

## Ali Sheehy

**Activities involved in during high school:** Speech and Drama- 4 years; Basketball- 2 years; Track- 4 years; Softball- 4 years; Choir- 2 1/2 years

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I have changed throughout high school because I stepped out of my comfort zone and got involved throughout my four years.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** My favorite elementary memory would be when a group of us girls (you know who you are) made a fort outside at recess. I thought it would be a good idea to bring a plastic hunters knife to school for the fort. Well, we were caught in the action. Ms. Swinton sat us down and laid the knife on the table. Ms. Swinton asked, "Whose knife is this?" And everyone except for me said, "Ali's!" Thanks guys, I missed two recesses because of them.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Get involved! Getting involved helps you find yourself and helps you meet new people.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Once all the remodels are done we will go from there.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Junior year, in Earth Science class, I was cleaning my fish bowl project out and I dropped it in the sink. I ended up getting four stitches because of that project. If I could relive that moment I would of grasped onto that fish bowl a little tighter.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs. Besler, she has answered all of life questions that I have asked her. She always found a way to give me the best advice especially when some of my questions left her and I wondering what goes on in my little head.

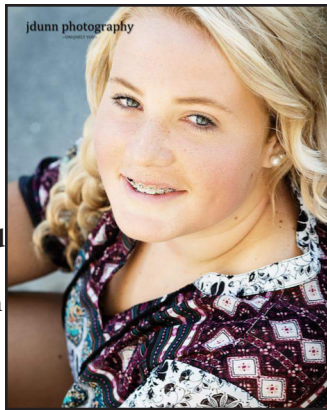
**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Homecoming, freshman year, when I dressed up as the cow. Everyone wanted to touch my utter.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** The Sandlot- "You're killin' me smalls"

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend Kirkwood Community College for their Radiology program. After that I plan to start working at St. Luke's hospital in Cedar Rapids and continue my education for the radiology field.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest I have ever had to do is come to the realization that I am almost done with high school.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** One event that has impacted my life the most would be the moment I went back to my elementary school to perform my storytelling story to the elementary kids. The kids were asking me all these questions about speech and when they get to be my age that they would join speech too. Knowing that I impacted their decision to join speech when they get into high school meant a lot.



## Cassiddy Wilson

**Activities involved in during high school:** Speech- 3 years; Basketball- 2 years; Track- 4 years; Volleyball- 3 years; Cross Country- 1 year; Mentoring- 2 years; TEL/TSN/TATU- 4 years; National Honors Society HS - 1 year; Musical- 3 years

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Definitely, I have grown as a person. I've learned to be less of a follower and make my own path.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** The day that Lawson was walking with me to my house and she got hit by a car after I told her it was dangerous to cross there. I guess I've always enjoyed being right (she was totally fine).

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Do you. The sooner you start doing what you want, wearing what you want, acting like you want and not following the pack, the sooner you will be truly happy. What othering people think is none of your business so just live your life.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I wish that we had more extracurricular activity opportunities during the winter. But, I realize that we are also a small school and we already offer plenty. It's just hard as a female athlete, who does not enjoy basketball and can not dance to save her life, to stay active during those months.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** At state track sophomore year when we convinced the waitress that Aspen was deaf. Really Apsen just doesn't like to order for herself.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs DeVore, she just does SO much. Between speech, play, teaching and being a mom and wife her plate is overflowing. Somehow she still manages to be one of the most upbeat teachers in the whole school.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Boot cut jeans and wedges, 5th grade. UGH.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "OH! He's an angry elf!" - Elf

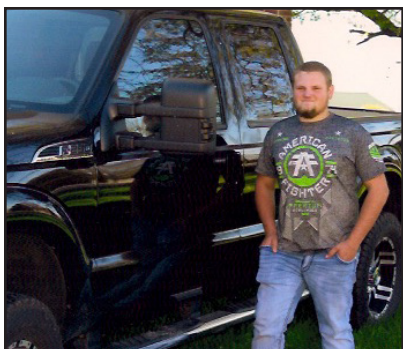
**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I am attending Upper Iowa University this fall and will study Criminology and Computer Science. After graduating college I plan to pursue a career in cyber crime. I hope to someday work as a Cyber Terrorism Specialist in the DHS. I will also be competing in Track and Field while at Upper Iowa.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Life is hard, and I've endured plenty of tough times. However, coming to terms with my brother's decision to join to the Navy was by far the hardest obstacle for me throughout high school. The second hardest was when I tried to give a speech about him joining and bawled through the entirety of it at our conference competition. );

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Growing up without a stable mother figure has had and continues to have a huge impact on my life.



## Dalton Becker



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football and tried golf

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** No because age has no humor

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Pick hard classes first and life will be better in the end

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Open lunch and pop in school and bring back Mr. Meyer

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Bobby Blair falling down the steps

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. K because he is always there to help

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Never had one

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Run Forrest Run" (Forrest Gump) and (The Ringer) "Also should I wear my shirt up or down, up or down or possible tucked in."

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Will find out after my graduation party

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Making friends and ending up with a best friend

## Kendra Ries



**Activities involved in during high school:** Musical, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Play, Softball, TEL, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and Senior Leadership Team, Senior Mentoring

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I most definitely have changed throughout high school. As a freshman, I was very shy and timid and simply kept to myself. I stayed in my own personal bubble, and I was okay with that. Now, I see myself as being more outgoing, vocal, and social. I have also become much more responsible and contain more initiative.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In middle school, Amanda's parents had an anniversary party.

Amanda, along with some others, decided to shove a piece of cake into my face. This definitely wasn't my favorite memory, but it is one that I will never forget.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** First and foremost, treasure these four years that you have in high school. These years go by unbelievably fast. Then it's graduation day before you know it. Next, I would highly advise you to take advantage of our speech program. The DeVores put a lot of time and effort into this program for us. This program has given me many skills that I have used, and will continue to use, as I head off into the real world. Lastly, take the time to thank your teachers and parents for everything they do for you. They go above and beyond for your benefit.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** If I could change Maquoketa Valley, I would love to see FBLA and show choir be brought back. I have many friends from other schools who are involved in these activities, and they love it. I would have loved the opportunity to participate in these activities if they had been available to me.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** If I could relive any moment in high school, it would have to be prom. It was so much fun to hang out with my classmates away from the classroom and relax and just have fun.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** I have been blessed to have the amazing teachers that I have had throughout high school. They are all very welcoming and supportive. I know that if I had a question on school work or about life, I could ask any of them for help or advice, and they would help me without hesitation.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Gauchos. In 3rd and 4th grade, those were the hottest item, and I loved to wear them everywhere.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Some are born great. Some achieve greatness. And some have greatness thrust upon them." - She's the Man

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending Mt. Mercy University in the fall with a major in Nursing and possibly a double minor in Psychology and Spanish.

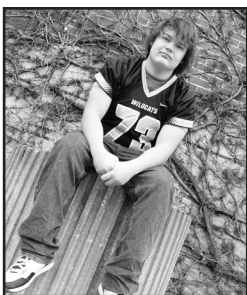
**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I have ever done is learning how to grow up and become independent. Last year I got my first job, and it was an eye-opener for me. I learned a lot about the real world and how to apply myself. At that time, I started paying for my own things such as gas and going out to eat with friends. Now this year, applying for college, applying for scholarships, and preparing to move out on my own has caused me to take huge leaps into living independently.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I have had three ankle surgeries, and each one of them created a new obstacle for me to hurdle. I learned that you won't get things simply handed to you; you have to be willing to work hard to reach your goals. I also learned to not take everything in life for granted because someday, they could be gone in the blink of an eye. Lastly, I've learned that sometimes you have to give up something you love to better yourself.



## Bobby Blair

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football  
**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Not really. I feel it just leads to something greater.



**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In Central City middle school we had both a two-hour delay and an early out on the same day, so I and a bunch of other guys from there did some really stupid stuff in the snow.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't be lazy. Do what you can to set yourself up for the next steps in life. Leave for college one step ahead.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would add a few classes to expand the future classes options.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** My very first football practice where I wore my pads. I realized that this was going to require more effort than I usually put into things and my teammates wouldn't let me quit.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Besler because if she can put up with me three hours a day, she has some serious patience.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** When I tripped up the stairs and ripped my pants then had to stay for half the day like that.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It's a very mean and nasty place... and I don't care how tough you are, it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently, if you let it. You, me or nobody, is gonna hit as hard as life. But ain't about how hard you hit... It's about how hard you can get hit, and keep moving forward" —Rocky Balboa

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Architecture is the final goal but things change.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Work at Rogers Concrete and Construction

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** The decision to stay at Maquoketa Valley

## Clint Krapfl

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, basketball, track, baseball, speech, school play, mentoring, student council.

