

## Flavia Xavier

**Activities involved in during high school:** Newspaper

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, during my sophomore year all I could do was

talk in class, but then I noticed what I was losing and how would affect my college future.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I don't have a good memory so I'm going to say it was my last middle school year. I made new friends, and I used to hang out with them a lot. I also went to a lot of quinceañeras and had a lot of fun.

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Probably my freshman year. My old school changed the books and methods to teach, so I had a hard time. Then I decided to change high schools.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't waste your study hall watching Netflix and don't get late to classes.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Open lunch.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Probably the homecoming and football Friday nights. I don't have it in Brazil.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

Wearing moccasins. I think they are kinda weird and ugly but for fun I decided to buy one and I'm not going to lie, they are pretty comfy.

**What is your dream job?** Be an architect.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"And for the lady, perhaps a salad?" "Perhaps not." - White Chicks

**What does your future look like?** When I come back to Brazil I'll do specific classes to get into college and then apply for a few colleges and see in which I get in.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Probably was saying goodbye to my family at the airport.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My exchange senior year. It's so hard to leave all the people you love in your home country, even knowing you will come back, but the hardest it's while you're living aboard you figure out that you have to leave your second home and you probably won't know when you will come back. Also it's heartbreaking to decide if you're going to come back to go to college or stay with you real family.



## Cody Ries



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football 4 years

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes, I'm more comfortable and outgoing.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs. Lewin. She's a good teacher and fun to talk to.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Junior year. Big tests, hardest subjects, start choosing colleges.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** You be you. Don't be stupid freshmen. Don't think you're better than the seniors. Time management for homework

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I wouldn't, but we do need more delays and closings

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Football

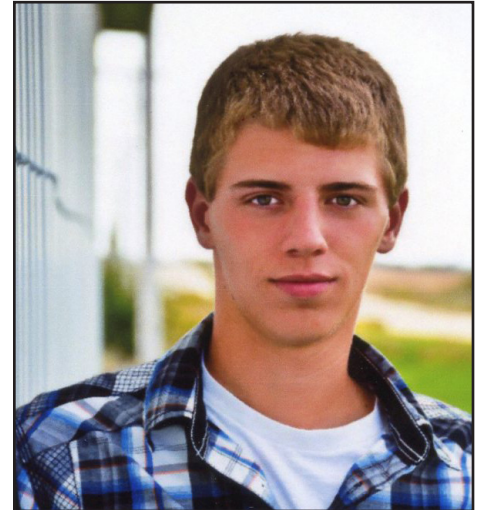
**What is your dream job?** Physical Therapist

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Going to Clarke in Dubuque to major in Biology and hopefully make it into the Physical Therapy program.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** My homework/projects.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Knee injuries

## Andy Huber



**Activities involved in during high school:** Baseball, FFA

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I feel that I have become more mature.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Sledding down the hill

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Sophomore year because of all the homework

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't be afraid of high school and don't be afraid of what people think of you.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Have open lunch for seniors and more delays and cancellations

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Putting the goat in Pam's yard during homecoming. It was a rush.

**What is your dream job?** To farm on my own

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I'm going to NICC up at Calmar for Ag Business

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Deal with the classes you don't care about and coming to school every day

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Making one bad choice that will stay with you forever

# Macy Anderegg

## Activities involved in during high school:

Softball, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Choir, Musical, Play, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Wildcat Echo, National Honor Society, Student Council, Mentoring, Tutoring, Spanish Club, Homecoming Court, Vocal Jazz

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I have most definitely changed throughout high school. I have changed through my appearance. I have changed through my emotional standpoints on myself, others, and life. I have changed through every aspect of myself. These changes may be positive or negative, but no matter what, I am proud of the outcome these changes have lead me to be as an individual.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** When I read this question, I knew the exact person to talk about. Although many, many teachers have inspired me throughout my four years, I know that one teacher will continue to inspire me after I walk out the front doors for the last time as a student: Mrs. Temple. I have only had Mrs. Temple as a teacher in my Freshman and Senior years, but the impact she has left on my life is incredible. Mrs. Temple has taught me to be a strong individual, even if you don't want to be. She has taught me to stick with your heart on your decisions, dreams, and who you really are as a person. I honestly could write a book about this lady because she will forever be on the list of inspirational people in my life. Thank you, Mrs. Temple.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I moved to MV in my 6th grade year so, sadly, I do not have a favorite elementary school memory. My favorite middle school memory would have to be sitting in the back of Mrs. Becker's Science room while Ann Grant was the substitute. Marissa Harbach, Jazz Niehaus, and I were imitating the whale noises from the movie Finding Nemo. It is one of the best memories ever.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year. My schedule is always filled with sports, tutoring, choir lessons, work, CNA classes, college prep responsibilities, scholarships, and then to add on the hours of homework. I am very thankful for my parents, friends, teachers, mentors, and advisors that are always there at hand to help me get through all my hectic and stress-filled times.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Work ahead on everything. If there is one thing that has lessened my stress this year would be when I work ahead. I am very thankful for when I do work ahead and there is a day when I just want to go to bed early and I can because I have my homework done. Also, don't worry about every little detail and take one day at a time. I think one of the main reasons why I am ready to get out of high school is because throughout my four years, I spent it worrying about what is going to happen next, or I have tried so hard to make my high school years fun, when I really just made them the complete opposite. So freshmen, for as cliché as this is going to sound, just have fun and live in the moment. Before long, you will be sitting where I am writing your senior profile and giving the same advice I am, if you don't take the advice I am giving you now.

**How would you change MV?** I love nearly everything about MV. I positively can say I am 99.9% sure that I would not be the same person I am today with the same morals and attitudes that I have towards life and high school if I wouldn't have moved to MV from Ed-Co. Although, I do think that in high school, we need to not only prepare for our lives education wise, we need to prepare for other necessities. With that, I think MV needs to be more disciplined. During the ages we are in high school is when we learn the most about who we are and, most likely, who we will be based on how we develop through high school. These acts of discipline apply for grades and tests and the poor actions we choose to make.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** I'd relive my entire senior year. I wish I would have had a different attitude toward my last year in high school. I wish I would have cherished activities that are no longer a part of my life anymore. I wish I would have cherished moments before my senior year that affected my attitudes towards this year especially.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** My goal every day when I choose an outfit is mainly for comfort not style. So, my worst fashion moments would have to be tennis shoes with nearly every outfit I wear, even jeans. Also, I am the only person in this school who wears inside out sweatpants. They are not the most attractive, but I tell ya, they are very comfy.

**What is your dream job?** My absolute dream job is to travel across the nation as a Spanish-speaking traveling pediatric nurse in states like New York, California, Washington, and South Carolina. I'd love to work with all sorts of families and children, both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking, every day. In Iowa, you don't get that overwhelming experience of different kinds of people.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "A dream is a wish your heart makes." - Cinderella

**What does your future look like?** If there is one thing that I am both terrified and overly excited for, it's my future. I cannot wait to spend my next four years at Mount Mercy University majoring in Nursing and minoring in Spanish. I cannot wait to continue my careers of softball and singing there also. After college, I hope to start out my nursing experience working at Mercy hospital in Cedar Rapids or Iowa City to get ready for my hopeful career of a Traveling Pediatric Nurse. But mainly, I am terrified and over excited for the person I am going to discover. I have already changed so much just in my senior year, but I cannot wait to see what the rest of my life turns out to be.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I have many answers to this question but the most challenging would have to be finding out who I am. High school is a big puzzle that has way too many pieces to finish in the four guaranteed years that each individual has. In order to finish this puzzle you have to find out who you are as a learner, a teacher, a role model, a participant, an overall individual. Sometimes these different aspects in a person are much harder to reveal than expected.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Most everyone knows that I was not always a MV Wildcat. I used to go to school at Ed-Co and moving to Delhi, has reversed my life and I cannot be thankful enough for that. I have been impacted by a lot of people I have encountered because of my move. It's scary to think without the move, they wouldn't have been a part of my life today.



# Sienna Becker

## Activities involved in during high school:

Softball(4 years), Volleyball (4 years), Basketball (4 years), TEL (4 years), TATU (3 years), Spanish Club (4 years), National Honor Society (3 years), Yearbook (1 year), Band (1 year), Play (4 years), Large group and Individual Speech (4 years)

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I have definitely changed throughout high school. I used to be extremely shy as a freshmen and I have gotten a lot better. I believe that speech and the play have helped me become more outgoing.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** I would say that Mrs. Temple would be my most inspiring teacher. She always has such a positive attitude and makes me want to learn.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Shawnae made us all write love letters to Rob in first grade but I didn't like him so I wrote one to my mom. **What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year is the most stressful. I'm filling out scholarship after scholarship, figuring out stuff for college, while trying to find time for extracurriculars and schoolwork.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Take school seriously from the start. The grades you get your freshman and sophomore year do matter and can affect your GPA. Also get involved in anything you can because you won't get another opportunity like this.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** The students shouldn't get as many chances as we do. We have the WIN list, but nothing really happens if you're on it. We need more consequences when we don't get our work done on time to prepare us for life outside of high school.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Playing one more basketball or volleyball game. I love being part of a team and would love another shot at both sports.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

Clogs

**What is your dream job?** A human resources manager at a large company.

**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 look like?** I will be attending the University of Northern Iowa to study human resources management.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Just being involved in speech has had a huge impact on my life. I am doing things now I would never have done if I hadn't been involved in speech.



## Kristin Brehm



**Activities involved in during high school:** Musical, Choir, Band, FFA, Speech, Spanish Club, NHS

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes because I don't let things get to me

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Huegel because he challenged the way I think.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Being in the "loud group" in Mrs. Jurgens' class

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Junior year because we had a lot of homework and I couldn't drive

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Walk on the right side of the hallway and accept that you are at the bottom

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Put more emphasis on fine arts

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Musical performances because you see all your hard work pay off

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Just keep swimming"-Dory

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** NICC Calmar for Ag Business

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Decide to stay at MV or transfer to Beckman

## Kelsey Snyder

**Activities involved in during high school:** Play, Softball, Musical, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Speech, Yearbook

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, I feel I am a little bit more open and less shy.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Spellerberg because she is very helpful with anything you ask her. Señora also helps with any college questions you ask her and she always has interesting stories.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In fourth grade, while waiting for the buses to come to Hopkinton, Brooke, Taylor, Riley, and I would help Mrs. Huber clean her room at the end of the day while listening to her CD player.

