

DEL.AWARE 2017 SENIOR EDITION

BY VANESSA PAOLELLA
World News Editor

For his excellence in teaching, his lively and uplifting personality and his passion for the simple things in life, it is with great pleasure that I announce Mr. Laurence Marcial as the *Del.Aware* Person of the Year for 2017.

To many, Mr. Marcial is more than just a teacher: he is a role model, a confidant and a friend. Rather than simply teaching the basic curricula, Mr. Marcial is known for the life lessons that he works into each of his daily classes, both inspiring and grounding his students with his small words of wisdom. However, it may be odd to think of him in the same position as his students over 30 years ago.

As a 1985 graduate of DV, Mr. Marcial went on to pursue a degree in political science at Boston College. Though he was originally slated to attend officer training in the Air Force after graduation, he was unable to pursue this path due to a sudden government freeze of officer training programs in 1989.

"I was kind of left high and dry," he said. "My mistake was that I didn't have a plan B, C or D."

Three months and as many unfulfilling jobs later, Mr. Marcial found himself packing up his apartment in Boston and moving home.

"I honestly felt a bit defeated, I'm not going to lie. Here I was, I had this great degree from this great university, and I was home and underemployed," he explained.

It was at this point that he began considering teaching. While working on his teaching certificate, he was a substitute teacher at DV and Port Jervis High School.

In his first job as a teacher, Mr. Marcial tutored inmates at Otisville State Correctional Facility. Afterward, he began teaching full-time in the East Stroudsburg School District, later earning his master's degree in Education of Political Science from East Stroudsburg University.

After 11 years teaching at East Stroudsburg, Mr. Marcial came back to DV in 2005.

"It was definitely the right move, not just for me personally, but for the family," he said.

Mr. Marcial has taught many of the social studies courses available at DV, including AP European History, AP World History, Combo 10, sociology and psychology. In doing so, he notes that the majority of his students throughout the years have been sophomores, a critical time

during his own high school years.

"It's just curious that I generally end up mostly with sophomores," he said. "I don't know why, [though] maybe I'll call it a little bit of lifelong Karma. My sophomore year, personally, was probably my toughest year in high school...It's a big transition year for most students, whether it be Combo, or AP World or whatever have you, hopefully I give those students what they need the most."

More than simply being an outstanding teacher, Mr. Marcial is also an inspiration for many as a long-time practitioner of martial arts. He is a 5th Dan in Kara Ryu Budo, a 3rd Dan in O'Domnhall Ryu Aiki Bujutsu and USA

Goju Ryu and a 1st Dan in Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan. To him, martial arts are not simply a hobby, but his "Michi," his way of life.

"It's not something I do on Tuesday and Thursday nights or Saturday mornings," he said. "It's the essence of who you are...It's my philosophy of life."

Mr. Marcial hopes to impart this idea to others, just as his Uncle Jerry taught it to him when he was young. He does this as the adviser for the Martial Arts Club and the instructor at the Kara Aiki Dojo in Milford.

"This martial way, it's not about fighting, it's not about being in the cage; it's actually about the antithesis of that. It's about peace through strength, courage and wisdom," he explained.

Besides martial arts, Mr. Marcial also enjoys traveling with his family and students. He has visited almost two dozen countries in the Caribbean, around the Mediterranean and in Asia, even stepping into North Korea for a few moments, just to be able to say that he did.

Yet, Mr. Marcial is a family man through and through. His first priority has always been his family, recognizing its importance from a young age.

He said, "I remember being in first grade [walking home from school]...and thinking, 'This is great. I love my mom, I love my dad.' Five, six years old [and I'm thinking] 'I hope I'm a good dad someday, I really want to be a dad.' I just remember that, it's that simple."

Mr. Marcial met his wife Mrs. Christine Marcial, while substitute teaching in his early days at DV. Now 23 years after their marriage, they have three beloved children, Dominique, Jacob and David.

"It's been kind of a wacky, crazy cool kind of journey," he reflected.

Throughout his years at DV, Mr. Marcial has touched many students, making a distinct difference in their lives.

Senior Nicholas Rivera has learned martial arts under Mr. Marcial for the last four years. He said, "You can't explain the way he's passionate about [martial arts]. You just feel it, that's who he is. It's incredible really to be a part of everything he's taught me."

As a student of Combo 10, junior Kaiya DeStefano has also experienced Mr. Marcial's teaching first-hand.

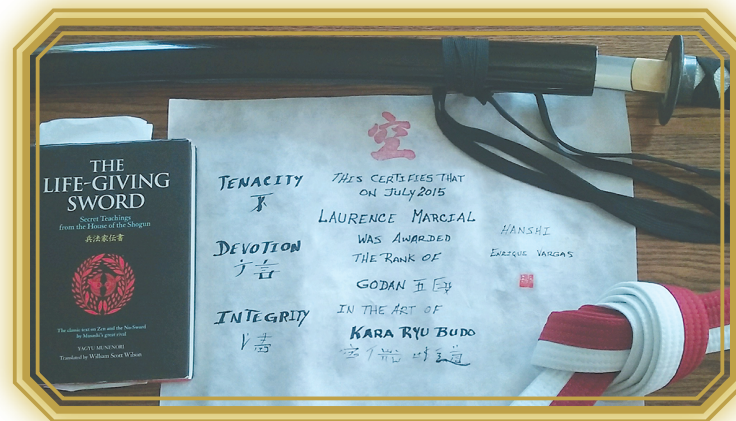
"There's something about him that just gets you hooked. If you don't know who he is or if you have never talked to him, I would suggest that you try and have a conversation with him and get to know him before your time at DV is gone."

However, it is not only students who hold Mr. Marcial in high regard. Mr. Evan Bates, both a colleague and friend, has trained with Mr. Marcial for years.

"He is one of the very few people I trust," Mr. Bates said. "It might sound a bit odd, but when you train, you put your life in someone else's hands. He's the kind of guy that I would trust for help and wisdom, all my life...A lot of people do it for show, a lot of people do it because they want to feel powerful. But it's not about winning fights with other people, it's about overcoming the battles within yourself. Even in the [warped]

culture of what fighting has become, he holds onto that traditional idea."

The *Del.Aware* staff would like to thank Mr. Marcial for everything he has done and continues to do both in and outside the classroom. He is one of the people who makes DV special, and for that the DV community will be forever grateful.



PERSON OF THE YEAR: MR. LAURENCE MARCIAL

THE BEST OF DV



Teacher of the Year: *Mr. Daniel Gonzalez*



BY SERA SHAFER
Entertainment Editor

A teacher, coach and father, Mr. Daniel Gonzalez, or Mr. G as many of his students call him, is well known in the Delaware Valley community. He is a passionate teacher who cares very much for his students, players and the subjects he teaches. This is why he has been chosen as the *Del.Aware's* 2017 Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Gonzalez attended a number of colleges before permanently settling down to teach. He started at Orange County Community College for two years, transferred to the State University of New York at New Paltz where he received his bachelors of art degree and then he studied education at East Stroudsburg University. He then received his master's degree from the University of Scranton. As a DV graduate, Mr. Gonzalez came back to do his student teaching and worked as a substitute teacher before getting his full



time position 10 years ago. Mr. G says that he was inspired to become a teacher when he had Mr. Tom Burns, his European Studies teacher when he was just a sophomore in high school.

"There was an instant connection, partly because he was from the city and the style that he taught in was so genuine that it made me realize, this is what I wanted to do. I wanted to be a teacher," said Mr. G.

Teaching for 10 years has taught Mr. Gonzalez quite a bit about students and the style of teaching that works for him.

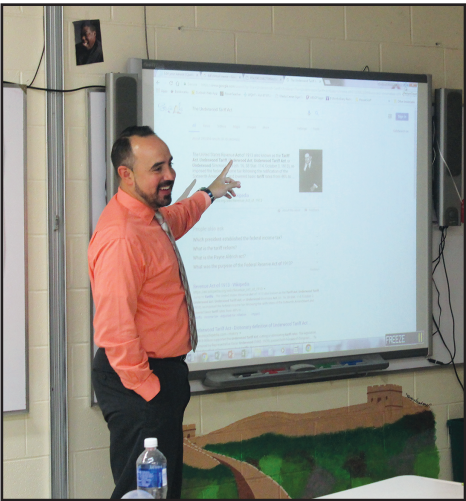
"You learn a lot from your students as you get older, especially what works and what doesn't work. I realized that sometimes you have to be a little bit more of a role model than anything else," said Mr. G.