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes. I have become much more aware of myself and I have learned a lot about my friends and others throughout my four years of school.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Climbing the fence by the baseball field to get an overthrown frisbee.

While I was climbing over, my shoelace got caught on the top of the fence. I was dangling from the fence and as the blood was rushed to my head. Zak Harbach and Alec McDowell made sure to catch it on video and laugh.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't be a lazy turd because nobody will like you. GET INVOLVED.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Make sure that the students aren't hungry all the time and give the people that earn it some more freedom. Also, make sure students can get two carnival cookies instead of one.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive the football games because nothing comes close to playing on a Friday night at Maquoketa Valley.

**Who are your most inspirational teachers?** Why? Mr. DeVore and Mrs. Temple. Mr.

DeVore is the only guy I know that has such an infectious attitude and cares as much as he does. Mrs. Temple has a sense of humor that you can't help but love. She also cares for her students as they are her own children.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Basically anything I decided to wear my freshman or sophomore year.

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

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending the University of Iowa. I will enter the Tippie College of Business with an undecided major.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Monkey rolls my senior year of football. Conditioning during practice was unreal.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Being at Maquoketa Valley has impacted my life the most so far. I wouldn't be who I am today without this place.



## Aspen Britt



**Activities involved in during high school:** Track and Volleyball

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, not as shy

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Mrs. Wilson took us to her house for the day to have lunch and play

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't worry about the small things; later in life they won't matter anyway

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Air conditioning

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** State track all years. They were so fun.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "I don't need easy; I need possible." —Soul Surfer

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

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My grandma passing away

## Mikayla Callan

**Activities involved in during high school:**  
Volleyball- 4 years;  
Track- 3 years; Softball- 4 years; FFA- 3 years; TEL/TSN- 4 years;  
Musical- 3 years; Play- 2 years; Mentoring- 2 years; Speech (Individual and Large Group)- 4 years



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I have changed a lot throughout high school. As a freshman I was shy. Now I feel like I could talk to anyone. High school has pushed me to become a better person.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In elementary school at Johnston a bunch of girls would always play house at recess. One day Ali decided to bring a fake knife from her kitchen set. At recess a teacher took the knife away and most of the girls had to stay inside for the next recess. As soon as we were asked whose knife it was, we all ratted Ali out so we could go to recess. I think she had to stay in from recess for a week and she never got her knife back.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't take the time you have for granted. These four years fly by so cherish every second you have. You don't realize how fast time goes until it's gone.

**How would you change MV?** I would encourage everyone to be involved in as many activities as possible. I don't think people understand how many friendships are formed through different activities that they participate in.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** I would want to relive the night my friends and I got stuck on a level B road by Angie Wendt's house. That was a fun night.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. DeVore because he is always there for anyone. He has helped me a lot the past year in calc. I also look up to how he does so much for the speech program. It was hard to pick just one teacher. All of the teachers at Maquoketa Valley have helped me in different ways.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Gauchos and bangs in elementary.

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

**What does your future look like?** I plan to attend the University of Northern Iowa for a degree in elementary education. After graduation I plan to move back around the Delhi area.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I had to get through the death of my grandpa Jesenovec. He was my best friend when I was growing up.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My mom having another child when I was 17.

## Zak Harbach

**Activities involved in during high school:**  
Football, Baseball, Base-



ball, and Track and Field

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, I've matured a lot and realized how far being nice goes.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Watching Clint Krapfl get stuck upside down on a fence during PE and watching Carter "hook" Clint.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't sweat the small stuff.

**How would you change MV?** I wouldn't change a single thing.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Senior football season, it's an experience you only get to live once in your life.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** All of the teachers that have taught me throughout my four years. They all are very passionate about what they do and strive to make all of us better.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** When I wore American Fighters and Rock Revivals.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "You don't say that." - Step Brothers

**What does your future look like?** I will attend the University of Dubuque to major in Environmental Science and continue my Track career.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Mon-key. Rolls.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Becoming even better friends with my best friends.

## Becky Thompson

**Activities involved in during high school:**  
Speech, softball, volleyball, Spanish

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** As I have grown up in high school, I have gotten more responsible. I used to hardly spend any time on home-



work just to get a good grade and I didn't care for like the first three years. This year I started caring a lot more and I've seen a lot of change. I feel like I have prepared myself a lot for college and I'm happy about that. I have matured a lot also, but I still have a lot of maturing to do.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In elementary Alison Sheehy brought a plastic knife to school so we could all play with it. After we had went inside for recess, Mrs. Freeze went up to the tree we had it by and brought the knife inside. Basically to sum it up, we lost recess thanks to Ali.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Care about your school work. Make sure you study for tests and don't try to wing it or study right before you take it. Try to be responsible and do your best. It's okay to make mistakes, but work to make yourself better.

**How would you change MV?** One thing I would change is the babysitting. We need to be less babysat. No matter how much you want to help the students, they have to learn on their own. We don't need to be treated like little kids. Also, more carnival cookies.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Reliving memories with Mae-Luis the foreign exchange student. She changed my life and I still talk to her everyday. She was the best part of my junior year. Also, Pablo Ostos. Another exchange student. He has been one of the best parts of my senior year and I'll always cherish the memories I have with Mae and Pabs.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. DeVore. He makes high school fun and he is always so helpful.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Probably bangs in 5th grade. Absolutely horrid.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "That's why her hair is so big. It's full of secrets." - Mean Girls

**What does your future look like?** I plan to go to Kirkwood Community College to do my gen eds and then transfer to a university for Business Management.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Maybe saying goodbye to Mae at the airport last year. We both cried like babies but she's coming to see me this summer and we still talk everyday.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I'm not sure what one event has impacted my life. High school as a whole has. I have changed so much and I've learned a lot throughout high school.



## Destiny Clayborne

**Activities involved in during high school:** Choir- 4 years; Volleyball- 1 year; Vocal Jazz- 2 years; Wildcat Echo- 2 years; Mentoring- 2 years

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, I believe I am a completely different person than I was at the beginning of freshman year. I used to think that it was better to be liked than to be who you are. I probably thought this because I was young and didn't know who I was yet, but then again does any 14 or 15 year old know who they are or what they are destined to do? Some how along the journey of high school through various trials I learned who I was or at least who I wanted to be. I know now that being yourself and standing up for what you believe in is way more important than being pretty or being liked. Realizing I did not have to please everyone around me truly freed me and overall made me happier. Before I would never do things that would put the focus on me because I worried about every single imperfection, but now I put myself out there and force myself to do things that scare me. The old me would never take risk or do things that scared me, but now there is a sense of freedom to overcome the things I was once scared of. Overall I truly believe I changed drastically since freshman year but only in the best way possible.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I don't really remember much of elementary or middle school, but if I had to choose one I would say the time in fourth grade when Taylor White, Ethan Ottaway, and I were all passing notes during class and I wrote a saying I had heard on the TV that wasn't the most appropriate and the teacher happened to catch this note and read it. Even though we got in trouble, it is still funny now because we know what the saying means now and totally understand the teacher's shocked face.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Even though school work and grades are important, don't stress over it too much. Don't waste every moment of high school stressing over all the work you have to do. I still think you should try hard and get good grades, but don't make that the main focus of your life. Have fun and make memories while you still have the chance. It goes by to fast and you are going to want memories to look back on rather than looking back and only remembering slaving over homework.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** The students need to be held accountable for their own homework. I do not think we should baby them by getting after them to do homework or turn things in when it is their responsibility. The students here kind of need the reality check of failing a class when they don't turn things in because they are the ones choosing to not work hard and most don't care anyway, so why waste your time? Forcing students to be accountable would also really help them later on in life like in college or workforce.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Honestly any moment I was with my friends because being with them is very freeing and I am able to be as weird as I want to be which always results in fits of laughter.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. DeVore because she has always been there for me and I feel like she truly understands me when I talk to her. She also is always there to answer my questions when I need her. Lastly she is inspirational because she has so much going on but still works through things effortlessly and sees when students have a talent that they didn't realize they had and pushes them to pursue such things.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** When I thought it was ok to braid my hair every night before school and actually thought it looked good. When in reality it was just a huge poof ball like I was straight out of the 80's. Wish my family would of told me it looked bad. \*Eyeroll\*

**What is your favorite movie quote?** I have a couple... Sorry.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower- "So, I guess we are who we are for a lot of reasons. And maybe we'll never know most of them. But even if we don't have the power to choose where we come from, we can still choose where we go from there. We can still do things. And we can try to feel okay about them."

