffany Hoeger

Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Softball, NHS, Spanish club, TATU, TELL, Mentoring, Tutoring, Large Group Speech, and Individual Speech.



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I feel like I have opened up more and learned multiple things that will help me in the future.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Temple is probably my most inspirational teacher just because not only does she teach us about comp and lit, she also teaches us life lessons.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? The games pokey monster and boys kiss girls we played at recess.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Senior year just because I took classes that would be challenging and not only did I have school work but I also had college stuff to figure out along with scholarships.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Be adventurous and take as many opportunities you can get. You will end up regretting the opportunities you didn't take. Also to enjoy high school. I know that it is school and it sucks but that is where a lot of your memories come from.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? The school lunches and to bring back salad/potato bar.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? If I could relive any moment it would probably be prom just because it was so much fun and one of the best nights of high school.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Probably back when gaucho pants were in style. Yeah, that was bad.

What is your dream job? My dream job would be to work at a large hospital helping people who are going through surgery or just went through surgery.

What is your favorite movie quote? Crying Girl: [reading from paper] I wish we could all get along like we used to in middle school... I wish I could bake a cake filled with rainbows and smiles and everyone would eat and be happy...
[about to cry]
Damian: [shouting from back] She doesn't even go here!
Ms. Norbury: Do you even go to this school?
Crying Girl: No... I just have a lot of feelings...
Ms. Norbury: Ok go home...

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Mount Mercy University to major in Nursing.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I have had to do in high school so far is realize who my true friends are.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The events that has most impacted my life so far would probably be growing up with an autistic brother and losing my Uncle Mark suddenly. Both events have made me realize that you cannot take life for granted and the littlest things matter.

Derek Salow

Activities involved in during high school: football, basketball, baseball, track, large group speech, NHS, TATU, spanish club



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I have grown into a better and stronger person.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. DeVore because he has taught me to put myself out there and try different things, also to not get discouraged if something doesn't go my way, especially in calc class.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? In fifth grade when Chris and Kody kept shoving me under my desk, so I walked all the way around the room to get into my seat and Mrs. Goldsmith didn't even notice.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? My senior year was very fun but also a little stressful, because I challenged myself to take tough classes. Also trying to prepare for college and do scholarships becomes stressful.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Do your homework and get involved. Don't be afraid to try new things and have some fun.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wouldn't.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Girls district basketball game vs Cascade my senior year so I could dress up in my penguin costume again and try not to fall when doing the wave.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Dressing up as a banana or a penguin for the basketball games. You choose.

What is your dream job? Host of family feud or maybe a sports announcer.

What is your favorite movie quote? "Same same, but different. But still same." (*The Interview*)

What does your future (college and career) look like? Go to Iowa for four years and then transfer to medical school for four years to become a family practice doctor. I hopefully see myself with a wife and kids later in life.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? To walk off the football field after the Denver game knowing I will never play on that field with my teammates ever again.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Going out for speech was such a fun experience that got me out of my comfort zone. It was a great adventure that will help me down the road.

Chris Hoeger

Activities involved in during high school: Football, FFA

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

Yeah I gained a few pounds and got a bit taller.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Mrs. Temple. She motivates with kicks to the throat.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

When Derek thought the giving tree was his and stole a sick hat off of it.

What was the most stressful year in high school?

Why? Sophomore and junior year. Mr. Huegel always feels the need to use big words the average American doesn't understand.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?

A little bit of common sense can get you a long way. That and try everything at least once.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? Free Tanki and Free Craigslist

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Football Playoffs

Describe your worst fashion moment. I dress up the same about every day so I don't know.

What is your dream job? Being employed at D&K Equipment.

What is your favorite movie quote?

Napoleon Dynamite: What kind of bike do you have?

Pedro: It's a sledgehammer.

Napoleon Dynamite: Dang! You got shocks, pegs... lucky!

You ever take it off any sweet jumps?

Napoleon Dynamite: [Cut to Pedro jumping] You got like three feet of air that time.

What does your future (college and career) look like?

I'll be going to Kirkwood to study Ag. Business.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?

Decide if I should eat Cheerios or Fruit Loops before school. Fruit Loops usually wins with its flavor filled rings.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

Watching Kody go in the ditch for the eighth time. Pull off to the shoulder when you meet him.



Ryan Parmely

Activities involved in during high school: Football, Wrestling, Track, Baseball, and FFA

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

Yes, I have changed a lot over the years. I have changed physically and mentally.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Mrs. Temple. She brightens my day every first hour and gets my day rolling!

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Middle School Football. We were tuff.

What was the most stressful year in high school?

Why? Sophomore. It was the hardest year in the classroom and in athletics.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?

If you put the work in, results will come. But if you just sit at home and don't do anything don't expect results.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? The school lunches could be improved (but I know it's not the cooks' fault) but other than that it's perfect!

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?

Winning state wrestling. It was a great feeling and it was amazing!

Describe your worst fashion moment. I don't know what fashion is.

What is your dream job? To be a farmer.

What is your favorite movie quote?

"Life is like a box of chocolate, you never know what you're gonna get."- Forrest Gump

What does your future (college and career) look like?