"Students have also taught me the good and bad of being a parent, like what to anticipate as a parent and things like that. But mostly I've learned from my

students how to be a more mature and focused teacher."

He says that his favorite part of working as a teacher is having the opportunity to interact with students each day and see them grow on a day to day basis.

"That's what always drew me to education, being able to connect with kids," said Mr. G.



His advice to new teachers is to just be passionate about teaching because no matter what job you are doing, it will have good and bad days. He believes as long as you are passionate and remember that it is about the kids, it will be worth it.

His advice to his students is simple.

"Go out and see the world. Don't live in the bubble that's Milford. There's a big world out there, and you need to take advantage of every opportunity that

shows up," said Mr. G. "Eat crazy food, meet crazy people and live life."

Adviser of the Year: *Mr. Donnel Leiva-Vazquez*

BY KIRSTEN DUNN
Staff Writer

In the beginning of the school year, Mr. Donnel Leiva-Vazquez took the opening for class adviser of the juniors (class of 2018). His dedication, hard work and drive to increase student involvement is why he was chosen as this year's Adviser of the Year.

Since Mr. Vazquez stopped coaching soccer in 2013 he has been looking for a another way to get involved with the young people and give back to the school, and he felt that being a class adviser was the perfect fit. When he attended high school at Wallenpaupack he took part in class leadership and enjoyed it. Using his previous experience, he wanted to get more students involved and increase student spirit.

The event he enjoyed the most was spirit week and the spirit games. This was a new experience for the high



school, and he hopes it grows and gets better each year. He enjoyed having the opportunity to work with people in different departments. Also, he had the opportunity to work with class officers and committee members.

"Senor Vazquez was the foundation to our success as a junior class this year. Through frequent meetings and strong leadership, he played a key role in planning fundraisers, organizing spirit activities and molding our class officers into an effective, cohesive unit. Senor also acted as a trusted adult to go to for advice and aid on anything outside of class officer business. I thank him

for all he has given to us to prepare for senior year," said junior class president Shane Fagan.

When talking about events that went on during the school year he says the volleyball tournament was a huge success. There were 70 participants, 100 spectators and student referees from the officiating

classes. The event raised 300 dollars for the classes and increased participation and school spirit.

This position allowed him to give his time but not take all his time from his two children, as he is still able to spend time with his family and play in adult soccer leagues. He also teaches his kids how to enjoy life outdoors and in nature.

Looking forward to next year, he is excited to working with the class of 2019 and their class leaders.



"Senor is one of the most dedicated teachers and advisers that our school has. I am so thankful to have worked with him this past school year, because he has helped me grow as a leader and encouraged me

to propose new ideas to improve our class spirit," said junior vice president Ariana Como.

THE BEST OF DV



Coach of the Year: *Mr. Keith Olsommer*



BY MATT CAVALLARO
Sports Co-Editor

Coming off a 6-4 record for the 2015 season, head football coach Keith Olsommer turned things around this year with a league championship, district championship and a 9-3 record. This display of being able to bounce back and push his team to the max has earned him the recognition of 2017 Coach of the Year.

Coach Olsommer has created a dynasty at Delaware Valley, where regular opponents know that playing the Warriors is always a challenge and new opponents get shocked by the level of play he brings. He has been coaching at Delaware Valley for the past 21 years; 19 of them he has been the head coach. He took over a new, struggling program and drastically turned it around, compiling 15 winning seasons, four league championships and three district championships.

Coach Olsommer stated, "Being able to surround myself with good people has allowed

me to succeed. In life, if you surround yourself with good people, you will succeed."

As for his coaching staff, many of them have been coaching with him since the time he began, as only a few coaches have come and gone. This has clearly had an impact on the success year in and year out.

He says that coaching is more than just sports; life lessons come out of every situation.

He said what he enjoys most is "watching players mature as they go through the program and seeing them achieve things that they never thought were possible."

This season was one of the most successful over his career and he attributes that to the teams' ability to throw

and have great players being able to catch the ball, even after star running back Kyle Dillon was injured.

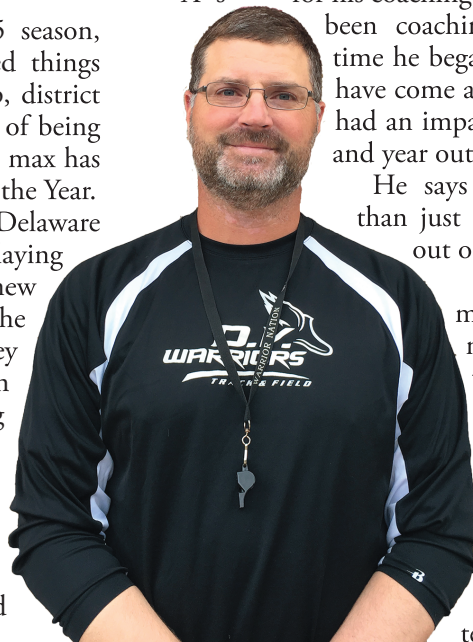
He said, "our game with Williamsport, that was hosted at our field during Warrior Fest was my favorite memory from this season. It was about as good of a high school football game you'll ever see."

In order to have success and continue success, there must be a driving force. In this case, coach Olsommer said there are three things that drive his program.

"Number one is to never think that you're good enough because you're not. There are always ways to get better. Second is to maintain consistency and always raise the bar. Last is that I am a big believer that if you tell me I can't do something, I do it. I expect us, in the near future to win at the state level and ultimately win a state championship.

Coach Olsommer, his coaching staff and players are constantly working to be the best and that's exactly what they expect to be.

Coach Olsommer proclaimed, "We will be a state championship football team."



Personnel of the Year: *Mr. Anthony Lanfrank*

BY SHAINA KLEIN
News Editor

Mr. Anthony Lanfrank lives by the motto of respecting others and always treating people the way he would like to be treated. His humor and good nature shine through his personality and is noticed by both students and fellow faculty. Consistently a friendly face in the halls, Mr. Lanfrank is a valued and beloved member of the Delaware Valley community and was thus selected as Personnel of the Year.

Having worked at DV for over 20 years, Mr. Lanfrank is deeply involved. He spends his days monitoring the hallways and making sure students get to class, and often does not get home until late in the evening after sporting events.

"The students here keep me young. I'm 70 years old, and most people at 70 are slowing down, but I'm still running around," said Mr. Lanfrank.

Students have had a large impact on Mr. Lanfrank, and he likewise has had a large impact on them. Back in '95, Mr.

Lanfrank founded the youth football and cheerleading program PAYAL that many students in the high school were part of, which continues to thrive today.

Mr. Lanfrank's fondest memories of work are of the years when his kids were in school.

"My daughter Marissa would eat lunch with me every day," said Mr. Lanfrank.

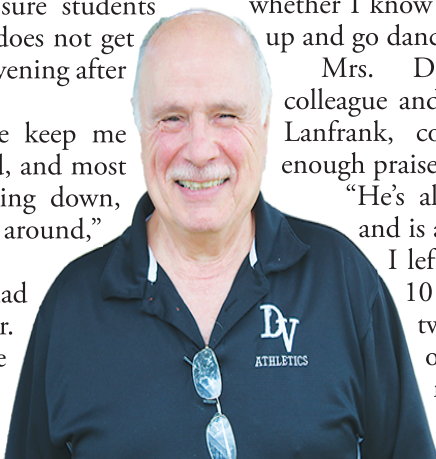
Outside of work, Mr. Lanfrank enjoys playing basketball, spending time with his dog Moose, listening to classic rock music and dancing.

"When Ernie [Mr. Sandonato] has his band playing at one of the bars, I'll go and whoever's up on the floor dancing, whether I know them or not, I'll get up and go dance with them."

Mrs. Diane Del Gaizo, colleague and close friend of Mr. Lanfrank, could not give him enough praise.