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Senior year because you have to manage your time with your future college life and high school, along with all my homework from our school and Kirkwood.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Go to Kirkwood your junior year to get a head start in college and get a taste at what college is going to look like in the future.

**How would you change MV?** I would have more of a spring break because a lot of schools have a week off over break where we get Good Friday and a couple other days if they aren't make up days.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** I wish I would go back to the beginning of my junior year to go to Kirkwood my junior and senior year.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I had these burgundy sweatpants that I thought were the coolest pants. Looking back now I have no idea why I liked them.

**What is your dream job?** Working at a bigger hospital, maybe out of state, as a NICU nurse.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "I've never put on pantyhose, but it sounds dangerous."-Princess Diaries

**What does your future look like?** I will be going to Mount Mercy to major in nursing while gaining experience working at a hospital as an ER Tech. I then plan to start at St. Luke's hospital, and who knows maybe I will love it there and stay.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** So far college has been the hardest thing with picking which one to go and handing in all the documents and scholarship information.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Going to Kirkwood made me a better person by making me work harder, and see something different other than our school.



## Travis Knipper



**Activities involved in during high school:** FFA, Basketball, Golf, Speech

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

Yes, I have gotten more friends and gotten less shy.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Drew because I like his classes and he has taught me a lot.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Playing kickball and always hitting Mrs. Reiters', the former third grade teacher, window.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Sophomore year because that was the year that we had many stressful classes.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't come to high school and think you're tough.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Make it have open lunch.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Junior Year because I wanted to have more fun that year.

**What is your dream job?** Farmer

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Go to NICC for Industrial Electrician

## Cassie Burkle



**Activities involved in during high school:** Cross Country, FFA, Spanish Club

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes, before high school I was one of the super shy people, but now I'm not as shy as I was before.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Dunlap, because he encouraged me to start drawing more and better my skills, plus he is just an awesome teacher altogether.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?**

Senior year, applying for all the scholarships and not wanting to wait to graduate.

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

Don't forget to study

**What is your dream job?** Veterinarian

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"Oh yes, the past can hurt. But from the way I see it, you can either run from it, or... learn from it." —Rafiki, Lion King

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will go to NICC at Calmar for two years to get my gen eds done and some other classes, then I will transfer to Iowa State at the Veterinary Program down in Ames to finish up my education for my job as a Veterinarian.

## Angie Wilson

**Activities involved in during high school:** Basketball, Spanish Club, Track, Softball, Volleyball, TEL, Student Council, National Honor Society, FFA, Individual Speech, Large Group Speech, Band, Color Guard, Spring Play, TATU, Wildcat Echo, Yearbook

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?**

Definitely. I have always been weird, that never changed. But I changed the way I look at situations and about my future. I have become more mature and open to the idea of people and things changing around me.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** This is really hard, because I feel like all of my teachers were very inspirational. Mrs. Temple stands out in my mind for her amount of compassion. Her creative writing class freshmen year allowed me to find who I am. She has taught me to challenge myself and believe in my work. She will forever be someone I will turn to, especially if I need a good laugh.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?**

This isn't my favorite memory, but it is definitely memorable. I was in kindergarten, and Mrs. Robertson was teaching a math lesson. I didn't want to raise my hand and interrupt her, so I continued to sit with a full bladder. I'm sure you know what happens next: I peed my pants. I had to wear purple sweatpants the rest of the day, and ever since I have never looked at purple pants the same.

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** I would say senior year. It's the year where reality slaps you in the face. Scholarships deadlines start to sneak up fast and a lot of important decisions are made.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** I don't want to be cliché, but take the road less traveled. Do what you want to do. When you reach senior year you realize that the choices you make through your four years all define your future. And the only one who can make you happy is yourself.

**How would you change MV?** More discipline

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Sophomore year prom. It was my first prom and I loved wearing my Cinderella dress, and being that skinny to fit into it.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I participated in the "layer look." I would pull my cami down past my butt and then pull up my t-shirt past my belly-button and tie pony tail on the side to pull it tight.

**What is your dream job?** To travel the world and buy toys for kids at orphanages then deliver them. Or travel the world and take photographs.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"When I look at you I see you for who you truly are... which is UGLY! We're done!" —She's the Man

**What does your future look like?** I am attending the University of Northern Iowa as a Deciding Major. Maybe thinking about Marketing or Communications.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Deciding whether or not to play sports after my third concussion.

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

Losing my father. He was loved by so many people, and carried a spark of life throughout his time here. Though I never got to really meet my dad, I am still "daddy's little girl" because through my accomplishments I smile up to the clouds and hope I am making him proud.



## Dylan Wright

**Activities involved in during high school:**

Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Speech, NHS, Spanish Club, TEL, TATU, TAG, Musical.

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

I feel I have changed a lot in high school. My friends have changed, my mindset has changed, and my attitude towards everything has changed. It's crazy what four years does to you.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** My most inspirational teacher is Mr. DeVore. Mr. DeVore is always a fun guy to sit and talk about anything with, and I spent a lot of time with him because of calculus first semester.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My favorite middle school memory is my third hour study hall with Mrs. J and all the homework we got done.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** I would have to say my most stressful year in high school was my sophomore year. I would rank this as my most stressful year because it was the year that I took advanced algebra and geometry at the same time.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't coast through high school. Hit it with some power and challenge yourself. Take classes that you know are going to challenge you, don't dodge them. Whether you like it or not, those classes will help you tremendously in the future!

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?**

I would give the upperclassmen an option for open campus lunch. Certain requirements would have to be established for this to happen.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would definitely relive all the homecomings and high school sports because there is limited opportunity to do them anymore.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

Cargo jeans and long hair.

**What is your dream job?** My dream job would consist of being able to work outside and be able to move around and not be stuck in one place the whole time.

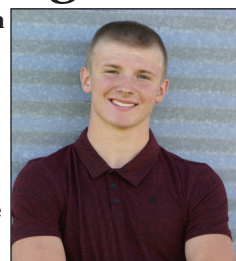
**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"I love lamp." — Brick Tamland

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending UNI in the fall for an undecided major.

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

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** One event that has impacted me so far in my life is becoming a senior and realizing how close to being an adult I was and how my life would be totally different in one year. It opened my eyes a little more.



## Erin Digmann

### Activities involved in during high school:

Basketball 4 years, Softball 4 years, Volleyball 4 years, Track 1 year, Speech 4 years, Play 2 years, Spanish Club 4 years



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes, I have opened up a lot.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** I think Mrs. Temple is. She is a great teacher and pushes you to do your best.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Jeremy tried to jump the fence and ripped his pants.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year is very stressful. You have to make a lot of decisions like where you are going to college and what you want to do with the rest of your life.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Be involved as much as you can. Four years flies by so make the most of it.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** We need to have bigger punishments for people.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** State basketball freshman year. That was an experience I will never forget.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I had some pretty ugly haircuts throughout elementary and middle school.

**What is your dream job?** I'm not sure what I want to do yet, but I hope to be in a big city doing something I love.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Heroes get remembered but legends never die"

Or anything else from *The Sandlot*

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I am attending Kirkwood for an undecided major.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Losing my grandpa. He was one of my biggest supporters throughout high school.

## Laisee Shakespeare



**Activities involved in during high school:** Choir, FFA, Cross Country, Speech, Spanish Club

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

Yes- I'm more responsible and can handle things better.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Junior year because teachers give more homework or senior year since there's so much college planning to do.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't get caught up in doing what everyone else is doing. Do what makes you happy and unique.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Get out early every other Friday and have frozen yogurt.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** All state speech my junior year because it was such an amazing experience.

**What is your dream job?** Traveling the world and somehow getting paid for it.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "I'm so confused" - Here Comes the Boom

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Kirkwood then maybe transfer to a four-year school.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Going on a mission trip to Haiti

## Brandon Gudenkauf



No profile submitted.

## Jordy Downs

**Activities involved in during high school:**

Football, Wrestling, Golf

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, as you get to be older you realize that your priorities change a lot.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Probably Mrs. Lewin because I was never a good math student and she had it drilled into our heads that sometimes you have to deal with things in life, and you have to overcome them. So if you're going to do them you might as well be good at it, and by the end of the year I had a pretty good grade in her class.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In 1st grade when the new kid

Austin Strickle would get in trouble he would run and hide, and Mr. Gatto would chase him around the room and he hid under the desk and hit his head and everyone was laughing and it was a good time. You had to be there.

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Probably senior year because of all the activities, but no year is stressful if you make it easy. Stay relaxed and manage your time well.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't try to be popular because none of it matters when you graduate. Be a good, selfless person and be yourself. Fitting in with the status quo is highly overrated and is forgotten any ways. Be the person who isn't afraid of being themselves regardless of the circumstances.

**How would you change MV?** Get rid of any employee who belittles a student or athlete. They are here to help us grow as students and athletes not ruin our self esteem.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** My senior year of wrestling and being able to finish it without being hurt.

**What is your dream job?** Professional Rodeo Cowboy.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"The only healthy way to live life, is to learn to like all the little everyday things," - Augustus McCrae, Lonesome Dove

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Going to NICC and then to Upper Iowa for industrial tech education, hopefully make a career out of professional rodeo.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Give up friends because they weren't doing the right thing.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Getting hurt in wrestling my senior year and realizing that everything can be taken away from you instantly. Don't ever ignore concussions because they are a serious injury.



## Jazz Niehaus

**Activities involved in during high school:**

Dance, Vocal Jazz, Cheer, Individual Speech, Group Speech, Wrestling Stats, Choir, Band, Play, Musical, Spanish Club, and Color Garde.