Attend Upper Iowa to play football and wrestle. Then after college I hope to begin farming along side my dad.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Play the last down with my brothers in football.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

High school



Abby Jay

Activities involved in during high school: Basketball, volleyball, softball, TATU, T.E.L., large group speech, individual speech, play, yearbook, Spanish club, and NHS

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, because I've grown up and high school puts things in perspective. I was never really afraid to be myself, but high school has shown me that it's okay to be yourself because you'll have friends that appreciate you for who are.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Temple, I learn more than just about literature and English in her classes. She teaches life lessons and things that you will never forget. I am extremely happy that I got to take her classes and if I could come back to hang out with Mrs. Temple all day I probably would.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When Curtis pulled the fire alarm when we were in elementary. Everybody in our class already had our snow pants and everything on so we were ready to go outside, but none of the other kids were ready. They had to go outside without all their stuff on, so to say the least they were cold. Otherwise Bailey's birthday party, aka WW3, was pretty intense also.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Senior year. It's not hard as long as you do your homework, but you get a lot of work to do. You have to be able to balance all your homework, extra activities, and have a life still. Plus it's so exciting to be almost done and you do not want to do any of your work, but you have a ton so you are forced to do it.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't worry about what people think of you. A lot is going to change in the next 4 years and you just have to learn to go with the flow. Don't worry about things that are not going to matter in a year from now. Do your homework, your teachers are not babysitters. School may seem like the worst place to be, but it is really not that bad and when you are seniors it will all be worth it.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wouldn't change much. This is a good school and you don't fully realize it until it's time to go. All the teachers care about you and they want you to succeed.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Anytime with my friends I would want to relive. Riding around in Bailey's cobalt is always a blast and every time we hang out we always have so much fun.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Senior year I am pretty sure I wore sweatpants for like 2 weeks straight. I use to wear jeans all the time and then something changed and I stopped. Sweat pants are life.

What is your dream job? It'd be cool to be royalty, but I guess that won't happen. So I'll stick with marketing or advertising. I'd be fun to be a part of a big company and work with their marketing or advertising.

What is your favorite movie quote? "You can't sit with us." -Mean Girls

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to the University of Iowa next year to major in business. I haven't fully decided on it yet, but I am thinking marketing and advertising.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Be the youngest of 8 kids. It doesn't seem that hard, but it sucks when people compare you to your siblings. It's fun and all but it wasn't exactly a walk in the park.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? When my brother got married it was the first time in a long time that all 10 people in my family were in one place. It made me realize that family is important and it made all of us want to get together more often. It makes me realize that not only is family important, but you have to focus on what you have and not on what you don't.



Zach Salow

Activities involved in during high school: Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball, Spanish Club, NHS, Speech

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? No,

because I feel like I have been myself all four years

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? Mr. Helle, because he has been a great role model for me my entire life and I know I could go to him for any problem that I have.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Water fight in 6th grade.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Senior because you have to plan for the rest of your life

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Have fun and be yourself

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wouldn't

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Playing sports with some of my closest friends because I will never get the chance again

Describe your worst fashion moment. My walking sandal

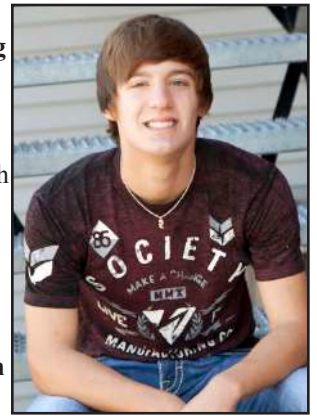
What is your dream job? Chiropractor

What is your favorite movie quote? 60% of the time, it works everytime. Or I love lamp.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Hopefully bright

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Not go along with what everyone says to do

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Making a college decision



Bailey Lubben

Activities involved in during high school: Dance, Volleyball, Play, Musical, Individual Speech, Group Speech, TEL/TATU, Senior Leadership Group, NHS

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?

Why or why not? Yes because I feel that after all of these years, I've learned what is important to me and what is not. I feel like I've grown up and learned a lot about myself in the process.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? This is hard. I love all of the teachers but I would say the DeVores and Mrs. Temple are most inspiring. Mrs. Temple is always so upbeat and has an amazing personality that makes class interesting. The DeVores do so much for the school and students. I look up to them with so much respect because they always work their hardest to make students do their best.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Curtis pulled the fire alarm and everyone had to go outside in the snow with no shoes on.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Senior year is the most stressful because I realized that I need to take as many college credit classes and get the best grades for scholarships as possible.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Have fun and don't care what people think. Try not to take things too seriously because in the end, everything you thought was important really isn't as big of a deal anymore.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wouldn't change it. I think it's one of the best schools around.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I wish I could relive any moment with Abby Jay because those moments are unforgettable and always a blast.

Describe your worst fashion moment. When I was in Elementary I used to wear red shorts with a red shirt and red shoes.

What is your dream job? Being able to travel and meet new people while doing business would be my dream.

What is your favorite movie quote?

Forrest Gump: "My momma always said, 'Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.'"

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to UNI and want to major in business. I don't know if I'll change my major or add to it. I just want to have fun and enjoy the rest of my life and whatever it brings.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I've had to do is realize that no matter how hard I try, I can't control certain things. Throughout high school, I've learned to let things happen and not get upset because I know I can't control them.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

My grandpa had an accident with a cow and it broke almost all of his ribs, his neck, and more. We almost lost him, so this made me realize that people aren't invincible so I need to live life to its fullest.



Audrey Sheehy

Activities involved in during high school: FFA, Choir, NHS

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?

