

Allie Knipper



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Group and Individual Speech, Track, Softball, Student Mentoring, Teacher

Assisting, Wildcat Echo, TEL/TSN, National Honor Society, student council, Spanish Club & prom committee.

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Track. Junior year our 4x800 team didn't make it to state by 0.005 of a second I learned from this experience to give your all while you can.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? The Valentine's Day dances in Hopkinton.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Always work hard. It will pay off in the end.

What do you appreciate most about MV? The teachers. They're always willing to take the time to help their students.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be? Homecoming or Prom because I will miss those memories.

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? all my teachers are great but Mrs. Downs has inspired me the most. I can relate to her easily and can ask her for advice on anything. She's also a great teacher!

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Wobble" by V.I.C.

What does your future look like? Elementary Education at UNI or something in the medical field at another college.

What is your dream job? A job that involves me helping others and gives me happiness.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Make decisions about my future.

What event has most impacted your life? The friends I made sophomore year.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Everything our senior boys did in our four years of high school.

Jake Hosmer



Activities involved in during high school: Choir

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Choir, because of all the fun trips we go everywhere and the experience of going to these places

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My first choir trip to Wartburg College

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? If high school seems too much for you, just power through. It might get bumpy along the way, but in the end, you will see that you made it and how far you have come

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers who help you out whenever you need help

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Homecoming dance because it was so amazing and fun

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? Mrs. Mueller because she helped me and pushes me further in my choir career

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?

Imagine Dragons: "Roots"

What does your future (college and career) look like? My brother's respite care provider

What is your dream job? Be a horror/mystery book writer

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Dealing with everything with Josh being in the hospital

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My brother getting sick

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Prom

Caleb Reedy



Frank Mast



Jackson Smith



Emma Hill



Activities involved in during high school:

Large group speech, Individual speech, musical, play, TSN, TEL, Mentoring, Spanish Club, Yearbook

Which activity affected you the most?

How? The activity that affected me the most would be individual speech. This caused me to get out of my comfort zone and participate in something that was bigger than me. I know I could do it, but I was just in my head so much. The DeVores helped me realize that you have to give it your all during those few minutes of performing. I have taken that lesson and many other lessons from this activity into my outside life. This is one activity that I will always remember.

What is a favorite elementary/middle

school memory? My mom used to be the cook at the elementary school in Earlville.

After every other class left the lunchroom, she would give my class second on the days we got cookies. She used to tell me and my friends not to tell the other classes or otherwise they would get mad. My mom was literally the best cook ever.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get comfortable at Maquoketa Valley. This is going to be your second home for the next four years. The teachers want you to know that they are there for you whenever you need them. They want to develop those personal relationships with you, it will make your life and their life better. They want to see you do your best. You are going to spend a lot of time at school and with the teachers. You are so lucky to call this school your second home.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I truly appreciate the teachers and faculty. If it weren't for you guys, Maquoketa Valley wouldn't be half the place that it is now. I appreciate how teachers will drop anything in order to see a student succeed in everything that they do. The teachers care about their students and want to have personal relationships with you. They want to get to know you over those four years that you spend there. The teachers are what I will always remember about M.V. They want you to feel respected and cared for, so show them that you feel the same way.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Any Friday night spent at the football, or any other sporting event. I love how it isn't groups at the sporting events. The student body came together to cheer on their friends and family. I made a lot of memories at the sporting events. Also, spending time with different people at the bonfires after the football games. You could literally talk to anyone at those and there was no judgment. Those are the thing I am going to miss the most.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. DeVore. From being my teacher, to my coach, and like a second mom during play season. The past four years have taught me that Mrs. DeVore will do anything for her students, she wants to be like their second mom. If it is listening to them talk about a bad day, hugging them and telling them everything will be ok, or simply just smiling she can change the mood of a student in a matter of minutes. One thing I will always appreciate about Mrs. DeVore is her go out and get it attitude. It doesn't matter how stressful something is or how hard it could be she is always the first one to go after it. No matter what you ask her to do she will go above and beyond and make sure she gives it her all.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "8TEEN" by Khalid

What does your future (college and career) look like? First, I will be attending NICC to receive my associate degree. Next, I will transfer to UNI to obtain my elementary teaching degree. I hope to come back to a small school in the Delaware County area.

What is your dream job? My dream job is to be a third-grade teacher at a small school around this area.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I've had to do is make my own decisions. I always thought I would have my siblings or parents help but they don't always know what is best for you. A lot has changed in the last year due to me making the decisions that I thought would benefit me and that I thought were best for me. I still rely on my parents and siblings for some things but I am more confident in making my own decisions and being happy with them.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The one event that has an impact on my life is when my nephew Bentley was born. I was 13 years old at the time and didn't know what to think. I had always wished to be an aunt but didn't expect it so soon. After his birth, he lived with my family for three years. We grew closer as he got older. If it weren't for him being born when I was young, I wouldn't be the person I am today. I wouldn't be open to change, or as gentle with people as I am. Bentley is honestly my best friend and I wouldn't change that for the world. He taught me more than most people have in his five years. He taught me how to patient, more caring and more loving. Forever thankful for being an aunt at such a young age.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Anything and everything.

Trent Koopmann



Lexi Deutmeyer



Shelby March



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Softball, Wrestling Managing, Track, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Musical, Play, Student Council, Mentoring, Teacher Assistant, FFA, TEL, TSN, and NHS

Which activity affected you the most? How? Speech and Drama has affected me the most because it has made me come out of my shell. I used to be really shy and the thought of me speaking in front of anyone other than my family and friends made me want to puke. With speech and drama, I became confident in myself and my abilities to speak. Now it is hard to get me to shut up. Without these activities, I would not be able to do the things I do today and I will be forever grateful for what they have shown me what I am capable of.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

This is really hard for me to pick because I have so many good memories, from our games at recess that we always got in trouble for to one of our classmates running away. But if I

had to pick one, I think it would have to be the time in second grade when Aspen got his head stuck in a chair. I will never forget how everyone frantically tried to get his head out before Mrs. Dutra got back.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Try everything. Even if you don't think you will like it. You never know, you may actually fall in love with it. Plus if you try everything at least once, then you will never regret not doing it at all.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I think the thing I appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley is the personal connection everyone has. I have never been one for the big city and I think that is because of the connections a small town has. This is the same for Maquoketa Valley, it has a small-town feel. It is nice knowing someone will always have your back and be willing to help.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I think I would want to relive homecoming week. I have made so many memories in the span of those four weeks over the last four years. I will never forget them and would go back to it at any time. From the dress-up days, tping, pep-rally, to the football game, I loved every part of it.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? For me, the DeVores together have been my most inspirational teachers. This is because they have been the ones to really push me out of my comfort zone and show me what I really am capable of. They both have shown me that I can do some pretty amazing things, and if it wasn't for them I don't know if I ever would have realized this.

What song do you want to be remembered by? "9 to 5" by Dolly Parton

What does your future (college and career) look like? After graduating, I will be attending the University of Iowa majoring in Health and Human Physiology with an exercise science track. After that, I hope to get into the Physical Therapy Program to become a physical therapist. I then hope to move back to Delaware county to work and start a family.