"He's always joking around and is a very loyal friend ...

I left the high school for 10 years and returned two years ago, and our friendship never missed a beat," said Mrs. Del Gaizo.



Administrator of the Year: *Mrs. Nicole Cosentino*

BY LINDSEY TOOMER
Editor in Chief

Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs, Mrs. Nicole Cosentino, takes great pride in changing DV for the better and pushing students to the best of their abilities. Due to her dedication and passion for her job, she has been chosen as the 2017 Administrator of the year.

"Having Mrs. Cos as a teacher for my junior year was the highlight of it," said junior Sophia Catalano. "Never have I had a teacher more encouraging or relatable [than her], and anyone who has had her in the past or will in the future would agree."

Mrs. Cosentino has been an administrator at DV for six years and a teacher for 16 years. She taught in the special education department for her first four years and switched to the social studies department where she taught economics, entrepreneurship and government. After becoming an administrator, she was able to continue

teaching Combo 11.

"I'm in a very unique, lucky spot that I'm still able to teach," Mrs. Cosentino said. "I think it's awesome to still be connected at that level with students. There's nothing better than when that light bulb goes off for a kid."

When making the decision to go into administration, Mrs. Cosentino realized that she wanted to impact change on a greater level. She is grateful to work with such a great team of administrators at DV.

Her favorite part of her job is working with the students, as she considers the classroom a "utopia."

"I love kids, I love education [and] I love making changes that would improve a student's potential."

Outside of school, Mrs. Cosentino's time is dedicated to her two children, Angelo and Gia, and whatever they want to do. She is also taking more classes to continue her education.



DEL AWARE *Senior Farewells* 2017

Lindsey Toomer - Editor in Chief

Writing has not always been my favorite part of high school, but to conclude my senior year, in the wise words of Lin-Manuel Miranda, "I wrote my way out." As I prepare to leave, I am writing my way out of little old Milford, Pa. and look forward to pursuing a career in journalism where I will continue writing my way to bigger and better opportunities.

Although I am incredibly excited to go to college, live in the city and make new friends, I am also terrified of losing the friends I've made here in the halls of DV. I know there is only a small handful of people whom I will stay in contact with in the long run, and there are so many faces I won't see every day and so many whom I will miss.

High school has been quite the roller coaster, but I'm happy with how my story at Delaware Valley will end. I have an amazing group of friends and although we all bicker, I wouldn't want to conclude this journey with anyone else.

Our years in high school can be rough, but we really should acknowledge how lucky we are to have received the quality education we did. Mrs. Pope, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Maino, Mrs. Shatt, Miss Zarzecki and Mrs. Lordi are only a few of the many mentors who have impacted my career at DV. As I head

to Boston in the fall to attend Emerson College, I can't help but be thankful for the amazing background I've gotten here at DV.

Mrs. Lordi has been one of my biggest supporters from day one. She has pushed me to become the journalist and person I am today, and I never could've accomplished all that I have without her. She has been my greatest mentor and role model, and I am so thankful to have her in my life.

I took Journalism I just because I wanted to have Mrs. Lordi again, and I did not at all expect to fall in love with the class as much as I did. Not only did

I find my passion, but I also met some of the most incredible and hardworking people on the staff of the Del.Aware. To the juniors, I know you guys will kill it next year, and I am so excited to see what you will do with our paper. To the seniors, I am definitely going to miss constantly stressing with you guys, and I know you are all going to accomplish so many amazing things.

As for the underclassmen, don't ever be afraid to speak your mind. Get as involved as you possibly can and don't be afraid to try something new. You'll never know what may end up being one of your greatest passions.



Sarah McDougall - Managing Editor

As you trudge through the crowded hallway to your next class, do you ever accidentally make eye contact with someone walking in the opposite direction and wonder what thoughts are going through his mind? When he gets a quick glimpse of your face, what does he subconsciously associate with you? Does he even acknowledge you?

Quite honestly, most people would probably look past me with complete disregard, failing to remember my name. Sure, I was somewhat known for my high academic standing and my athletic achievements, but I never considered myself a standout individual by any means.

Alongside these people who don't personally know me, however, are those who would immediately seek me out amidst the unorganized gathering of teenagers, cracking a smile and running up to talk to me, the ones who would yell, "Sarah Mac!" through the hallway and make heads turn. (Side note: that nickname has followed me everywhere, so thank you Mr. Quaglia and Vanessa for starting that trend.)

These are the people I have known for years, whose friendships have guided me to be who I am today. Thanks for staying with me even through our awkward middle school phases – it really means a lot.

These are the people whom I have ran literally hundreds, if not thousands, of miles with, the ones who have pushed me to stay determined and persevere, who have seen me at my worst and have helped me rise to my best. These are the people I have

shared my most significant achievements with, from winning the district cross country meet as a sophomore to breaking the school's 4x8 record as a senior.

These are the people who have never given up on me, who have seen me develop and discover myself. These are the teachers

and coaches who have always instilled faith in me; a well-deserved shout out goes out to Ms. Josephite, Mr. Quaglia, Mrs. Maino, Mr. Pol, Mrs. Lordi, Mrs. West and Mr. Dennis.

As I leave high school, I admit that I am a bit disheartened, mostly because of all of the experiences I will never have the chance to recreate, but also

because of the fact that I am absolutely terrified to go out into the real world and leave the comfort of high school behind.

I will always remember the time that my cross country team traveled to Acadia, Maine for a week and I almost hit a boat with a kayak and we all got lost on a mountain. I will cherish every time my friends made me laugh so hard that I couldn't breathe, and every test I aced, because that definitely won't be as easy to achieve in college.

In August, I will be heading to Bucknell to study who knows what. One thing I do know is that I will take away so much from my time at DV and I will definitely become someone to be known.





Senior Farewells

Shaina Klein - News Editor

A lot has happened over the course of four years.

I made it through a total of 29 courses, I played a sport, I went to a couple of dances, I joined newspaper, I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, I quit a sport, I applied to college, I felt overwhelmed, I got my license, I learned a new instrument, I pulled a few all-nighters, I learned a lot and I even came out the other end of it all in a semblance of one piece.

Throughout all of this, I am immensely grateful for those who stood by me.

My best friend Laura Cassaro and I have not had a class together since sixth period English class our freshman year. I'm not sure how we did it, but we are as close

as ever today and I am so proud and appreciative of our friendship.

My parents, who have been with me through it all, have emboldened and inspired me on a daily basis, and there is no way I will be able to ever express how thankful I am for that.

My teachers, all of whom have influenced me in one way or another, helped challenge and shape me. I am grateful for their commitment to me, and I hope to make them proud with whatever

I do. I am especially thankful for Mrs. Leslie Lordi, Senor Gary Cotroneo, Mr. Kevin Devizia and Mrs. Amanda Pope.

In a short few months, I will be heading to New York City to study biology at Fordham University, a prospect I didn't consider a possibility until a couple of months ago. I cannot wait to explore the city next year, as I know an abundance of opportunities await.

My advice to any underclassmen feeling overwhelmed or unsure of themselves is to keep their options open.

Don't limit yourself by only applying to a certain type of

college or by only associating with a certain group of friends. Great people exist in all different niches, and you should do your best to find them. I found a stable group of friends just this year, and my only regret is not knowing these amazing people sooner.

To my fellow seniors and members of the Class of 2017, thank you for the stories, memories and friendships you have fostered, and congratulations on your commencement!



Meghan Kelly - News Co-Editor

I like to live my life with an adventurous mentality. Every day I wake up ready to face a new adventure and sooner than I'd like my adventuring will take me far away from Milford Pa.

High school itself has been an adventure I will never forget. I have created relationships with people who have become family to me, and those people I will miss more than anything.

I'd like to give a big shout out to Mr. Daniel Gonzalez who has listened attentively to my stories every morning for the past year and only becomes mildly irritated when I leave old salad dressing in his room. Mr. G has become my biggest role model, and I am forever thankful for all of the advice he has given me over the years.