Why or why not? Yes, I talk more. I ask a lot more question. I don't keep anything to myself anymore like I used to. I'm involved with more stuff.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Miss Tibbott because she helped me get through things that I was having trouble with.

What was the most stressful part of high school? Getting homework done and handed in on time.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Go out for a lot of stuff. Get involved.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wouldn't change anything.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Freshman year--I didn't go out for any activities as I should have.

What is your dream job? Work in a salon.

What is your favorite movie quote? There's a spider in my pants, David!

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will attend Cosmetology school at Capri College.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I actually have 2, in 2008, my aunt was diagnosed with cancer, her kids had to stay with my grandparents, so I helped out a lot by staying at the farm during that time and helping grandma with a 5 yr old and 1 mo. old. Also in July 2010, when my family's home was destroyed by the flood. Both situations have taught me the importance of family sticking together!

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Saying goodbye to all my friends once I graduate



Morgan Manternach

Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball -4 years, Basketball-4 years, Track - 4years, Group speech -3 years, Student Council -1 year, Spanish Club -3.5 years

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I am more open as a person and I am not afraid to walk up to anyone and make a conversation. I have also become so responsible with managing my time.



Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Temple!! Reason one, she is so lively in class and makes learning so much fun. Reason two, she brings family stories to class that will stick with you for the rest of your life. Reason three, no matter how crazy life is she will go out of her way to make sure you succeed. And let's just face it she is simply AMAZE-BALLS!!!!

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

When I was in fifth grade it started storming really bad and my teacher Mrs. Goldsmith looks out the window and yells MY POOR CAR!!!!!!!!!! It was really funny.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Senior year. You have so much to do with so little time to do it. Your work load becomes ten times bigger and you are dealing with college issues.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?

Be yourself and get involved. Take chances and have as much fun as possible. The four years fly by, enjoy them!

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wouldn't. It is great the way it is.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? State Basketball and State Track. It was a blast!

What is your dream job? To be a Medical Coder.

What is your favorite movie quote? BEE-DO! BEE-DO! BEE-DO! Minions are my favorite!

What does your future (college and career) look like?

Attend Kirkwood to study Health Information Technology for two years.

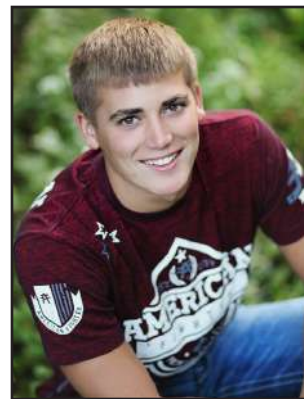
What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? To look at my teammates after my last games and know that I will not play with them ever again.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I have multiple events that have impacted my life. I have so many

Curtis Nefzger

Activities involved in during high school: Football, FFA, Spanish Club

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? I feel as if I have changed throughout high school because I have broadened my horizons by going out and trying new things along with making new friends and meeting a lot of new people.



Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Greg Drew because he pushed me to do new things. He had taught me new things that will later on help me down the road.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite memory would have to be when I was in kindergarten and I had pulled the fire alarm. Zach, Steve, Matt and I were talking about how the fire alarm worked and I thought you had to push it, so I did and the alarm went off.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Freshman year because I wanted to keep the seniors happy and make sure that I passed all of my classes and got my homework done.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? You need to always be at school and get your homework done on time. Also, you need to listen to the upperclassman and what they tell you.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I would keep everything the way it is.... FREE CRAIGSLIST!

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? It would be going to Mike's on the weekends to TRY and ride his horses because every time you would get on them they would take off running or knock you off. Also, laughing when Dylan would get thrown off of Tiny into the snow.

What is your dream job? To be my own boss and hopefully own my own farm and continue my dad's business of buying and selling tractors.

What is your favorite movie quote? Freeze! How do you say freeze? Freeeeeze! I move my top lip more so it doesn't come out slurred.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Kirkwood for Ag Business.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Walk off the football field for the last time.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I would have to say hanging out with my friends and getting to meet new people.

Michael Mast

Activities involved in during high school: Golf, Football (manager for two years), and Wrestling (manager for one year).

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

Yes, because I have got a lot of different experiences while I was in high school and learn a lot about myself.



Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Mr. Dunlap because he will push you to do your best at whatever you are working on.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?
Going out for football and being a lineman.

What was the most stressful year in high school?
Junior year

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't put things off because it will come back and hurt you later on when something important comes up.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley?
I would bring an automotive class back to MV.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? The Snow Coming court questions, to not say anything bad.

What is your dream job?
Automotive Mechanic

What is your favorite movie quote?
My name is Jeff.

What does your future (college and career) look like?
Going to NICC or Kirkwood for two years then getting a job in my field of study.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?
Telling the whole student body who my first crush was on.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?
Getting a job sophomore year.

Clay Willenbring

Activities: FFA, Student Council, Class President, Senior Leaders Group

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? I feel that I have changed throughout high school because I have made a lot of new friends and had a lot of good times with them.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Dawn Mausser because she has always pushed me to do new things and meet new people. She is never afraid to do anything for anyone and is one of the most helpful people I know.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Building snow forts at recess in elementary school.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?
Freshman year because all you do is try to get all of your work done and not make any of the seniors mad.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?
Don't be afraid to ask questions if you have them and make sure to make the most of high school because it goes so fast.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I would not have changed anything... besides getting Craigslist back.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? The night Dylan, Mike, and I got stuck on a level B road way up by Edgewood and Curtis's and the rest of the crew came and tried to pull us out.