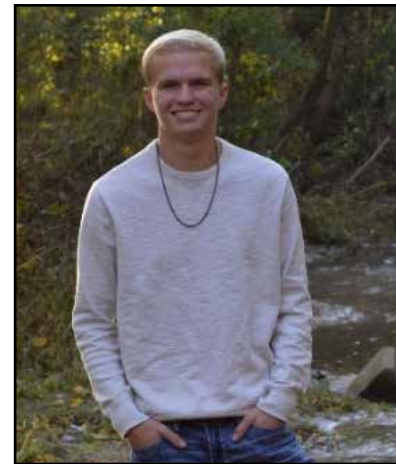
What is your dream job? My dream job is being able to make people's lives better however that may be. I just want to be able to help and try to make the world a better place, even if that is just by making someone smile.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I have ever had to do is put myself first. It is really hard for me to say no to people so I often find myself taking on more than I can handle. So finally putting myself first was really hard for me, but I have come to realize that I can't help people with my best effort if I don't help myself first. They weren't lying when they say put your oxygen mask on first before trying to help others.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I know people are probably tired of hearing about it, but the event that has had the most impact on my life so far was one that took place on September 22, 2018. This event taught me so much about life but even more about myself. I learned to appreciate every aspect of life, even if it may seem small, because trust me it can change so fast. I never thought I would ever be able to handle the things I have but I would like to think I did okay. This event has impacted my life so much and truly changed how I am as a person. I wouldn't wish it upon anyone, but I am grateful for what it has shown me.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope we still talk about the time Lydia fell during the Christmas dance at the basketball game because I never want that to die.

Derek Mensen



Activities involved in during high school: Golf, Cross Country, Track, Wrestling

Which activity affected you the most? How? Cross country, the only sport I did for all four years of high school and tried the hardest in

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Tping the boy's bathroom in 3rd grade

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Sign up for as many college courses as possible. I will have a full year done in college when I graduate.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Scholarship opportunities and free college credit.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? I would say all the teachers have had a positive impact on me one way or another.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "It Wasn't Me" by Shaggy

What does your future (college and career) look like? Computer software development/computer science

What is your dream job? Being a software developer

Rylie Aldrich



Activities involved in during high school:

Softball- 4 years

Which activity affected you the most? How? Softball has made me responsible. I grew leadership skills. softball also has taught me to work hard to accomplish my goals.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

When Aspen got his head stuck in the back of a chair in 2nd grade. Also when Frankie puked all over Emma on chili day.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Advice that I would give the freshmen is to be on time to school, don't miss a lot of school and most importantly care about your grades.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?

The teachers are willing to work with the students. The teachers put us students first before doing anything else.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? The day that Erika and Shelby chased me around the computer lab with a dead mouse.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Palmer because she always has a smile on her face and is always laughing. She shows me that even though I'm having a bad day it's always good to smile. She is always helpful and I can talk to her or ask her anything and she will help me.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?

"Single Ladies" by Beyoncé

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

I will be attending Kirkwood Community College. I will major in Business Administration and minor in Paralegal studies.

What is your dream job? Working for a successful law firm.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Making decisions for my future as to what I want to do with my future.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The tragic loss of my aunt.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?

The time that Lydia tripped over her feet during the halftime dance and embarrassed herself in front of a huge crowd.

Derek Becker



Activities involved in during high school: Football and track.

Which activity affected you the most? How? Definitely football. It just taught me that nothing is given to you and that you have to work for what you want. No other sport brings a group of guys together.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I came to Maquoketa Valley in 6th grade. I was welcomed by almost everyone and knew right away who my close friends were going to be. I'd say that was my favorite memory overall.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? I would say, go out and have fun. School is important but do not waste all of your time on school-work. Hangout and do fun things with your favorite people. Just remember to be smart and call a parent if needed.

What do you appreciate most about MV? A great staff makes a great school. Coming from Starmont, you really appreciate and see how great teachers at MV are. They will always take time out of their day to help you succeed. Most teachers even sit down and talk to you if they know that you're not yourself. MV teachers care about their students regardless of who they are and whether or not they want to be in school.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Sophomore year of football. I just had so much fun playing with that group of guys. It was also the last year playing for Chris Evers.

I wish we would've done some things differently because that team should've made the dome that year. You know you had a brotherhood when everyone on that team is still super close after a few years.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Drew. The guy just does it all. Whether he's coaching a sport or teaching safety in the classroom, he's always going to be there for you. If you respect him, he'll respect you and then he'll want the best for you. I can honestly say, he has always been by my side and is always there when I need him most.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Everywhere I Go." It defines me and shows my character.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Working hard and paying for things that I never had growing up. Whether I'm working for a big farm operation (Hillside Partners LLC., or Hoefer Pumping Inc.) or Plumbing (Thole Plumbing), I'll be successful. I simply do not like school and would rather work. Most people around here don't know what it's like to work for something. I can tell them it's a way better feeling being able to make a big purchase by yourself, rather than having mommy and daddy pay for it.

What is your dream job? Anything hands-on and requires physical labor.
What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Say good-bye to one of my closest relatives, uncle Lewie.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? New Year's Eve, when the boys and I created a movie.

Grace Wegmann



Activities involved in during high school: Throughout my four years of high school, I was involved in volleyball, track, softball, TEL, large group speech, individual speech, and the mentoring program at MV.

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Probably both individual and large group speech. These two activities got me out of my comfort zone in a lot of different ways and I got to meet a lot of good people throughout the process. Freshman year with Mr. DeVore was something that will follow me for the rest of my life.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? We had chili one day for lunch in elementary school, and as we were lining Frankie turned around and threw up

all over Emma. She had to go change into a farm safety shirt for the rest of the day. Also all the games we use to get yelled at for playing during recess.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get out there and try new things you'll never know if you don't try. Going into high school is very scary at first but talk to upperclassmen and they will help you. Becoming friends with upperclassmen could lead to the best friendship other than your own friends. Really just get out there and don't be afraid to do what you want!

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers 100%. With Maquoketa Valley being so small you are really able to create a great relationship with all of the teachers throughout high school. These teachers will do anything for you and help you so much through homework and just life advice itself. Also, the student body is definitely one of a kind here at Maquoketa Valley.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? For me, it would definitely be Friday night lights and being in the stands at sports events. They are so much fun and you are able to spend time with all the different classes. That's something that you are only able to do really once in your life and it's something that we will always remember.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Lewin is probably the teacher that has helped me through so much these past four years than I can even count. She has made me realize a lot of good life lessons and always put a smile on my face throughout the day. Even though I didn't have her as a main teacher this year, we still talk every day and I couldn't be more grateful to have had Mrs. Lewin as a teacher.

What does your future (college and career) look like? After I graduate I will be attending Hawkeye Community College for two years to receive my RN. I then have two different paths I can take. I can choose to go straight into Allen's nursing program to receive my BSN or go into the workforce right away as a traveling nurse then come back in a couple of years to receive my BSN.