My friends have meant the world to me and I don't know how I will survive without them in college. Sera Shafer has been there for every insane bout of laughing and all of the scavenger trips to find Pop-Tart money and for that I am grateful. Gab Hoare, aka, Gus will never be forgotten by me even if my mother did tell me to be friends with her. Kelley Edison is an amazing human whom I will miss more than anyone. Emily Finelli has always been my "yes" friend and I am thankful

for all the wild times. And to all you other humans whom I have spent my free time adventuring with thanks for being there.

For my last thank you I would like to thank my mother, Erica DiMarzio. Thanks for the food, notes and uplifting conversations you have gifted me and for never getting mad when I interrupt your class for semi-meaningless reasons.

And now that I have thanked some of the people who have meant the most to me I would like to spread some of the wisdom I have learned throughout these four years to the younger generations. There are two important things to know in life; first

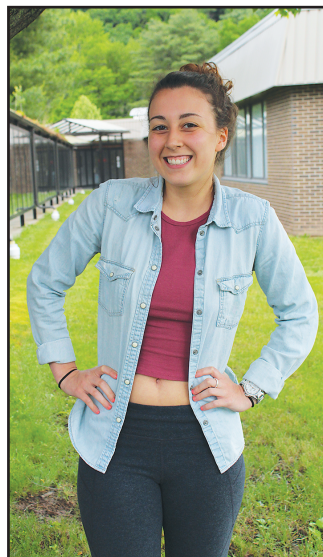
always say yes. You never know what will turn an ordinary day into an extraordinary one. Second, remember that the best sort of people are the abnormal ones. It's true that normal is overrated, and that strange quiet kid who you decide to go on a hike with may be the best thing for you.



Nicole Dardia - Opinions Editor

Ever since I was a freshman, college has always been on my mind. I have been looking forward to starting a new life with new people, but as I close in on my high school graduation, I can't help but feel sentimental. I can't say that high school was the best years of my life, but I can definitely say I learned valuable lessons that I will never forget.

My freshman and sophomore years were borderline awful, but from them, I learned that I can't control everything around me. Sometimes, it's easier to go with the flow and let things fall into order the way they were meant to. Junior and senior years have been filled with laughs, good friends, good food and good news. Getting accepted into the University of



Pittsburgh, the college I had my eyes on since freshman year, made me realize that everything about high school is temporary. It used to be "just one more year!" Now, it's just a few more days until I will never walk the DV halls as a student again.

Throughout this journey, I have met some wonderful people. Ms. Deanna Zarzecki, my 11th grade AP Composition teacher, is by far the most loving woman I have ever met. She has seen me succeed and seen me fail, seen me bawling my eyes out and seen me beaming with excitement, and she always knows just what to say. I know I could always count on her when I needed someone to talk to.

I would also like to give credit to Mrs. Vivian Bruno, whom I lost touch with

after sophomore year, but regardless, she taught me more about myself than I could have ever imagined. She taught me to stop trying to micromanage my life and let things run their course.

I also need to thank my best friend, who doesn't need to be named because everyone already knows who she is, for being the greatest person I know. Growing up with her has been a complete roller coaster, but we make each other better people, and for that I'm so grateful for her.

As I head off to college to study rehabilitation science at Pitt, I absolutely need to thank my parents for raising me to be the person I am. Raising a teenager is not easy by any means, and I was not the easiest kid to have, but I can say with my whole heart that I am a carbon copy of my parents, and I wouldn't want to be any other way.

To all the friends I've made and lost, I wish all of you nothing but the best. The next chapter for us begins now.

Senior Farewells

Vanessa Paoletta - World News Editor

It's hard to let go.

We've all experienced change: parents divorce, beloved possessions are lost and perspectives are ever-shifting. But some things are harder to let go of than others.

I came into this school as a freshman overly concerned with others' opinions and the social constructs of high school. I remember feeling lost in the hallways of DV, feeling too small in a place that seemed unfathomable.

Things have changed since then. I have changed.

This is the place where I've found success, where I've experienced failure; this is the place where I've laughed, cried, cheered and groaned; this is the place

where I've made new friends who have grown to become so much more.

And now I need to move on. I've come to realize this past year that things can't stay the same. In order to continue growing, I need to keep moving forward.

Four years later and I have become more confident, more sure of myself, more willing to put myself out there.

I owe this courage to the people here



at DV. There are so many people here who have supported me through my endeavours and have helped me when I needed it most. I wouldn't have been able to come this far without their love and guidance.

To the amazing administrators and office personnel who never fail to throw me a hello, to the friendly custodians who've opened doors for me with nary a grumble more times than I can count, to the teachers who have shared their infectious passions through their daily lessons, to my coaches who have supported me in every possible state, to the friends who have been with me through this crazy journey, and to the multitude of others who have made my days just

a little bit sunnier:

Thank you for making these past four years as wonderful and challenging as they have been.

Thank you for making DV my second home.

Thank you all for making this so difficult.

I wouldn't have it any other way.

720 days. 4,320 hours. Those are the numbers I repeated to myself over and over again as I walked into my first day of freshman year. This was the amount of time I had to sit in classes until high school was over and I could get on with my life (yes I actually calculated this four years ago). I never dreamed that number would actually make its way to zero, but now as I sit here writing this, I'm all too aware of how soon this will happen.

If freshman me was here to meet me now, I'm not sure she would even recognize me. This sounds bad, but trust me it's not. I like to think that freshman Sera would be proud of everything I have accomplished. High school transformed me from the shy, unhappy and timid person I used to be into a strong, independent person who loves her life.

I learned that you can't live your life without doing things that scare you. I decided to start living by Eleanor Roosevelt's quote: "Do one thing every day that scares you."

Since I began living by this, everything has changed. My one piece of advice to anyone struggling through high school comes from this. Challenge yourself

because honestly I don't believe you can grow at all without pushing yourself to do things you do not necessarily want to do. I know that I couldn't have made it through these years alone though. Here's

to the friends who were there for me, regardless of what happened, even if we don't speak now and even if we fall out of touch in the future, you are the ones who taught me the most about life.

I would like to thank the many teachers who were there to witness my growth in high school. Mrs. Maino, who has had me as a student since I was in 7th grade, has always been there for me. When

I think about how much has changed since then, I realize just how much she was there to witness and experience with me. Mrs. Lordi has also been a huge influence on me. Having her from freshman until senior year, she has also been able to watch me change. These two teachers have seen everything from my first boyfriend, first car, first F on a test to my very last day of high school.

Most importantly, I would like to thank my parents for everything they have done for me and pushed me to do. They have taught me that absolutely anything is possible and no matter what is happening, it's happening for a reason.



Mackenzie Bennett - Entertainment Co-Editor

What feels like the end is often the beginning.

That is the case for the Class of 2017. In a short while, we will all be in the same exact position, caps on our heads and diplomas in hand. We've thought about it for what seems like forever, but now that it's here, it seems unreal.

Moving to Pennsylvania my sophomore year, I truly had no idea what to expect from DVHS. I remember worrying about whether I would be able to find my niche amongst so many people. However, I was pleasantly surprised with what I found.

I've had so many amazing teachers over the course of my high school years: Mr. Pol, Mrs. West, Mr. Llewellyn, Mr. Sandonato and Mrs. Lordi are just several of them. They have all inspired me, both in



the way of academics but also in what it looks like to be a genuinely good person. I know that as I grow older I will look back with a smile, reminiscing about the moments that I've shared with them.

I've been involved with Student Council, National Honor Society and choir, and I've met so many amazing friends through these clubs. Being a part of the Del.Aware staff, though, has by far been the most enriching and rewarding experience for me. I've grown immensely close with the staff members and have

made some amazing memories that will follow me long after I graduate. If it weren't for Mrs. Lordi and this program, I wouldn't have discovered that journalism is

what I want to do for the rest of my life.

To the underclassmen of DV, I urge you to make the most of your time in high school. Don't be afraid to take risks and step outside of your comfort zone. Talk to people you wouldn't normally talk to. Get to know your teachers. The four years will fly by you before you know it.

It's crazy to think about how much I have changed as a person since the day that I first stepped into this school. I've learned an incredible amount of things, ranging all the way from how to deal with negativity in life to how to balance chemical equations. And as I continue to grow, I will continue to learn more and more.

