

# Wildcat Echo

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## Smooth Harmony competes at Vocal Jazz Championships, earns third place

The rhythms were right on and the harmonies were on pitch Tuesday for MV's top vocal jazz group, Smooth Harmony, as it brought home a third place trophy in 2A from the Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships held at West Des Moines Valley High School.

Additionally, Tate Trenkamp was named an outstanding soloist.

Senior Sean Hacker said he thinks what set the group apart from the other eight groups was Smooth Harmony's size. Some groups had up to 16 members while MV has eight vocalists.

Hacker shared what he thought was the key to success for the group: "We had confidence and just had fun."

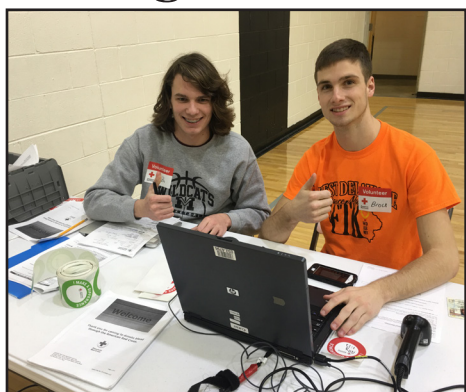
He said he's enjoyed his vocal jazz experience. "It helped me make the decision of what I want to do in college and for my future." He plans to continue his education at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa to study music.

**Junior Tate Trenkamp was recognized for outstanding musicianship.**



Members of Smooth Harmony earned a third place trophy at the Vocal Jazz Championships held in West Des Moines Tuesday. Members led by Mrs. Mueller are, clockwise, Sean Hacker, Paige Panosh, Annisten Trenkamp, Megan Beaman, Josy Harmon, Andrew Hildebrand, Tate Trenkamp, Jon Seibert and Nicholas Chen.

## Saving lives



NHS members Heath Gibbs and Brock Hillers work the check in desk at the NHS blood drive Mar. 15. The drive netted 26 units.



## Students showcase speech talents

MV sent 10 students in 12 events to the All-State Festival held at UNI Monday. Honored students were, front row: Lexi Deutmeyer and Faith Hunt; second row: Hannah Lahr, Chloe Roling, Emma McDowell and Brooke Wilson; back row: Megan Beaman, Alex McCusker, Mason Lubben and Paige Panosh.



# Boys track team has numbers, depth

The 2018 Boys Track and Field team features 31 athletes. There are thirteen returning letter winners from last year's squad. The team has seven seniors, nine juniors, seven sophomores, and eight freshmen. This team has a good mix of seasoned veterans and talented newcomers which will allow the Wildcats to compete very favorably in scheduled meets.

The strengths of this team are better balanced than previous teams. All areas of the team are well represented with talent and depth. Seniors Brock Hillers and Brody Severt are the top returning scorers. Brock will lead the hurdle corps and Brody the throwers. Seniors returning as state qualifiers are Brock Hillers (110HH, Shuttle Hurdle Relay), Mitch Neuzil (1600 Medley Relay), and Brenden Hogan (1600 Run, 4 X 800 Relay). Sophomores returning as state qualifiers are Chad Neuzil (Shuttle Hurdle Relay), Chance Downs (4 X 800 Relay), and Derek Becker (4 X 800 Relay, 1600 Medley Relay, Shuttle Hurdle Relay). Other returning letter winners who will make an impact in the 2018 season are seniors Alex McCusker (400 Meters), juniors Blake Becker (Discus), Tate Trenkamp (3200 Run), Evan Hoefer (200, 400 Dash), and Daniel Hunter (200, 400 Dash). Seniors who will add more depth and leadership to the roster are Sean Hucker and Gianpaolo Pillon.



Returning letter winners for the boys track team include, front row from left: Brenden Hogan, Derek Becker, Brody Severt, Mitchell Neuzil, Chad Neuzil, Daniel Hunter and Canyon Richardson; second row: Brock Hillers, Alex McCusker, Evan Hoefer, Chance Downs, Blake Becker, Norman Wilson, Sean Hucker and Tate Trenkamp.

The conference race looks to favor Lisbon. They have been 1A State Champions the past three years and look to have a good nucleus returning this year. Teams to look for in the conference race will be Lisbon, Maquoketa Valley, and North Linn. Steady improvement throughout the year will have a lot to do with who captures the prize. Our goal is to make the effort to do the best of which we are capable of doing

every day. We believe consistent effort that focuses on improvement in the present will lead to success in the future. We feel things will turn out as they should as long as we do the things that we should.