What is your dream job? Stead Family Children's Hospital as a nurse practitioner. I want to work in the field of pediatrics and help kids and families through tough times.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Adjusting to life after my mom passed away. I picked up her place at the house so my father could stay working. It was just a big adjustment that we both had to get through and grow from. Losing her was tough and still is but without that event in my life, I would have never been as close as I am with my father and I would have never been able to meet my best friend and step-sister.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The day I met my step sister Macie. She has impacted my life more than ever imagined. Without her being in my life and being my best friend I don't think I'd be where I am in life right now. She has really opened my mind to new ideas and got me out of my comfort zones. Macie is a true blessing in my life and I wouldn't want it any other way.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Eighth hour government when Mr. Cassutt answered a telemarketer on speaker phone during class and the man told him off. The whole class was laughing and Mr. Cassutt himself was shocked.

Aden Atwell



Activities involved in during high school: Group Speech-Freshman; Football-Freshman-Sophomore; Wrestling Freshman-Junior

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Wrestling- made me who I am today

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

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

What does your future (college and career) look like? United States Marine Corps

What is your dream job? Retirement

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

Erika Supple



Activities involved in during high school: During high school, I've been involved in softball, volleyball, golf, TEL, individual speech, large group speech, the Youth Mentoring Program, the spring play, and the fall musical.

Which activity affected you the most? How? The event that affected me the most would have to be speech. Being involved with both large group and individual speech for the past four years has given me the opportunity to step out of my comfort zone. I've never been a fan of public speaking, but speech has allowed my confidence to grow in public speaking. Without this program, I would never have these opportunities to better my speaking skills.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite memory from elementary school would have to be one day in Kindergarten when we were at lunch. I was sitting across from Lydia, and Michael and Carter S. were sitting next to us. Lydia takes a drink of her chocolate milk, and right at that time Carter and Michael decide to make a funny joke. Needless to say, Lydia couldn't keep the milk down and she ended up projecting it across the table all over me. As if this wasn't bad enough, I was wearing a white t-shirt that we had made in preschool where everyone painted their hand and put their handprint on everyone else's shirt. Instead of wearing my favorite t-shirt home, I ended up having to wear a farm safety t-shirt for the remainder of the day because of Lydia.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? My advice for freshmen is to try everything! Whether it be athletics or the arts, try it all! High school is a time for individuals to find who they truly are, so take advantage of it. Chances are after you graduate, you won't have the opportunities you do now so participate while you can. Also, appreciate the time while you can. I know everyone says this, but these four years go by in the blink of an eye. Enjoy the years with your best friends while you can because before you know it, you'll all be heading separate directions and life won't be as simple.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How caring the teachers are. The teachers here are always willing to go the extra mile to help out their students with homework and just life in general. I also appreciate the small atmosphere of MV. Everyone knows each other and there will always be someone there to help during the tough times, which you don't find in bigger schools.

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

I have a couple of moments I would love to relive. The first one would be during homecoming freshman year when we were out tping. There were a couple of different groups who had met up in Timbergate but then the cops showed up. Needless to say, we ran for a couple of miles along Highway 20 to escape the cops and along the way, I stepped in a dead deer. The next one would be senior year during Thanksgiving break when my friends and I decided to have a pillow fight, except we had our sweatshirt hoods covering our eyes so we couldn't see. Everything was going fine until Rylie decided to fall right at my feet which caused my knee to hit her head forcefully and we both ended up on the floor. In the end, Rylie got a minor concussion, but Lydia got a sweet video of the whole thing, so it was all worth it.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? I think every teacher here is inspiring to a student in some way, but for me, I would have to say Mrs. Lewin or Mrs. Downs. Besides being great teachers and always going the extra mile for their students, these two teachers are some of the most down to earth people I know and aren't afraid to give you their honest opinion. Mrs. Lewin and Mrs. Downs are always there to offer a listening ear and are quick to give their advice on any situation. Both also have a strong sense of humor which I truly appreciate. Overall, they each have great personalities which is why I believe that they are both inspiring teachers.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending Northeast Iowa Community College and working towards my RN. Following the two year program, I will transfer to Upper Iowa University and achieve my BSN. I plan to then return to Delaware County and work in a local hospital as a nurse.

What is your dream job? My dream job is to be working in a local hospital as a nurse.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I've had to do so far is probably plan my future. My career path has changed so much in the past couple of years it's unreal. Up until the fall of my junior year, I planned on going to UNI for teaching. My career path quickly changed after I went on a job shadow at the hospital. Coming into my senior year, I planned on going to Mount Mercy University for nursing. This plan once again changed and now I'm set on attending Northeast Iowa Community College and achieving my RN degree before transferring to Upper Iowa University to achieve my BSN. You would think planning your future wouldn't be this complicated, but trust me, once you're actually doing it, you'll see that there are so many different choices and the choice that you make will affect your life forever.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I think the event that has most impacted my life so far would be my diabetes diagnosis in sixth grade. This diagnosis completely changed my life and also made me grow up a lot faster than most others. At just 11 years old, I was told I would be insulin-dependent for the rest of my life and therefore would be responsible for my own health. While this diagnosis completely altered my lifestyle, I'm so very thankful for all of the amazing people I've had the opportunity to meet, most who are diabetic and whom I keep in touch with to this day.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The event that I hope everyone still talks about is the night of December 20, 2019, when Lydia completely tripped over her own feet while dancing during halftime of the basketball game. We have a video of it happening and it's still one of the funniest things to happen to this day.

Nicholas Chen



Activities involved in during high school: Vocal Jazz - 3 years (freshman, sophomore, senior), Basketball - 1 year (freshman), Choir - 4 years, Musical - 3 years (freshman, sophomore, senior), Play - 1 year (freshman), Large group speech - 1 year (sophomore), Individual speech - 2 years (freshman, sophomore)

Which activity affected you the most? How? Vocal Jazz - It really helped to boost my confidence by allowing me to get up in front of people and perform. Vocal jazz has also become like a small family to me that knows how to work together well.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? One of my favorite memories from middle school would have to be the last trip that our class took to Bailey's Ford.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Practice living in the moment, YOLO.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the fact that everybody is kind and willing to talk to everyone.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would want to relive this year's homecoming dance. If I had the chance to do it again, I would've done some things differently at the dance.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Mueller: She kind of has the mamba mentality. She's always thinking about how her class can improve and the necessary steps to move toward success.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Beautiful Soul" by Jesse McCartney

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm going to attend NICC for two years after high school. After that, I want to attend the University of Iowa and major in creative writing.

What is your dream job? To become an author of fictional novels for kids and young adults.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing that I've had to do is lie. I've lied to my parents before; however, I either told them later that I was lying or they figured out that I was lying in the first place. It's usually the latter because I'm a horrible liar. Which is why I don't plan on making a career out of being a professional poker player.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Moving from California to Iowa.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The first day of our high school career.

Cloie Wilson



Activities involved in during high school: Musical, play, individual speech, large group speech and jazz.

Which activity affected you the most? Large group speech. It helped me grow individually but also helped me learn the importance of cooperation and teamwork. I made some great relationships along the way.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Singing at the top of my lungs with my big brother Lawson on our way to school every day

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

When teachers are hard on you, don't get frustrated with them. Be happy that you're lucky enough to have teachers that actually care about you and your future. Take the advice they give you and use it to your advantage.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? We're like one big family. If one of us fails, we all fail and if one of us succeeds, we all succeed.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? All of freshman year. It all went by so fast and I just want to go back and enjoy the first year of high school.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Downs. She understands a lot that I've been through and always helped me realize I was strong enough to get through it. She always showed me the light at the end of the tunnel.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "All Night Longer"

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am going to University of Dubuque for 4 years to double major in psychology and sociology, after I finish at University of Dubuque I'm going 2 more years at Clarke college to get my masters in social work to become a psychiatrist for adolescents.