One of my favorite authors F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote, "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past." This is a great illustration of how I feel about the future. Congratulations, Class of 2017. We made it.

Senior Farewells

Nicholas Rivera - Science & Technology Editor

High school and I have had a love-hate relationship. I love some things that I've learned over these last four years, but I can't say the same for others. Some things have given me a positive outlook on life, while others make me fearful for the future. No matter what, my teachers have always been there to guide me through it.

Walking into high school my freshman year, I was worried. I felt as though my time at DV was never going to end, so I never looked at my endgame; that proved to be one of my worst mistakes. I never cared very much about my grades and because of that, a B looked good to me, in fact, it looked great. The problem with having an outlook like that is it makes the lower grades look even better. You don't care enough to step out of your comfort zone, and you make the mistake of not taking Journalism 1 sophomore year.

High school is like a newspaper. You have the sports section, the science and tech section, the entertainment section and too many more to count. Just like the newspaper, you cannot put yourself into just one group of people; you need to branch out. If you stay closed off, it will only make

your time in school last longer, and it won't be any fun. Make sure you have fun, while still remaining conscious of why you're here. Learning is more valuable than anything else, but you can't do that without the right teacher.

When you're choosing your classes at the end of each year, you need to keep in mind who may be your teacher. By junior year I had that figured out, and I made the right choice of having Mr. Marcial for AP Euro, as well as studying martial arts under him for four years. He taught me priceless life lessons both in and out of class, and his door is always open for those who may need it.

Some people in high school are too closed minded. They look at the big picture and say that everything is black and white, kind of like a newspaper. What they don't see is that a newspaper highlights the truly important things in color, and they go greatly in detail with facts and information. Read the newspaper, whether it's the Del. Aware or the New York Times, and you can be more educated than the crowd.



Kirsten Peters - Sports Editor

As our senior year comes to a close, I can't seem to find the words to convey my gratitude for all the people I have met and all the things I have done.

I can still remember my first day of high school, the outfit I was wearing, and the feeling of pride I had as I walked down the hallway as a high schooler to my first day of classes.

On the first day of school, for the past 14 years, I have had to tell all of my teachers how to pronounce my name. When I was younger, I didn't mind telling people the proper way to pronounce it. When I got to middle school, it became annoying to have to tell a new teacher how to say my name every 46 minutes. But as I got to high school, I grew to appreciate the fact that I had to tell individuals how to say my name. I became known to administrators, teachers and fellow classmates because they knew I did not like having my name mispronounced, and looking back I'm glad I didn't let a mispronunciation slide because it made me unforgettable and set me apart from everyone else. Having to correct people, strengthened my character and gave me a backbone. Such a simple thing, my name, defined who I was for the

past 14 years, and will continue to define who I am as I leave DV.

I remember telling Mrs. Pope in freshmen year block that she could easily remember my name by associating Kermet the Frog with Kirsten, and when I had her again in my junior year she conveyed to me that that analogy had stuck with her all this time. In Mrs. Lordi's journalism class, I was dubbed "Kir," which is a nickname I never anticipated I would have. Not going to lie, at first it wasn't my favorite nickname, but I came to realize that it was a term of endearment and it became my nickname for not only Mrs. Lordi but for the whole fifth period journalism class.

As I reflect on my time at DV, I chose to focus this farewell on the importance of how to pronounce my name. To some, it may not seem clear why I chose to do this. But I would like to take this opportunity to explain why: your name is how people refer to you, nicknames are how people show their affection, and your name is how people will remember you years down the line. Choose to make your name one that you are proud to own, because I sure know that I am proud of the name that I have made for myself.



Matt Cavallaro - Sports Co-Editor

If someone were to ask me about high school my freshman year, I probably would have said, "I can't wait to get out of this place and move on to college." Now that I am nearing the end of my senior year, the last thing I want is for it to end.

The friends, lessons and memories I have made along the way are unforgettable, and I will truly miss my time at Delaware Valley.

By serving as a class officer, I was able to meet with administrators, teachers and students in order to try and help our school become a better place. Running for class officer was one of the best decisions I have made. It was the first time I got involved with a leadership position during high school, and it has taught me skills that I will always need. It showed me that getting involved allows you to see things in a different light and helped me to try to relay positive information to my peers around the school.

Academically, I have been extremely lucky to be here. At DV, we have some of the best administrators, teachers and more importantly, people around. A high standard around the halls and in the classroom has done nothing but help students excel in all aspects of academia.

The best is always saved for last-sports have really been the most important part of my high school career. I have played both football and baseball all four years, along with travel ice hockey during the same time. All three of these sports have taught me different things, with each making me a better leader, student and young man. My coaches have taught me life lessons that I know I will never forget and constantly look back to. The experiences I've had have taught me to

learn from failure and allow them to motivate me to work harder and do better the next time. The best part about playing a sport is the bond you share with your teammates. There are many kids whom I had never met before walking into the high school for the first time and now are my best friends- relationships that will be very close for a long time.

I can't thank my family, teammates, coaches, teachers and friends enough for everything they have done for me. Although I am extremely excited to see what the future holds, Delaware Valley will always be a huge part of me and one that I carry proudly.