The coaches returning from last year are Pat Meehan, Curt Feldt, Sara Dever and Jason Helle. Student managers are Hunter Glass and Emma Beitz.

—Coach Meehan

## Girls golf laden with experience, boys team young but eager

The MV golf teams will soon be hitting the links under the direction of returning coaches Mr. Andrews and Mr. Besler.

The girls team returns letter winners Kelsey Ries, Chloe Roling, Faith Hunt and Kelly Winter.



Faith Hunt, Kelly Winter, Chloe Roling and Krista Ries (not pictured) are returning letter winners.

Morgan Hermanson and Austin Snyder are returning letter winners for the boys team.

Coach Andrews stated the girls team has a good amount of experience coming back and that should help throughout the course of the season. "We look to have a very competitive team and compete in the conference race." The team finished third in the conference last year.

"Our team strength this year is that we have five girls returning with varsity experience with some other girls looking to help out. It should be an exciting and fun year," stated Coach Andrews.

"We have a very young team and look forward to making improvements every day and see how much better we can get throughout the course of the season," stated Coach Andrews about the boys team. He said the team's greatest strength is the athletes' desire to learn and improve. "Even

though we are lacking in experience overall, we have some good leaders in Morgan and Austin."



Morgan Hermanson and Austin Snyder are returning letter winners.



# Girls track team ready to go



Returning letter winners for the girls track team include, front row from left: Rejji Smith, Kara Orcutt and Madison Imler; second row: Maddy Anderegg, Sam Wall and Brooke Wilson; third row: Jaiden Porter, Lydia Helle and Allie Knipper.

The girls track team will start its season with lots of experience and high expectations.

Key returning athletes include Kara Orcutt who qualified for four events at state and part of the team that placed 2nd at state in the 4x4, Madison Imler who qualified for state in the Distance Med, Casey Fry who qualified for state in the 4x8 in 2016, Rejji Smith who qualified for state in the 4x8 in 2016 and Sam Wall who qualified for four events at state and part of the team that placed 2nd at state in the 4x4

Coach Dunlap said he also has seen great promise in Brooke Wilson, a sprinter and mid-distance runner, Maddy Anderegg, a printer for the team, Allie Knipper, a mid-distance runner, Jaiden Porter, a 800m runner, Lydia Helle, a solid

shot and discus thrower and Kailyn Hogan, a sprinter.

Coach Dunlap commented on the size of the team of 20 athletes: "We have a small group of experienced kids that will be good leaders for the younger athletes. Although are numbers are down from last season we have some really strong runners that will be successful this season. The upperclassmen we do have are excellent leaders and have had a lot of success."

He added that the underclassmen will play a valuable role. "We will need some of the younger athletes to step up and fill some holes left over from last season's senior class graduating. We have a really strong freshman group of girls who should have great seasons."

## Athlete of the Week

Name: Gianpaolo Pillon

Sport: Track

**What do you enjoy most about track?** It is the adrenaline rush that you have when you step up on your event, and the people that support you.



**What do you think your best event will be?** My best event will be definitely high jump. You are looking for something perfect as in every sport even you don't reach it.

**What life lessons have you learned through track?** That life is made of 99% of hard work and made of 1% happiness. Then when you find that one percent of happiness, you fully deserve it.

**What's the hardest part of practice?** To end practice

**Who is your track role model?** B-rock the rocket

## Brain Teaser

by Mason Lubben

What do you get when you cross a snow blizzard and Count Dracula?

Answer: Frostbite!

## Comedy Corner

—compiled by McKenzie Lansing

*In honor of the start of golf season:*

When a golfer walks in the room what do they say? "It's time to par-tee!"

A husband told a therapist at couples counseling, "My wife told my golf addiction is driving a wedge between us."

What do you call a dinosaur with a driver? A tee- rex.

My doctor told me to take my iron every-day and to live on greens. So I become a golfer.

Golf balls are like eggs... They're white, sold by the dozen, and you have to buy more after a week.



# Did you know?

by Emma McDowell

Easter is just around the corner, and so is April Fool's Day!