The Perks of Being a Wallflower- I know these will all be stories someday, and our pictures will become old photographs. We all become somebody's mom or dad. But right now, these moments are not stories. This is happening... This one moment when you know you're not a sad story. You are alive"

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend Kirkwood Community College to obtain a Liberal Arts degree. After that I will transfer to a four year college get my degree in social work. I plan on being a foster care social worker while continuing my passion for writing.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Cut off people who were toxic to me. What one event has most impacted your life so far? Meeting my father for the first time last fall. Since then I have been introduced to all sorts of different family members.



## Katie Sternhagen



**Activities involved in during high school:** Softball, Swimming, and working as a CNA

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, I'm not really sure how to describe how but I'm not the same person I was freshman year

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Having Mr. K as my sixth grade math teacher

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Stay on top of things, don't get behind

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** It needs A/C!!!!!!

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** When I dyed my hair and Mrs. Hunt walked in and said, "Katie.... You dyed your hair, I don't like it." I want to relive it just to see everyone's face in the classroom again because it was truly priceless

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. Besler- She always listened to me when I needed someone to talk to and always had the best advice.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I have probably had way too many

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Oh yes, the past can hurt. But you can either live from it, or learn from it." -Lion King

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to go to NICC to get my RN and work at Jones Regional Hospital in Anamosa

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Going through a major back surgery at 11 years old and having to learn how to walk again

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Losing my Grandma Bacon because she was my best friend and was always there for me and it made me realize how short life can be.

## Zach Cornell

**Activities involved in during high school:** Wrestling: 4 years; Football: 1 year

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I have changed a lot throughout my years of high school. I have grown a lot on my people skills and feel very confident, and I also feel as if I have matured a lot through the years.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Having recess and playing games with my friends and getting out of class.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Stay focused and get your homework done on time. Study for tests. Just make school your number one priority and get your stuff done.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Have more class options. I would have liked to have more classes to pick and choose from. Other than that I wouldn't change anything.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Sophomore year of wrestling when we beat the number 1 team Alburnett. It was a great experience and showed us that hard work comes with great reward, and the environment in the gym that night was crazy.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Drew. He has taught me a lot of life long skills and I know I can come to him whenever I need help with something and whenever I get stuck he helps he is a great teacher and has taught me so much throughout my years at Maquoketa Valley.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** The Sandlot- "You're killin' me, Smalls"

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on attending Hawkeye Community College for parks and natural resource management and the transferring to Upper Iowa and continuing my education to become a game warden. Then, after Upper Iowa I'm planning on getting right into the workforce.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Cutting weight for wrestling. It's not an easy thing to do especially if you're used to eating and then cutting big meals out of your diet for the whole wrestling season.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My parents sitting me down and telling me that I need to get my grades up and focus on school and that I need to do start caring and doing well so I can go to college and get an education and to have a life that I actually want to have. After that I started to care and started to do better in school.



## Rebekah Hill

**Activities involved in during high school:** Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Play, Musical, Choir, Spanish Club, TEL, Wildcat Echo (2 years), Softball (2 years), Book Club< National Honor Society, Senior Mentoring

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I have definitely changed. I broke out of my shell, and instead of being a girl that barely talked I am now a girl that doesn't shut up. I have become more confident and I think high school and my friends and family have helped me a lot with that.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I remember my first week at Earlville Elementary I cried just about every day. One day I was crying at recess all alone, and Taylor White came over and talked to me, and told me that she liked me. She became my best friend after that, and school didn't seem so scary.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Get involved in everything that you can, and have fun with it. You may feel as if graduation is far away, but it comes faster than you think. Enjoy the time that you have at Maquoketa Valley. You'll miss it when it is over.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would add in more activities, such as FBLA and show choir. These activities sound so fun to me, and I wish that I had the opportunity to participate in them.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive All-State Large Group Speech my sophomore year. I loved the piece that we performed, and that was the last time I got to perform with my older sister. I had so much fun that day, I wish I could go back!

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs. DeVore has inspired me a lot. She is one of my teachers that helped me break out of my shell, and become who I am today. She is so positive and caring, and that rubs off on every student that she teaches. She is an amazing teacher!

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** In fifth grade I wore basketball shorts and t-shirts everyday, with my hair in a ponytail. It was horrible.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Forget regret, or life is yours to miss."  
—Rent

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending the University of Iowa for chemistry and then go on to pharmacy. I hope to have a career as a pharmacist, hopefully at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing that I had to do was watch my younger sister have a stroke right in front of me, and know that I couldn't stop it.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My dad's accident changed my life greatly. I became very connected to my family, I learned the value of hard work, and that everything in life doesn't come easy. It shaped me into the person I am today, and showed me that in life bad things will happen, the only thing that matters is that I keep fighting.





## Raven Eatman-Dietiker

### Activities involved in during high school:

Speech and Drama- 4 years; Golf- 2 years; Choir- 4 years; Vocal Jazz- 4 years

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

Yes, my views changed and I have gotten more mature. I have also become more confident and stepped out of my comfort zone.

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

Playing soccer for AYSO and doing show choir in middle school. If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be? I would tell them to keep on track. I know you will probably hear this a lot but don't take it lightly. I would also say have fun and do things you normally wouldn't. Go out for musicals and do speech. You won't regret it; you'll meet so many new people.

### How would you change Maquoketa Valley?

I would change the inequality between sports and music activities. If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why? Vocal Championships because it was one of my proudest moments in my high school years.

### Who is your most inspirational teacher?

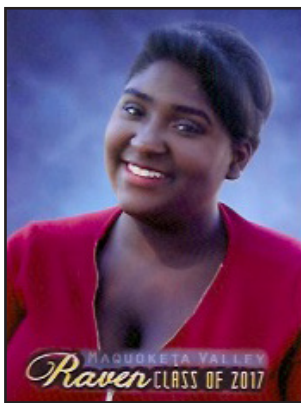
Why? Mrs. DeVore, because she is always cheerful even when she isn't the happiest. Another reason she is so inspirational is because she is always there for you; no matter what you can count on her.

### What is your favorite movie quote?

"If everybody minded their own business, the world would go around a great deal faster than it does." - Alice in Wonderland  
What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan on attending Southwestern Community College. I would then like to transfer to University of Iowa. I plan on getting my Bachelors in Nursing. I would like to be a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit nurse and become a travel nurse.

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

Be confident in singing by myself and not letting people's judgment get the best of me. What one event has most impacted your life so far? Being adopted because without that event happening I wouldn't be here today.



## Danica Fjelstul

### Activities involved in during high school:

Volleyball, Softball, Track, Musical, Play, TEL, TSN, NHS, Large Group Speech, Spanish Club, Senior Mentoring

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

Yes, I learned a lot about myself and became a stronger person, and I have opened up a lot more and have become less shy. I talk to a lot more people and enjoy life a lot more. What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory? My favorite elementary memory is when Ali brought a plastic knife to school. We all ratted Ali out, but don't worry we all had to stay inside for recess one day. Also, Ali never got the knife back.

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

Cherish your time. Before you know it you will be experiencing all your lasts wishing you were a freshman again. Make the most your time and always have fun. How would you change Maquoketa Valley? I would make every single person at least try contest speech. Contest speech changed my life, and I believe everyone should experience it.

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

I would relive the moment where my friends and I got stuck on a level B road. Although it sucked at the time and it was very cold outside, it is one time I will always remember. It was a fun night and I wish I could relive it. Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why? The most inspirational teacher for me is Mrs. DeVore. She always pushed me outside of my comfort zone and pushed me to try new things. She is one of the main reasons I fell in love with contest speech. I would not be the person I am today without that wonderful woman.

### Describe your worst fashion moment.

One time in kindergarten I wore tennis shoes with a dress. We had a Christmas concert at school and my mother sent me with clothes and shoes in my bookbag. It was time to get ready for the concert and I did not want to wear the shoes. I thought they were ugly and I just wanted to wear my tennis shoes.