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Undoubtedly. At the beginning of high school I was more outgoing and loud. Although I am still loud, I talk to a lot less people than I did. I found my group of friends and stuck with them. I also believe I found my own sense of style as high school has progressed. I don't fear being 'weird' anymore. I have accepted that people will say what they want to and that there isn't much I can do about it.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mr. Hadley has inspired me the most throughout high school because I think that he is the most interesting man alive. Mr. Hadley once told me something along the lines of, "I don't want to die with any regrets. If I wake up tomorrow and think I really want to do or be something, I am going to." This sentence has stuck with me throughout high school. I admire that Mr. Hadley is truly himself and fears neither change nor risk.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Looking back at elementary and early middle school, most of my favorite memories include Marissa. Whether it be getting in trouble for listening to Eminem at recess, cheating on spelling tests, or spending virtually every weekend together, Marissa taught me what unconditional love was.

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Freshman year because I got braces and cried because I thought I was ugly.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Walk on the right side of the hallway and pipe down.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I'm still mad Kaleb Handel wasn't class president.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Sophomore year musical because I learned how much I really do love being on stage. I really believe that I truly found my passion that theatre that year.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Freshman year unibrow.

**What is your dream job?** Screenwriter

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Now there's a school that self-destructed, not because society didn't care, but because the school was society. Now that's deep." - J.D., The Heathers

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend ISU to double major in Marketing and Advertising. I hope to get a job after college in Portland, OR.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Accept myself for who I am.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Losing the two most important people in my life at a very young age changed me immensely. I think that jaded me a bit, made me a bit more condescending and cold than I should be. That's life.



## Courtney Ingles

**Activities involved in during high school:**

speech during freshman year.

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I would say yes because I used to be really quiet but now I am more outgoing and talkative.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** I would have to say Mrs. Hunt because she has pushed me through the years to get my work done and was always giving me great advice.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Going on field trips with classmates and having a good time.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Freshman year because I didn't know any of the upperclassmen and they were nice, but I never took a chance to talk to them and make friends.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Always be who you want to be, don't follow others because it's the "cool" thing to do. Always do the right thing even if it is different than what others are doing.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I wouldn't change it in any way because it is a great school and everyone is here to help you out.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** It would be the time I had speech during freshman year because it was fun and we all got to learn a lot about each other and had a great time.

**What is your dream job?** My dream job is to be a RN.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "The problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem." —Pirates of the Caribbean

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be going to NICC for two years to get my RN. It takes three years but I already have my CNA through Kirkwood.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** It would probably be deciding what I wanted to do for a job/living because there is so many different options.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Getting a Job at subway because it has taught me how to communicate well with others and the responsibility



## Caitlyn Gibbs

### Activities involved in during high school:

Volleyball (4), Basketball (3), Softball (1), Group Speech (4), Individual



Speech (2), National Honor Society (3), TEL (4), FFA (2)

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

My freshman year, I was always self-conscious about myself and never wanted people to notice me, but as a senior I don't really care what people think about me at this point. If you want to judge, judge. It won't hurt me.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** I'd have to say my most stressful year was probably junior year because homework is piled on, but I was also looking at colleges and deciding what I wanted to do and where I wanted to go. That same year my parents went through a rough patch ending in a divorce.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** If the seniors tell you to do something, do it and don't complain. Also walk on the right side of the hallway!

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I wouldn't. It's perfect the way it is (other than snow days).

**What is your dream job?** My dream job is to work at Regional Medical Center as a Radiologic Technician (X-ray Tech).

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

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

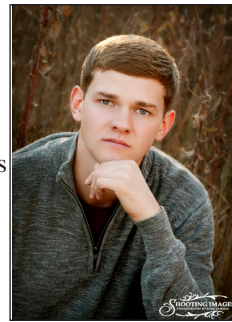
**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend NICC in Peosta in the fall of 2016 for Radiology.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Learn to live in Manchester at my dad's house every other week since the divorce.

## Jeremy Fischer

### Activities involved in during high school:

Football for 4 years  
Baseball for 3 years  
Wrestling for 2 years  
Track for 2 years  
Basketball for 1 day  
National Honor Society  
Student Council  
Spanish Club



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

Yes, I've grown about two inches in height and have gotten a lot better at procrastinating.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. DeVore because he really challenged me in his classes and taught me that I will actually need to study in college.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In fifth grade when I jumped over a fence to get a football and ripped my shorts.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year because you have to figure out what you want to do with the rest of your life.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Have fun while you're here. These four years really do fly by.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would probably eliminate any type of hot dog from the lunch menu. I would also impeach Calvin Orcutt as student body president for never freeing Craigslist and elect Kaleb Handel to take his place.

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

I would go back and watch Lucas Rumbo and Brian Heims' dance off during homecoming. Heims has a mean stanky leg.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

When I shaved my head freshman year.

**What is your dream job?** Wow, I wish I knew.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"My name is Rod and I like to party." - Hot Rod

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will attend the University of Northern Iowa next fall and am still undecided on a major.

**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?** Timothy Andrews marrying my sister.

## Emily LaGrant

### Activities involved in during high school:

Speech, volleyball, golf, NHS, class officer, Spanish club, choir, band, speech, play, the Echo, and a bunch of other stuff.



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

Of course I have. The people that I've met have hopefully changed me for the better. I've grown up a lot in the last four years so that's pretty cool.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mrs. DeVore helped bring out my creativity and get me involved and excited for speech and play. A lot of my confidence came from working with her.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** "You have the sex appeal of a potato." - Jazz Niehaus to Emily LaGrant, 8th grade

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year has been pretty stressful. If I have to fill out another scholarship application, I will combust.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't walk in mobs at .005 mph in the middle of the hallway. Also, do your homework. It won't kill you.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?**

A stronger emphasis on the arts would be great. Music, art, and performance are so important because they help students develop lifelong skills that are necessary to success.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** I don't want to relive any moment. I have memories that I will cherish forever and people to share those memories with. I believe it's time to take all we've learned and experienced and move on.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I used to wear sweater vests. I don't want to talk about it.

**What is your dream job?** I'd love to become an engineer, but becoming a writer is a close second.

**What is your favorite television quote?**

"You know, I wumbo, you wumbo, he/she/me wumbo. Wombology, the study of wumbo! It's first grade, Spongebob!" - Patrick Star

**What does your future look like?** I'm heading to Iowa State to study electrical engineering. After that, I'm not sure. I'm just going to enjoy the ride.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I had to take a math test once.

**What event has most impacted your life so far?** I met some really great people my freshman year. These individuals helped me grow as a person and taught me not just to "carpe diem" but to "carpe omnia." They opened my mind to new ideas (aka could we send a pineapple to every person on earth?) and showed me a new sense of humor ("TURN IN YOUR FRIENDSHIP SOCK!"). Because of them, I can't wait to find out what comes next in life.

# Kristi Goedken

## Activities involved in during high school:

Volleyball (3) Basketball (4) FFA (3) Play (3) Large Group Speech (4) TEL (3) TATU (3) Wildcat Echo (4) Spanish Club (4) National Honor Society (3) Student Leadership Group (1) Individual Speech (1) Mentoring Program (1)

## Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?

Yes. One of the biggest changes was becoming more organized and responsible which will help me in college and my future endeavors. I also feel as if I have changed my personality from Freshman year and learned to be my own person and not worry what everyone else is doing.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Spellerberg because she has helped me in so many ways. Not only has she been able to listen to multiple speeches I've given for FFA officer positions, but she always puts me in a position to be successful in the classroom. She has opened my eyes to all the careers in business as well as careers in agriculture through job shadowing.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Everybody remembers that time at Earlville Elementary when Jeremy Fischer decided to climb over the baseball fence during recess to get a ball and ripped his pants!

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** I felt Senior year was the most stressful because you have a lot on your plate: scholarships, finding a college, and focusing on extracurriculars. I also chose to take as many college credit classes as I could which made my two semesters really busy. Having a part time job also added stress because I would spend lots of late nights doing homework for my online classes and other classes I took.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** CHALLENGE YOURSELF! Don't be afraid to take different classes than your friends. Don't take the easy route throughout high school and just coast along. Prepare yourself to be successful from the beginning and stick with that all four years.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** I would definitely want to relive my senior year. I feel like we get caught up in all the college decision making that it flies by faster than any other year. I would love to stand in the student section cheering on our boys on a Friday night, running out of the locker room and warming up for a basketball game, or having random conversations with my friends after lunch in the locker room again.

**What is your dream job?** Work at John Deere in Waterloo in their Marketing department. I've grown up with John Deere equipment on our family farm, as well as my grandparents', and see the importance of this international company. I'd love to show my abilities in this international company that is passionate in the ag industry.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Dear Darla, I hate your stinkin' guts. You make me vomit. You're scum between my toes. Love, Alfalfa." -The Little Rascals

**What does your future look like?** I will be attending Iowa State University next fall to major in Agricultural Communications and possibly minor in Ag Business.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** One of the hardest things I've ever had to do was receive a call from my mom while I was down in Louisville, Kentucky at National FFA Convention this past fall saying my Godmother Rose had passed away from a rare cancer that attacked her lungs and heart.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Though the outcome wasn't successful, running for NE District FFA Officer has impacted my life the most. I was able to gain not only leadership but speaking skills that will help me gain leadership positions in my career.



# Megan Hogan

## Activities involved in during high school:

National Honor Society, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Boy's Basketball Statistician/Manager, Cross Country, Track, Band, Spanish Club, Urinetown, Little Women, and the Wildcat Echo.

## Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?

Why or why not? I believe that I have changed throughout high school. I started my high school career as a very shy freshman that was scared of the upperclassmen. By staying involved in speech and other activities I have been able to break out of my shell and become the talkative person that I am today.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Why? I think my most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Temple because she has taught me so many things this year. She has taught me that my writing can take me far in life. Not only has she taught me that my writing can take me on great adventures, she has taught me how to speak with my writing. I never would have turned my narrative essay into my original oratory if Mrs. Temple hadn't suggested that I do so.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Nichole Lucas and I were on the playground in elementary and Nichole was upset that I wasn't playing with her. She went to Mrs. Billings, the teacher watching over recess. Mrs. Billings made us go to conflict managers and now we are best friends!

