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By: Alex Patrick and Nick Burnett

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By: Taylor Moore and Reegan Reece

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SENIOR PROFILES

Lauren Baird: Opening a Whole New Chapter

By: Jenny Stuhlreyer



Like many other members of her 2011 senior class, Lauren Baird is eager to close the high school chapter of her life. Having gone to this school

for nearly all of her career, Lauren leaves Monroe with more than just an honors diploma in her hand. She confesses that many things have changed between her freshman and senior years. "I'm not shy anymore—still quiet—but not shy," she says.

Her favorite moment of high school—at least that she can think of on the spot—took place on Monroe's Academic Quiz Team when a question was asked that had absolutely nothing

to do with WWII (the given topic). One of her well-humored teammates saw fit to answer with "Ann Frank." Apparently, this answer was just wrong enough to send both the Monroe Academic Quiz Team and their competitors into a fit of laughter. "It was hilarious," Lauren recalls, chuckling at the memory.

Having spent much of her high school career goal-oriented and academically apt, Lauren's proudest accomplishment to date is maintaining a near-valedictorian GPA. Also, she is happy to have achieved a Field Commander position on Monroe's Marching Band for two years in a row.

Her idol is her grandmother because "she's a good role model and she's not judgmental." Her favorite teacher whilst at Monroe has been Mr. Allen. She professes that he taught her the most and made History fun, which—for somebody who dis-

likes History—is quite the accomplishment.

After high school, Lauren plans to work over the summer and attend college in the fall. She wants to major in accounting because of her tendency to excel in mathematics. In ten years, Lauren believes she'll still be living in Ohio, working, and have the beginning stages of her very own family. Though she regrets not learning how to play the oboe when she had the chance, she seems very content to be moving on with her life.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Don't wish your senior year away too quickly, because it's over fast."

Josh McCausland: Shooting for the Big Screen

By: Connor McEwen



Josh McCausland, is a relatively quiet student to most at Monroe High School, but to his friends he will be remembered as funny and immature,

like the time he taught Mrs. Meeker's math class when a sub didn't show up.

He has changed a lot since freshman year, he says that the most change he has seen is that he really knows what he wants to do with his life now. He has had a good time at Monroe and a lot of great memories, especially with soccer. He remembers his final game against Alter, the Hornets lost but it was a head to head

battle all the way to double overtime. He also has earned some accomplishments along the way; he was varsity player all four years and captain as a junior.

He also does well inside the classroom, excelling in math and science, which will earn him a good college standing. He says his favorite teacher is Mrs. Norsworthy because she is hilarious and good at every class she teaches.

Josh has made it a long way, but it also helps to have a little inspiration. Josh says he received some from the "no arms, no legs, nor worries guy," Nick Vujicic who was born without limbs and now is a motivational speaker and author.

Josh will either attend Wright State or Long Beach College.

He sees himself in ten years, in Los Angeles or some city in the U.S. cramped in a small apartment just enjoying life. He plans to go into film editing and production. "The field has lots of opportunity for those willing to take a chance" Josh says. He only has one regret from high school and that would be, not playing tennis as a junior. He has one phrase to describe his high school career, hakuna matata!. In the words of Josh Charles McCausland, peace out brotha man!

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Senior year is expensive so freeload off of your parents as much as possible."

EDITORIALS

Moments We Won't Forget

By: Cameron Centers

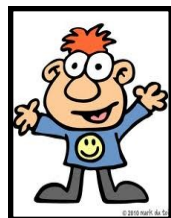
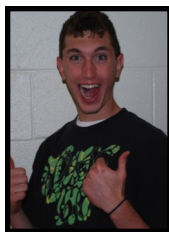


LOGAN RUTTER

"Winning our first varsity basketball game in 3 years."

SAM THOMPSON

"Quitting baseball."

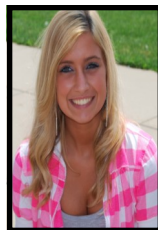
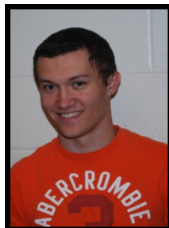


CALVIN HODITS

"Eating lunch with Ben Klaiber."