What is your dream job? Producer

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

Finish high school

What one event has most impacted your life so far?

My diagnosis. After receiving my diagnosis, that's when I realized that I wanted to continue my education and help kids much like I was helped.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Everything we went through together the last 2 months of senior year.

Carter Stahlberg



Activities involved in during high school: Football, Wrestling, Speech, FFA

Which activity affected you the most? How? Football definitely taught me the values of hard work and determination.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Listening to Bon Jovi with Mrs. Huber.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Study as a freshman to maintain a solid GPA.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Supportive teachers.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be? Friday nights on the field.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Drew, he's taught me a lot through all 4 years.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Redneck Yacht Club"

What does your future (college and career) look like? Attending Hawkeye Community College & attend HVAC classes.

What is your dream job? Anything hands-on and construction-related.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Bust out an essay that's due in 20 minutes.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? COVID-19

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Probably how I learned to be successful at football.

Brooke Elgin



Activities involved in during high school: In high school I was involved in TEL, Spanish Club, helping services for youth, student council, basketball, and last but not least softball.

Which activity affected you the most? How? Basketball, because there were times that I felt like quitting but never did. Basketball was frustrating at times and sometimes I felt that I wasn't where I should have been with my basketball skills. My junior year I went from shooting right-handed to left. It was a roller coaster ride but in the end, I was so glad that I stuck it out. I learned so much through the whole process that has made me a better person. I will forever be grateful for all the memories that I made playing basketball.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? There wasn't just one favorite elementary memory. My favorite memories were the ones that we played together at recess. Our class in Earlville was so close and no one was ever left out. It didn't matter if you were a guy or a girl because we all played together and it was so much fun.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? My advice to the freshmen is to make the most out of your 4 years of high school because you never know when it could be cut short or taken away from you.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate our small school and the teachers that we have here. Being in a small school, you know everyone. Our teachers are always there when we need them and always make time for 1 on 1 if needed. Our teachers are not only good at their job but you can tell that they care about their students and are always willing to listen and give you advice about anything.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive all the Friday night football games at home. After every game we spent the rest of the night in the parking lot listening to music. It wasn't just one class, it was everyone. I made so many memories and it was so much fun.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Lewin, Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Hunt, etc. There isn't just one teacher that has influenced me. All the teachers at Maquoketa Valley are always willing to help. Not only are all the teachers good at their jobs but they all care about their students. I know that I can go to any teacher for advice or just to talk to. They are always willing to listen and that's what I love about our teachers at Maquoketa Valley.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "7 years" by Lukas Graham because my mom always taught me growing up to be nice to everyone or to treat people the way you would want to be treated. This song talks about how life is all about relationships. You learn to make new friends so you don't end up lonely. I am so grateful to have the friends that I have right now.

What does your future (college and career) look like? My plan is to go to Hawkeye Community College to become a dental hygienist. During my "break" year I plan to take online classes through Allen for communications. Taking the online classes during my "break" year will help open my career options. I am excited and can't wait to see where my future goes!

What is your dream job? My dream job would obviously be to work somewhere around here as a dental hygienist. There is just something about living in a small town that I love.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I think the hardest thing I have had to do is lead a basketball team. Being the only senior was a lot harder than expected. I had to make decisions and speak up. I was always worried that if I spoke up that I would hurt someone's feelings but later on I learned that wasn't the case. If we wanted to get as far as what we said we wanted, I was going to have to speak up. Thankfully, I did get help from the juniors which made things a little easier.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I would say the coronavirus has had the biggest impact on my life so far. Having to stay home for at least 4 weeks has been really hard. The thought of possibly missing out on our senior prom, graduation ceremony, and possibly my senior year of softball season is really hard for me to even think about.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope that my classmates remember how loud and outgoing I was when I wasn't in class of course. I also hope they remember me greeting everyone when they came into school every morning. Lastly I hope they remember all the parking lot dance parties and laughs that we had after every football game.

Jordyn Kemp



Activities involved in during high school: Fall musical, spring play, group and individual speech, track, softball, academic excellence, TAG, band, choir, vocal jazz, jazz band, class officers, prom committee, and Spanish Club.

Which activity affected you the most? How? I think both group and individual speech definitely affected me the most. I only participated for 2 years due to my schedule outside of school, but I wish I could have done it all 4 years. Speech helped

me become more comfortable with talking in front of large groups and that skill is really helpful every day.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? All of the Hopkinton kids (Morgan, Carter, Matthew, Michael, Cody, Chad, Mitchell, Daniel, Mac and Brooke, and my brothers and I) would all go to the Lenox College when it would get dark and play Ghost in the Graveyard. It was both terrifying, because the Lenox College is haunted and Hopkinton is a sketchy place to start out as, and my best memory from being young. We did this for years!

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Respect your upperclassmen! If upperclassmen like you, your high school life will be a lot better, trust me.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The Kirkwood Academy opportunity. It saved me thousands, literally thousands, of dollars in college credits while I was in high school, and it was completely free. Totally worth it, take advantage of that.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? During my freshman year of high school, after one night of the spring play, a bunch of us sat in the middle of the front parking lot and just talked and laughed. I remember Ali Sheehy telling us a story about a dude in a cornfield that almost gave me a hernia from laughing so hard. We finally had to leave when the Devores yelled at us.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Huegel. When I was younger, as in my freshman year, I used to think he was mean and unfair, but now that I'm older I've realized I was just immature and didn't want to listen to his life lessons. He's inspired me to be proud of myself and my accomplishments, and be outspoken about things I'm passionate about.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Ain't No Rest For The Wicked" - Cage the Elephant

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm getting my undergrad degree in biology and chemistry for a pre-med track at Morningside College, then hopefully going to St. Louis University for their medical school program. After that, I'll do a surgical and a forensic pathology residency then fellowship. I should be done with school around 30.

What is your dream job? A forensic pathologist. I have always loved Dr. Warner on Law and Order: SVU, and that's what her role is. I can't imagine myself doing anything other than medicine when I'm older, and I have never considered anything else for my future.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Forgive myself for past mistakes. I think that's the hardest thing anyone can do.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Deciding to work at the Penn Center. It has changed my entire perspective on life and has helped me appreciate what I have even more.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Matthew's many involvements with law enforcement, probably.

Carter Hildebrand



Activities involved in during high school: Large Group Speech - 4 years, Spanish Club - 4 years, National Honor Society - 3 years, Wrestling Managing - 4 years, Teacher Assistant - 2 years

Which activity affected you the most? How? Wrestling managing because it helped guide my future plans and allowed me to meet so many new people.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Rocking out to Bon Jovi with Mrs. Huber in the 4th grade.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Never be afraid to stand up for what you believe in.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The time that the teachers take to get to know each student. They are always there to talk about anything and support us through life's challenges.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive getting to go down on the floor at state wrestling my sophomore year because it was such an amazing feeling being immersed in the talented pool of wrestlers whom I looked up to.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Huegel because he always gave brutally honest feedback. Even though I may not have wanted to hear it, it was what I needed to grow.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Fire and Rain" by James Taylor

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Loras College where I will major in accounting and participate as a wrestling team manager. I hope to obtain a job as a private accountant in the Dubuque area.