IN-STATE COLLEGES

<p>Bloomsburg University William Hodgins–Political Science</p> <p>Bucknell University Sarah McDougall–Mathematics</p> <p>Califronia University of Pennsylvaiia Kailey Blas–Biology/Mortuary Science Tylor Gordon–Computer Science Thomas Seltzer–Forensic Anthropology</p> <p>East Stroudsburg University Jacob Benson–Exercise Science Gillian Cordona–Psychology</p> <p>Austin Coyle–History</p> <p>Ben Horowitz–Secondary Education: Physics</p> <p>Mahmut Kalaycioglu–Medicine</p> <p>Bethany Martel–Secondary Education: English</p> <p>Kylie McCarthy–Nursing</p> <p>Lizabeth Muys–Graphic Design</p> <p>Victoria Pedone–Nursing</p> <p>Haileylynn Riker–Social Work & Sociology</p> <p>Cody Roushinko–Athletic Training</p> <p>Matthew Scibelli–Undecided</p> <p>Chris Shivers–Psychology</p> <p>Tyler Smith–Physical Education</p> <p>Aidan Stone–Graphic Design</p> <p>Empire Beauty School Tashae Perkins–Cosmotology</p> <p>Grove City College Denali Hutzelmann–Exercise Science/Kinesiology</p> <p>Harrisburg University Joseph Ghazel–Computer Technology</p> <p>Indiana University of Pennsylvania Mia Joseph–Medical Imaging Tiffany Martin–Special Education Amanda Morgan–Nursing</p> <p>Johnson College Liam Collins–Welding Technology Dino Leone–Diesel</p> <p>Kevin O’Grady–Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning</p> <p>Chris Smetana–Diesel</p> <p>Zach Wolanski–Electronics Technology</p> <p>Keystone College Grant Doss–Accounting Kiera Leyden–Math Education James Peters–Criminal Justice</p> <p>Kings College Jacob Cole–Undecided Hannah Gallagher–Business Dillon Petzold–Criminal Justice</p>	<p>Jessica Sudano–Early Childhood & Special Education</p> <p>Kutztown University Maria Aragon–Undecided Joshua Croll–Environmental Science Brooke Eichner–Undecided Amanda Floystad–Biology Premedicine Dalton Hines–Applied Digital Arts Mikaela Larry–Physical Therapy James Stevens–Political Science</p> <p>Lackawanna College Jordan Hernandez–Culinary Arts & Business</p> <p>Christian Jorgenson–Undecided</p> <p>John Manganella–Undecided</p> <p>Troy Moore–Business</p> <p>Emma Muren–Undecided</p> <p>Lafayette College Jackie Kushner–Undecided</p> <p>Lehigh University Shane Acoveno–Electrical Engineering Daniel Curtis–Computer Science & Business</p> <p>Brianne Hughes–Business</p> <p>Krista Sauer–Psychology</p> <p>Lock Haven University Erick Hernandez–Physical Education Stefanie O’Grady–Physical Education/Special Education</p> <p>Marywood University Steven Catizone–Mathematics Education Kristen Kelleher–Music Education</p> <p>Muhlenberg College Abrar Shamim–Dental</p> <p>Nassau County Community College Sean Moran–Criminal Justice</p> <p>Northampton Community College Kayli Caldwell–Dental Hygene Lellani Candelario–Nursing Jonathan Drake–Hotel Management Nicole Early–Undecided Renee Hete–Communication Design Anthony Hodge–Social Work Cassandra Kimberlin-Teller–Early Childhood Education Justin McCue–Computer Science Christina Myers–Radiography Jessica Ramos–Social Work Lily Salazar–Radiology Joseph Samartina–Culinary/Hospitality Resort Management Rebecca Suta–Culinary Arts Jonathan Parkhurst-Seaman–History</p>	<p>Penn College Colton Dube–Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning</p> <p>Penn State University Jon Ayala–Biology Roman Bereza–Exercise Science Morgan Boonyam–Biomedical Engineering</p> <p>Michelle Burns–Geosciences</p> <p>Brandon Crawford–Actuarial Science</p> <p>Tyler Fuller–Premedicine</p> <p>Jayonna Geffrand–Nursing</p> <p>Claudia Gherardi–Astronomy & Planetary Science</p> <p>Parker Hamill–Political Science</p> <p>Emily Hammond–Forensic Science</p> <p>Paulina Henzel Kedzior–Biobehavioral Health</p> <p>Jenna Pacella–Human Department & Family Studies, Criminal Studies</p> <p>Dutt Patel–Computer Science</p> <p>Margaret Polatnick–Undecided</p> <p>McKenna Quinn–Biomedical Engineering</p> <p>Taylor Randazzo–Human Development & Family Services</p> <p>Jah-Erich Sacken–Mechanical Engineering</p> <p>Kyle Scibelli–Athletic Training</p> <p>Trevor Smith–Engineering</p> <p>Riley Sorrell–Business</p> <p>Brittany Stormes–Business</p> <p>Ryan Thomas–Undecided</p> <p>Shippensburg University John Actisdano–Psychology Samantha Sodora–Early Childhood & Special Education</p> <p>Slippery Rock University Alecia Marmora–Criminology Devin Meyerriecks–Pre-Physical Therapy/Excercise Science</p> <p>Sullivan County Community College Tiffany Martin–Special Education</p> <p>Susquehanna University Emily Crawn–Early Childhood Education</p> <p>Swarthmore College Madison Dorr–Statistics</p> <p>Temple University Ryan Brown–Business Julia Cuevas–International Business Anthony Gosch–International Business Victoria Pizarro–BFA in Dance Reiley Weems–Architecture</p> <p>Universal Technical Institute</p>	<p>Tomas Protsko–Auto/Diesel Technician</p> <p>John Thalassinos–Undecided</p> <p>University of Pittsburgh Dylan Carey–Neuroscience Callista Chambers–Neuroscience Pre-medicine Shayne Christ–Biochemical Engineering Heather Connolly–Biology Nicole Dardia–Rehabilitation Science Shelby DeFreese–Biology Hannah Easow–Biology Premedicine Track</p> <p>Faith Jennings–Biology</p> <p>Chase Kruszka–Cell & Molecular Biology</p> <p>Brandon Love–Mechanical Engineering</p> <p>Trevor Martin–Statistics</p> <p>Kunal Patel–Biology Premedicine Track</p> <p>Nicholas Rivera–Computer Science</p> <p>Nicholas Shi–Mechanical Engineering</p> <p>Junny Xu–Pharmacy</p> <p>University of Scranton Jake Casey–Mathematics</p> <p>University of Valley Forge Esther Beers–Social Work</p> <p>West Chester University Alexa Butaitis–Elementary Education Daneen Decker–Early Childhood Education William Eskins–Computer Security & Computer Science Alyssa Harvey–Cell & Molecular Biology Faith Jaeger–International Business Sean Kelly–Marketing Miranda LaCagnina–Communicative Sciences & Disorders Megan Maloney–BSED in Mathematics Lauren Reuter–Education Danielle Russo–Education Emily Seepes–Undecided</p> <p>Wilkes University Jerrett Arnoul–Sports Management Laura Cassaro–Early Childhood & Elementary Education Christopher Connellis–Education Kirsten Peters–Journalism/Communications Tara Sayles–Early Education Kaylee Small–Digital Design & Media Art Nick Soares–Computer Information Systems Emily Turek–Undecided</p>
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OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES

Alabama

University of Alabama

Amy Yoerg – *Athletic Training and Pre-Physical Therapy*

Arizona

Arizona State University

Peyton Baker – *Electrical Engineering*

Jake Mills – *Manufacturing Engineering*

Colorado

University of Colorado

Daniel Bandala – *Business*

Connecticut

University of New Haven

Maecy Chlebowski – *Communications*

Rebecca O'Connor – *Forensic Science*

District of Columbia

University of George Washington

Sera Shafer – *Criminal Justice/Psychology*

Delaware

Wesley College

Bryce Haraldsen – *Environmental Science*

Florida

Flagler College

Giovanna Genovesi – *Elementary Education and Special Education*

Nova Southeastern University

Salvatore Centanni – *Business*

University of Miami

Michael Grey – *Undecided*

Illinois

University of Illinois

Emma Burns – *Social Work*

Kansas

Wichita State University

James Hoerst – *Music Education*

Maine

Bates College

Vanessa Paoletta – *Environmental Studies*

University of Maine Orono

Meghan Kelly – *International Business*

Maryland

Loyola University of Maryland

Hunter Buckley – *Finance*

Massachusetts

Berklee College of Music

Bailey Kislak – *Music Production and Engineering*

Boston University

Emma Bobo – *Biology (Specializing in Cell Biology, Genetics, and Molecular Biology)*

Emerson College

Lindsey Toomer – *Journalism*

Gordon College

Jamie Wintermute – *Communication Arts*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Leah Yost – *Mechanical Engineering*

Mississippi

Univeristy of Mississippi

Cal Pepper – *Undecided*

Northeastern University

Randall Evers – *Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*

New Hampshire

Southern New Hampshire College

Sabrina Garcia – *Journalism*

University of New Hampshire

Hunter Karch – *Undecided*

New Jersey

Drew University

Adam Sandonato – *Political Science and English*

Lincoln Technical College

Ariel Dieckman – *Automotive Technology*

Monmouth University

Kimberly Gildea – *Marine Biology*

Stevens Institute of Technology

Julia Liszka – *Mathematics*

Sussex County Community College

Sabrina Anderson – *Nursing*

Mackenzie Bennett – *Journalism*

Samantha Ellis – *Business Management*

Zoe Ellson – *Business Administration*

Matthew Feeney – *Business Administration*

Adrian Gostischa – *Applied Sciences- Electronic Musician*

Chris Hoppe – *Communications*

Bryonna Klimkiewicz – *Psychology*

Cheryl Lannon – *Biology*

Orlando Lucabech – *Marine Biology*

Rachel Mutino – *Social Media Marketing*

Lauren Olsen – *Nursing*

Loan Pham – *Premedicine or Chemistry*

Cheyenne Port – *Business Administration*

Dominick Quagliozzi – *Criminal Justice*

Chris Rinkel – *Undecided*

Manuel Rosa – *Undecided*

Joseph Simmons – *Welding Technology*

Brianna Sommer – *Undecided*

Tiffani Snyder – *Criminal Justice*

Niclas Swanson – *Undecided*

Alexandra Ventre – *Photography or Psychology*

Sussex County Technical School

Billy Decker – *Electrician Technology*

Rider University

Jonathan Outwater – *Business Administration*

Rutgers University

Billy Etzkorn – *Biochemistry- Premedicine track*

Matt Sousa – *Premedicine*

New York

Cornell University

Nicholas Haydu – *Astronomy*

CUNY Hunter College

Catherine Blanchard Baggatta – *Nursing*

Dutchess Community College

Theresa Myers – *Undecided*

Fordham University

Shaina Klein – *Biology*

Laura Reno – *Integrative Neuroscience*

Marist College

Brittany Mross – *Psychology and Computer Science*

Marymount Manhattan

Lucas Rasselenberg – *Graphic Design*

Mount Saint Mary College

Dakota Campbell – *Business and Marketing*

Cara Mongioi – *Biology/ Veterinary*

NYC College of Technology

Samantha Alonso – *Dental Hygiene*

Orange County Community College

Kelly Bailey – *Radiology or Pediatrics*

Timea Strenk – *Undecided*

Hannah Worobok – *Pre-Dental*

PACE University

Molly Scollo – *Education*

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Jake Ganz – *Computer and Systems Engineering*