AUSTIN EVANS

"When my friend got yelled at for putting his head on my shoulder."

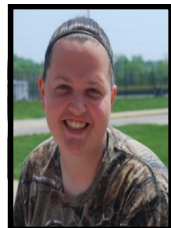
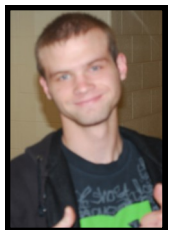


BRITTNEY BROWN

"Matt Kakaris' pants falling down during the pep rally."

CARL COMBS

"Tailgating before the home football games."

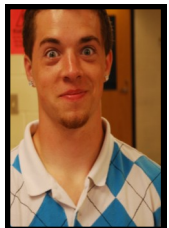


REGAN TAULBEE

"When the streaker ran across the field during our soccer game."

AARON BREWER

"Breaking two school track records."



AP: Best Friend, Worst Enemy

By: Ben Collom

AP classes: Everyone hates them, and everyone takes them. For those of you that are unaware of the advantages of taking an Advanced Placement class, AP classes are harder courses that allow students to learn more difficult material and prepare themselves for college-level classes. Upon taking these harder classes, students are awarded with a bonus to their GPA of .025 points per semester.

Students all over Monroe are seizing the opportunity, for whatever reason satisfies them, and taking these advanced classes. You hear about the frequent tests in the hallways and in everyday conversation. The AP courses available at our High School consist of: English, Government, History, Biology, Calculus, and next years AP physics. There are a number of classes available for just about any field of interest a person might have.

However, as advantageous as the classes may be, these are not to be taken lightly. The material is tough and the speed of the class is often overwhelming; you really have to work for your grade. Just because you get A's in your other classes doesn't mean you should expect an A to fall in your lap while sitting in your AP classroom. Still, it can be done and it is definitely worth the effort.

At the end of the year, AP students must partake in an AP exam in order to test what information they sustained throughout the year. The exam is graded on a scale of 1-5, 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest. The main reason students take the AP exam is so they have a chance to earn college credit and be exempt from the corresponding class. All schools in Ohio, if they accept AP scores, will only accept a score of 3 or higher. If a student takes the exam and gets a 3, they will get college credit for that class.

I strongly encourage you take some type of AP class so that you get that chance to get ahead of the game. Of course, don't just take a class because it's AP, take one that you have interest in because if you don't like what you're learning, you won't pay attention. So before next year, look into these AP classes and consider taking initiative in your education.

Grad Party Dos and Don'ts

By: Alex Patrick

DO:

- Have creative food, don't be plain!
- Invite as many friends and family as you can...the more people, the more money!
- Keep it local and easy to get to, not in Kentucky or the boon docks!
- Grill Out, that way everything always tastes fresh and delicious!
- Play corn hole, you can't have a party without it!

DON'T:

- Have a clown, they are lame and a little scary!
- Have a piñata, you are graduating high school not kindergarten!
- Rainy Days...rain rain go away!
- Drugs...that's a good way to go straight from h.s. to prison!
- Alcohol...unless you were held back a few years I am pretty sure you aren't 21~
- Drama, save it for the llama, plus you aren't in h.s anymore!

SENIOR PROFILES

Jay Miller: Small Town Kid With Big City Dreams

By: Erik Lally



You may know him from the stage, but there is more to this 18 year old than the characters he plays

on stage. If you gave him one word to describe his high school experience it was “rewarding.” He says this because, “All the work you do from freshman year to senior year all gets paid off in the end and makes high school worthwhile.”

Jay also has a lot of good memories from high school such as

getting the lead in West Side Story and when he got his first major role in the musical, Beauty and the Beast. In the world of Jay Miller there is just one thing he wants to do after high school and that’s film production. He one day wants to be living in the city of Los Angeles pursuing his dream of film producing and directing.

When asking what his regrets were he had just one, “being a follower my freshman year and not being me.” I asked him how he has changed since freshman year and he said that he has found who he is and he no longer does what everyone wants him to do, but does what he wants to do.