- No one is sure where April Fool's started, but many think its origin is in France.
- One of the first chocolate eggs was made in 1873.
- As a prank in 1996, Taco Bell claimed that it bought the Liberty Bell and were renaming it the "Taco Liberty Bell."
- White lilies are the flower of Easter.
- In Scotland April Fool's Day is known as "Hunt the Gowk Day."
- Americans spend on average \$131 every year on Easter.
- Some say that April Fool's Day is a day for laughter and casting out bad thoughts.
- Sixteen million jellybeans will be eaten this year for Easter.
- In some countries as a prank, people throw flour at each other.
- The largest chocolate Easter egg was made in Italy in 2011 and stood 10.39 meters tall!

## what's up?

### What did you learn at the college panel?

by Kelly Winter

Lane Coyle - It's not necessary to go to a 4-year college to succeed.

Kaela Chestnut - You should always apply to multiple colleges and it's best to know what you're going for when you apply.

Maddie Lahr - Being more involved in high school doesn't open you up to more college scholarships.

Norman Wilson - You don't have to fit in with everyone else and go to college right away. Do what's right for you.

Olivia Hoeger - It's ok to take a year off if you need it.

Austin Snyder - If you go to a 2-year college and then transfer to a 4-year college you don't have to take the ACT.

Faith Hunt - I really don't need to go to college.

Kristin Lucas - There are so many scholarships that you can get if you try and look for them.

Emma McDowell - I have a pretty good idea of what I want to do

# Best Buds



**Mr. Bruening and Derek Becker**  
by Mason Lubben

### How long have you two been friends?

Mr. Bruening: Since the beginning of the school year.

Derek Becker: Since the day I met him, at the back to school bash.

### What's your favorite thing to talk about?

Mr. B: Fishing

Derek: Fishing.

### Who's the better fisherman?

Mr. B: The wall speaks for itself.

Derek: Depends on what species.

### Who loves Henry the most?

Mr. B: My wife.

Derek: I take care of him better, so me.

# Netflix & Chill

by Emma McDowell



There's nothing I love more than talking about childhood favorite movies, which is great because Netflix is loaded with them. This week I want to rave about *Scooby-Doo*. The mystery solving gang has always been a giant source of entertainment for children everywhere. Even watching the movie back as a teen brings a smile on my face. It's a silly movie with an abundance of childish jokes. Personally, I love any movie that lets you sit back and just take your mind off of whatever is going on. *Scooby-Doo* does just that, and it also throws you back to the good old days of the early 2000's. One of the charms of the movie is the soundtrack, something about 2000's music brings back great memories. If you're ever feeling down and need a little something to pick you up, put on *Scooby-Doo* and get sucked into the mystery.

## Birthday Shoutouts!

by Chance Downs

*It's never too early or too late to tell a fellow classmate Happy Birthday!*

This week's birthdays are:

Trevor Elgin, Sean Hucker, Kaela

Chesnut - 3/31

Victoria Lane - 4/3

Caleb Reedy - 4/4

Jordyn Kemp - 4/5

# College/workforce panel held



Last week the juniors participated in a college/workforce panel. The panelists from NICC, Kirkwood, Clarke University, Upper Iowa University and UNI shared information about college issues including admission processes, financial aid and scholarships and the options of a two-year or four-year college. A representative from Sedona Staffing Services also presenting options about going into the workforce. Above: Mrs. Moenck helps facilitate the forum.

## Hats on for ACS



For a dollar donation, students donned hats and teachers wore jeans today to help MV alumna Angie Wilson raise money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life that she's involved in through UNI. Above: Adam Goedken and Eric Brehm support the cause.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Carter Hildebrand*



**You have been nominated because of your outstanding study habits and your willingness to help your peers. What study skill advice do you have for other students?** Prioritize and create a list of what needs to be done. This helps to stay organized, when life gets stressful.

**What's been the most difficult class you've taken?** None of the classes that I have taken have been very difficult, but if I had to pick a class that was most difficult it would be Algebra 1. It was difficult because I had to learn to adapt to the high school teaching style.

**What are your future plans?** My future plans are to attend college to either be an accountant, actuary, or a math teacher.

—Carter was nominated by Mr. Bruening and Mrs. Temple

## Hall Smarts

by Brody Severt

Hello, Wildcats, and welcome back to another week of Hall Smarts! I know that Easter is coming up and since MV is predominantly Christian I thought why not have some Easter questions. This week's egg painters are Cody Hunter, Cassi Westoff, Krista Ries and Evan Elgin.