### What is your favorite movie quote?

"Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great. Some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." -She's The Man  
What does your future (college and career) look like? I plan to attend the University of Iowa to major in human physiology. After four years, I plan to attend physical therapy school. I hope to get my doctorate degree and be a physical therapist.

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

The hardest thing that I have ever had to do was watch people play the sport that I love knowing that I couldn't play. Last year I got hurt during softball and I couldn't play. It was very hard for me to watch other people play. At one practice I even hit a ball while on my crutches because it was so hard for me to not be able to play.

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

Both of my sisters moving away to college and "becoming an only child" has really impacted my life. Before my sisters moved away, we got along but not as well as we do now. My sisters are now two of my best friends. Since they moved away, I have gotten a lot closer to my parents. With me being the only kid at home, I talk to my parents a lot more and spend a lot more time with them. Although I hate my sisters living over an hour away from me, them moving away has changed my life for the better.



## Eric Heims

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football (4) Wrestling (4) Baseball (1) Band and choir (4) musical (3) play (2) mentoring the freshman class



**Do you feel you**

**have changed throughout high school?**

**Why or why not?** Yes I have become a better person by figuring out who I am and what I want to do in the future.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle**

**school memory?** Not my favorite but a very memorable moment was breaking my leg roller skating.

**If you could give advice to a freshman,**

**what would it be?** Work hard towards your goals which will lead to great things.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Districts as a senior in my final match because it showed how much heart I had for the sport of wrestling. Showing an example of what hard work and determination can do for you over time.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mr. Drew who showed me what I wanted to learn in classes that would help me in the future. And a shout out to Mrs. Temple and Mrs. Spellerberg for all their help with college preparation and scholarships.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"Shoot 'em" Troy Landry in Swamp People

**What does your future (college and**

**career) look like?** Hawkeye Community College for two years in the Agriculture Power Technology program to become an Ag Mechanic then get back to farming.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Go through my last full practice of wrestling before going to state my junior year of high school on which the coaches tried to break me but they couldn't.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Trying wrestling in 8th grade after my teammates encouraged me to try it. Figuring out it was for me and showing everyone and myself how much of a hard worker I am and how more confident it made me as a person.

## Trent Reeves



**Activities involved in during high school:**

Speech and Drama- 1 year; Baseball- 2 years; Band- 2 years; Soccer- 4 years

**Do you feel you have changed throughout**

**high school? Why or why not?** Yes, I found that I have increased my skill in giving speeches and talking in front of people.

Also, I have focused more on learning and studying to help increase my GPA.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle**

**school memory?** Playing tackle football in elementary when we weren't supposed to. We would always get in trouble for it but continue to do it.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what**

**would it be?** Do your homework on time. It will get harder. Actually study for tests.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?**

Have a soccer program

**If you could relive any moment in high**

**school what would it be and why?** Dance tent at Del Co fair after sophomore year

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mr. DeVore, he always pushed me to work harder at math even though I hated it. He always helped me when I needed it as well.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

Freshman year when I still didn't understand what fashion was.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Sooner or later, different scares people." -The Accountant

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

**look like?** I plan to attend DMACC for 1 year and then transfer to Iowa State and major in Animal Ecology. After graduating college, I plan to move to California where I can begin my career.

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

What one event has most impacted your life so far? Going to California for the whole summer for the first time.

## Rylee Davis



**Activities involved in during high school:**

Dance Team for 4 years

**Do you feel you have changed throughout**

**high school? Why or why not?** Yes, I have grown so much. High school has taught me a lot.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Mrs. Rissler would read us stories and get out the puppets she had.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what**

**would it be?** Don't worry about the small things because they won't matter later on in life. Also, live your life to the fullest and make it a good one to look back on.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?**

Air conditioning

**If you could relive any moment in high**

**school what would it be and why?** State dance because it's a lot of fun getting to bond with my team and see how well we do. State dance is fun because you get to see so many other schools compete.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mr. Andrews because he is always pushing me to do my best

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

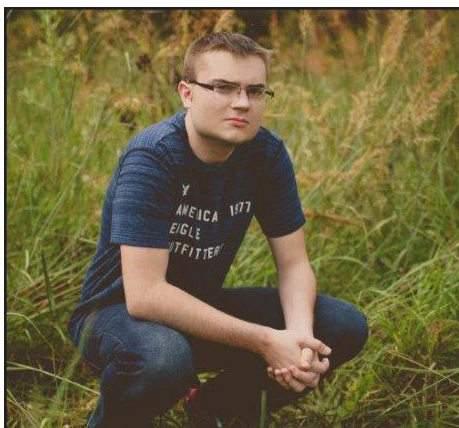
**look like?** Going to Capri college in Dubuque for cosmetology and esthetics and then maybe continuing my education in the dental field.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Bring myself back up and keep on top of things when it seems like everything is going for the bad.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My mom moving away and having to move in with my aunt. It brought all of us much closer, especially my mom and I because I don't get to see her that often.



## Ethan Fonck



**Activities involved in during high school:**

Golf

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

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Throwing my lunchbox up in the air and having it land on top of the baseball diamond dugouts.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Seniors are going to give you a hard time; just accept it. They want to be out of there as soon as possible; senioritis is a real thing!

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** More clubs, like chess club.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** First day of freshman year. The feeling of being inside a new building and meeting new people was exciting for me.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** **Why?** Mrs. Downs. She is not afraid to tell things how they are, and I admire that because I'm the same way.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I at one point wore skinny jeans.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "I know what you're thinking, how the heck does a fifty-two-year-old, over the hill, milkshake machine salesman build a fast food empire with sixteen hundred restaurants and an annual revenue of seven hundred million dollars? One word: persistence." Michael Keaton playing Ray Kroc in "The Founder."

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** NICC then transfer to a university. Computer Programming is what I'm looking at.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Accept the news that my favorite pet died.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Finding out my dad had cancer.

## Carter Klostermann



**Activities involved in during high school:**

Wrestling, baseball

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I have completely changed. I am almost the exact opposite from my freshman year to my senior year. I was involved in extracurriculars and was a lazy pile. Most of the time I looked forward to going home and playing video games. I soon realized that it was time to grow up and mature a little. I soon was working three jobs and still making the honor roll. At first it was a little tough getting everything done. But if you want to do something bad enough, you'll figure out how to make it work.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Manage your time and take pride in your work

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Bring back the work-based learning class

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I wore my shirt inside out the whole day

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Don't ever let somebody tell you you can't do something, not even me. Alright? You dream, you gotta protect it. People can't do something themselves, they wanna tell you you can't do it. If you want something, go get it. Period." – Chris Gardner, from The Pursuit of Happyness

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I am going to trade school for HVAC

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** I worked 87 hours in one week.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I broke a vertebrae in my neck sophomore year in wrestling ending my high school sports career.

## Alex Chavez



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

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Elementary : Going to Brookfield Zoo on a field trip

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

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Get air conditioning

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** **Why?** Mrs. Besler, she's smart.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Every day

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

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

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Wake up every morning to come here.

## Lea Ries

### Activities involved in during high school:

Softball, volleyball, TEL, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Large Group Speech, Church

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

Yes, I think I have changed throughout high school. I have allowed myself to open up more to people.

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

When Ali brought a fake plastic knife to school in 4th grade so we could use it for a game we were playing at recess.

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

This is probably cliché, but four years flies by, so make the most out of everything. Don't take your time for granted. MV gives you a lot of opportunities, so take advantage of them.

**How would you change MV?** I love MV, but I think having more discipline will not only help students in the present, but help them in the future as well.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Senior year, because it went by so fast. Everything about senior year, like extra curricular activities, I wish I could go back and do one more time.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** This is kind of a tough one. All the teachers at MV have helped me in some way. I believe Mrs. DeVore and Mrs. Temple have inspired me the most. They both have helped me step outside of my comfort zone, whether that is in speech or the classroom, it has been beneficial. No thank you is big enough for how they have helped me.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I don't really dress for fashion, I dress more for comfort. I will have to say, wearing a baggy sweatshirt and leggings is quite comfy.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "You might wanna throw a fielder up in those mountains.. In case, ka-bang" -Benchwarmers

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** University of Iowa for possibly Elementary Education

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I've ever had to do would be making decisions that can alter my future. Making decisions about college and what career I want to pursue is kind of stressful.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Going out for speech in high school has helped me a great deal. I am not as shy as I was and I can talk to people with more confidence.