Jay gives a lot of credit to Mrs. Norsworthy and Mr. Jauss. He says Mrs. Norsworthy is “hilarious,” and Mr. Jauss is “a good leader and an overall good person.” Jay never really had one person who inspired him the most instead he said, “Not one particular person, any leader who stands up for what they believe in and does what they want to do.”

WORDS OF WISDOM:

“Be a leader so freshman look up to you and not down on you.”

Bethani McKinney: Chicks, Vampires, & Laughter, Oh My

By: Hannah Reece



Bethani has never been one to blend in here at Monroe High School. She is always the center of attention whether it be in the hall-

way, classroom, or lunch.

Most students know her because of her love of chickens. She first got interested in chickens because of her Uncle Fuzz (called so because of his fuzzy hair). What she loves the most about them is how cool they look when they strut.

She has made so many memories here; her favorite was hard to

come up with. She did really enjoy her fieldtrip to the zoo her junior year.

As we have all gotten to know Bethani over the years, one question remains in our minds. What will she do when she graduates? In ten years she expects that she will still be a “Chicken Lady” but she has bigger dreams too. She says that in ten years she will be a vampire so she can prove to everyone that they are real.

Bethani has very little regrets from high school. In fact, she claims that she has had the perfect high school experience. The one way that she has changed is that she is less mean now than she was her freshman year.

There is a lot that we haven’t learned about Bethani over the past four years. For example, *The Fox and*

the Hound makes her cry every time. Another thing that you may not know is that Bethani loves to write. Her high school experience has been one of her greatest inspirations for her writing.

Bethani wants to be remembered as a funny girl who made everyone laugh. She is well on her way to that goal, because this year she was voted by the senior class as “class clown.” If there is one lesson that you can learn from Bethani, it’s that there is a lot more to a person than what meets the eye.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

“Do not fight or you will definitely get yourself in trouble.”

EDITORIALS

This Senior's Heart is Forever in Hornet Country

By: Hannah Robertson (guest writer)

As all of my friends and peers around me begin their countdowns of the last ten days of school, slack off on their work, and anxiously await graduation day, I feel quite differently. Don't get me wrong, it is great to be close to the end, have less homework, and no worries. Summer is almost here and I'm looking forward to college and all of the fresh, exciting challenges it will bring.

But knowing that the absolute end of high school is just days away--that doesn't feel so good. I've always been a big fan of school; it's what I'm good at, it's what I know how to do and it's where I'm comfortable. I've always gone to Monroe—and it's home to me. I may not have enjoyed everything that happened in my high school career; however, I still have so many fond memories: soccer, cross country, singing in choir, the musicals, hanging with friends, birthday parties, prom—just to name a few.

I will miss all of my friends too. I love them dearly and I so enjoy seeing them everyday. It's devastating to think that I won't get to see them everyday, see their

smiles, or hear their laughter. I know we'll stay in touch, grow up, get married, make new friends, and start our own families, but it's still so hard to say goodbye. I'm going to miss everyone so much!!

As the last day for seniors and graduation draw nearer, I want to thank all of my friends for being so great and wish them good luck in the future. I offer this advice: Whatever you do, be happy—because that's what really matters.

Only a few more days of school for seniors....but only 3 months until we begin our freshman year of college!!



You and Me Baby, We're Stuck Like Glue

By: Aaron Brewer

You know who they are; they come as a pair. You never see one of their faces without the other close behind. But what happens when the final bell rings this year and one, or both of them graduate? Will things change? Here is what they think:

Morgan Heck & Devin King: Morgan is scared out of her mind for Devin to leave for the University of Dayton. She says they won't get to see each other very often because he won't be able to take a car as a freshman. They have been dating for one year and four months and though she doesn't think college will end things for them, she is still really nervous for the future. As nervous as she

may be, Morgan does not plan on following Devin to school because she hates UD!