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Why? I would say the most stressful year of high school is probably your senior year because you are preparing for the next chapter of your life. Not only are you thinking about what you will be doing next year, you have to think about the present. You have to think about prom, scholarships, what college you are going to, what you want to do with the rest of your life, etc.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Get involved. Be on the speech team(s)! Make sure you take both semesters of gym your freshman year!

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would change the school lunch. I also think that they should get rid of study halls and make WIN time and lunch longer. We would only have seven classes a day instead of some students having two study halls a day while other have one or not one at all. This would mean that we could extend WIN time so that everyone has one study hall a day, and they can get something done during that time. I would also extend lunch because a lot of the times the freshmen don't get enough time to eat once they get their food.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would like to relive the day of November 19th, 2016. That day my brother and sister were in a car accident on their way to school. I had to work that morning so I took Highway 20 from Manchester to Delaware. If I didn't have to work that morning, I would have gone around the same curve. I could have warned him that the semi was there, or I could have been one of the first people on the scene on my way to school, I would not have had to hear it over the phone from my dad.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** The entire week of Homecoming my freshman year.

**What is your dream job?** My dream job is to be a radiographic technician.

## What is your favorite movie quote?

"Oh, look at that. I've been impaled." -Olaf

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be going to Kirkwood next year to study Diagnostic Assisting, also called Radiology. I would like to specialize in a field, but I'm not sure where I will go for that.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I have ever had to do was ending a friendship that I thought would last through college. Always remember to stay true to yourself and find your true friends.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My sophomore prom. I went to visit my grandmother at the Good Neighbor Society and she didn't know who I was because of Early-Onset Alzheimer's Disease.



## Katlyn Handel



**Activities involved in during high school:** Speech

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes. I've changed for the best. I am way more mature and not as shy as I used to be! Who cares what people think if you're having fun! Right?

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Hunt! She cares so much for all the students and wants the best for all of us! She is probably the most honest person. We need more people like her because she pushes us to do our best and hopes for the best for everyone!

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Junior year! You have to figure out what you want to do with your life, what collage you want to go to, and the teachers pile the homework like crazy.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't forget to have fun!

**How would you change MV?** More trips! Not just college trips, fun ones!

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Silly bands!

**What is your dream job?** To own my own business.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." -Forrest Gump

**What does your future look like?** Going to Mitchell College in North Carolina for business.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Moving to the little town of Hopkinton. I've met so many amazing people here and I wouldn't change the world for it!

## Kalvin Orcutt

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, Basketball, Track, Baseball, FFA, NHS, Student Council

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes, I have become more hardworking and gained many leadership skills.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. K because he is always a strong role model and keeps me in line every day.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When we built a wall out of snow, so the teachers couldn't see us wrestle in the snow and throw others to the ground.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Sophomore year, it was the year we had the most classes and workload.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Quit getting so worked up over little stuff; everything will be just fine.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Take it back to our Freshman year when the students had a break after lunch and the teachers were more laid back.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Tping sophomore year when the cops chased us all over Hopkinton.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I ripped the crotch out of two pairs of pants in the Ag shop two different years when loading out fruit.

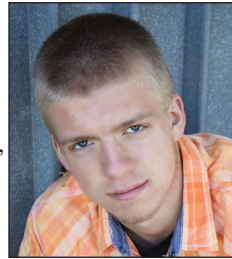
**What is your dream job?** Farmer

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "My name is Rod and I like to party."

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I'm attending Iowa State in the Fall to major in Ag Systems Technology then hopefully get into a farm that I could take over.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Dividing up the amount of Christmas presents we could afford betwix the teachers who would most appreciate them.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** When I decided that I would go to college at Iowa State, I got really excited about my future.



## Rob Bockenstedt

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, basketball, and FFA

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes, I am more outgoing since I first started high school.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs. Downs, she would do anything for any of her students and she always gives you food.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When we were playing kick ball I kicked the ball and it shattered Mrs. Reiter's bird feeder. I got the opportunity to pick up all the bird seed on the ground so it wouldn't get wasted.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** My senior year. I had to teach Andy O'Connell how to play football and teach him the plays which he still does not know.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Go out and have fun but still take school seriously.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would get a better variety of school lunches and I would get rid of WIN time.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would play football again because that is what I will miss the most about high school.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I never really had any. I looked good even when I tried not too.

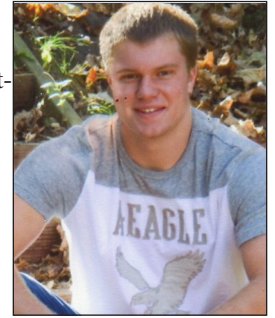
**What is your dream job?** I would like to be an electrician.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "My name is Rod and I like to party" - Hot Rod

**What does your future look like?** I would like to work for an electrician and farm on the side.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The two hardest things I ever had to was paying attention in history class and throwing the goat in Pam's yard.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Delivering Christmas presents to teachers the night before finals.



## Mason Hermanson

**Activities involved in during high school:**

Football and Wrestling

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?**

**Why or why not?** I have changed a lot throughout high school. My attitude and mindset has changed over these four years.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** My most inspirational teacher would be Mr. Drew. Mr. Drew always tries to help out anyway he can, and all of his classes are fun to take.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Study hall with the one and only Mrs. J.

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Why? Sophomore year was my most stressful because I had to take speech, Spanish II, and geometry.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Enjoy high school, but at the same time, get your work done and set yourself up for success in the future.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would give the upperclassmen an option for open campus lunch if they had good grades.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would definitely relive all high school sports because I will never be able to do them again.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Long hair and earrings

**What is your dream job?** My dream job would be to travel the world as a biologist researching and studying animals.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"How do you like them apples?" - Matt Damon in Good Will Hunting

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending UNI in the fall to major in education

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

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** One event that has impacted me so far in my life is becoming a senior and realizing how close I am to my next big step in life, going to college.



## Whitney Wilson

**Activities involved in during high school:**

Football 4 years, Boys' Basketball Manager 3 years, Track 4 years, National Honor Society 3 years.

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?**

**Why or why not?** Yes, I have. I came in the quiet and nerdy girl that wore t-shirts and jeans EVERYDAY. Now I am sassier, more outgoing, in some ways not as much of a nerd, and I now wear dresses and other apparel sometimes.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mr. Dunlap was my most inspirational teacher. Mr. Dunlap gave me a lot of opportunities and encouraged me to make myself better all the time.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Going all out on St. Patrick's day in Kindergarten. We had a parade, tried to find the leprechaun that was in our room and did the Irish Jig in front of the town on main street of Hopkinton.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Walk on the right side of the hallway. Don't just stop in the middle of the hallway. Number 1 and 2 are very important. Assignments, tests, projects, etc. are only as hard as you make them.

**What is your dream job?** Engineer

**What is your favorite TV show quote?**

I've come to the conclusion that if having things turn out the way you wanted them to is a measure of a successful life, then some would say I'm a failure. The important thing is not to be bitter over life's disappointments. Learn to let go of the past. And recognize that every day won't be sunny, and when you find yourself lost in the darkness and despair, remember it's only in the black of night you see the stars. And those stars will lead you back home. So don't be afraid to make mistakes, to stumble and fall, cause most of the time, the greatest rewards come from doing the things that scare you the most. Maybe you'll get everything you wish for. Maybe you'll get more than you ever could have imagined. Who knows where life will take you. The road is long and in the end, the journey is the destination. ~Coach Whitey Durham from One Tree Hill

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to major in engineering. I want to find a job not far from here.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Learning that sometimes it is best to let the people that are holding you down go.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Finding out who my real friends are has made my life better and a lot more enjoyable.



## Koda Kreutner

**Activities involved in during high school:**

Cross Country, Wrestling, Golf, Basketball

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?**

**Why or why not?** I feel like I have changed during high school because of how mature I have grown over the years

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Ms. Bolsinger and Mrs. Maurer. Because they have definitely helped me get on my feet over the years.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Having Mr. Cassutt and Mrs. Becker at my adoption.

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Why? Either freshman or sophomore. They both felt really long and that I had a lot of my harder classes.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Make sure to get your work done because it will just get piled on and weigh you down.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** After school study halls.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Cross-Country. I just liked being with the team.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

Wearing all black and messing with my cat and coming to school with cat hair.

**What is your dream job?** Graphic design

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

Eddie Plant: [Talking about Q-Bert] Can I kill it?

Sam Brenner: You can't kill Q-Bert! You gotta talk to it, get to know it better. Then kill it! Movie-Pixels

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on going to Kirkwood then doing graphic designs

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Speak in front of class during speech

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Being adopted and being in a family that actually cares.



# Shawnae Hoeger Ryan Goedken

**Activities involved in during high school:** Basketball, volleyball, softball, track, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, tel, tatu, Wildcat Echo, yearbook staff, play, large group speech, and individual speech.



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, I have changed. I have become more independent and mature throughout my high school years. Going through two wrist surgeries in under a year has showed me a different perspective on my life.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mr. DeVore. Math wasn't my strongest subject, but he always tried to help me look at the positive side. As well as in speech, he was always there to help me and give great tips on how to be a better performer.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Boys chase girls at recess.

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Senior year. People are changing and it is hard to adapt to certain things. It is also hard to prepare myself for college and for my future.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Follow your heart and make decisions based on what you truly believe is right.

**How would you change MV?** Give us an early out every Wednesday.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would love to redo our last basketball game against Bellevue. It didn't turn out the way we wanted it to. I feel I let my team down and I would give anything to change that.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** My entire freshman year, not one moment in particular.

**What is your dream job?** Nurse Practitioner

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

Let it go, let it go. Can't hold it back anymore. Let it go, let it goooo. Turn away and slam the door. (not a really a quote, but my favorite song from Frozen.)