What is your dream job? Being a private accountant in the Dubuque area for a local business.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? I had to stand up for what was right despite it being an unpopular decision.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Hitting the deer my freshman year has impacted me the most because it made me open my eyes and begin to live one day at a time.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? When we had to miss school for a few weeks because of the Corona Virus.

Jaiden Porter



Activities involved in during high school: I've been involved in Volleyball (3 years) Cross Country (1 year) Track (4 years) Softball (2 years) Band (3.5 years) Large Group Speech (4 years) Individual Speech (4 years) Mentoring (2 years) TA (1 year) Spanish Club (4 years)

Which activity affected you the most? How? Cross Country has affected me the most even though I was only out for that sport my senior year. I'm extremely glad for the family I gained along with the memories. I actually enjoyed running at 7 am every morning with these people during the summer. I have gained many memories from cross country

and I'm glad I decided to try something different my senior year.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Recess at Hopkinton was always crazy. People were always breaking bones or getting scrapes and bruises on their knees. Kickball would always end up in a bloody nose somehow.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't be afraid to try something new. High school is full of opportunities, so take advantage of that.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? That the teachers are always there for you. No matter what you are going through they are always willing to help out. We are a really close family here at Maquoketa Valley.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? All of the countless times my friends and I have spent together. We have many memories throughout the year and it's hard to pick just one.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. Dunlap has inspired me the most. He has been my track coach since freshman year, and I even agreed to manage the boy's basketball team for two years while he was coaching. He has taught me how to mentally overcome things and become the best person that I can be today. Fun fact, I gave the boy's basketball team a technical foul once. I accidentally wrote down the wrong jersey numbers for an away game. Mr. Dunlap laughed at me, but the very next game, he did the exact same thing!

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "I Lived" - by One Republic. I've definitely been through so much these past few years and right now with everything going on in the world. Class of 2020 has been through so much and yet, we are all making the best out of the situation and staying in touch. I was 4 months old when 9/11 happened and now I'm graduating with a pandemic. I've definitely lived though. So many football game memories, and weekend drives with my friends. Goofing off at stores or just hanging out on the river all summer long. I Lived.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm planning on going to Iowa State in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. My major at the moment is still undecided, but I'm excited for the next four years of my life.

What is your dream job? I don't really have a dream job, but I want to work somewhere where I'm happy and can enjoy my life. I don't want to dread going to work every day.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Giving up the last part of my senior year. It's hard being away from the people who you aren't going to see soon anyway. Pretty soon we will all be going our separate ways and these last few months are the only thing we have left and now that's been taken away from us. My friends and I Facetime every night just to stay in touch. COVID-19 will defiantly go down in the history books.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? During my junior year, my 4x800 team missed going to state by 0.005 of a second. This was really hard for all of us. Because of that loss, I decided to quit volleyball and join cross country. I'm beyond grateful that I was apart of the cross country team. If I hadn't lost in the 4x800 I might never have realized my favorite sport.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? All of us wanted a second polar vortex and instead we got the coronavirus.

Summer Schmuecker



Activities involved in during high school: Teens Eliminating Lies, Wildcat Echo, Golf, Spring Play, Teacher's Assistant Program, National Honor Society, Mentoring Program, Group & Individual Speech

Which activity affected you the most? How? Speech definitely affected me the most because it helped me come out of my shell, improve my public speaking, and make new friends.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? The wild party I threw in 5th grade.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't stress about the little things. Just work hard and enjoy your time in high school while it lasts. Also, definitely go to Kirkwood at the JREC your junior/senior year.

What do you appreciate most about MV? We have so many great teachers here that will go out of their way to help the students. Dollars for Scholars is an amazing program and I'm very grateful to have it here at Maquoketa Valley.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be? When we were running away after TP'ing and Erika stepped in a dead deer and when Erika gave Rylie a concussion.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Mrs. Besler. She teaches some of the hardest classes but she helps make them easier to understand, and she gives great advice.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Dancing Queen" by ABBA

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan on attending the University of Iowa to first get my bachelor's degree in psychology, and then my Ph.D. hopefully. Following that, I hope to either work in counseling or research.

What is your dream job? I would love to open my own private practice as a licensed psychologist or do research for the University of Iowa.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Being on a liquid diet for two weeks post-jaw surgery. Also working as a CNA.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? When Lydia fell in front of everyone during a halftime dance at a basketball game.

Alyssa Langel



Activities involved in during high school:

FFA, softball

Which activity affected you the most? How?

FFA- Took me out of my shyness, taught me important life skills and brought me many friendships.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

At Western Dubuque, each year the 6th graders go on a camp trip to Camp Coura-

geous. Three girls and I shared a huge tent. On the one side there was a huge rip in the tarp. The tent was also a long hike from the bathroom. So, late one night one of my buddies had to go to the bathroom- really bad. Instead of walking all the way to the bathroom or just popping a squat outside, we were creative. Another one of the girls and I held her while she peed out the big rip in the tent. I'm really bad at reciting stories, but it was goofy.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't be afraid to express yourself- be original. The best things come when you're outside of your comfort zone. Also, try new things. Ever since I was a kid I wanted to go to Iowa State and pursue a career in agriculture- it is what I grew up around. But, one day I was feeling frisky and signed myself up for the NICC CNA class and I fell in love with it. I am now going for a career in healthcare.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I transferred over at the beginning of my junior year and I am so thankful for it. MV has a great atmosphere. The staff are amazing and the students are very friendly. It is a great place to be.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? This year's FNL season was fun, I would definitely go back and relive a game. I forget who we were playing but America night was a blast. On the way down to the game, I stuck my little flag out the window and closed the window on it- hoping it would stay in place. It busted. I'm really bad at telling stories but it was hilarious.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? I would have to say my old FFA advisor at Western Dubuque. When I was going through a difficult time he kept my spirits up in his class. He didn't have much to say but he kept me going strong.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Bust a Move" by Young MC

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

I am going to NICC for their nursing program. I hope to get a job as an RN and continue my education and get my BSN.

What is your dream job? To be a nurse at RMC in Manchester.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Get out of my "shell." Growing up I was very quiet, as the years passed I have gotten better. I'm not as shy as I used to be.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My transfer to MV was a turning point for my high school career. It changed my high school experience from completely awful to absolutely amazing.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I figure I will be remembered for my "Miss America" attire.

Chance Downs



Activities involved in during high school: Student Council (Class President) - 4 years; Cross Country - 4 years; Spanish Club - 4 years; Youth Mentoring - 4 years; Track & Field - 4 years; Wildcat Echo - 4 years; National Honor Society - 3 years; Wrestling - 2 years; Teacher Assistant - 2 years; FCA - 1 year

Which activity affected you the most? How? Cross Country. The friendships I have formed and the memories I have created have surpassed any accomplishments I have achieved and hopefully, they will last a lifetime.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Playing "what are the odds" in Mrs. Besler's 6th-grade class all year.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Make your schoolwork your number one priority. You don't have to be crazy smart or intellectually gifted; you simply need to put forth your best effort and work your absolute hardest. You will thank yourself once you realize how much time and money you will save in the future.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The amount of college credit courses a student can take.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Qualifying for the State Cross Country Meet as an individual and team my junior year. We need not only had fun achieving this long-awaited goal but also made school history in the process.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? I would be remiss if I did not say, my own mother, Mrs. Downs. She has taught me countless life lessons and she is the person that has inspired me to want to become a teacher.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Live Before I Die" - Mike Posner

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Iowa State University where I will major in kinesiology/health education and sociology. My hope is to become a teacher and potentially a counselor.