## Caitlin Schuman

### Activities involved in during high school:

Musical, Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, TSN, TATU, Yearbook, Spanish Club, and Senior Mentoring

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

Definitely. I have learned more about myself and what my priorities should be.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** All of the camping trips with Angie and Aspen! So many great memories made!

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

Branch out and try new things. Don't be afraid to talk to people who aren't involved in the same things you are in. These are known to be the best four years, don't waste them!

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Give us more early outs and a fruit bar at lunch.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive senior year basketball all over again because everyone brought so much energy to the game and made it a year to remember.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Temple! She brings so much energy into the classroom with her fun personality.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I wore gaucho pants and Aeropostale polos in elementary.

### What is your favorite movie quote?

"I can't feel my legs! I can't feel my legs!"  
"Those are my legs."

-Frozen

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend Hawkeye Community College for dental hygiene. After college, I hope to get a job and move out of Iowa.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Walk off the court after my last games.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I've learned that everyday is not guaranteed with the ones you love ever since my dad died when I was fourteen.



## Kyle Richter



**Activities involved in during high school:** FFA- 2 yrs

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yeah, I feel I have changed my personality. I was a quiet kid in the early year here and then became more open.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In Earlville, I was the best tetherball player.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Study and don't become lazy with your homework. Don't think you own this place and you should always listen to the older kids. Life will be easier if you listen to them.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Help improve some things in the FFA department. We have a great program but it would be nice to have some more respect and not get the shaft of a lot of things.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. K. He was the greatest math teacher I had and he has made me feel good all the time and he is willing and always there to help in time of need.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** Clint Eastwood- "Go ahead. Make my day."

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Enter the workforce right away.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Speak in a large group of people for FFA.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Realizing that my years here are about over here and life is coming fast. These years go faster than you think.



## Alec McDowell

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football (4 years), Wrestling (4 years), Track (4 years), Baseball (4 years), Student Council (2 years), NHS (2 years), Speech (1 year)

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes. I have grown up a lot throughout high school (I still have a lot of maturing to do though). I have learned a lot about responsibility and work ethic. I have also opened up a lot and I am not afraid to talk to people like I was freshman year.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When the squirrel got into the power box on the electric pole and the power went out. We went to church and people sang.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Find something in high school that you love and be passionate about it. Set goals for it and work to be the best you can be in every aspect. The work put in is directly related to what comes out of it. If you put a lot of time into something, good results will come out of it. Also, while pursuing these goals, surround yourself with the right people. Negativity can only hinder you from achieving your aspirations.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** There is not much I would change. I believe we have a great school that does many things the right way. One thing that I see happening though is many students are not learning responsibility because of the WIN list. I believe students should not have so many chances to get credit for work when they are not putting in the effort to get their work done the first or second or third time. If students are being lazy they should see consequences or else they will not learn.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive homecoming week from any year. Going out and T'ping late at night is a great time. The atmosphere in the school and community is so much fun with all of the energy around the football game. Playing in front of the huge student section and all of the fans from the community is an unforgettable moment that I would love to relive.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** I have had many very inspirational teachers throughout high school. Probably the most influential has been Mr. DeVore. He has pushed me in the classroom to be a better student and leader which has helped me prepare me better for my future at college and in the workforce.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** When the parents made seniors guys wear dresses and wigs for the homecoming pep rally senior year.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "I am warning you, if you touch my drums, I will stab you in the neck with a knife." - Step Brothers

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will go to Iowa State University to study engineering and also continue my wrestling career.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Balancing school-work and wrestling senior year.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Winning state wrestling my senior year because it gave me the opportunity to continue my academic and wrestling careers at Iowa State.



## Gabriela Guetzko

**Activities involved in during high school:** Band (4 years) Speech (2 years) Musical (2 years) Golf (1) 4-H (9) FFA (4)

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes. During my freshmen year I was always scared of what people would think of me so I tried to blend in the crowd. Throughout high school I saw that really no one cares about what you wear or what you do. Finally during my senior year, I figured out what matters in life and what doesn't. I learned that you shouldn't do things to please other people.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Watching Angie Wendt spit her chocolate milk all over Cassy Wilson's new Aero jacket. Angie had the nickname "Angie the Sprinkler" for the longest time.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Make sure you are being yourself in high school and don't be afraid to make your own path instead of following everyone else. You find out who your true friends are. Also, don't feel like you have to do the things your friends are doing. You only have four years in high school, so enjoy them.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would give the students more opportunities to take a variety of classes.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Attend the World Food Prize again. Not only did I learn a lot but I met so many life impacting people that I will never forget. Attending the World Food Prize opened up my eyes even bigger and reminded me how nice I have it.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** My fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Wilson. I struggled a lot with a few subjects so she would stay after school to help me. She never gave up on me even though I wanted to give up. Looking back now, she never had to take time out of her off hours for me.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Every day.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** I have two. "She warned him not to be deceived by appearances, for beauty is found within." - Beauty and the Beast "The past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it, or learn from it." - The Lion King

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny then possibly transferring to Iowa State University.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Choose what I want to major in and whether I should take at a community college or transfer over to a university.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Probably being adopted. I can honestly say if I wasn't adopted, I don't think I would even be alive today. I'm so thankful that God chose me and my two brothers to be adopted by a caring family that I proudly call my mom and dad today. If I wasn't adopted, I wouldn't have found my passion for animals. Every day I am so thankful that I was chosen.



## Bryant Meyer-Kemp



**Activities involved in during high school:** Speech and Drama- 3 years; Cross Country - 4 years; Track- 4 years; Choir- 1 1/2 years; Band - 4 years

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** Yes, I became more comfortable talking to people I didn't already know.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When I was walking down the fifth grade hallway, wasn't paying attention to where I was going and ran into the pole between the two open doors.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't wreck your first two vehicles in the same spot.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Not let Mr. Hadley leave.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** When I went to Mexico for the Spanish trip because it was an experience that was new and helped me get out of my comfort zone.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** I would say Mr. Huegel was my most inspirational teachers I loved hearing his advice on things.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Every day.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I'm planning on going to Hawkeye Community College to major in police science, then I'm planning on applying at the Marion Police Dept.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Going through the burn trailer at the Hopkinton Fire Dept. it gets hard to breathe after a while when you're tired and you have to use an SCBA.

## Jacob Bonert



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

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I think I have changed because I have bettered my ability to start conversations with random strangers.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** It would probably be when I broke my foot because I realized just how uncoordinated I really am.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't get behind on school work.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would allow three study halls per day because you can't ever have too many study halls.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Beef Expo freshman year

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?**

**Why?** Mrs. Lewin because she'll tell you exactly what she is thinking.

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

"I'm not so good with the advice. Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?" - Friends

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Undecided yet, might go to college for either six months or two years.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Talk to Ann Grant about asking Brooke to prom.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My dad passing away has probably been the one event in my life that has impacted me the most. It made me grow up a lot quicker than I ever wanted to.

## Kari Nefzger



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

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Yes, I feel like I have** became more mature and I have also got better at talking to people, so not being so shy.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** It's your last four years of high school, so have fun and don't let people get to you, but most importantly keep your grades up starting your freshman year because they do matter and will affect your GPA later on in high school if you don't start strong your freshman year.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Allow junior and seniors to have open lunch

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I don't really remember I worse fashion but I remember when I was in elementary and I cut my hair really short the day before pictures and I absolutely hated it.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending Kirkwood Community College in the fall for Occupational Therapist Assistant



## Ben Brown

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

Yes, I have taken school a lot more serious. I would say I have matured and became more responsible.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Going on field trips and when the other schools merged with Maquoketa Valley I was able to meet new kids and make new friends.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Take classes that interest you and meet the requirements for the colleges that you are thinking about.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** More variety of classes, for example IT classes, and engineering classes, more foreign languages.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** My freshman and sophomore year. GPA and college have more of meaning now compared to when I was younger, so I would want to redo those years for a better GPA

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Dan Greenfield from Kirkwood. He's a teacher who is easily relatable with and easy to communicate with. He also teaches a subject that interests me and makes class fun.