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Attend the University of Iowa to major in Nursing. My goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner and work at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I had to overcome two wrist surgeries and play my senior year of basketball. I had to make the decision not to play softball my senior year, but to only do stats.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Individual All-State Speech or my senior year of basketball



**Activities involved in during high school:** FFA, Basketball, NHS, TATU, TEL

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

Learned how to use time management

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Why? Mrs. Spellerberg for helping me with college planning

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Watching Jeremy Fischer break his arm on the playground

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Sophomore year

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't let homework build up. Get it done and have fun in high school

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Little more freedoms in study hall and open lunch

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Being able to be an innocent freshman and play basketball one more time

**What is your dream job?** Start a dairy farm in Delaware County and farm with my family and cousins

**What is your favorite song quote?** Don't blink. Life goes faster than you think

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend NICC in Calmar to major in Dairy Science Technology and Precision Agriculture

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Do homework during homecoming week

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Choosing what to go to college for and what my future can hold

# Taylor Guthrie

**Activities involved in during high school:** Dance team, Speech & Drama, Band, Choir, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, National Honor Society, Musical, Play, Spanish Club, 4-H, and Moser School of Dance and Gymnastics.



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I have definitely changed throughout high school; in some ways good, in other ways not so good. But I firmly believe that high school has changed me for the better. I have become so much more assertive, independent, confident, and intelligent because of everything I have been involved in.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Temple because she is so passionate about her job and she cares. Whether you can see it or not, every one of your teachers cares about your well-being and wants the best for you. Like most teachers, Mrs. Temple expects all students to advocate for themselves, be prepared, and do their work to the best of their ability.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Marissa Harbach walking around Mrs. Scherrman's room singing, "Hands in my pocket, hands hands in my pocket!"

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Although most of my years in high school have had their fair share of stress, sophomore year was my toughest year in high school. I had a few too many things on my plate and didn't sleep nearly as much as I should've. Sleep IS important, I promise.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Be involved but manage your time. Everyone always says that, but everything is so much easier if you don't stay until 1:30 a.m. finishing the essay due the next morning. Getting involved with extracurriculars creates so many friendships and helps you manage your time, believe it or not. You will not regret being involved at MV, I can promise you that.

**How would you change MV?** MV is a great school, but I would choose to change the overall attitude of our school. We tend to be pessimistic and complain more about our education. But the truth is, we should feel very lucky to be at a school as great as Maquoketa Valley.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** High school has had its ups and downs, and I don't want anything back. I have no regrets in high school and if I had to choose, I think I might start all over again. But at the same time I wouldn't because I'm glad that high school has created the person I am today.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** When I won Mismatch day my sophomore year.

**What is your dream job?** Performing music for movie productions.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

Perks of Being a Wallflower: "We accept the love we think we deserve."

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I honestly don't know yet. I'm excited to see where life takes me. I would love to go into music, beef, or medicine.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Heal from Marissa Harbach's death.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My brother and sister leaving for college.

## Chance Franck



Chance

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

Yes, I get my school work done.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Why? Miss B, she helps me a lot.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When I went to Bailey's Ford and caught a fish in 8th grade.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Freshman year getting used to high school classes especially art.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Get all your work done!

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Have the WIN list blank.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would take Horticulture II again.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Wearing shorts during gym.

**What is your dream job?** Working in a greenhouse

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Hulk Smash"

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I am planning to get a job after school at G&G.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Carrying stuff in Agriculture.

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

Going to Maquoketa Valley High School.

## Garrett Guetzko



**Activities involved in during high school:** Musical

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** nope

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Sophomore and junior year because I had to deal with a tough teacher

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** LEARN TO DRIVE!!

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** maybe more delays and cancellations

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

None. I dress to impress

**What is your dream job?** Mechanic

**What is your favorite movie quote?** I could name tons and tons, here are some clean ones.

"Time to meet your makers...Makers of what, Poop?!"

"Quick what is the number for 911?" "I'm never calling him dad, even if there's a fire!"

"Hey you don't say that!"

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Deal with stupid people

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Nothing really impacted my life, so far

## Cassandra Ingles

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I think that I have changed in the sense that I have learned not to care what others think of me. I have also learned that I don't need friends to make me feel happy.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** I think that the most inspirational teacher to me is Mr. Dunlap. I think he is inspirational because of the mini life lesson talks he gives you when you are down on your luck.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My favorite memory is from senior year of high school. Missy S., Caitlyn G., Ryan D., and I lying in the senior hallway laughing for no reason.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** I think that my most stressful year was my senior year. It was my senior year because I was beginning to learn how to become an adult. I also had to figure out what my next step in life was going to be.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Do your work and be yourself.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would change Maquoketa Valley in a few ways, but what I would like to see happen is the teachers trying to teach in a way that the children are most successful.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** There are many moments that I wish I could relive but the one that takes the cake is, When I didn't have to think about college and where what I was going to do with my life. In these moments I was just left with my friends and laughter.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

I find myself fashionable so I can't remember a bad fashion moment, other than every once in awhile you get that piece of clothing that just doesn't fit right.

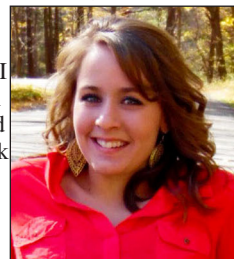
**What is your dream job?** I have always wanted to help people for a career so I would say that nursing is the job for me. It's hands on and you have an instant feedback on the job that you did.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "You don't love someone because they're perfect, you love them in spite of the fact that they're not." (My Sister's Keeper)

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on going to NICC for two years then I will transfer to a four year college to get my Bachelors in nursing

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I think that the hardest thing I have had to do was figure out how to balance all the things in life so that it flows together. I had to let go of parts of my life so I wasn't overwhelmed.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My junior year I didn't do so well in school and this impacted me because I never wanted to be in that situation again. It taught me that I needed to work a little harder to get where I needed to be and to not give up.



## Emily Krapfl

**Activities involved in during high school:** National Honor Society, softball, TEL, TATU, large group speech, individual speech, play, FFA, choir, yearbook, wrestling stats, Mentoring, Senior leaders



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

Definitely. Over the years I have realized what's important, and what my priorities should be.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mr. DeVore. He helped me struggle through a semester of AP Calc. We also both have the same sense of humor.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Jeremy Fischer ripped his pants playing football in 5th grade.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior Year. Five out of my seven classes were college credit, and my procrastination kept getting worse.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't speed. You will get a ticket and hate life.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Eliminate any form of hot dogs from the lunch menu.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

Wearing black on black all the time, even though I still do that.

**What is your dream job?** Good question.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"My teacher tells me beauty is on the inside." "That's just something ugly people say."

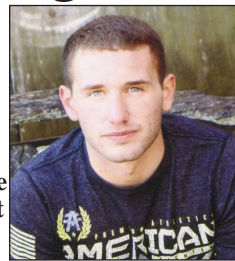
**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending Iowa State to major in Criminal Justice and Criminology with a minor in Spanish. Career wise, I am not sure yet.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Getting sick and having to miss two weeks of Calc

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Being in the hospital for a week and having to miss out on a lot of things. It helped me to realize what's important.

## Austin Stogdill

**Activities involved in during high school:** Cross Country, Football, Wrestling, Track, Spanish Club, Club 109



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I feel as if I have changed a lot throughout my years here at Maquoketa Valley. I was injured a lot and really learned to appreciate the time I wasn't and the times I actually got to play sports and be involved.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** My most inspirational teacher was Mr. Drew because I took all but one of the classes he has to offer and I feel like they are all skills I will use in the real world.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** I feel as if my most stressful year was freshman year because I really didn't know how things all worked and I wasn't used to all the homework and I slacked off a lot.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't slack off and work for your class rank and strive to be the best you can be. And also have fun it goes so fast! I feel as if freshman orientation was yesterday.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I wouldn't have changed Maquoketa Valley at all. I would have changed some of my decisions I made in my years here but not the school.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would've sat out the CPU freshman football game. I had five knee surgeries because of that day and I feel as if high school would have been so different if I didn't play in that game.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** My first day back from any of my surgeries! All drugged up and in sweats. I looked like a real winner those days.

**What is your dream job?** I don't really have a dream job! Whenever life takes me and whatever job I get into will be my dream job. If I am good at it and successful, what more and I ask for?

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "My name's Jeff" off of 22 Jump Street

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I am going to UNI and majoring in Business.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Take Spanish II senior year. Lol. If you know me you know how much I dislike Spanish!!!!

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Having a little brother Owen and just learning how to take care of a kid and just learning how fast someone can mean so much to me.

## Kaleb Handel

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football 4 years, Track 4 years, Speech 3 years, Spanish Club 3 years,



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yeah, I used to keep to myself a lot and now I talk to a lot more people. I feel as if I have opened a lot more than what I was when I was a freshman.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I got suspended from school for throwing a snowball at a teacher. That explains why I never went out for baseball.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Freshman year because I didn't know anyone.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Get out of your comfort zone. Go out for things you want and not what your friends want.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Get rid of WIN time. It's a waste of time and punishes the people who actually get the homework done on time.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Football all four years. It felt as if every year was a blink of an eye and I wish I could relive it with all the friends that I've made in football.

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

**What is your dream job?** Working high up in detective work

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "I don't know how to put this, but I'm kind of a big deal." Anchorman

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** 2 years at Iowa Central, 2 years UNI for criminal justice. I'm not sure where to go from there.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Not winning class president was pretty stressful and hard on me. Even though I didn't even run I had an emotional break down for 2 1/2 months. I would just like to say that if I was class president, Craigslist would actually be free. I would have actually done something.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Moving to MV was the best thing I've done in a while.

## Michael Lewis



**Activities involved in during high school:** Track freshman and sophomore year

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, I have become a stronger person and have learned a lot.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Why? Mr Huegel. He pushed me to be the best person I could be even when I wanted to quit.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Playing dodgeball with basketballs and breaking my finger trying to catch one.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Sophomore year. I had the most classes and the most homework.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't think you're better than everyone else. People don't like that and will not want to talk to you.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I think it is good the way it is.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I had a hair sticking up once; it was horrible.

**What is your dream job?** Auto mechanic  
**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"What up, my lovely females? This is your boy Costa, your host for the evening. Behind me is Thomas Kub's house. Today is Thomas Kub's birthday, and this is project x, yo."

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Staying at the job I'm at and moving up in it.

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

Put down the dog my family had for 22 years.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** The first day of senior year and realized high school was almost over.