What is your dream job? High school teacher and coach
What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Make the decision to quit wrestling

What one event has most impacted your life? Developing exercise-induced asthma at the beginning of senior year

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?

COVID-19 Global Pandemic

Amber Engelken



Activities involved in during high school: FFA (4 years), Large Group Speech (4 years), and Individual Speech (3 years), Mentoring (2 years), NHS (2 years)
Which activity affected you the most? How? FFA has affected me the most because it's really expanded my leadership abilities along with getting me out of my com-

fort zone. I've made many new friends from a variety of schools and made memories that I'll never forget.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Putting on all our plays in second grade that we thought were great performances, but in reality, they were TERRIBLE.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get out of your comfort zone. You'll make more friends and success than you ever thought possible. Putting yourself out there is one of the best things you can do in high school.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers really care about you. They always try to help you succeed.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I'd relive all of the long nights I spent with my friends throughout all 4 years of high school.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Although she doesn't teach anymore, I would say Mrs. Grant is my most inspirational teacher. She taught me so much both inside and outside of the classroom. She's helped me develop many life skills and has been a great FFA advisor for me.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Good Vibes" by Chris Janson.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm going to Iowa State University to major in Agricultural Exploration. My plans after college are still up in the air.

What is your dream job? I don't have a dream job. I just want to be successful and happy wherever I end up.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Getting out of my comfort zone and meeting new people. At different events for Delaware County Dairy Princess Alt./Iowa Holstein Princess, you meet a lot of people that you don't know and trying to make friends can be tough sometimes.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? One event that's had a huge impact on me has been when I got part of my finger cut off by a gate. I learned that one: I'm dumb and need to move faster. And two: I'm super grateful to have grown up on a farm. I was stuck in the house for over a week before I was able to help with chores again. I've never been more bored in my life than that week.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Anything but the Coronavirus.

Lydia Helle



Activities involved in during high school: volleyball, basketball, track, large group and individual contest speech, spring plays, student council, TEL, TSN, Wildcat Echo.

Which activity affected you the most? I would have to say that contest speech has affected me the most. Speech was a creative outlet

for me; however, it also gave me a lot of confidence. Speech taught me many lessons that I can carry with me throughout life.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Studying pig/cow parts in fourth grade Starting middle school basketball Winning the mile race one time in seventh grade

Advice for freshmen? Realize that you still have a lot left to learn. As seniors, we have been through a lot. We understand the ins and outs of high school. We have the experience and knowledge that only comes with making your way up the ranks. It can be really easy to come into high school thinking you finally made it; just remember that it's not over yet.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate how teachers truly take the time to get to know and make connections with their students. I feel like I am able to go to my teachers with any problems I may have.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive the moment my dad put my first (and most likely only) state track medal around my neck.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. DeVore. Throughout my time in high school, she has pushed me to become a better person in and out of school.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "I'll Be There for You" - The Rembrandts (Friends theme song)

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending the University of Wisconsin- Platteville and double majoring in forensic investigation and biology. I hope to find a career in forensics at a large crime lab afterward.

What is your dream job? Working as a medical examiner investigator-- death investigator-- for a large crime lab.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I've ever had to do is a non-stop challenge-- trying to push past my medical challenges (Type 1 Diabetes and Epilepsy) to be a "normal teenager."

What one event has most impacted your life so far? My diabetes diagnosis affected my life the most. My life was completely changed after it. A close second would probably be Covid-19 :)

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? While it may have been embarrassing for me, I hope that my classmates still talk about the time that I fell at half-time of the boy's basketball game. I love making people laugh, and I know that it will always bring a smile to someone's face.

Hadley Underwood



Activities involved in during high school:

Freshman year I played volleyball and was on student council at Ed-Co

Which activity affected you the most? How? I played volleyball from 5th grade to freshman year, so after all those years it helped me find friends

and helped me learn how to be a team player. I really love the sport and I wish I would've kept up with it when I came to Maquoketa Valley.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite memory was when my friends and I would join and play Need for Speed on our DSs on the bus.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Everyone changes once you get into high school. Don't change who you are for anyone else, but you.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate the support and family that we have at Maquoketa Valley.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive getting my first job in high school, which was at Shopko in Dyersville. I met some of the best people there and made so many memories before it closed.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? My most inspirational teacher from any of the schools I've attended would be Mr. Putz from Ed-Co. He always gave me the best advice and still helps me out to this day.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Creep" by Radiohead

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be attending NICC in Peosta to finish my general education. Hopefully, in that time, I will learn what I would like to major in and then transfer to a university for a bachelor's or master's degree.

What is your dream job? If I could have any job in the world I would be an owner of a top art gallery

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I've ever had to do is becoming the person that I am today. I have had my fair share of difficult times, but they make me who I am.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I think transferring to Maquoketa Valley impacted my life a lot because I'm at a better school, in a healthy environment, and I'm proud to be graduating here.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Covid-19 and about who we all used to be compared to now

Mason Lubben



Activities involved in during high school: Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Play, Individual and Large Group Speech, Spanish Club, TEL, National Honor Society, Wildcat Echo

Which activity affected you the most? How? I would say both cross country and speech affected me greatly. Cross country has really pushed me to my mental and physical limits. It has taught me the importance of working hard to get what I want. Additionally, speech has forced me to become more

confident. It has pushed me out of my comfort zone so much with all of the crazy things the coaches have me do. I will forever be confident speaking in front of crowds which will help me so much in the future.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Getting 1000+ reading counts points in 4th grade.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Go out for every activity. You never know what you may enjoy.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I really appreciate the teachers. I don't believe there is a teacher at MV who wants to see you fail. Everybody is there to help you. They are always willing to help you out, as long as you are willing to do the work.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I would relive both years of state cross country. Being the only fall sport to make it to state in the past few years has been amazing. The memories that the boys and I made on those journeys will never be forgotten.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mr. DeVore is my most inspirational teacher by far. The dedication that he has to his job and his students is incredible. Mr. DeVore is not only a great teacher but also a great speech coach and person. He always has a smile, no matter how little sleep he got the night before. He is always willing to help, no matter how busy he is which is truly inspiring for me.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "When I'm Gone" - Eminem

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan on attending Iowa State University for Aerospace engineering. I chose this because it'll hopefully keep me interested for many years to come. I don't really have an idea for where I want to, although SpaceX would be very cool.

What is your dream job? A stay at home astronaut.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? RAGBRAI is the hardest thing I've ever had to do. This was the most mentally and physically challenging task I have ever had to do. That was the longest week of my life. Doing 115 miles in a day was so painful. In the end, I thought my organs were shutting down as I had only eaten sugar and water for 8 hours straight that day.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Being fortunate enough to travel with my family has really allowed me to see what else is in the world. I have been able to experience so many things and I am very grateful for this.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? The coronavirus.