What is your dream job? Being my own boss and hopefully own a farm someday.

What is your favorite movie quote? "Say something cool when you throw it! SOMETHING COOL!! What did you say when you threw it? I said something cool! No really what did you say? I said something cool!"- 22 Jump Street

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan on attending Kirkwood this fall to study Ag Business for two years then start settling down and finding a good job eventually being able to buy my own farm start a family and be my own boss someday.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?
Watch all of my friends play their last sporting events ever.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Being able to hang out with all of the my friends and talk about the good times we have had.



Emily O'Connell

Activities involved in during high school:

FFA - 4 years
Spring Play - 4 years
Large Group Speech - 4 years
National Honor Society - 3 years
Individual Speech - 2 years
Fall Musical - 1 year



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

Yes, because I am not that shy little freshman anymore. With all of the activities I have been involved in and the people I have met, I have been able to step out of my comfort zone and find the real me.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Mausser. She has helped me achieve things I would have never thought possible. She sees my true potential and has pushed me to make sure that I would achieve everything I set my mind to. She puts in long, hard days and nights for all of her FFA kids and makes sure that every single one accomplishes their goals.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

My favorite elementary school memory would be every time I had friends over for my birthday party and we would hook up innertubes to the back of the 4-wheeler and drive around in the snow. Savannah flew off going around the corner too fast and landed head first in the snow bank.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Definitely senior year. There is so much going on that has to be accomplished. Everything revolves around college because that is the next step after graduation. Trying to balance all of that out with current assignments is stressful at times.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Let loose and be yourself. Don't worry about what people are going to think or say about you. People will always talk no matter what, so there is no need to fret over what they say about you.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wouldn't change anything. I've had a great experience here.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive those FNL games with my friends. Those games are priceless and probably will be one of the things I miss most about high school.

Describe your worst fashion moment. I think I wore black and brown once.... that's a no-no.

What is your dream job? My dream job would be doing something agriculturally here in good ol' Del. Co. I'm a small town girl... I don't do big cities!

What is your favorite movie quote? "No ragrets."

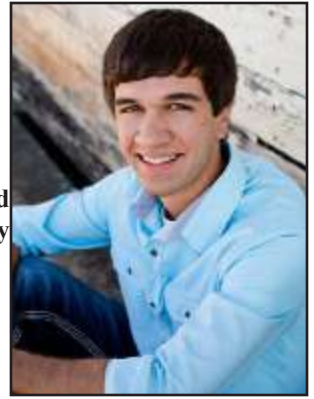
What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Kirkwood Community College in the fall and be in the Vet. Assistant Program. I hope to then get a job working in a vet clinic hopefully in or near Delaware County.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I've had to do is realize that everything happens for a reason. Life is unexpected and I can't change what happens. I just have to reassure myself that it will all work out in the end.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Losing my great uncle unexpectedly impacted my life and made me realize just how important family is and how sometimes we can take them for granted.

Dylan Salow

Activities involved in during high school: Football, Basketball, Golf, FFA, Spanish Club, Student Council, National Honor Society



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? I have changed greatly from beginning to end for the better. I've learned many new things, made many new friends, and grown up as a person.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Mausser because she is always pushing me to step outside my comfort zone and try something new. She is very hardworking and has helped me throughout school tremendously.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

In 5th grade Mrs. Goldsmith told us the story about a mouse in her car she couldn't catch and she was terrified to drive.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Senior year has been somewhat of a challenge because I'm taking some tough courses so I've had to manage my time well.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get your work done and the rest will come. Have fun in school. You get out what you put in.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Level B roading with Mike Mast and Clay Willenbring because next time we wouldn't get stuck.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Cowboy boots with sweat pants.

What is your dream job? Farming

What is your favorite movie quote? "You boys like Mex-ee-co? YEEE-HOO!" -*Super Troopers*

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Kirkwood Community College and transfer into Iowa State to major in Agronomy. I hope to work for a business like Crop Production Services.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I had to say goodbye to my grandpa forever when I was a junior.

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

-Being involved with the family farm and FFA has made me realize my passion for Agriculture.

Kody Orcutt

Activities involved in during high school: Football-4 years, Basketball-4 years, FFA-4 years

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

Yes, I can go up and talk to anyone without being afraid.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Greg

Drew because he taught me a lot of skills that'll I'll use later in life.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

When Curtis moved to Earlville for a week but couldn't handle us so he moved back to Delhi.

What was the most stressful year in high school?

Why? Senior year because you have to figure out what you want to do with your life.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Make school fun; otherwise, you're going to have four boring years

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? Free Tanki, Free Craigslist

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Football playoff games because the crowd is awesome to play in front of.

Describe your worst fashion moment. I'm always fashionable

What is your dream job? Own a farm and have my own beef cattle operation.

What is your favorite movie quote?

Deb: What are you drawing?

Napoleon Dynamite: A liger.

Deb: What's a liger?

Napoleon Dynamite: It's pretty much my favorite animal. It's like a lion and a tiger mixed... bred for its skills in magic.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I might attend Kirkwood for Ag Business or Beef Sciences and Production

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Walk off the Football Field

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

Making new friends and meeting new people



Riley Kloser

Activities involved in during high school:

4 years of football, 4 years of golf, 2 years of baseball, 2 years of basketball, 2 years of NHS, 1 year of FFA, 1 year of speech.