## Blake Hogan



**Activities involved in during high school:** baseball freshman year

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. Drew, he always helped me to achieve my goals

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Junior year because the classes were difficult

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

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** everything

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Junior year, to redo and pass

**What is your dream job?** Fareway manager

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Going into Fareway management

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Spend money to buy a truck

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** getting a job at Fareway

## Anna Coleman

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?**

Yes, I feel like I have changed. I have grown, I have learned so much and have lot more experiences than I had.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Probably when we got to go to Galena and spend the day skiing there. That was pretty fun and the first time I had ever skied.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Junior year was the hardest because I took really hard classes and was working 25+ hours. It was hard to find time to do homework and study.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** I would say the best advice I can give to a freshmen is to pick classes that interests you but also get the required classes out of the way. Also, study hard and take classes seriously so that way you can set your GPA to be good throughout the rest of your high school career. GPA is very important and if you set it good your freshmen year then you should be fine. It's easier to change your GPA the first couple of years than trying to change it your senior year; that's almost impossible.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I love Maquoketa Valley. I love how they offer Kirkwood, and I feel that they care about your future. They are supportive and encouraging.

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

I would relive the moments where I attended the after school activities. I would attend more and relive it because it's fun and good to get out and about with your friends.

**What is your dream job?** Being a nurse in a hospital or family practices environment

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"Sometimes to get what you want the most, you have to do what you want to do the least."

-My Sister's Keeper

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I'm going to attend NICC for nursing for two years. Then transfer to Iowa for another two years to finish my degree.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Have to have an idea of what I want to spend the rest of my life doing. There's so many choices, so many interests, and we are expected to choose at such a young age.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Watching my sister have health problems and watching it affect her life, at such a young age. This has affected me because it's a reminder of how lucky I am to call her my sister and that things can happen at the most unexpected times. This has also impacted my life to inspire me to go into the health field and pursue my career to help other people.



## Briana March

**Activities involved in during high school:** Band, Choir, Group Speech, Individual Speech, Play, Musical, NHS, Senior Leadership, Senior Mentor, Spanish Club, Dance, Track



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I have really opened up over the years. I was the scared freshman who didn't talk unless I was spoken too but now I am myself and don't care what other people think. I think that having one of my best friends be an upperclassmen and speech and drama is what helped me open up.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mrs. DeVore is my most inspirational teacher. She has taught me so much over the years. She is the person that helped me open and not be afraid on stage. She treats all of her speech and drama members like we are her kids. She is very understanding and determined. She does so much for our speech and play. She does a lot more than anyone ever realizes. She's the best!

**What is a favorite elementary/MS memory?**

When Sienna and I spent a whole day taking pictures of each other (like a best friend photoshoot) and then made a best friend video.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year has been the most stressful year. Between my activities I am involved in, my job, getting ready for college, and high school, life has been crazy this year!

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Make the best out of high school. High school is a place where you can meet new people and make friendships that will last a lifetime. Have fun because you never know what tomorrow will bring. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Being a monkey in the play my sophomore year. Swinging on ropes and getting to have fun in be crazy on stage was a blast!

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

Freshman year. Aeropostale shirts. :/

**What is your dream job?** I'm going to be a dream job, a nurse. I want to be able to help people and interact with people.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Oh yes the past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it." -Rafiki

**What does your future look like?** I am planning on attending Mount Mercy University. I will major in nursing and minoring in Spanish.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Learning that people will judge you no matter what you do so do what makes you happy.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** The high school experience as a whole.

## Megan Mensen

**Activities involved in during high school:** Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Softball, TEL, TATU, NHS, Speech, Play



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?**

**Why or why not?** Yes, I have opened up a lot more.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** I don't have a specific teacher. They are all very helpful in their own ways.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Marissa pushed the merry-go-round so hard and she let go and did a "Triple flip" off of it!

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year is stressful because it's the year to plan for the rest of your life. There are a lot of things that have a time limit during this year of high school.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Stay involved and do the best you can as soon as you can because then you get in the habit of staying on top of your assignments and you have less stress this way.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would get rid of WIN time because I feel like it's just extra time for people to waste. We are in high school now, it's the students' responsibility to get their work done.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive freshman year, the game to go to state in basketball and then all of state track.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

I have too many to count!

**What is your dream job?** A physical therapist or athletic trainer for a big sports team

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." -A Cinderella Story

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Go to UNI to get a degree in Athletic Training and then continue on to Physical Therapy school.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I ever had to do was make the decision of what I was going to do and where I was going to go for college and accept the fact I will be leaving my friends and family in less than a year!

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I think that in a way everything has because it makes me who I am.

## Nichole Lucas

**Activities involved in during high school:** National Honor Society, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Mentoring, Leadership



Programming, Band, Wildcat Echo, Spanish Club, T.E.L., T.A.T.U., Musical, and Play

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

I have definitely changed and grown as a person throughout high school due to all the things I've learned and new experiences I have had.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

Mrs. Temple for multiple reasons including how much she cares about her students and how she has supported and encouraged me inside and outside of the classroom.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Mr. Gatto had to chase Austin around the classroom in first grade.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year because of everything that is going on and all the decisions that need to be made before next year.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** High school is what you make it. Get involved and have fun. You're only in high school once.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?**

Find a way to motivate students to get their work turned in so we can hopefully eliminate the WIN list.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** A home football game because I'm going to miss being in the student section cheering on the team.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Freshman year.

**What is your dream job?** Becoming a registered dietitian in a hospital.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"You can't focus on what's going wrong. There's always a way to turn things around." --Joy from Inside Out

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** This fall I will be attending Iowa State University to major in dietetics and minor in Spanish with hopes of becoming a registered dietitian.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Stepping outside of my comfort zone for performances, especially freshman year when I had to talk in a nerdy little boy voice for speech.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I don't know if there is one specific moment that has impacted me the most, but the last two months of my junior year changed my perspective on a lot of things.

## Molly Miles

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, jumping from Home-school to public school was not an easy process. I had to figure out how to take tests, stay on top of my homework and be around a bunch of people every day.



**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Temple. I do not like reading or writing and she is able to make the subjects interesting and fun. She really cares about her students and how well they do.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Um, I sadly don't have any with my fellow classmates. They are all just stupid stories that I shared with my brothers.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** My junior year. That was my first year to take classes. I took a couple of classes at Kirkwood as well. I was glad to have my brother in the same grade so I could vent and ask questions.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Do your homework because senioritis is real.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I guess I don't have any problems

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

Football Fridays were fun

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Bib overalls were my thing

**What is your dream job?** To be a Physical Therapist for injured veterans

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"He killed 82 people in 2 days"

"He's adopted" ~The Avengers

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I am going to Hawkeye Community College for Physical Therapy Assistant and am going to live with my bestie in Cedar Falls.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Having my brother date my best friend, but it's all good now since they are getting married in August.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I don't really have an specific event that has "changed" me. It's more about all the events that happen throughout my life that start to mature me. Seeing my family grow up and leave while I'm still chilling until it's my turn to leave has taught me to be patient and to wait my turn and also to be thankful for what I have.

## Logan Fronatt

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, Wrestling, Golf, Baseball, FFA

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

that I've matured a lot since freshman year.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. Besler. She encourages me to challenge myself in Physics.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My favorite memory is not having to worry about anything except what was for lunch.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Sophomore year. I was in a different school and I took much harder classes.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't wish away your days of high school and don't mess around. College is coming, and it's going to be expensive if you screw around in high school.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Open Lunch. Everyone wants it; no one gets it.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Golf season Junior year. It was by far the best sport in my high school career.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Attempting to rock a pink zebra print lanyard freshman year.

**What is your dream job?** Working for John Deere as a Mechanical Engineer, designing tractors.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Get busy living, or get busy dying." -Morgan Freeman, The Shawshank Redemption

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Iowa State University in the fall for Mechanical Engineering and hopefully John Deere someday.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Move schools twice across several states.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Moving to Maquoketa Valley. It has been an interesting transition from a school of 2,500 students to one of 300.



## Alex Vorwald



**Activities involved in during high school:** Wrestling, Football, and Golf

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Sure, I can grow a beard now. lol

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. Lewin or Mrs. George (1st Grade)

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Andrew Palmer-sheim and I both kicked a ball and his toe broke

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** Freshmen, just getting used to the changes.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Enjoy it. It goes by fast.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Replace some of the teachers with more teachers like Mrs. Lewin, Mrs. Downs and Mr. K because they're the most realistic down-to-earth teachers M.V. has ever had and ever will have.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** High school all over again. It went by too fast.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I'm not too concerned about fashion

**What is your dream job?** Electrician

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"If one day the speed kills me don't cry because I was smiling." - Paul Walker

**What does your future look like?** Apprenticeship with Price Electric

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Tell my friend that her best friend was in a car accident and didn't make it.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** High school in general. I've learned more then I ever thought possible in four years.

## **Minnie** *(Chalisa Chalitbhan)*

**Activities involved in during high school:**

Basketball, Spring Play, Musical, FFA

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?**

**Why or why not?** Well, I

would say I improved my language skills and had more responsibility.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** I would say everyone because they teach me valuable lessons and help me to learn English well. Especially Mr. Tuetken, he was very helpful to get me back to MV.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** I would say Junior, because I just came to America for the first time, did not know English well, and also everything is so much different from my country.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** You guys should learn more languages, like Thai, Chinese, and French. There is a bigger world out there.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Well, I wish they should be more diverse about culture and languages.

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

Prom. It was super fun!

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I would say I don't have any bad day;

**What is your dream job?** Flight attendant, I want to travel around the world.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"Pretty. Beauty. Romance. Love. These are what we are alive for." - Robin Williams

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** UNI ( University of Northern Iowa) Financial management.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I would say speak English because it is not my first language.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Moving to America, having amazing friends, amazing people over here, and having a great time.



## **Tony Thompson**



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Nope, same old same old

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Lewin

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Freshman year --worst classes

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Park in teacher parking

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Have more teachers like Mrs. Lewin and Mrs. Downs.