**Describe your worst fashion moment?** I put on two different pairs of shoes.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** Arnold Schwarzenegger- "GET TO DA CHOPPA!!!"

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** 2 years at Kirkwood then transferring to Iowa State for Computer Engineering

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Taking the programming class at Kirkwood. It was not interesting to me and it was fairly difficult.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Taking dual credit classes at Kirkwood. I was able to make three new friends and meet Dan Greenfield.



## BrieAnna Nielson

**Activities involved in during high school:** Speech and Drama- 3 years; Cross Country - 3 years; Track- 1 year; Choir- 2 years

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

Yes. I've matured a lot. I've changed the way I think about things. I've taken school more seriously. I look at the big picture now and what's going to matter in the future.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** The Saint Patrick's Day parades and leprechaun traps we made in kindergarten with Mrs. Rissler.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Everything you think you'll never get through freshman year is minor. It won't matter in 3 years.

**Don't sweat the small stuff. Have as much fun as you can now and enjoy every minute of it.**

**How would you change MV?** I don't think I would if I could. There's nowhere else I'd rather spend my four years.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** Any time I had with my speech family at competitions or any time I had with my cross country team. I regret not sticking with them all four years.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr./Mrs. DeVore. They've done so much for the speech and drama program. They do such a good job with it and I'm not sure how they pull it off every year. They make sure they make time for each and every student one on one if needed, whether it be for speech and drama or in the classroom. They juggle a lot and have made the program one that so many people enjoy.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** All of freshman year.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "There's no place like home." The Wizards of Oz

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to go to NICC for the first 3 years to become a RN. I then plan to go to a 4 year college to get my BSN and hopefully finish up and become a Nurse Practitioner.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Work through the fact that dad won't be there to watch me graduate.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Moving out and getting my own place when I turned 18, right before senior year. It's something I've wanted to do since I was 16. It just put more responsibility on me, made me mature and prepared me for the real world. There's moments I was overwhelmed with juggling everything but I wouldn't go back and change it even if I could.



## Mitchell Stender

**Activities involved in during high school:**

Football: 3 yrs, Basketball: 2yrs, Golf: 3yrs  
**Do you feel you have**

**changed throughout high school?** Yes. I think I've become more social with friends and people I don't usually talk with.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Fun times with Mr. A's Science experiments in middle school

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** You do you, have fun, get involved, it's gonna go fast, stay out of drama and you'll be fine.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Have open lunches on Fridays, add fishing as a sport at MV

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Junior year Football playoffs #1 Maquoketa Valley vs #4 Montezuma. I think we would beat them in a rematch.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Helle, his voice is inspirational because you definitely know it's him when he says "Now go out there and HIT SOMEBODY!"

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Wearing a dress for senior homecoming for the pep rally.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "If you ain't first, you're last" - Ricky Bobby (Talladega Nights)

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Either attend Hawkeye Community College or Kirkwood Community College for Landscape & Turf Management  
**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Quit football senior year

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** 2010 Lake Delhi Flood 2010-2016



## Brianna Mensen

**Activities involved in during high school:** FFA (1), Musical (2), Play (3), Large Group Speech (4), Individual Speech (4), Volleyball (4), Basketball (4), Track and Field (4), Softball (4), Student Council (4), NHS (2), TEL/TSN (4), Spanish Club (4)

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, I feel more confident and independent.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** One of my favorite memories was fighting every single recess about ready-set-go because it was such a big deal to all of us. Another is when Mrs. Wilson took us on a hayride to her house.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Get involved. You won't regret meeting new people and learning new skills. Also, don't stress. High school is more fun when you don't try to control or stress over every detail. Let whatever happens happen.

**How would you change MV?** Air conditioning and more carnival cookies, or food in general. Also, people shouldn't get their hand held as much in high school.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** I would relive many moments in high school. However, I would relive any of the basketball games because I loved playing with each of my teammates and it has always been a fun atmosphere to play in.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** I couldn't pick a single most inspirational teacher, each teacher I have had has impacted me in some way. Each of them has taught me something that I can apply outside of academics. I appreciate the teachers we have at MV because they all truly care.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Uneven pigtails or mismatching tube socks

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

Benchwarmers- Richie: Clark, we don't play baseball.

Clark: I told Gus we would be there, and if we don't show up, that makes me a liar... and that's not what I'm about... not now, NOT EVER!

**What does your future look like?** I'm going to Kirkwood next year and then I will transfer to a four-year college after two at Kirkwood. I'm not sure what my career looks like for the future.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** It's been hard to balance my schedule with everything going on.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** There are numerous events, both good and bad, that have impacted my life so far. I have grown as a person as a result of each of these.



## Selena Ramirez

**Activities involved in during high school:** Vocal Jazz for 3 years.

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, I've grown into someone I want to be.

I'm not afraid to speak my mind as I was when I was 14. I've grown out of my shell.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Having sleepovers with Hope and making cupcakes and cookies in the middle of the night. One time I was mixing the cookie dough and Hope started eating it and I yelled at her and flung cookie dough at her. There wasn't much cookie dough left after that.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't slack off. You need that GPA for good scholarships. It's easy to make your GPA to go down and hard to get it back to where you want it.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** I think I'd want to relive large and small contest for choir. I really enjoyed singing and listening to other students from different schools sing. Being in that environment with my friends was something I'll always remember.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Moenck was my most inspirational. She's always there to help you, even if she is busy. She takes time out of her schedule if you don't understand something that is going on in the class. Not only is she a good teacher, she is also easy to talk to about things outside of school. In other words, she is very approachable.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** For you who know me, you know I don't wear sweatpants to school very often.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "You is kind. You is smart. You is important."  
- The Help

**What does your future look like?** I start college in the fall for dental assisting. Then once I've worked for a couple years I might go back and get my hygienist degree.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Learning to forgive people even when they don't ask for it.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My nieces and nephew have impacted my life so much. I see them almost daily, and I don't know what life would be like without them.



## Nichole Winter

**Activities involved in during high school:** Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Band, TEL, Speech, NHS, Echo, Play

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Well of course but who doesn't? I

grew up and learned so much because of the people at MV. Everyone here is so nice, and all they want to do is help you succeed.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Surprising Coach Sabers with our pink shirts and ribbons at one of our softball games. And Pat's Chinese fire drill.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't worry so much about the future. You will be ready for whatever it is when the time comes.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Less babysitting. Let kids fail because that's how they learn for next time. Add more carnival cookies.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive my storytelling performance at state sophomore year. I love performing for contest speech, and that was my best and favorite performance.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** I may be a little biased, but MV has the best teachers. All of them are inspirational and deserve recognition. Mrs. DeVore inspires me the most because she manages to keep the most positive and energetic spirit throughout the whole day no matter how tired or stressed she is. She makes me want to work harder to improve.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.**

I wore crocs every day in fourth grade so that I could climb the pole at recess.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

"Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat." High School Musical 3 Senior Year. love love love

**What does your future look like?** I'm going to the University of Iowa as an open major. I'm unsure about the rest.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Watch my best friend move to a different state after freshmen year. Not cool.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** I moved to Iowa when I was 8, and I can't imagine what my life would be





## Lawson Roof

**Activities involved in during high school:** Choir (4 years), Vocal Jazz (4 years), Band (4 years), Jazz Band (3 years), Individual Speech (4 years), Large Group Speech (2 years), Musical (2 years), Mentoring Program (2 years), Wildcat Echo (1 year)

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I've definitely become a much happier and more confident person by enjoying the things I've been involved in and not caring what others think of what I love to do. My thought process is that if you're not doing what makes you happy, what are you doing?