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?

Why or why not? Yes, I feel as if I have changed as a leader. Coming into high school I was very shy and wasn't really involved, but as time went on I became more confident and more willing to try new things.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher would have to be Mr. Drew. I have always had an interest in working with my hands and building things and I knew that I wanted a career in construction. So I have taken every single one of Mr. Drew's classes and he has helped me tremendously with understanding and doing the right thing in not only the classroom but also in the shop and real world.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite middle school experience is going out for football in 7th grade. I had never played before and it was a scary moment. I am glad that I stuck with it even though I was the smallest kid on the team.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? The most stressful year was sophomore year. Just the classes that I was taking and also having a job to go to every night after sports added to the stress.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get your homework done before anything else. Good grades will help you tremendously down the road. Along with getting your homework done, participate in extra-curriculars! You only have four years (that go a lot faster than you think) to be able to do things like football and other extracurriculars. People say sports are just a game and a waste of time, but trust me, they are so much more than just a game. We all have the rest of our lives to work so I believe that we need to take advantage of the opportunity now.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? If I could add a class or two, it would be automotives. This could help students that are thinking about having a career in the field of mechanics.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Definitely playing football and building friendships that will last a lifetime.

Describe your worst fashion moment. I don't really follow fashion and the trends, if that's what you call them, so it is kind of hard for me to say. I would have to go with my worst fashion moment as during the homecoming pep rally when the senior boys had to dress up in the cheerleader suits.

What is your dream job? I know that I could say that I wanted to be a professional football player, but that isn't a reality. So my dream job deals with being a business owner while also working outside and with my hands.

What is your favorite movie quote? "Get busy living, or get busy dying."

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to Kirkwood for Construction Management and down the road could possibly be looking at running my own business.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Listening to the doctor say that I couldn't finish the rest of the football season and couldn't play any contact sports for the rest of my life after I got my third concussion in the Starmont football game.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The fact that I have a hearing loss has obviously changed my life, but the one event that impacted my life would have to be when I was in football in middle school. Being the smallest kid on the team and having a hearing loss, not one person believed in me and thought that I could develop into a good player. This drove me and I worked my rear-end off to get to be able to play. That is what I got to do in high school and I am proud of myself for what I accomplished.



Mikaela Reth

Activities involved in during high school:

(4 years) Band, Musical, Play, Spanish Club, Speech and Wildcat Echo; (1 year) Choir, NHS



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

I have definitely grown during the last four years. With the support of my friends and teachers, I have gained so much self-confidence, my summertime experiences helped me improve my work ethic, time itself matured me and I have become a happier person overall.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Becker has been such an inspiration to me for so long. Somehow, she always knew what to say no matter the situation. She has given me nuggets of advice that I will treasure forever and she has been an incredible role model as a teacher and a principal. I'm glad to have had her as a teacher.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I vaguely recall a science experiment involving an egg in junior high. I believe we had put it in vinegar, then water and finally corn syrup. It was deflated at the end and only had a membrane. Somebody was trying to open it over a pan but couldn't get the membrane broken. Long story short, the egg broke and fell on the floor right where whoever it was had been standing had they not squeaked in surprise and jumped back.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? I'd say all of them were about the same for me. I've always challenged myself class-wise, so each year was pretty much the same.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? If you are scared to join something, try it. We all need to go out on a limb once in a while. Some of the scariest parts of life offer some of the largest rewards, whether they be worldly or personal. Finally, you'll never regret joining right away. You will regret not joining until later because you were afraid.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? Two words: bigger band.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I wouldn't relive any moment. Time just keeps on moving and so do I. There were moments that will hang in my memory for years to come, but they're memories now. . . not life.

Describe your worst fashion moment. My costume/makeup for *Little Women*. . . trolls are very unfashionable. (But it was so much fun being green!)

What is your dream job? A doorman in a Broadway theatre: preferably the Gershwin, Majestic, American Airlines or Richard Rogers Theatre.

What is your favorite movie quote? I actually have a few. . .

"C'mon. Let's go be psychos together!" ~ Sam, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

"... As I recall, he has a particular proclivity for pyrotechnics." ~ Professor McGonagall, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*

"It is our choices that show what we are much more than our abilities." ~ Professor Dumbledore, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

"Fear makes people do terrible things." ~ Remus Lupin, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

"There is a painful difference between the expectation of an unpleasant event and its final certainty." ~ Elinor Dashwood, *Sense and Sensibility*

"Actually, I'm highly logical which allows me to look past extraneous detail and perceive clearly that which other people overlook." ~ Hermione Granger, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1*

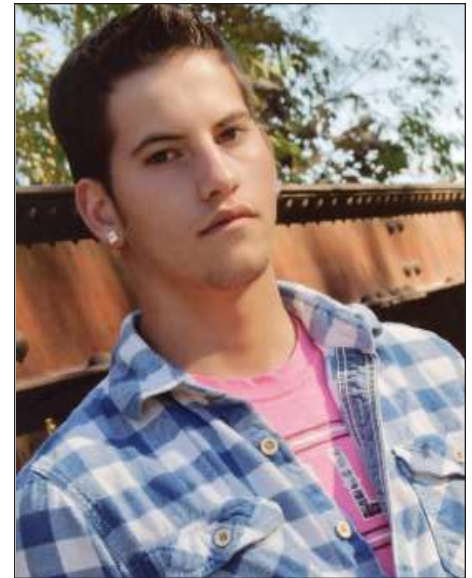
"It is the quality of one's convictions that determines success, not the number of followers." ~ Remus Lupin, *Harry Potter Deathly Hallows Part 2*

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Luther College next year with a major in Physics and a minor in Secondary Education. I might move out of the area after graduation, but that's still four years away. Ideally, I'd like to teach junior high science and I would like to work here at MV eventually, but maybe not immediately.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Letting go, to be general.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Working at camp

Alec Klostermann



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? I feel like everything changed throughout high school.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mr. Cassutt because he's really laid back and does not really let most things bother him.