**What is your dream job?**

Work as a mechanic or on a NASCAR team

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** UTI for Nascar Tech, then see where it goes from there

## **David Boyles**

**Activities involved in during high school:**

FFA freshman year

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why**

**or why not?** Yes, I mean you have to get haircuts. I have gotten taller and funnier and take high school even less serious compared to freshman year

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. Lewin and Mrs. Downs because they got me through high school and showed me there was more to life than just passing certain classes.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When I cut my arm at Tony's house and got 16 stitches and when Tony cut his hand at my house and got 7 stitches

**What was the most stressful year in high school?** I would say they were all about the same because I did as little as I could to get through high school and people know that.

**Advice for freshmen:** Get a job, ya hippie ,and don't do anything I wouldn't do but if you do that's awesome.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?**

Get more teachers like Mrs. Lewin and Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Temple, because they quote on quote DA BOMB.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Hanging with Scooby and the Gang and doing the same stupid things with my buddy and about rolling the old Durango with Vorwald and Tony

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

Yeah I don't really have one because I always #highfashion

**What is your dream job?** Running my own farm with my brother and Jake Tri

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

Brick Tamland: I love... carpet. [pause]

Brick Tamland: I love... desk.

Ron Burgundy: Brick, are you just looking at things in the office and saying that you love them?

Brick Tamland: I love lamp.

Ron Burgundy: Do you really love the lamp, or are you just saying it because you saw it?

Brick Tamland: I love lamp. I love lamp.

**What does your future (college and career)**

**look like?** I'm going to get hired at Kent in Cedar Falls and then own a farm someday with my brother and Jake Tri.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Come to school because school has never been my thing and never will and that's kind of the reason I'm not going to college

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** The only thing that has impacted me the most in life is life itself because before one can find oneself one has to become oneself. I would just like to give a shout out to these people for helping me through high school, my neighbor, Sweet baby Jesus, that creepy guy with the red beard my brother, Fischer, Vorwald, Tony, and Brandon.



## Natalie Neuzil



**Activities involved in during high school:** Band, choir, plays, musicals, large group and individual speech, Spanish Club, and yearbook.

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes. I have changed my attitude towards the future and now instead of being scared of it, I am excited to see what's to come.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs. Temple because she is a good teacher, but she still knows how to have fun in the classroom.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year. There are so many deadlines that you have to make and so little time left of high school.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Enjoy high school while it lasts because it honestly goes by way too fast.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Open lunch

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Just time spent with friends in general.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Wearing a sweatshirt or t-shirt literally every day of the week.

**What is your dream job?** Ice cream taste tester.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Bye Buddy, hope you find your dad." -Elf.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be going to UNI in the fall to major in Interior Design.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Choosing where I would continue my education.

## Matteo Zucca

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football  
**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?**

I think that since my first year of high school I changed a lot because my brain matured, so I started thinking as a young adult.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** I think my inspirational teacher is Mr. Huegel because he taught a different way to approach things and difficulties.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I remember when I took my final exams in the last year of middle school. I was the happiest person in the world because I got out of it forever.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** The most stressful year of high school was the first year because I didn't really know how to study, so I had a lot of difficulties passing all the classes.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Do your job every day. Do your best and you will see that everything will be fine

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I wouldn't change it. It's perfect like this. I wish I could have a school like this in Italy.

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

I would relive the moment when I came here; that was the best moment ever.

**What is your dream job?** I want to be a doctor.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

The only limit is the one you set yourself (Redbull commercial)

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I want to go to college in Italy for studying medicine and then I want to move to the US because I want to live here.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** In Italy we have a lot of different kinds of high school, depending on what you want to do in your life. So that was probably one of the hardest thing to do because I was young and because I didn't know yet what to do with my life

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I think that one event which has impacted me was when my grandpa had an ischemia at his brain. No he can not walk anymore and he can not eat anymore because of it. That event made me think that life is special and we have to live every day like it's our last one because you don't know your future for sure



## Mikhail Miles

**Activities involved in during high school:** School activities are important, but I work too much to be able to play sports. I'm just working to build a future.

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes. I have learned to get projects/homework done on time. Even when the work was hard, I pushed myself to do my best so I could get the best.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mr. Drew. I learned many useful mechanics of life from him. Also, Mr. O in chemistry. They showed me the school can be fun.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** I would say that I never really had a hard year in high school. They seemed hard at the time but now that I look back they were fairly easy. I passed all my classes and with good grades.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** STOP WITH THE DRAMA! Nobody wants to hear a DQ. Remember, life goes on... Life will only be as good as you make it.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I wouldn't change Maquoketa Valley. The students and teachers are great to work with.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Playing heads up in Mr. DeVore's room. That game was quite fun with a crazy class.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Never had one, unless you count wearing shorts and a t-shirt throughout the entire winter.

**What is your dream job?** Somewhere along the lines of electrical or robotics engineer.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** Chris Kyle in American Sniper: "My priority of serving in order, God, country, family."

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I leave August 21st for California. While I am in California, I will be going through boot camp. Last January, I enlisted into the Marine Corps. I plan the pursue a college degree after my service in the Marine Corps.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I couldn't tell you. I have nothing to complain about.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Well, being adopted from Russia. If I wasn't adopted by my loving parents, Joel and Sue Miles, who knows where I'd be today.



## Alex Richter



**Activities involved in during high school:** FFA

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I would say that I opened up a little bit and more responsible since I started high school.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mr. Osterhaus, he is a good teacher who has a farming background, and he has common sense.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Sophomore year. There were the most intense classes.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Respect other and they will respect you.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Students need more freedoms, It would be good to get rid of WIN time.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** World Dairy Expo in the fall of 2015. My friend and I had lots of fun helping Kruses show cattle.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** When I wore shorts in 6th grade.

**What is your dream job?** Crop and live-stock farmer and be a business owner.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Only Rod parties! And me!" From *Hot Rod*

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** My plan consist of heading into the workforce. I plan on expanding ARC, my steel business. Also I am going to join in on the family farm and hopefully expand it.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Getting the smell of Pam's goat out off of my truck.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Delivering Christmas presents to the teachers the night before finals.

## Andrew Palmersheim

**Activities involved in during high school:** FFA  
**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?**



**Why or why not?** Probably I guess I have learned not to worry about things that really don't matter.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. Wilson because she taught me a young age the importance of first impressions and a good handshake.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** The one and only day Alex Richter wore shorts in the 6th grade and blinded everyone with his white legs.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Freshman year because I thought school was something to worry about at first.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Learn how to talk your way out of speeding tickets and become good at it. It'll save a lot of money.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Give the students more freedoms and the chances to fail so they are ready for life after high school.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** World Dairy Expo 2015, because it was a good time.

**What is your dream job?** Running a large scale cow calf and crop operation

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "My name is Ricco and I like to party" from *Hot Rod*

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Probably go to Kirkwood for beef production, then start a career in the beef industry.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Leading Pam's goat after it wasn't fed for a day

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

Delivering Christmas presents to teachers the night before finals

## Kaleb Kruse



**Activities involved in during high school:**

FFA, Football and Wrestling

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes, I'm much better public speaker now. I have learned to stand for exactly what I believe in.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. Mausser because she pushed me to do well and to be a good person while making tough decisions that will prepare me for the future.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Junior because we had to give out what college I was going to attend and we had a lot of homework.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Senior year homecoming! The goat story was a harmless prank and hey it even gave back to Dollars for Scholars.

**What is your dream job?** My dream job is to have my own auctioneers business and work for an agricultural business.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Attend Kaskaskia College in Centralia, IL and double major in Ag Business and Dairy Science. I will also will be dairy judging at the Postsecondary level. My career is hopefully selling agricultural products and have a auctioneers business.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** "Trying" to outrun the cops sophomore year homecoming after TPing with Rob Bockenstedt. I still have zip tie marks from the handcuffs since they didn't fit.

## Missy Schwandt

### Activities involved in during high school:

Dance Team (4 years), Cheerleading (1 year)

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

Yes, the way I think about things is a lot different. I don't think things for granted

### Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Mr. Dunlap. He has always pushed me or yelled at me when I need it. He always has the right thing to say.

### What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Naptime.

### What was the most stressful year?

Junior, the classes had a heavy homework load and trying to figure some of the goals for the next year can be very stressful. Everyone is always asking what your plans are for the future.

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

Be true to yourself. Don't let pressure change you or make you do anything you're not ready to do. No matter how much you want to be apart of everything, losing sight of who you truly are is not worth the parties.

### How would you change MV?

Limit the parents in educational involvement as the four years progress to make sure students don't rely on their parents, because when you leave high school your parents shouldn't still be babysitting you. Don't try to force friendships just so you have someone to hang out with when you're bored. Talk to your parents and siblings.

Freshman year I had tons of people I considered to be best friends, senior year my best friends are my mom, dad, sisters, and grandma. All people who have always been there and always will be.

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

Sophomore year when I stopped talking to a group of friends because of he said/she said. I wish I could have eliminated the crap that year instead of waiting until my senior year. It's sad to think one person kept friends apart for selfish gain. Those friends and I are now closer and wish we would have gotten rid of the snake when we were freshman.

### Describe your worst fashion moment.

Freshman year: BANGS

### What is your dream job?

At this moment I don't really know what my dream job is. I want something within the field I will be studying in college, but I'm open to anything as long as it doesn't interfere with my desire to be a mother.

### What is your favorite movie quote?

"I don't think a person should run unless he's being chased."

### What does your future look like?

I will be attending Upper Iowa University majoring in Chemistry. Hopefully starting my own family shortly after I find a job and settle down.

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

Picking a major, it's tough don't leave it until last minute



## Nate Lansing



### Activities involved in during high school:

Golf

### Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?

Not really

### Who is your most inspirational teacher?

My teacher at Kirkwood Mr. Pisarik

### What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

Moving to MV

### What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?

My most stressful is senior year because I took harder classes, and working on scholarships and college takes a lot of time.

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

Take as many college credit classes as you can

### How would you change Maquoketa Valley?

Unblock Craigslist

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

7th hour study hall freshman year

### Describe your worst fashion moment.

One day I accidentally walked in with two different shoes on.

### What is your dream job?

Working for Boeing or Lockheed Martin.

### What is your favorite movie quote?

"If you ain't first you're last" - Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

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

Hopefully Iowa State for aerospace engineering and then work for a big aeronautical company like Boeing.