What country started the Easter bunny?

Cody: Israel  
Cassi: Great Britain  
Krista: Europe  
Evan: Italy  
A: Germany

Which Sunday does Easter always fall on?

Cody: Easter Sunday  
Cassi: Easter Sunday  
Krista: 1st Sunday of April  
Evan: Easter Sunday  
A: Easter Sunday

What is the traditional Easter meat?

Cody: Ham  
Cassi: Chicken  
Krista: Ham  
Evan: Rabbit  
A: Ham

Easter is the \_\_\_\_ largest candy holiday?

Cody: 1st  
Cassi: 2nd  
Krista: 2nd  
Evan: 2nd  
A: 2nd

What snack was made for pre-Easter fasting?

Cody: Pretzels  
Cassi: Pretzels  
Krista: bread  
Evan: crackers  
A: The pretzel

Great job to all of you Wildcats out there. Have a wonderful time with your families and be sure not to load up on too many jelly beans.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV the week of April 2, 2018

### MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

### TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018

1. HS Girls' Track to J-Hawks Relays in Jesup - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:45 PM)
2. HS V G & B Golf to Hartridge Golf Club in Manchester with Lisbon - 4 PM (2 Vans Leave at 2:45 PM)
3. HS Boys' Track to the Raider Invitational Relays in Anamosa - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

1. MV Athletic Boosters Meeting - HS Cafeteria - 6:30 PM
2. MV School Board Meeting (to Certify the Budget) - HS Conference Room - 7:15 PM

### THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

1. HS Boys' Track to the Mustang Invitational Relays in Independence - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 2:50 PM)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

1. HS JV/V G & B Golf at Valley Oaks Golf Club with Prince of Peace - 4:00 PM (2 Vans Leave at 1:30 PM)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

1. HS JV/V B Golf to Edgewood/Colesburg Invitational - 9:00 AM (2 Vans Leave at 7:30 AM)
2. IHSMA State Music Solo/Ensemble Festival at Clarence - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 6:00 AM)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

1. HS Baseball Fundraiser Breakfast - HS Cafeteria & Gym - 7:30 AM until 11:30 AM





# Sean Hucker

## Activities involved in during high school:

Cross Country (6 years), Track (4 years), Baseball (3 years), Play (3 years), Musical (3 years), Large Group and Individual Speech (both 4 years), Choir (4 years) Band (3 years), Vocal Jazz (3 years), TEL (1 year)

## Which activity affected you the most?

**How?** Cross Country/Track, they both showed me I'm more capable (physically) than I thought I could. Vocal Jazz got me out of my comfort zone made me comfortable in front of crowds.

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

Punching Robert in the face and turning myself into the conflict managers or when a classmate ran away at recess, climbed a tree and was carried back over Mr. Helle's shoulder.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Know your role, don't think you know more than the upperclassmen. Also don't be too intimidated by the upperclassmen. And don't be afraid to go after something, whether it be a sports goal, a financial goal whatever it is just go for it.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The teachers and opportunities we're given. The teachers are all pretty helpful and there's a lot of opportunities we wouldn't get without the teachers.

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

The district cross country meet Senior year, except I would want to actually run it. I'd do about anything to have one last (healthy) race with my team. Another moment I'd relive is the MV vs North Linn game in the playoffs during baseball last year. The game was close and low scoring, and just stressful in general. Not only was it a stressful game but it was an emotional night with the Seniors. And finally, I'd go back to Vocal Jazz Championships last year. Lawson's voice during her solo last year was just amazing. The Bassy Boiz (Nick and I) going to town on the bass line during "Yesterday" backing up Patrick was so much fun. Hickory Park after we got done performing was an enjoyable experience, especially with Nick being in his "Yea Boi" phase.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Hadley, his love for music is so infectious. Not only is he a God on the saxophone but you could ask him anything on any topic (not just music related) and he'd have an answer for you. His optimism and humour made anyone and everyone bad days better.

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

Let's be real, it would take a rather lengthy playlist to cover all of them. If there's one song I'd want people to remember me by it would have to be a Red Hot Chili Peppers song, probably "Dani California"

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I'm going to Southwestern Community College for professional music. After college I'm hoping to find a job that involves music somehow, hopefully in California.