Matthew Hucker



Activities involved in during high school: Football, FFA

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Football taught me how to prepare myself for a big event.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Playing on the playground in Hopkinton

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Enjoy the moments that you have with friends during school because they don't last forever.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Being able to have conversations with teachers about life after school.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Playing football my sophomore year, I loved the chemistry that we had on that team.

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? Mrs. Lewin, she has always been real with me and has taught me a lot about life after high school.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Attending Hawkeye Community College to study HVAC for one year.

What is your dream job? Working as a plumber.

Mason Kruse



Activities involved in during high school: Football, Wrestling, FFA

Which activity affected you the most?

How? FFA, Because it taught me many life lessons and

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My dad called the school to tell them that I wasn't going to school that day because "I had the farmer's flu."

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Get involved in things you didn't see yourself doing.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers who help you with things even if it isn't for a class.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? National FFA Convention 2019 because I met people that I still talk to today. Also, we placed 6th in the nation judging dairy cattle.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? **Why?** Mr. Drew because he can teach a wide variety of things that everyone needs to be taught.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Copperhead (Pioneer) Road"

What does your future (college and career) look like? University of Wisconsin-Platteville for Ag-Business

What is your dream job? Banker **What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Stay home during Quarantine

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Buying Goats

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Rooster Ridge Lodge

Aspen Kraus



Activities involved in during high school: Baseball: 4 years; Spanish Club: 2 years

Which activity affected you the most?

Baseball. The Friendships that were formed and the memories made that surpassed any accomplishments I have achieved.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I would have to say the time I got my head stuck in a chair in second grade. It isn't necessarily my favorite but it gets brought up quite often and always makes me laugh

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? I would say don't irritate the teachers. The more you irritate them the less likely they are to help you in the future.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How willing the teachers are to help the students with any problems they may have, and how many college credits you are able to earn.

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? Mr. Huegel. The tips and advice he gives you don't only benefit you in the classroom. You are able to bring it with you outside of school and hopefully the rest of your life.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Little Rain" - Morgan Wallen

What does your future look like? I plan to complete an electrician apprenticeship.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Finish a Comp paper in 20 minutes

What one event has most impacted your life so far? I would say there is not a specific event. It would have to be all the memories made that will last a lifetime.

Michael Feldmann



Activities involved in during high school: Baseball-3 years; TEL-4 Years; Spanish Club - 4 years; Football-4 years; Track & Field - 3 years; Wrestling - 3 years; Speech-4 Years

Which activity affected you the most? How? Football. I have many fond memories through football and have made memories I will never forget. It has taught me many lessons and has made me a better person.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Project-based learning 8th-grade year.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Enjoy your time in high school and have fun while you are young and under 18.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How helpful and understanding the teachers are.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? My sophomore year of football because the team was a lot of fun and I enjoyed playing with all the upperclassmen.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Karla Downs because she has a good sense of humor and is very down to earth.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Young, Wild and Free" by Wiz Khalifa

What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend Iowa State where I will major in Criminal Justice and minor in Psychology. I want to go into law enforcement and fight the "war" on drugs.

What is your dream job? D.E.A. Agent
What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Play on a torn ACL for 8 games.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Sports in general because I learn a lot of life skills and had a lot of fun.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? When we broke into the school and got into a lot of trouble. Major learning event.

Kailyn Hogan



Activities involved in during high school: Volleyball, Track & Field, Teacher's Assistant Program, Large Group & Individual Speech, Band, Spanish Club, National Honor Society

Which activity affected you the most? How? Speech has affected me the most because it has forced me out of my comfort zone. Large Group Speech taught me how to work well with other people, and Individual Speech gave me confidence for public speaking.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? In eighth grade, Mr. Cassutt was late to class all of the time because he was coming from the high school. We used to hide from him, and one time we all danced to music with Mrs. Rudd waiting for him to show up.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Attempt to live your life with no regrets. You can't change what happened in the past, so there is no use dwelling on it. Live every day as if it's a fresh start.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate how supportive the staff is at Maquoketa Valley. I have no doubt they have our backs and want us all to succeed.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I if could relive any moment in high school, I would relive junior prom because, at this point, I'm not sure if my class is going to have a senior prom. I've loved every school dance I've ever gone to, and prom was my all-time favorite. If I can't make more memories like last year, I'd want to relive it.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "The Lotto" by Ingrid Michaelson

What does your future (college and career) look like? I will be going to Iowa State University next year. I have not yet decided what I am going to major in.

What is your dream job? My dream is to work overseas.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? The hardest thing I have ever had to do was be immobile for two weeks after I broke my ankle. I was going stir crazy.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Quarantine has affected my life a lot more than I care to admit. It has given me a lot more free time, and I've spent that extra time overthinking. I no longer know what I'm going to major in because I've started changing my life plans.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Anything but the coronavirus.

Chad Neuzil



Activities involved in during high school: track, cross country, wrestling, speech, FFA, yearbook

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Track, It taught me a lot about team bonding and hard work.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't be afraid to get involved. High school is the best place to shape your character and to try new things. Maquoketa Valley High School is the best place to get a good head start.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The teachers

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Rooster Ridge, it was fun

Who is your most inspirational teacher?

Why? Mrs. Downs, because she has a good sense of humor and is always doing the best she can to make you better.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Hawkeye Community College, for police science.

What is your dream job? Police officer

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Complete basic training at Ft. Benning, GA.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Joining the Iowa Army National Guard

Isaac Kramer



Activities involved in during high school: Wrestling, football, baseball, track, and golf

Which activity affected you the most?

How? Wrestling because it made me a better person and made me more focused

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I really don't remember those days.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Go to school get assignments done and do your best.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? How friendly everybody is and the environment there

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Friday nights on the field and on the bus rides

What does your future (college/career) look like? Not going to college and going straight into welding or construction

What is your dream job? Welding or construction

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

Holly Offerman

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? Meeting one of my best friends, Hannah. Hannah has impacted my life throughout these last six years and has been with me through it all. I

love that I can always talk to her and she will always be up to have a good time. Sometimes we get in fights and sometimes it may seem like we won't come back from them... but we always do. I really do hope she's around for the rest of my days and we stay connected after high school. Too more memories.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? To not let high school get the best of you and stress you out too much. I urge you all to find your way of escaping the drama and the stress of it all and just relax. We have an amazing staff here at Maquoketa Valley and they will do their best to help you understand and get through it. Be sure to ask them questions; that's what they're there for. Ways I distress are by working out, managing my time, and of course hanging out with my friends.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? I appreciate how awesome the staff is. They truly care about you and want you to succeed. They will push you and encourage you to go above and beyond expectations, and they will believe in you through it all. I've had some pretty amazing teachers throughout my years.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? I've had a lot of moments in high school but the one I would probably relive is when Mr. K was my study hall teacher. He could always put a smile on face and truly made me get through high school when I was starting to give up on it. Jackson and I had so much fun in his study hall and he let us, but we made sure we got our homework done. I will never forget him singing and dancing while we laughed.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Here for the Party" by Gretchen Wilson.

