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EHS January 2025 Senior Spotlight: Meet Dantae Brewster



It is the start of the New Year. Do you have a New Year's resolution?

My New Year's resolution is to have an improved mindset, to work harder, and get my goals accomplished. Telling myself I will get things done and support myself along the way.

What are you most looking forward to in the year 2025?

I'm looking forward to new beginnings, especially as I will be starting college in the fall. I'm very excited to see what it's like and gather new experiences as I embark on that new path.

What is Ewing High School's best-kept secret?

All the supportive faculty in the counseling office. The counselors here are very kind and supportive to everyone here at Ewing. Shout out to Mrs. Stewart, I'm pretty sure she's tired of seeing me, but she is always helpful, regardless of the request I have. Thank you to Mr. Csillan for providing me with insight towards my next steps in education, and thank you to Mrs. Krajunas for everything she's helped me with regarding my courses at Ewing and Mercer Community College.

What is your favorite subject?

Undeniably social studies. I have taken five classes in the social studies department and will say they are the most fun and have the best teachers. They are extremely wise and provide a great environment for students to learn.

Who is your favorite teacher or coach and why?

I would have to say Mr. Ballek. As I mentioned before, I've taken five social studies classes and he's been my teacher for two of those, in which I've taken one of those classes simply because he's the teacher. Mr. Ballek is a very understanding teacher and provides excellent insight into the courses he teaches. Mr. Ballek most definitely needs a Teacher of the Year award!

What activities do you participate in school?

I am Captain of the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team, a member of the National Honor Society, and part of the Environmental Club. I also participate in Ewing's Unified programs, and I am a Peer Leader.



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What activities do you participate in outside of school?

I am a volunteer coach for Ewing Recreational Soccer Association, a Ewing Recreation Summer Camp Counselor, and an avid member and volunteer of Light of the World Family Worship Church. I also volunteer for TCNJ Special Olympics Summer Games.

What awards or acknowledgments have you received in school or outside of school?

I have received the 2024 Ewing Lacrosse MVP, Centercourt Lacrosse MVP of the Week, CVC Vince Palmeri Award, May 2024 Student Athlete of the Month for Lacrosse, Ewing Recognition of Outstanding Achievement May 2024, Jim Brown Sportsmanship Award, and have received six Athletic Varsity Letters at EHS.

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

Definitely the Vince Palmeri Award for Boys Soccer as it captures my compassionate nature on and off the soccer field. I am very grateful for the opportunity to receive this award and thankful to everyone who has assisted me towards this accomplishment. Also, becoming Captain of the lacrosse team was a big accomplishment for me, as it signifies my hard work being enough to lead others to work hard.

What is your favorite memory of high school to date?

Winning the FNL pep rally Junior year. That was the most fun I've ever had at a school event, and winning it made it even better.

Who or what has positively impacted your life?

I've had a lot of people in my life who have positively impacted me, but I'd for sure say my old soccer coach, Tyler Andreas. He really put into perception what passion was when playing a sport. I was 10 years old when he first taught me this concept, and it didn't hit me till I was 15, but now that I have established this trait, many things have come from it. I'd also like to thank my family for all their support, and my two buddies, Jake and Joey, who definitely keep me on the right track.

How do you define success?

I think success is defined by people achieving their personal goals. It can be a simple goal or a goal that's fairly hard to achieve. But if you can achieve whatever goals you set for yourself, I think you're a very successful person.

What are your plans after you graduate from Ewing High School?

Attend a 4-year university, major in Economics, and continue to play lacrosse. I want to become a coach for a lacrosse team in the near future as well.

What is your favorite quote?

"Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect." - Margaret Mitchell



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If you had one thing you could do over again in high school, what would that be?

Saturday morning breakfast with the soccer team. A good breakfast always gets me in the right mood, and having breakfast with some of your favorite people in the world just made it a whole bunch better. Especially right after a long and hard practice.

Finally, you attended kindergarten at Antheil Elementary School, do you have a favorite memory from kindergarten?

Although that is somewhat of a long time ago, my favorite memory is making arts and crafts in Ms. Dagenais class before Christmas break during our winter party.