**What is your dream job?** My dream job is to be a rockstar. I want to be the next Corey Taylor (Slipknot) or Layne Staley (Alice in Chains) or something like that.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Watching my cross country team improve after I tore my calf. The meet that this all went down was going really well and the rest of the season was looking promising. Anyone who's had a season ending injury knows what I mean. Junior year was bad enough but when it came back Senior year, that was harder to deal with.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Tearing my calf the first time Junior year. It cost me both Junior and Senior year cross country seasons and it still affects me in track from time to time.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope people still talk about how good my group TPed Daniel back to back years. It looked like Christmas in the fall.



# Abby Holtz

## Activities involved in during high school:

Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Large Group and Individual Speech, TSN, TATU, TEL, Musical, Mentoring, NHS, Student Council

## Which activity affected you the most?

Breaking my hand and having to get surgery. I ended up sitting out the majority of my senior basketball season, and I wasn't able to play my last year with all my friends.

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

When the girls basketball team made it to state and my mom pulled me out of school and we got to stay in Des Moines for a couple days and miss school.

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

Take as many college credit classes as you can. Not only will you finish college earlier but you will also save a TON of money doing so.

## What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?

Even though we're such a small school, we have the same opportunity for success as large schools. Maquoketa Valley really does want their students to succeed and will do anything to help you. You don't see that very often with other schools.

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

I wish I could go back to freshman year when my sister, Ashley, was a senior. We're so close now and I realize how much time I wasted fighting with her when she was here.

## Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?

The Devores inspired me the most. They showed me that it's okay to get outside my comfort zone and to be proud of how weird I am.

**What does your future look like?** I will attend the University of Iowa to major in criminology, law, and justice as well as psychology.

**What is your dream job?** I would love to be a criminal psychologist and study the psychological capacity of criminals so that someday we can prevent crimes before they even happen or prevent criminals from becoming criminals in the first place.

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

I hope everyone can remember class floats and prom and all the great times we had together as a class. I know those are the memories I'll be taking with me as I leave Maquoketa Valley.



# Pillon Gianpaolo



**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, “basketball” (1 month), Track and Field.

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** It will be definitely Track And Field. Even football was great. During TAF, I am pushing my limits and I learned them. I have/had to learn everything from the beginning.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Be open minded. Accept people how they are. The more knowledge you have, the better it is.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The atmosphere. It's a small school. Teachers and staff take time to explain to you what's going on. Then the students are very nice.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I think it will be Calculus (see Mr. Huegel, social studies doesn't do everything ;)), because first I love this course and the atmosphere in the class was very good. Math is the universal language and as a language, you have to understand it before you speak it. It's challenging.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** Mr. Meehan, even I never had him.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** “Plume” by Nekfeu.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Well, I will attempt a preparatory school in Math, Engineering Sciences and Physics, then a master of mathematics or physics at the EPFL and ends with a PhD. (That's my dream career)

**What is your dream job?** Theorist in particle physics.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** To say derivative correctly.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** To be a foreign exchange student. It impacted my way to think and what we can do to improve the society. It helped me do understand why people makes this or that choice. This experience improved my knowledge.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** About how good this year was.

# Brock Hillers

**Activities involved in during high school:** Football, Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball, TEL, NHS, TSN, Student Council

**Which activity affected you the most?** Every sport I played because I learned so many life lessons through my four years as an athlete.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** Playing euchre in the bleachers before every middle school basketball game.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** Attack every day with a positive attitude. Put a smile on your face as soon as you walk in the school doors. Nothing is more contagious than a positive attitude. Know that you are going to make mistakes and that's ok. I have learned so many life lessons in high school because of the mistakes I have made the past four years. Lastly, enjoy high school. These next four years for you will fly by and before you know it you will be graduating. I want you to look back on your four years at MV and be able to be happy with how you spent your time as a Wildcat.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be?** District Track my junior year at Central City because all of the hard work our shuttle hurdle team put in payed off when we qualified for state and broke the school record. Celebrating that with my teammates was the greatest feeling I have ever experienced.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher?** Mr. DeVore and Mr. Huegel. They are both like fathers to me because they took me under their wing and taught me life lessons I will take with me in the future. Mr. DeVore taught me how to be a leader by putting me in positions of power and challenging me to adapt into a leadership role. Mr. Huegel also taught me how to be a leader, but he also helped me through the tough decisions I had to make in high school.