Beth McGuire & Hannah Reece: Beth and Hannah have been best friends since Beth moved to Monroe. They are virtually inseparable in the halls and in the classroom. Things for these seniors won't change too much after graduation (hopefully) considering that they are planning on going to college together as well (Cincinnati Christian University). They know that things will be busier and they won't see each other as much, but they are confident in their friendship. The girls will miss the sports and fun of Monroe, but look forward to making new memories in college.

Are You Smarter Than a Monroe Senior?

By: Ben Collom

For thirteen years, students attend school in order to prepare themselves for life on the outside. We study, we do homework, we take quizzes and tests and exams that all lead up to one day; graduation day. Seniors are the top dogs in high school. They are supposed to be the smartest and coolest and strongest of everyone else. But how much do they really know? I asked a handful of seniors certain questions that their teachers say they *should* know when they graduate:

Mrs. McNaughton asked: What is the Pythagorean Theorem? ($a^2+b^2=c^2$)

Alex Patrick answered: I can't even pronounce it, that's math?

Mr. McNally asks: What does the endoplasmic reticulum do? (transports proteins around a cell)

Sam Thompson answered: creates sperm?

Mrs. Warren asked: What is the Mass of oxygen? (32)

Carly Luken answered: uhh...I had Mr. Farrish

Mrs. Frye asked: Who wrote Tom Sawyer? (Mark Twain)

Austin Evans answered: Huckleberry Finn?

Mr. DeMichele asked: How many presidents have we had? (44)

Brittney Brown answered: 50

SENIOR PROFILES

Jeffrey Darkwa: New Places, Different Faces

By: Trevor Deaton



Jeffrey Darkwa seems like the quiet, new kid in school. But he was not just new to our school this year, he was new

to our country. He moved to Monroe all the way from Africa because his aunt lives here.

Jeffrey says that high school in Monroe has been a much different for him than school was in Africa. There, teachers don't work with students one-on-one. He has really enjoyed the connections that he has made with the teachers here at Monroe High School.

Even though he likes listening to teachers when they lecture on things that he is interested in, he also has really learned to appreciate Mr. Hopkins' class. He likes getting to work on projects at his own pace and relax.

Jeffrey feels like in this short year he has become a part of Hornet Country and he has made many fond memories with other students and staff. He is thankful for his experience here and believes that it was a good step toward the rest of his life. It was hard to choose a memory that he loved, but one of his favorite memories is being at the basketball game on senior night.

After graduation Jeffrey wants to move on to college and major in either business or engineering. He

is unsure of where he wants to get his degree, but he knows that once graduates from college he wants to move to Atlanta and find work there.

His main goal in life is to make his mother proud. Jeffrey says that his mother is his whole world. She has always been there for him and he has learned a lot from her. He is really ready to graduate and move on with his life. He knows that there is nothing but success ahead of him.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Study hard and graduate."

Kaitlynn Nall: Designing her Way from Ohio to Idaho

By: Beth McGuire



Kaitlynn Nall moved here from Kentucky the summer of her eighth grade year. Coming to Ohio she was a bit shy, but now you can

find her participating in choir concerts, musicals and drama plays that the school puts on. She has had a lot of fun memories in high school, but her favorite is messing around with her friends, like the time that Hannah Robertson called her a whale.

Over the course of her high school career, Kaitlynn has accomplished many things. The one that she is the most proud of is being accepted into

honor chorus. She claims that math tends to be her weakest subject but when she is in Ms. McNaughton's class she understands math a whole lot better and earns much higher grades. She thinks that Ms. McNaughton is a fantastic teacher and makes it much easier to grasp the concept of whatever they may be learning.

The summer before her senior year, Kaitlynn tagged along with her aunt for the summer. Her aunt is an interior designer and they got to take a trip to Paris for her job. While she was there, Kaitlynn realized that she wanted to have a career in interior design as well.

She has done extensive research in the field of interior design since her experience with her aunt. For her senior exit project Kaitlynn re-

searched the many elements and facets of interior design and gave a fabulous presentation. This fall she will attend Brigham Young University (BYU) in Idaho to take the first step in turning her dreams into reality.