Most stressful year: Probably sophomore year because of all of the homework

Freshman advice: Do not be scared of the seniors

How would I change MV: Get air conditioning

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Play high school sports

What is your dream job? Doing nothing and getting paid lots

What is your favorite movie quote? If it feels good do it

What one event has most impacted your life so far? High school

Heather Sabers

Activities involved in during high school: Softball, volleyball, basketball, track and field, National Honor Society, Teens Eliminating Lies (TEL), Student Council, large group speech, individual speech, musical, the Wildcat Echo, and Spanish Club



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I have learned a lot about the real world and know that it is impossible to please everyone.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Temple, I am inspired by her enthusiasm in the classroom. She has also pushed me to become a better student.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Bailey's birthday parties

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Senior year, because I had a lot to do outside of my schoolwork. I had difficult decisions to make such as what I want to be when I grow up and where I want to go to college.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get out of your comfort zone! You will not regret it whether it be in a speech performance or going out for a new activity.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wouldn't change a thing.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Reader's theatre my junior and senior year. Both pieces were hilarious, and I made unforgettable memories with my group and my coaches.

Describe your worst fashion moment. I dressed scurvy most days.

What is your dream job? My dream job is to be a singer, but if you've heard me sing you know that is not going to happen, so I will settle with being an elementary teacher.

What is your favorite movie quote? "Listen kid, bad things happen, and there's nothing you can do about it." - The Lion King

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending UNI next year to major in Elementary Education and minor in Spanish.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I've had to do is learn to not be afraid to take on challenges.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My birth, if that wouldn't have happened I wouldn't be the person I am today. Thanks, Mom.

Jordan Schindler

Activities involved in during high school: Basketball, Baseball, Football, Golf



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I'm more efficient with my time

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Meehan because he is a deep thinker

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Mike Mast playing baseball

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Sophomore, hard classes

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Experience as much as you can before you go out to the real world

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? Free Tanki

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Going to golf with Mike and Dylan (inside joke)

Describe your worst fashion moment. Buzz Lightyear Shorts and an Elmo Shirt

What is your dream job? Government Official

What is your favorite movie quote? "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." -Coach Carter

What does your future (college and career) look like? U.S. Army

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? finish homework on time

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Tearing my ACL and meniscus junior year of basketball

Savannah Salow

Activities involved in during high school: FFA, Choir, Large Group Speech, TATU, TEL

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I do feel like I have changed. First entering high school, I was very shy and scared. I was afraid to be myself and I wanted to fit in. Now, I'm not afraid to be myself and because I'm myself, I fit in with the people who understand me.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Downs. She is always in a helpful mood and really connects with students. If I have a problem, I know I can talk to Mrs. Downs. She cares about all of her students, and will do anything for them.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Bailey's 6th grade birthday party! Let's just say everyone who went will remember this event for a long, LONG time!

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Sophomore year. This is the year where everyone starts finding themselves. The friends you thought you knew are now distant. Sophomore year also consists of the core classes that you need to graduate, so there was pressure to pass all of the classes.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Never be afraid to be yourself. If people don't like you because they think you're weird, you don't need those people in your life. There are plenty of people that will like you for who you are, so don't be afraid to show everyone who you truly are.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I think if students don't do their homework, they should not be given so many chances to turn it in. I know WIN is nice for some students, but most take it for granted. When I first started high school, if you didn't turn your homework in, you talked to the teacher and you had it in the by the next day. Now, I see people not doing their work for two weeks. That's not acceptable. Do your homework and turn it in! Your life will be much easier!

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Freshman year when we went to Trevor's aunt's house to work on our homecoming float. We all worked together and got along. Then some upperclassmen came over and tried to spy on us so we had an apple fight! Great time!

Describe your worst fashion moment. Wearing sweatpants and t-shirts every day. I never felt like dressing up in the morning because I'm tired, so instead of looking good, I'm comfortable.

What is your dream job? I would love to be a singer, but because that is never going to happen, I want to be an Occupational Therapist Assistant.

What is your favorite movie quote? "Sometimes you have to be apart from the people you love, but that doesn't make you love them any less. Sometimes it makes you love them more." -The Last Song

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Kirkwood Community College in August. I will be in the OTA program (Occupational Therapist Assistant).

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing this year was balancing Kirkwood classes and MV classes, and going to work. I had to learn time management. The only "study hall" I had during the day was WIN, so I made sure I used that time to the best of my ability. All of my classes are time consuming and I had to study to do well on exams. I definitely learned how to balance my time and sacrifice my time hanging out with friends and family.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The moment that has impacted my life was my vacation with my brothers. Whenever I spend time with them, I feel like myself. I love my family but since my brothers live down by Des Moines I don't get to see them as often as I would like. This vacation really brought us together and it was nice to spend quality time with them.