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I got hit by a car in second grade while walking to Cassy Wilson's house after school. Definitely not my favorite memory back then, but it's super funny to think about now.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Get involved. Get an adequate amount of sleep. Ask for help if you need it. Don't be afraid to fall into different friend groups and don't let your friends define who you are. Be kind to everyone, always. And finally, don't forget to breathe.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I wouldn't change Maquoketa Valley, but I would change some students' attitudes at Maquoketa Valley. I believe some students really take for granted how lucky we are to receive the education and have the opportunities that we do at Maquoketa Valley.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would definitely relive my senior year Vocal Jazz Championships. It was a moment where I realized that I achieved everything I had been working for the past few years. I never realized how important vocal jazz would be to defining me both as a person and musician until this year. I've grown immensely since being introduced to jazz music in 8th grade and receiving 2nd and earning an Outstanding Musicianship award at Championships showed me that all of my hard work throughout my years in high school were worth it.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** I believe Mr. Hadley and Mrs. Mueller are my most inspirational teachers because they have helped me make humongous strides both as a musician and as a person and consistently encouraged my love for music. They care about the well-being of their students immensely and instill a passion for both music and life in their students.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Blue, purple, and yellow skinny jeans in middle school. Those pants definitely reflected my personality back then.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Ya like jazz?" - Bee Movie

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Next year I will be attending the School for Music Vocations in Creston, Iowa to earn a degree in Professional Music. Even if I don't do music as a career, I would like to have a foundation in music. No matter what occupation I choose in the future, I want to have a positive impact on other people's lives.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I ever had to do is walk away from my best friend who was creating a lot of toxicity in my life. Learning that if love is less than pain in a relationship then the relationship is not worth it is one of the greatest life lessons I've learned.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** When I was in 6th grade, my best friend, Marissa, died in a car accident. It taught me to love unconditionally, truly appreciate all of the people in my life, and completely take in every single moment I have with people I love.



## Megan McNamara

**Activities involved in during high school:** Band- 3 years; Large Group Speech- 4 years; Individual Speech- 4 years; Soccer- 2 years; Play- 1 year; Musical- 2 years; Wrestling Manager- 1 year; Golf- 4 years

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, definitely. I feel like I've grown as a person. I have a small group of friends now and it's great. I have cut a lot of negativity out of my life and since then I've been much happier!

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I don't know why but the one memory that sticks in my head was when Carter Klostermann got a concussion at recess from playing ready set go.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't waste your time with fake friends. You don't need a lot of friends, just a few. Quality or quantity. Also, go to every single event you can, you won't regret it.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I honestly don't think I would change much about this school, except the food.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** T.Ping Mr. Cassutt's. We would run faster and drive away a little quicker. (: It was probably the funniest night. I laughed so hard I cried. It was a great night with some great friends.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Temple and Mr. Cassutt. Mrs. Temple because she always gives me a different way of looking at things. She also supports me and gives me advice for all my decisions. Mr. Cassutt because he always gives real life advice even if it isn't all rainbows and butterflies. He always wants us students to be prepared for the real world.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Two words: Fat suit. P.S.A. Don't play el baton in Spanish in a fat suit. No bueno.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Are you guys ready to scr-mi-mimage?" - Benchwarmers

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I'll be attending Kirkwood for two years to get gen-eds out of the way then transferring to Clarke University to finish in their P.T. program.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Cut negative people out of my life, also those packets from Mr. Huegel's class were pretty hard...

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** The day I discovered eyeliner. Jk. Meeting my best friend Gabriela. I don't know what I would do without her!



## Angela Wendt

**Activities involved in during high school:** Volleyball, dance, and track.

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** Yes, I

matured a lot and became more independent. I have worked harder on both my classes and activities which I certainly don't regret.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Gabriela had a crush on a older student named Skylar. During lunch, we were looking at him and he started choking on a hamburger. I thought it was hilarious and turned and spit out my chocolate milk on Cassy's new, green, Aeropostale jacket.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** If you take every opportunity you get, you most certainly won't regret it. Have fun and take it easy! :)

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Make FBLA an option and make eighth graders more aware of FFA and what classes they can take in high school.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Either state track my sophomore year or prom my junior year. If I was able to go back for state track I would have definitely took more pictures! Prom my junior year I rode the senior bus which was fun and I got a lot closer to more kids in the senior class.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mrs. Temple! She always has a positive mindset and makes English fun.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Pretty much anything I wore in middle school: Under Armour with a t-shirt every other day of the winter & bermudas in the summer.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "I've learned life is a lot like surfing. When you get caught in the impact zone, you need to get right back up, because you never know what's over the next wave.....and if you have faith, anything is possible, anything at all." - Soul Surfer

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** This coming fall I will be attending UNI for finance. After graduating I plan to return to Delaware County and hopefully have a career as a loan officer in the bank.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Organizing the senior prom bus.



## Colin Wendt

**Activities involved in during high school:**

Track, Baseball, Boy Scouts of America, Group & Individual Speech, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Band & Jazz Band, Senior Mentoring

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I've changed in a few ways. I've become less worried about what others think of me. I've become a little more talkative, but I've maintained or almost increased my level of awkwardness.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I broke my foot in 2nd grade, so I got pushed around the school in an office chair because I didn't have crutches.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Take advantage of every opportunity you think you'd like. It's better to regret something you did rather than regret an opportunity you passed up. You'll never get it back. Oh, and do your homework. If you can't do it as a freshman, then good luck. Grades matter.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Come up with a way that 100% of students actually hear the announcements. That way students are aware of when they're going to be missing WIN time. A majority of times, we dedicate that time to homework. When that time is taken away, there are repercussions.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Football, volleyball, and basketball games. The student section atmosphere in a close game is unforgettable. This is one of the things I wish I had done more. Go to games, whether it be home or away.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** I'll give a shout-out to two teachers: Mr. DeVore and Mr. Hadley. Both dedicate so, so, so much time and effort to help the students at MV succeed. I don't see how there's enough time in a day to do all that they do. And both leave me in awe at how good they are at what they do. I'm lucky to have had them as teachers

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** I'm never very fashionable. I prefer comfort over style, but I have this bad habit of refusing to stop wearing long-time clothes, when in reality they're too small for me. RIP, Romo jersey.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "I'm not convinced I know how to read, I've just memorized a lot of words." ~ Nick Miller, New Girl (TV show, not a movie, sorry)

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I'll attend Iowa State University majoring in mechanical engineering. Electrical engineering is a thought in the back of my head. We'll see where it takes me.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** It was difficult to decide what I want to do with my life. I'm still not sure I have.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Freshman year I came to the realization that it's impossible to make everyone happy.



## McKenna Wenthe



**Activities involved in during high school:** Musical, Volleyball, Basketball

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I'm more open to talking to new people and making more friends

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Show choir at West Delaware

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** It's okay to want to be done with high school, but don't take any of it for granted

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Add in show choir

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Being able to watch Netflix during study hall

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** My whole 5th and 6th grade when nothing really matched

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Just when you think it can't get any worse, it can. And just when you think it can't get any better, it can."

-Nicholas Sparks

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I want to go to NICC for nursing and possibly become a traveling nurse.



## Taylor White

### Activities involved in during high school:

Large group speech (4); Individual speech (2); Play (1); Track (3); Softball (4); TEL (4); TSN (3); Spanish Club (4)

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

For sure. High school has taught me a lot about the type of person I want to be for myself and to others. With the help of speech, and play, I have been able to open up way more than I ever thought and I've become very confident in who I am.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** I was in 5th grade and this was the first year that Hopkinton, Delhi, and Earlville merged together for school and Lea and Amanda were in my homeroom. We'd always sit together when we had to do something and this one day we sat together when it was free reading time and of course someone farted. We all looked at each other and laughed and tried figuring out who did it but nobody would own up to it. I just pretended it was Lea and I told Amanda that was who it was when Lea wasn't around. But it was actually me, and I was too embarrassed to tell Amanda and Lea that it was actually me until 8th grade.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Maybe it's scary to you, maybe it's not, but talk to the upperclassmen. We actually kind of like putting you under our wing and helping you out and just being friends with you. I was a baby sister to Emily Grant when she was a senior and I was a freshman and she encouraged me so much. She made high school seem less scary, so really, just talk to the upperclassmen.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Block Scheduling instead of eight classes every day. And more carnival cookies.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I'd perform "Flirting with the Monster" at All-State large group speech one more time.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** That's so hard because Señora and Mrs. Besler along with many other teachers really helped me a lot with all of the problems I faced my senior year family wise, but I have to say Mrs. DeVore. She's always been my second mom all of my high school career and has really pushed me to do so many things that I didn't want to do during speech and drama. I have stepped out of my bubble more than ever since sophomore speech season and she has inspired me in so many ways. The biggest thing I've learned from her is to put yourself in other people's shoes and whatever you do in life, make it extraordinary.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** We're not going there.

**What is your favorite movie quote?**

Kyle: "I'm gonna call the cops!"

Clark: "We are cops! ..We're navy seals."

Kyle: "Navy seals aren't cops."

Troy: "Aren't you our paper boy?"