She has had a great time in high school and doesn't regret anything that she has done. "High school couldn't have been more perfect for me," she claims. When asked to summarize her entire high school experience in one word, Kaitlynn smiled and said,

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Do all of the activities that you can because the chance to do them will soon be gone."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

From Senior Back to Freshman

By: Jordan Abner

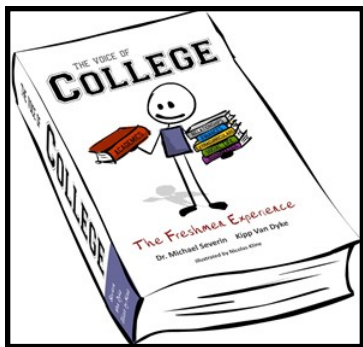
Graduation is coming up soon and that means that many of this year's seniors will be leaving high school and headed for college. Like many college freshmen they will probably find out that college is a lot different than high school.

One of the biggest differences is that for the first time in your life you will be alone. That means that you will have to cook, clean, and do laundry all for yourself. This will be problematic for some students, such as me, who have never done any of these chores.

Another major change is that the classes in college are generally a lot more difficult than in high school. The teachers in college make your grade your own responsibility, not their own. They may not remind you of missing work or may not

even take class attendance. They leave it up to you to come to class to earn the material. Also you are expected to study a lot more in college. This is a lot different than what a lot of high school students have experienced where you can still get good grades if you hardly ever study.

There are a ton of other differences between high school and college. Like how in high school your education is free and in college it costs thousands of dollars a year. Also your college courses are not 5 days a week like in high school. Hopefully our seniors will be able to adapt to all of these changes without any problems. We all wish you seniors good luck in anything that you do in your future.



Teachers' Wise Words

By: Cayli Baldwin

All you seniors graduating this May will be soon entering into the real world, no longer sheltered by your parents or the tiny town of Monroe. You will discover new and exciting people and hopefully learn new things as well. It is also a very scary situation to enter into college not knowing anything or anyone. To help comfort you through this high anxiety time, some of your favorite high school teachers shared their wise words to help guide you in the next chapter of your life.

Mr. Ward: "Don't skip class in college."

Mr. McNally: "Stay organized."

Ms. Meeker: "Make friends with the police officers on campus."

Mrs. Norsworthy: "Whatever you do, make sure it's what makes you happy and not what other people want you to do."

Mr. Wilhelm: "Don't confuse activity with achievement, just because you do something doesn't mean it's good." (Quote by Coach John Wooden)

Mrs. Alexander: "Put your best effort forward."

Mrs. Green: "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." (Quote by Benjamin Franklin)

Your Future and the Un-friendly Social Network

By: Marena Hernandez

With seniors going off to college and juniors trying to figure out what they're going to do with their lives, education and grades are important. That's what colleges pay attention to the most of all. What kind of classes you took, your GPA, your test scores, and just your high school grades in general, but is that really all they look at?



they'll look at your social networking profile, if you have one. Facebook being the most popular now a days for teenagers is getting checked frequently for anything that could harm your chances, or maybe even boost them.

sional, the chances are high that they will not get the job. Students, athletes, and those in the work force are getting rejected more and more based on their social network profiles, language and pictures.

College Admissions admit that they don't have time to look at everyone who admits an application but there is a chance it could be you. That should be a chance you don't want to take. So be careful what you post and what people post on your profile. Keep it clean and how you want people to see it.

The answer is no. If you submit an application there is a chance

Not only colleges, but employers will check out prospective candidates on facebook. If there is something that would deface the company or make the candidate look unprofes-

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Juniors: Why do You Want to be a Senior?

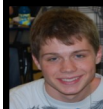
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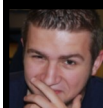
Kevin Sloneker: "I am looking forward to being a leader on sports teams."



Molly Storer: "PSEO Calculus and English."



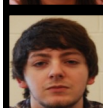
Doug Flick: "Being looked up to by underclassmen."



Justin Fitzgerald: "My senior year of marching band."



Alexis Adams: "AP Physics."



Blake Pottorf: "Having seniority."