Rochester Institute of Technology

Gabriel Quadrino – *Game Design and Development*

Liam Stuart – *Biomedical Engineering*

School of Visual Arts

Amber Doherty – *Animation/Illustration*

SUNY New Paltz

Erik Shapiro – *Engineering*

SUNY Sullivan

Amirah Green-Mitchell – *Pastry Arts*

Syracuse University

Riley VanWie – *Undecided*

The Culinary Institutes of America

Joseph Baierlein – *Food and Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts*

North Carolina

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Jenna Nielsen – *Nursing*

Ohio

Ohio Technical College

Nicholas Brengel – *Diesel Mechanics*

Rhode Island

Brown University

Jacob Lockwood – *Undecided*

University of Rhode Island

Kyle Dillon – *Kinesiology*

Texas

Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi

McKenzie Osterhoudt – *Pre-Vet*

Utah

Neumont University

Gage Mancuso – *Video Game Development*

Vermont

Castleton University

Kyle Stoll – *Criminology*

Virginia

James Madison University

Jordan Cassimore – *Kinesiology*

Liberty University

Emily Lepore – *Electrical Engineering*

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Raymond Eddy

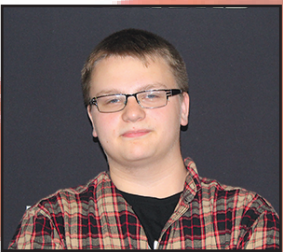


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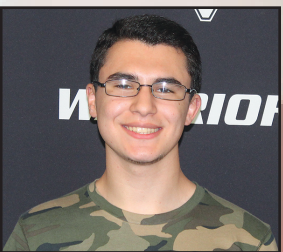
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Connor Simonson



Matthew Scibelli

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Gabrielle Hoare

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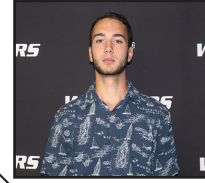
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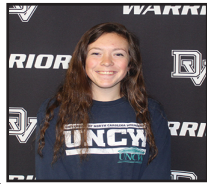
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Morrisville State
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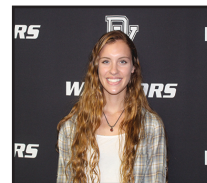
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TARA SAYLES

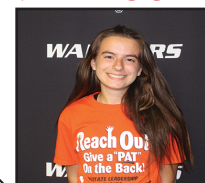
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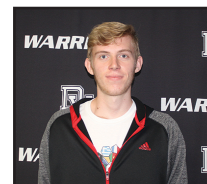
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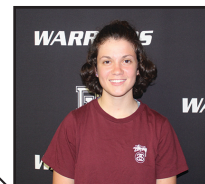
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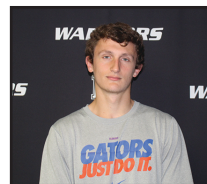
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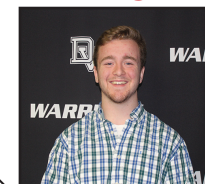
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Division III
BASKETBALL

TROY MOORE

Lackawanna
College
NJCAA
WRESTLING

KYLE STOLL

Castleton
University
Division III
WRESTLING

JOHN NATIELLO

Misericordia
University
Division III
VOLLEYBALL

BRYCE HARALDSEN

Wesley College
Division III
LACROSSE

JAMES PETERS

Keystone
College
Division III
LACROSSE

CHRISTIAN JORGENSEN

Lackawanna
College
NJCAA
BASEBALL

ZAK KAIN

Mercy College
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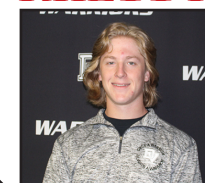
DAKOTA CAMPBELL

Mount Saint
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**TRACK &
FIELD**

In addition to the 29 students continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level, there are two students who will be taking a gap year to pursue their hockey careers at the next level.

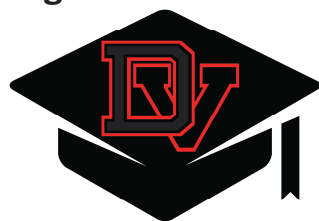
MATT CAVALLARO

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HOCKEY

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HOCKEY

CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK!



Senior Profiles

Shane Acovenno

Shane Acovenno has been a standout basketball player as well as a superb student throughout his time at Delaware Valley. He has made the decision to head to Lehigh University this fall where he will be studying engineering along with playing basketball at the Division I level.

He said, "I am excited to challenge myself both academically and athletically. I am also looking forward to meeting new people."

Shane credits his success to hard work and the continuous support from his parents.

He said, "My father is my role model because he is the hardest working person I know, and he sets a good example for my siblings and me."

As a student, Shane finished in the top 25 of his class which had over 350 students.

He has been involved in National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. As an athlete, he has led the Warriors basketball team the past three years and also has been a top finisher for the track and field team. This year he finished first in the high jump at the District 2 Championship and competed in the state championship.

"I would like to be remembered as a student and an athlete who set lofty goals and put in the work to achieve them. I believe I positively represented Delaware Valley in the classroom, on the court and on the track," Shane added.

Shane says that he will mostly miss the friends he has made over the years of high school and the comradery of high school sports.

His advice to underclassmen is to focus on school work but don't let it consume your life, and make sure to have some fun.

-Matthew Cavallaro

Peyton Baker

Peyton Baker has been a standout student athletically, academically and socially throughout his high school years. He is now looking forward to what the future holds for him on the west coast.

Peyton has been involved during his high school career; he is a four year member of the baseball team and Ski Club and a three year member of the football team.

He attributes these activities to helping him make friends and to opening up many opportunities for him.

Academically, Peyton has taken many engineering and science classes during his time at DV. He plans to major in electrical engineering at Arizona State University this fall. After college, he hopes to return to Milford and begin a career in the area.

Peyton's high school career has been a growing experience socially. Those who know Peyton consider him a caring, loyal friend. "He'll never let you down," said Senior Nick Rosati.

In his free time taking hikes, and waterfalls and listening to music.

Peyton feels that high school has helped him learn to try and meet new people. He said that he will miss the most when he leaves high school. "Socially it has been an experience meeting new people and finding ways to interact with new people," said Peyton.

Peyton would like to thank Mrs. Jessica Hubal for her help with programming and Mr. Steve Rhule and Mr. Dan Curtis for showing him all of the opportunities that are out there.

When asked what advice he would give to the younger generations Peyton said, "Never focus on one thing; always try to find little things to keep you occupied."

-Meghan Kelly

Emma Bobo

Intelligent and personable, Emma Bobo is an extremely active member in the DV community.

She is involved with FBLA and is vice president of the Model United Nations club. Her love of traveling introduced her to the world of the UN.

"The idea of learning more about different countries and what they think about the world and its problems and how they want to address those problems interested me to no end. I wanted to be a part of that," Emma said.

She has taken seven AP classes and lists Mrs. Shannon Maino, Mrs. Amanda Pope and Mr. Larry Marcial as the teachers that have made the most lasting impact on her high school years.

She plans on going to Boston University to major in biology with a specialization in cell biology, molecular biology and genetics.

"I want to be an investigative epidemiologist because diseases amaze and terrify me," she said. "There is nothing that I want more than to spend my life finding new ways

to fight them and eliminate them and helping people who cannot help themselves."

Senior Gabriella Cuevas spoke highly of Emma, saying, "Emma is one of the most vibrant, intelligent girls that I have ever met. She is a phenomenal leader in so many ways. Her intuition, keen wit and effervescence make all who meet her feel immediately comfortable. I am very lucky to call her my best friend."