**If you wanted people to remember you by a song, which one would it be?** “Glory Days” by Bruce Springsteen

**What does your future look like?** I will be attending The University of Iowa to study business finance.

**What is your dream job?** My dream job would be working as a financial advisor because I love sitting down and having conversations with people. Also I love looking at ways to handle money and my goal is to be able to sit down with someone and help them achieve financial success. I would also love to coach track and field if I could find time to fit it in my life.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** The hardest thing I have ever had to do would have to be grass drills. Grass drills were drills that we would do to condition for football. It was like boot camp and somehow it felt like it was always 100 degrees outside.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** In 6th grade my mom had a blood clot in her lungs and the doctors didn't know if she was going to live. Fortunately the doctors saved her life. Experiencing that really did change my life. I realized that I am very fortunate but it could all be taken away from me at anytime. It really changed my outlook on life.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** I hope we still talk about the memories we made playing football senior year. Maybe Cole Kruse could even sing “Friends in Low Places” for us again.





# Brittany Sabers



**Activities involved in during high school:** Speech, TEL, TSN, NHS, Mentoring, Teacher Assisting, Wildcat Echo

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Speech - Through speech I was able to become a much better communicator which is a life-long skill that I will value forever. I am now much more comfortable speaking in front of people and I also made many new friends.

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

When Adrienne spit chocolate milk all over my face from across the lunch table because she was laughing.

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

Work hard at everything you do, but don't forget to have fun while doing it.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** I

appreciate the teachers here and the way they care about each and every student. They will do whatever they can to make sure that you have a chance for success.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** I would relive Friday Night Lights because it so much fun to cheer on the boys with all of your friends.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** My most inspirational teacher would be Mrs. Downs because she teaches real-world knowledge and skills that will be very helpful in the future.

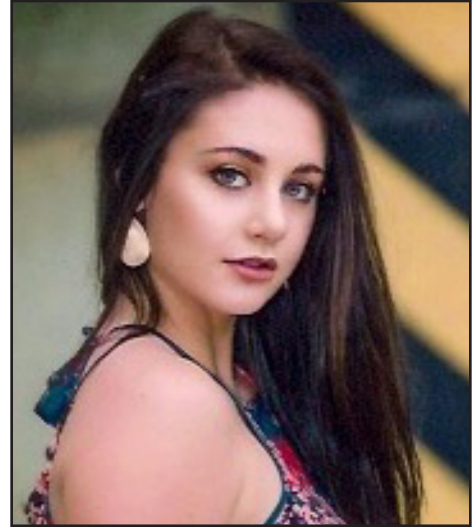
**What does your future (college and career) look like?** Next year I will be attending the University of Northern Iowa to major in elementary education and minor in special education. I plan to find a career as an elementary special education teacher.

**What is your dream job?** My dream is to work in a large city school and help children who are less fortunate than I am.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Manage time between school, work, and friends.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** Long road trips to football games.

# Danielle Schuman



**Activities involved in during high school:** TEL (3) , TATU (3), Speech (4), NHS (3), Teacher Assistant (1), Mentoring program (1), Volleyball (3), Track (1), Musical (1), Dance (2)

**Which activity affected you the most? How?** Speech has affected me the most because it has forced me to perform in front of an audience and to get out of my shell.

**What is a favorite elementary/middle school memory?** When Adrienne kicked the ball from underneath right when I was about to laid on it; almost breaking my ribs.

**If you could give advice to a freshman, what would it be?** A little bit every day can make a huge difference in the long run.

**What do you appreciate most about Maquoketa Valley?** The teachers and how willing they are to help students individually with problems or misunderstandings in the classroom.

**If you could relive any moment in high school what would it be and why?** Prom, because it is the last time we will all be together before graduation.

**Who is your most inspirational teacher? Why?** My most inspirational teacher would be Mrs. Spellerberg. No matter the situation or question I had she would always make time to help. She's a great role model and MV staff and students are lucky to have her.

**What does your future (college and career) look like?** I will be attending Iowa State University and major in Dietetics

**What is your dream job?** To work in a big hospital helping patients that truly need help.

**What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do?** Getting up at 6:30 am five times a week for 13 years.

**What one event has most impacted your life so far?** Losing my father when I was in 7th grade.

**What event from high school do you hope your classmates still talk about at your five-year class reunion?** When a group of people and I had to hide behind a wall at the Earlville Elementary School from the cops during homecoming week.