Olivia Hill

Activities involved in during high school: Speech, Play, Musical, TEL, Mentoring, Spanish Club, Yearbook Club

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? I feel like I have changed a ton. I am now able to manage my time better, as well as not stressing over the small things.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. DeVore, she has always been someone who has had an impact on me. She pushed me to be my best, and allowed me to show the true me.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? World War 3 (a.k.a. Bailey's eighth grade birthday party.) It was a day that I will never forget. Many people were affected by the aftermath of that day.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? I think Junior year was the hardest...because of chemistry.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get your work done. Have fun, but remember your priorities.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I would bring back the salad/potato bar.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Sophomore year. Individual speech and making it to all-state.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Every day

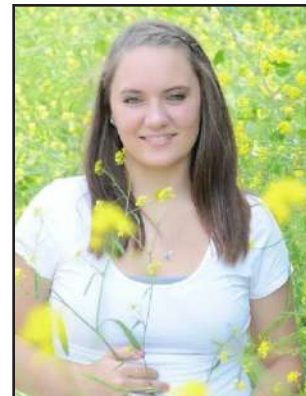
What is your dream job? Dolphin rescuer. Avid fan of the Dolphin Tale movies.

What is your favorite movie quote? "UNLESS, someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing's going to get better, it's not" -Lorax

What does your future (college and career) look like? Elementary art education, hopefully here at MV.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing that I have ever had to do is probably having to decide on a college or career choice. Having to decide what the rest of my life is going to be a eighteen is really hard.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My father's accident was an event that impacted me. It was a very hard time for my family, and we all felt the aftermath of it. It was a dark time in my life, yet it made me a better person. It made me the person I am today.



Zach Smith

Activities involved in during high school: Basketball(2), Speech(4), Musical(3), Play(3), Golf(1), Spanish Club(4), Vocal Jazz(2)

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes, I got more involved in the extracurriculars that our school has to offer, which got me more involved and making new friends.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Meehan. He brings out some good thought provoking arguments and insights

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When a squirrel sacrificed his life so we could get out of school early

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Junior year I feel was the most stressful just because of the classes I took were pretty hard.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get your homework done on time but also try to get involved in a lot of extracurricular activities. Get involved!

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? Nothing, maybe little things like open campus and other things like that, but the main thing I think is for students to be more appreciative of teachers and what they do to help us to graduate and what the lunch ladies do to give us a nice meal.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? It would be the nights of the musical performance *Urinetown*, that musical was a blast to do, and I would also like to relive the night Butch ran into a mailbox, it was a very funny, fun and productive teepeeing night

Describe your worst fashion moment. I really do not care for fashion so I don't really have a bad fashion moment.

What is your dream job? To be a commercial pilot of a big jumbo jet or to be a famous actor or singer

What is your favorite movie quotes?
Letty: "I hope you brought the calvary!"
Hobbs: "Woman, I AM the calvary!"

Dominic Toretto: "You don't turn your back on your family, even when they do."

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Kirkwood but still unsure if I want to be graphic designer or a pilot.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? My first year of doing musical I had to get out of my comfort zone real fast. It was pretty hard because I was still a little shy but it brought on a lot of memorable and funny memories.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Being able to stay at Maquoketa Valley and make a lot of great friends and a lot of great memories!



Lukas Wilson

Activities involved in during high school: At MV: football; At Monticello: football, wrestling

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? I have matured a lot more. The real world came a lot faster than I expected with moving out and being expected to pay bills.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Hunt was a huge help. She pushed me to want to do my best.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Outdoor ed day in seventh grade.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Sophomore year because of biology

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Enjoy it while it lasts because it goes by fast.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I personally wouldn't change anything at all. They have a good system going here.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Senior year of football. I just want to enjoy it while it was there. Not taking advantage of practices.

Describe your worst fashion moment. I came to school on the third day of school. I showered after lifting weights for football. I had a big hole in the butt of my jeans. I was wearing my shop jeans.

What is your dream job? I'd like to be an electrician.

What is your favorite movie quote? "Not every movie should be about chasing a girl and a happy ending." — Adam Sandler

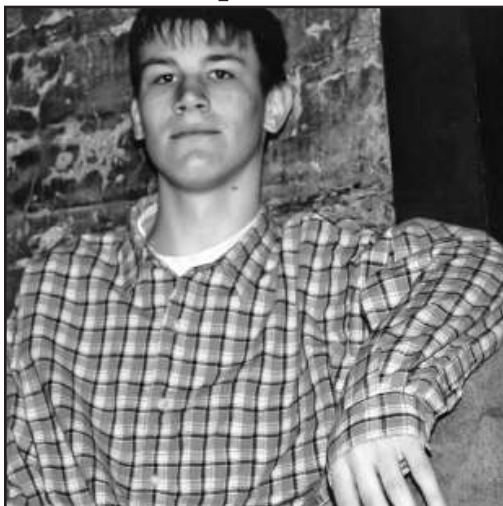
What does your future (college and career) look like? Kirkwood for two years for my gen ed and then a two year apprenticeship.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Changing schools

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Paying for my graduation cap and gown and realizing high school is all over and it's time for the real world.