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am attending Des



Corbin Midkiff

Activities involved in during high school: West Delaware Football



Which activity affected you the most? Football gave me lots of life lessons

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When I jumped off the rock wall and shattered my ankle.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Live Friday to Friday and lunch to lunch and it will be over soon.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The environment and how close and nice everyone is.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? The first day of coming here.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Mrs. Lewin because she teaches me how to not go bankrupt and makes everything fun.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Two Wheels by Wax"

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

What is your dream job? Welder

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

What one event has most impacted your life so far? The decision to go to the Marines

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? They better just remember me for the goofy and fun stuff I've done in and out of school.

Maria Cole

Activities involved in during high school: Wildcat Echo, Yearbook

Which activity affected you the most? The Echo. It fueled my passion for writing and helped me explore more creative options in journalism.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? When I got stuck on top of the jungle gym and Hannah abandoned me up there by myself.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Manage your time and don't slack off. I didn't care about my grades during freshman year and now my GPA is paying the price. Stay focused and do your work and ask questions.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The environment. Everyone is really nice and inclusive. No one ever really feels left out, and I think that's why the classes bond so well and are close together, which makes high school even more fun and the environment relaxed.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Homecoming 2019, because I actually went to the football game and had a lot of fun.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? Probably Mr. Huegel. He gives really good advice and always tries to help people see the best in themselves and appreciate the things around them. He has opened my eyes to a lot of things because I took many classes with him, such as Social Issues.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Dancing Queen" by ABBA

What does your future (college and career) look like? I am hoping to attend the University of Iowa for their Creative Writing program. I would like to begin in journalism after college but then move onto authoring a few books and maybe do professional photography as well.

What is your dream job? I want to become a writer and also a professional photographer.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Give the speeches during Speech class, I'm terrified of public speaking and honestly giving a speech doesn't help at all.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Graduating early, it made me realize I need to start looking forward into my future for college.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I hope we talk about everything. Like the senior shirts, Homecoming, everything was just so fun and new and exciting that we all experienced together.



Hannah Cornell

Activities involved in during high school: Choir and golf

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? How every day in 4th grade Maria would

ask me for my Facebook password. **If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** To know that grades matter and time flies, so just relax and take time to think about your future.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? The environment **If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Probably relive the relief I felt from waking up and seeing school had a snow cancellations

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? I would say Mrs. Temple. She's helped me out a lot with planning for my future, and I really appreciate that.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "Bubbly" by Colbie Caillat

What does your future (college and career) look like? At this moment I have no idea. I'm planning on working and saving money so that I can move to Colorado.

What is your dream job? Something that involved a lot of traveling, or being a psychologist.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Speech class, which about made me want to die but that's ok.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Graduating early, because it has made me think a lot and kind of pushed me to start looking toward my future.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Just inside jokes and funny stories about us "fighting the man"



Jenna Nefzger

Activities involved in during high school: Track (1 year); Play (1 year); Musical (2 years); Speech (1 year); Choir (2 years)

Which activity affected you the most? Musical and Play.

I got out of my comfort zone and made a lot of new friends.

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?

When Aspen got his head stuck in the chair or when Emma got puked on by Frankie on chili day.

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

Don't do anything in the choir room but sing. Listen to your parents. Take Applied Math! It's okay to work instead of being involved in things. If you're gonna do something, do it right or don't do it at all.

What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley? Being able to take college courses to get ahead and save money.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Any of the adventures with Jordyn. I'm still surprised we aren't dead yet.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

Mrs. McDermott is someone who can read me like a book and is always willing to lend a helping hand. She gave me so much hope and motivation to continue on when I didn't want too. I don't think I'd be graduating without her.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "9 to 5" by Dolly Parton - But instead of 9 to 5 sing 2 to 10, night shift baby. :)

What does your future (college and career) look like? I'm going to NICC to get my RN and then Upper Iowa for my BSN.

What is your dream job? I have a lot of dream jobs but travel nursing is the most practical one of them all. Here are my other dream jobs: undercover cop, body piercer, mortician, Sam Elliot's personal assistant, barista, golf ball diver, mattress tester.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Survive sophomore year.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Getting my CNA. I got my certificate because I wanted experience in a nursing home when I became an activities director. That all changed when I fell in love with nursing and everything about it. I remember driving home from my first night of clinical crying because there was no way I was ever going to go back. I went back the next night and realized that it was the career for me. Moral of the story: if you start something, finish it. You don't know what opportunities will come along with it.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? Anything involving senior year. We've kinda been a handful.



Morgan Hermanson

Activities involved in during high school: Football, Golf, Large Group Speech

Which activity affected you the most? How?

Large Group Speech. Speech has helped me out tremendously in all aspects of life. The ability to speak in front of people is a trait that few have, but we all need it. Speech has helped me gain confidence in public speaking and will propel me even farther with my future job plans

What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? I would have to say either when Storm chased Christopher with an ice sickle during recess in 5th grade. Another great memory would be the countless laughs during WIN time in 6th grade watching Chaw with the boys'.

If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? Don't be afraid of upperclassmen and asking them for help or advice. The upperclassmen usually know exactly what you are going through and are typically more than happy to help you. Also, know your place on the totem pole, and respect upperclassmen and authority figures in the school. Represent Maquoketa Valley the correct way.

What do you appreciate most about MV? How much most of the teachers care about us students. I know that I can personally go to at least three teachers with personal problems and school problems and they are more than happy to listen and give advice. Our community and school support the students so much and that is truly a great thing about MV.

If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? My junior prom! Man, was that year the best. The senior class before me was super fun and we really enjoyed the party bus and where we went out to eat. Mrs. Downs did an amazing job with post-prom, making it the best post-prom in recent years! I had way too much fun! Then closely after that, we had state track, and boy did I have fun staying with some friends down there.

Who is your most inspirational teacher? I have to have two, Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Lewin. They have helped me out in so many different ways and I have bonded with them throughout my four years in high school. Mrs. Downs has shown me countless life skills and her classes are really educational and impact our future just as much as our high school GPA. Mrs. Lewin and Mrs. Downs are people who I can go to laugh, joke around, also learn from. They are extraordinary teachers whom I will dearly miss.

If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be? "The Show Goes On" By Lupe Fiasco featuring Lil Wayne. The show goes on even after we graduate from high school. Some of us in our class have a lot of growing up to do before we hit the real world.

What does your future (college and career) look like? Hopefully shortly after I graduate in January I will be shipping off to Fort Jackson, South Carolina to complete my military training for the Army National Guard. After graduation from advanced training, I plan on going to St. Petersburg College in St. Petersburg, Florida to pursue my bachelor's degree in management and organizational leadership, focusing on sports management.

What is your dream job? To become a high-level manager for a professional sports team, ideally in the NFL.

What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? Say goodbye to my best friend for ten weeks this past summer to go through basic training. It sucked a lot, but now that it is over, I can look back and say it was worth it.

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Definitely signing up for the National Guard. The National Guard as forced me to grow up so much faster than normal and is a great platform for me to get ahead in my career and personal life. Signing that dotted line changed my life forever.

What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion? I would say just all the fun times we had and all the trouble we got into. We were constantly trying to push our boundaries and it was a lot of fun. I also hope that we talk about our after-lunch talks in Mrs. Down's room. Those are some conversations I will never forget.