Clark: "I'm under cover." - Benchwarmers

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan to attend Kirkwood Community College to get my gen eds out of the way. Then I've been thinking a lot about graphic design and advertising so if I stick with that, I'll go to Iowa State next.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Take the ACT not even 12 hours after my cat died. I loved that cat so much. I cried through the whole test.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** There are so many events that have impacted my life greatly. I won't get into details.



## Cassidy Schwandt

### Activities involved in during high school:

Vocal Jazz (4 years), Musical (2 years), Large Group Speech (2 years), Play (1 year)

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

Yes, I'm more confident in myself and how I am around other people. I'm more open to making new friends and talking in front large groups of people.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't wish this time away because it's going to be gone in a blink of an eye and some of you might really miss this place when you have to walk out those doors one last time together. You can not want to be at school, but just don't wish the time away. Also, don't procrastinate with your grades and homework, what you do your freshman and sophomore year matter a lot for your GPA and getting into good colleges.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Get air conditioning. Support drama and arts the same way they do athletics.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive Large Group All-State my senior year because both of my events went to all-state and it was really fun hanging out with people there. It was also the last time I would be performing for large group and I just wish I could go back to that.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. DeVore, Mrs. DeVore, and Mrs. Temple because they were all my speech coaches for large group and they all kind of showed me how to get out of my comfort zone. They showed me how to be more confident in myself. I wouldn't be able to chose just one because they all helped me in a tremendous way.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** When I wore a pink sweatsuit to school the same day we took class pictures, it was horrendous and that picture is really embarrassing now. And also my whole entire elementary and middle school years.

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

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

Put myself out there and be more confident in myself because I never was before my junior year. I was always quiet and closed-off from a lot of people but my junior year I changed because I started talking to new people. Decide for myself what I deserve by ending a long friendship that I had since kindergarten, but it gave me a new-found confidence in myself.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** My sister moving into the house with my nephew because there was a lot of changes that we all had to make in order for that to happen and for it to work. Another one is being involved in large group speech because it made me into a more talkative person and I'm not afraid to speak in front of big groups of people anymore.



## Amanda Fortman

**Activities involved in during high school:** Musical and Play- 4 years; Individual and Large Group Speech-4 years; Softball- 4 years; Choir- 4 years; TSN/TEL-4 years; FFA-4 years -- President & Sentinel; Student Council-2 years --Representative & President; National Honor Society-3rd year --President; Wildcat Echo Staff-2 years; Delaware County Mentoring-2 years; Spanish Club-4 years

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I definitely have changed throughout high school. During my freshman year I wanted nothing more than to get out of school and far away from Delaware County. Now I realize how great my home is. I still want to travel and see the world but I now realize that I have this place I can always come home to. I also learned I should not wish away time because high school when fast and I will miss all the opportunities and activities that I was involved in.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** It might not be my favorite memory but the memory that definitely sticks out most was when Taylor and I decided to get into a sword fight with real knives. I'm talking big butcher knives. We may have not been the safest or smartest children.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Get involved in everything you want. Don't let others opinions keep you from doing something you love. Even if you are not sure you will like it, try it because you may regret it later on. Also, don't stress about every little thing, especially when it comes to grades. That B or C is not the end of your life and you will do just fine. Life is not all about being the best in school.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** There is not much about Maquoketa Valley that I would change. However, I would change that fact that we give students so many chances to turn in work and have to cater to these students. I know we do this to make sure that students don't fall behind, but I think some students abuse this privilege. I also think sometimes this is unfair to students who work hard and go above and beyond to get their work in and done.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** It would probably be freshmen year musical. It was my favorite things I had ever been in. Everyone got along great, there was no drama, and even though I did not have a lead I was on the stage the entire time. It was one of the best productions I have ever been and will always be one of my favorite memories from high school.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** I can't pick one teacher who has inspired me; all my teachers have inspired me in some way. The two teachers who have had the biggest influence in my life would be Mrs. Mausser and Mrs. DeVore. Both of these teachers go above and beyond for their students and would do anything to help their students succeed. They have both worked with me outside of school and inspired by passion for FFA and speech.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Middle school in general was a total fashion nightmare. The worst being picture day eight grade year. I wore sweatpants, fuzzy boots, and a nice dress shirt.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times if one only remembers to turn on the light."-Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

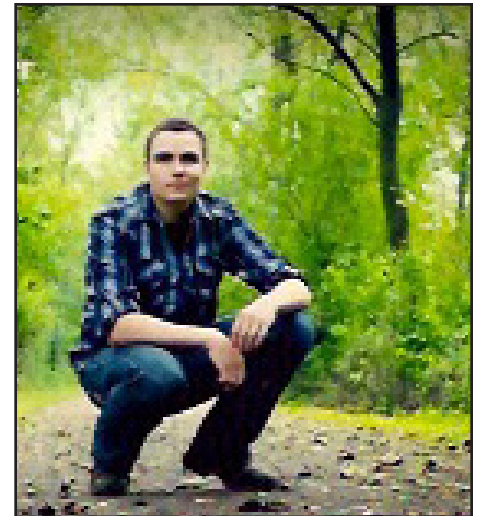
**What does your future look like?** Next, year I will be attending Iowa State University and majoring in Ag Communications and minoring in International Agriculture. I hope to someday work in either advertising or marketing.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I have ever had to do is learn that change is okay and I can not control everything. I have always struggled with change. I like things to be a certain way and to stay that way. In high school I changed as a person, and at first it scared me and I tried to cling onto how I used to be, but I quickly learned that my own change was for the best and I became a better person. This has taught me that life will do as it pleases and you just have to go along with it and hope for the best.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** The event that has impacted my life the most was when I decide to join FFA. FFA has truly changed me as a person. It has also given me many opportunities, memories, and friends. It also helped me to decide what I am doing with my life. I am very thankful that four years ago I made the best decision of my life to join FFA.



## Zach Tanner



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** I became more social.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Bob plagiarized our volcano project.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Bring headphones, useful for study halls, and or sleeping.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** Open lunch for seniors!!

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** When Mitch Stender and I got kicked out of Springville High School

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** **Why?** Mr. Cassutt. He tells it how it is, and I admire that. He's also a really cool teacher all around.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Middle school when I gelled my hair.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** "It's because I'm green, isn't it" The Grinch

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on doing an apprenticeship in Center Rapids for an HVAC technician.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Make a choice on what I want to do when I'm older.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Becoming a mechanic and working for my step dad.



## Kyle Wilson



**Activities involved in during high school:**

Football, Basketball, Track, and baseball

**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school? Why or why not?** I'm not 100% sure, but I feel like I became a better person and learned a lot of life lessons here.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Finding out Bobby's worse nickname

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't wait to do stuff. Get involved in sports and other activities.

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

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Qualifying for state track my junior year at North Fayette! It was my favorite memory ever or watching Mr. Meehan walking down the home stretch dancing after districts :)

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mrs. Lewin, because she taught me time management and she always gave me a second chance on stuff.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Every day

**What is your favorite movie quote?** My mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Going to Hawkeye to get gen eds out of the way and run track

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

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Moving in with Brenda when I was young. She made me the person I am today. I couldn't be where I am today without her. I can't thank her enough for all she has done for me.

## Ethan Ottaway



**Do you feel you have changed throughout high school?** YES, everything from the way I dress, to what music I listen too.

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

Last day of school going to Baileys Ford.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone and experience something.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would schedule nap times after lunch.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** The day that I came back from being gone a year because that day made me realize that this is where family is.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Cassutt, because he is a very understanding person and will help you with anything.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Hard to describe something that never happened.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** These are rubber bullets for crowd control. (shoots bird) Very hard rubber bullets but listen these boys aren't made out of crows

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

## Caleb Thompson



**Activities involved in during high school:** Spanish Club

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

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** In elementary/middle school I enjoyed going on field trips.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Look into taking Kirkwood classes with friends.

**How would you change Maquoketa Valley?** I would add more technology classes.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** When I was taking programming classes at Kirkwood because I was able to take a class that interested me and I was able to make new friends.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Dan Greenfield- He teaches topics that I like in a way that is fun to learn.

**Describe your worst fashion moment.** Spilling strawberries all over a white shirt.

**What is your favorite movie quote?** To infinity and beyond.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I plan on going to college at Iowa State for computer science and then getting a career with software development.

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

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Taking classes at Kirkwood because I was able to find a subject that I like and want to go to college for.