Walker Sprau



Activities involved in during high school:
FFA

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Ya, its been easy but it's hard to say why.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. K, because he was my first friend here

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? breaking a kids leg in my 7th and 8th grade year when I was in Monticello.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? freshmen year, I did not know anyone but my cousin Alec.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? make friends with upper class men

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? nothing

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would do more in FFA, because I did nothing and I want to do something

Describe your worst fashion moment. ripped clothing

What is your dream job? being a tech engineer

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? make friends

What one event has most impacted your life so far? friends

Matthew Lansing

Activities involved in during high school: Football 4 yrs, FFA 4yrs, Choir 4 yrs, Band 2 yrs, Vocal Jazz 4yrs, Large Group Speech 4 yrs, Individual Speech 1 yr, NHS 3 yrs, Musicals 4 yrs, Plays 2yrs, Spanish Club 2 yrs

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not? Yes. Throughout my years of high school I feel I have grown up a lot and learned to enjoy the time you get because it goes by so fast.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Hadley/Mrs. Mueller- Over the past four years of high school I've spent a lot of time with these two teachers and they have taught me so much and not just music stuff but things that will help me in life. They've always had great advice and I'll always be thankful for my time spent with them.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite memory was in 6th grade on the last day of school when we played our class softball game and I hit a grounder right to Mr. Besler, and when he went to tag me out he chest bumped me and I went flying in the air and landed flat on my back, but it was pretty awesome!

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? Senior year, because everything is a last and you are trying to decide what you want to do with the rest of your life and where you want to go to college.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Truly be yourself and enjoy high school because it honestly goes by so fast and live every day and play every play like it's your last!

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? After being a part of MV I wouldn't change a thing. All the teachers truly care about every student and want to see them succeed and that's why I feel MV is like a great big family.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive this past years football season so I could play with my "Brothers" one last time.

Describe your worst fashion moment. One day when I wore a bright orange t-shirt with plaid shorts and Jazz Niehaus looked at me disgusted and said, "What are you wearing?"

What is your dream job? A job where I'm outside and every day is a new adventure.

What is your favorite movie quote? "If I'm not back in five minutes, just wait longer." *Ace Ventura Pet Detective*

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will start out at Kirkwood and then transfer to Iowa State and as of now I'm undecided on a major but it will be in the Ag field.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Learn to not be scared of what others think and always be yourself and have fun in everything you do.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My birth because without it I wouldn't be the person I am today. Thanks, Mom.



Ben Thompson

Activities involved in during high school: Yearbook

Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?

Yes. During my freshman and sophomore year I was very shy, and I have come out of my shell since then.



Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Mrs. Temple. She has taught me the value and importance of writing from the heart. I have also learned great time management skills in Comp I and II.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Having recess with my friends.

What was the most stressful year in high school?

Why? My senior year by far. I have seven classes every day, three of which are college credit classes. I also juggle working 25-35 hours per week outside of school.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Have fun and enjoy the memories you make because they go fast.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley?
I wouldn't.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Spending time with my friends.

Describe your worst fashion moment. Filming for our Spanish subjunctive music video. We dressed up from the play wardrobe, and I wore a long fur coat.

What is your dream job? Something in the medical field. I love to help people.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm pursuing job in the medical field. I will go to Kirkwood for two years and transfer to Mount Mercy, or start out at Mount Mercy.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I found balancing school and work this year is a lot to handle.

Cassie McIntyre

Activities involved in during high school: Dance Team (3 years), Softball (2 years), Cross Country (2 years), Track (1 year), Large Group Speech (3 years), Individual Speech (1 year), Senior Leadership Group



Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?

Why or why not? I feel as though I have changed because compared to myself freshman year I am more focused on important things and take school more serious.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore. She is such a positive person and is always there to talk. She would go the extra mile for anyone and truly has every student's best interest at heart.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Elementary Memory: Sleeping overnight at the school for a night was extremely fun and scary at the same time.

Middle School: Going to dances and "dollar dancing" with the high schoolers and freaking out about it because they were so cool.

What was the most stressful year in high school? Why? My junior year was very stressful because I had some of the biggest projects in a class going on at the same time in multiple different classes. I never had a study hall because I took college credit classes so I always had tons of homework.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Focus on your school work and getting things done/getting good grades. It all pays off in the long-run and all the things you think are such a big deal in the moment will seem like the smallest thing ever in four short years.

How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I wish the school was bigger and had more students in the high school. I feel as if when I go to college it is going to be overwhelming because I come from such a small town and school.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? When a bunch of students sat outside in the senior parking lot in honor of Mrs. Downs. It was definitely worth the detention I received.

Describe your worst fashion moment. When I dressed up like an Amish lady for "Would You Still Be My Friend" day during homecoming week.

What is your dream job? I would love to be working in the business field at some type of firm in a bigger city, practicing and using my Spanish regularly.

What is your favorite movie quote? There are way too many to choose from, and most of them are inappropriate from non-school appropriate movies. LOL.. sorry guys.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan on attending Central College in Pella, Iowa. It is about 2.5 hours away and about 45 minutes from Des Moines. I want to be a business and foreign language major. I would love to study abroad as Senora Ries did. I want a career in the business field in a big city.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I can't think of something hard I've had to do so far in my life but when I go to college and have to be away from my parents for three weeks at a time, that will be extremely hard for me considering I am so close with my family, especially my mom and sister.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I don't know. That's a really hard question and I've grown up with a really good family and really good friends. I don't have any drastic or emotional events that have really impacted my life.