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

Take Comp

## Colton Nefzger

### Activities involved in during high school:

Football 4 years  
Golf 2 years

Student Council  
1 year

Spanish Club 4 years

FFA 3 years

### Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?

Why or why not?

I believe that I have become a more confident person. At first, in high school, I was very shy and didn't talk much. Now, I am more outgoing and not afraid to voice my opinion.

### Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? Mr. Drew, he has taught me many skills that I will be able to use in my future career.

### What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

When Jeremy ripped his pants in fifth grade trying to jump the fence.

### What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?

Freshman year was my most stressful year. I was just really overwhelmed with school and trying to have a job.

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

Don't take all of the easy classes your first two years of school. You won't have many to choose from when it comes to your senior year.

### How would you change Maquoketa Valley?

Better school lunches.

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

I would relive my football career. I would love to put the pads back on and play. I took way too much of it for granted and I would definitely do it again.

### Describe your worst fashion moment.

Wearing my dirty camouflage to school because I was late after bowhunting one morning.

### What is your dream job?

CNC Machinist

### What is your favorite movie quote?

"When life gets you down you wanna know what you've gotta do? Just keep swimming!" Dory (Finding Nemo)

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

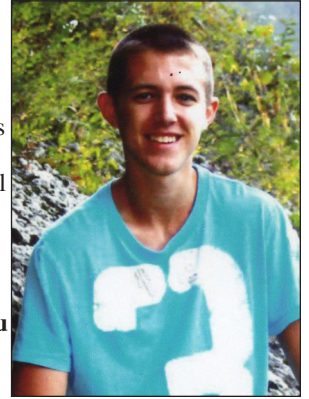
I plan to attend Hawkeye Community College and get my degree in CNC machining.

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

Get through cancer treatments

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

Going through cancer treatments at the age of thirteen has changed my life forever. It really changed my perspective on life.



## Brooke Snyder

**Activities involved in during high school:** Softball, Musical, Play, Spanish Club, Yearbook, NHS, Large Group Speech

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I think I have changed some by just going out for speech. As the years went on I became better at speech and more comfortable with speaking in front of an audience.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Señora. I feel like she doesn't always teach us just about Spanish but also about life experiences. She gives us advice on college and what we should consider doing while in college and what didn't help her in college so much. Señora gives me inspiration to travel when I am in college and to keep Spanish in my life even though I might not need it for my job.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Kelsey and I switched seats a lot throughout elementary. When Kelsey and I were in kindergarden, we switched seats all the time and Mrs. Rissler never figured it out but all of us kids knew we switched seats.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** I would say my senior year. When you really think about it, your senior year is what you make it to be. I knew I wanted to go to Kirkwood once I made the decision because it would cut out some of my college classes my freshman year. At times it can be very difficult having a job, studying, and having extracurriculars, but it is all worth it in the end.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** If you don't think you want to go to Kirkwood, reconsider it. I did but didn't want to go at first. Now that I went I am glad that I did and I think you should too. It gives you some college experience while also meeting new people and getting more college classes that will cost you less money in the future.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would add a couple more days to Spring break. We get out earlier than most schools so I think adding a couple more days won't hurt because we will still get out earlier than most schools.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** My speech class. I wish I could redo some of my speeches because I remember being really nervous for them and now know that I would be less nervous and do a better job.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Third grade pictures I wore black sweatpants with a nice sparkly black polka-dot shirt and white tennis shoes. The worse part, that year the pictures weren't just head shots like they normally are, but whole body shots so my whole outfit was in the picture.

**What is your dream job?**

I would like to be a pilot to not only fly a plane but to travel the world. This way I can see most of the world while also having a job that lets me do that.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"I got two pickles. I got two pickles. I got two pickles. Hey! Hey! Hey!" -Little Rascals

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to go to Kirkwood to finish my gen eds for a year then transfer to Mount Mercy to pursue Laboratory. After college I want to work at St. Luke's or Mercy hospital.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I had to decide if I wanted to go to Kirkwood and miss out on my senior year here at school or not go and not earn college credit and make new friends.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Kirkwood has helped me out a lot by starting into college life. I think by going to Kirkwood it has helped me realize what college is going to be like and preparing me for it.



## Tamala Askeland

**Activities involved in during high school:** Track, Group and Individual Speech, Cross Country, Play, and Musical

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes. I remember freshman being really hard for me. It took junior and senior year to find my real friends and be my own person.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** There are a few. Academically, I would say Mr. Huegel. He gets students ready for college with the way he teaches. Mr. Cassutt encourages each student to have his or her own opinion which is important.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My favorite memory would have to be the time a teacher threw an eraser at Quinn. Quinn kept banging his head against the window, so the teacher threw two erasers at him; one hit the glass and the other knocked the phone off of the receiver.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Freshman year. You are open to so many opportunities that you want to try. You learn how to balance a social life, school, extracurriculars, and who you are as in individual.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't let others judgements define you. Be your own person because it is the best decision on could make. GET YOUR HOMEWORK DONE AND TURNED IN ON TIME!!! This will help teachers get to know you better through your work, and as a student.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Teachers should be harder on students about getting homework turned in and what not. They are too lenient on accepting late work. Fair punishments: if one student does something another student does with the same severity, it needs to be treated the same no matter their situation.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Becoming friends with the wrong person. It put a bad start to my high school career, and deflated my self esteem.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I'm pretty confident with what I wear so there wouldn't be one.

**What is your dream job?** Be a psychiatrist or psychologist.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"It's hard to soar with the eagles when you're surrounded by turkeys."

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

As of now, continue working part time at the farm, and see where it goes from there.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Deciding what to do after high school.

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

Probably getting a job. It has taught me how to balance work, school, and extracurriculars. It also taught me how to budget money for college and extra things.



# Riley Sternhagen

**Activities involved in during high school:** Musical (4 years), Play (4 years), Individual and Large Group Speech (4 years), Band (4 years), Jazz Band (1 year), Choir (4 years), Vocal Jazz (4 years), Spanish Club (4 years), Wildcat Echo (3.5 years), Mentoring (4 years), Golf (4 years), National Honor Society (4 years), TATU (1 year)

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Absolutely. If you

make it through high school

unchanged, you either entered a saint or exited ignorant.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs. Bush.

She has a busy life of her own, but is willing to make time to help anyone who needs it. She's a true inspiration.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Jazz and I were finally allowed to be partners in math class and we took our group out into the hallway. The only time we were checked on all hour was when Jazz was holding a meter stick like a baseball bat and was about to smack it against the lockers. Needless to say, we weren't partners again for a long time.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?**

This year is by far the most stressful because all free time is spent applying for colleges or scholarships, and waiting for answers creates so much anxiety. Also, fighting senioritis is pretty tough.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Try a little bit of everything. Try a sport. Audition for the musical or play. Join speech for a year. Don't leave high school wondering "what if...?"

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would take out WIN time and let students fail. You don't have your homework in on time? Too bad. College professors aren't going to hunt students down and wait all quarter for an assignment. They're going to fail you. We may have a high graduation rate, but we're setting our students up for future failure.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I wouldn't want to relive anything. Special moments are only meant to happen once. That's what makes them special.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** All of sixth grade. I sincerely apologize for those who had to witness it.

**What is your dream job?** District Attorney or Professional Musician

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Expressing my opinion is not a terrorist action." -- Kat Stratford, 10 Things I Hate About You

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I hope to attend an out-of-state college and major in political science with a minor in Spanish and business. Eventually, I'll get my law degree and start my career at a law firm.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Well, filling this out was pretty difficult, so....

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** The Iowa Ambassadors of Music European Tour



# Shaylyn Trenkamp

**Activities involved in during high school:** Softball, Spanish club, TEL, TATU, band, choir, play, musical, golf, Individual and Large Group speech, vocal jazz, School Improvement Advisory Committee, basketball, Wildcat Echo, Academic Excellence, NHS, Mentoring, jazz band

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes because I've learned that

failure is necessary for success. I walked into high school with the mentality that no person or thing could ever break me. I've learned now that I do break sometimes, but it only makes me more determined and makes my successes all the greater.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Temple and Señora both because they have such consistently positive attitudes about life and their careers of teaching. Their organization, attitude, and fun qualities are characteristics I hope to carry on in my own classroom one day

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Making a time capsule with Sienna, Briana, and Angie was pretty cool, but our photo sessions and nicknames for each other were even cooler.

**What was the most stressful year in high school? Why?** Senior year because everything is coming to an end, yet you're as busy as ever, and homework and scholarships pile up like crazy. Throw in preparing for college, and it's almost too much to handle at times.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** High school is a place of discovering yourself. Don't be afraid of how your opinions, looks, friends, and dreams might change. If they do, it's all for the better; just continue to be yourself. As Dr. Seuss once wrote, "Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you." Accept and love yourself for who you are, even as you change; no one else gets to be you.

**How would you change MV?** I would like to see more community service projects in the high school and more participation from the student council. With this, the high school should be more active with the projects the student council does have, such as the food drive in the past, as this is a chance to really make a difference.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Any of my times at All-State speech; both the individual and large group festivals are amazing atmospheres of celebration and happiness.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** In the middle of our Little Women production freshman year, I couldn't get my skirt to unclasp and cut my thumb open in the process. I didn't realize I was bleeding until I was off-stage, however, and Matthew had to run and get me a band-aid between scenes. (Later I also found out my blood stained the stage... Yikes.)

**What is your dream job?** A bilingual kindergarten teacher

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Quit, don't quit... Nooodles, don't noodles... You are too concerned about what was and what will be. There is a saying: yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the present." -Oogway, Kung Fu Panda

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

I'm going to major in Elementary Education at UNI with a minor in Spanish Teaching and some endorsements in areas such as literacy, TESOL, and Spanish. I'll go on to teach abroad then settle down in Florida, where I plan to start my own school one day.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I'm very lucky to have had minimum struggles in my life, but I think the hardest thing I've ever had to do was put myself first. Sometimes that has meant letting go of friendships in order to restore positivity in my life, and that's never an easy feat.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** The Iowa Ambassadors Europe trip that I went on the summer after my sophomore year because it opened my eyes to my true passion for traveling, introduced me to a lifelong friend, and exposed me to different cultures and new experiences.