Emma's advice to underclassmen is to go to bed early and take lots of pictures to remember the good times that happen over the course of high school. She will miss spending time with her friends backstage during concert nights and volunteering.

"I hope that people remember me as being a nice person," she said. "And maybe a little funny, too."

-Mackenzie Bennett

Ryan Brown

As vice president of the senior class, Ryan Brown has continuously worked to be a leader and positive influence in the halls of Delaware Valley.

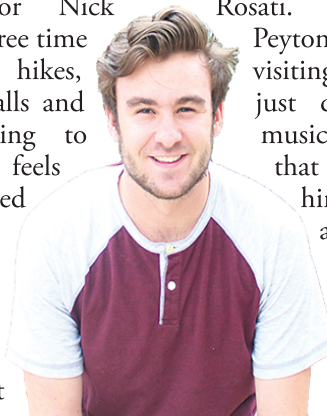
Ryan will be attending Temple University this fall to study business, which he is excited for because he believes it is located in a city with unlimited opportunities to explore. He hopes to travel all around the world while he is still young and would like to get a job where travel is a key component. As of right now, Ryan has already traveled to 49 states and will visit North Dakota, his last state remaining, this summer.

While at Delaware Valley, Ryan was also involved in Student Council and was a major part of this year's prom relocation.

He said, "The activities, especially being VP, have caused me to gain a good sense of responsibility to my peers, and I enjoy having a decision making role."

Ryan looks up to his father as his role model, explaining, "He's always wanted to give my mom, brother and myself awesome experiences by bringing us on amazing trips all across the country." He says that his family has had a major impact on his education by always encouraging him to do his best in school. He said that his mother began reading to him when he was very young and he believes that helped him greatly.

"I'm going to miss the many friends I made at DV."



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Coming from Dingman's, it was awesome to become very close with kids who went to DVMS through my four years of high school," he said.

He wants underclassmen to stay focused on keeping a good GPA and apply early to college. Along with his dance moves and great music taste, Ryan hopes to be remembered as someone people can always have a good conversation with.

-Matthew Cavallaro

Emma Burns

For Emma Burns, a University of Illinois commit, diving is the force that keeps her going. This is why she is overjoyed to continue her diving career at the Division I level.

"Diving has impacted me in a way that has changed me as a person," she said.

Her freshman year, she placed fourth at Districts. Her senior year, she placed first in the district and second in the region. But these accomplishments didn't come without struggle. Emma broke her ankle during November of her junior year, setting her back months in her training. Since her junior year was a major part of her diving career in the sense of college recruitment, Emma was heartbroken.

After two months of being in a cast, and many more months of physical therapy, Emma was able to recover in time for her senior season, which was without a doubt



her best season. She broke a Delaware Valley 11-dive pool record and the annual Les Richards 11-dive meet record with a score of 428.25.

"Individually, and as a team, we were very successful," she said. My senior diving season was the best I've had, breaking the school record. I couldn't have gone this far without my family, team and coaches always pushing



me."

Emma gives credit to Mrs. Chelsea Shatt, Ms. Erica DiMarzio and Mrs. Margaret Chromey for greatly impacting her high school career.

"Mrs. Shatt is a very understanding person and she cares a lot about her kids. Ms. DiMarzio is the same exact way. We relate in different ways, so having that kind of bond helped a lot."

Overall, Emma wants to be remembered as a person who pushed her teammates to be the best they could be, and she wants her peers to remember these lessons she learned from high school.

"Always work hard, and be willing to try new things. Always be open with others and make new friends. And don't worry about bad grades because you can always make them better."

-Nicole Dardia

Hannah Carlson

Hannah Carlson is anything but your average high school student. Quirky and funny, Hannah has stood out from the crowd with both her personal style and musical



instrument.

As the only bassoon player in the concert band and symphony orchestra, Hannah often plays a unique role within these ensembles. She has been a member of the concert band, orchestra and symphony orchestra for all four years of high school.

Hannah has played numerous musical instruments in her life. She began playing the viola in third grade and the flute in fourth grade. Looking for a change, Hannah decided to begin learning the bassoon in 7th grade and has been playing it since. She also loves to sing and is currently learning the piano.

"I'm always that kind of person who thinks, 'Let me do something weird.' That's the kind of person I am," she said.

Through various personal challenges, Hannah feels that she has grown throughout her high school career, saying, "I think I've learned not to take myself too seriously."

She cites both Mr. Lance Rauh and Mr. Dave Swinehart as major influences during her high school years, appreciating both their personal and professional support.

After high school, Hannah plans to take a gap year from attending Susquehanna University in order to take

some general education classes at Sussex Community College. At Susquehanna, Hannah plans to major in theater production and minor in music theory. She also intends to get involved in Susquehanna's music and theater groups.

In the future, Hannah hopes to be involved in theater, whether it be on stage or behind the scenes.

"I'm into basically everything on stage," she said. "Making a performance or making pieces of art...I see myself doing something of that sort."

-Vanessa Paolella

Laura Cassaro

Dedicated Early Childhood Education student Laura Cassaro looks back at her time at DV as a place with infinite learning opportunities crucial for advancing her future career path.

"At first I didn't do it [Early Childhood Education] to become a teacher, I just liked kids," Laura explained. "After student teaching, it started to influence my decision."

In the fall, Laura will be attending Wilkes University to study early childhood and elementary education, opening a chapter in which she is overly excited to begin.

Her time in high school, including her role on the tennis team, made her high school experience enjoyable.

"It's been a learning experience and I've made a lot of friends," said Laura, reflecting on her three years as a varsity athlete.

Laura's involvement with the Early Childhood Education program taught by Mrs. Jill Farr has made her high school experience different than other students'.

"For the past two years, its [school] been all about focusing on what I'm doing later. Early Childhood pushed me to focus on my future," said Laura.

Along with the Early Childhood Education program, Laura credits her success in high school to her favorite teacher, Mrs. Farr.

"She's always pushed me to my limit, but in a good way. She has been a friend and a support system, but has also always pushed me to continue this career path," said Laura.

Mrs. Farr describes Laura as an "attentive, outgoing the career As for Laura



hardworking, enthusiastic, student with a passion for and in everything she does." advice for underclassmen, said, "Don't pressure yourself too much. High school is important, but it's not the end of the world if things don't go your way. It will work out in the end. Don't stress too much and enjoy it."

-Katie Cooney

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Jordan Cassimore

As her years at DV have come to an end Jordan Cassimore would like to be remembered as a hard worker and someone who improved throughout her time at DV.

Throughout all four years, Jordan has been apart of the football and competitive cheerleading teams and apart of the United Way Day of Caring. Cheerleading has taught her how to be a team player and leadership.

Besides school and cheer, Jordan also dedicates her time to working at Olympia Sports as an assistant manager.

Throughout her life, Jordan notes that her older brother Rob Cassimore serves as her role model because he is doing fantastic things at Lehigh University and recently got a job at a hospital. Both her parents also had an impact on her time at DV, being that both were strict on her working to maintain good grades.

Also, Jordan credits Mr. Larry Marcial for being supportive and helpful through her journey of high school.

"Jordan is a hard worker and has willed herself to becoming a better human being. She is also so organized that she has made me a better teacher," said Mr. Marcial.

After leaving DV, she will miss her friends and teachers the most, stating,

"The teachers are like family who genuinely care, and I will miss that the most when going to college."

In the fall, Jordan will be attending James Madison University to major in kinesiology. She will also be cheering on their competition cheerleading



team.

In the future, Jordan sees herself working in prosthetics to hopefully help disabled people have less of a physical obstacle to overcome each day.

Reflecting on her high school years, Jordan wants underclassmen to know that it is important to, "take every year seriously it will help in the end."

-Kirsten Dunn

Steven Catizone

You may remember Steven as the guy in the sleek uniform conducting the marching band at the football field. Steven steadily kept the band's time during each performance and was an essential figure in its success.

"Becoming drum major meant so much to me. I got

to work with so many great people," he said.

Steven played a leading role in the music department, serving as band president. In addition, he is beloved by all the middle school band students who look up to him as a mentor. He has worked hard to ensure that they improve their musical knowledge and ability.

By far, Steven's favorite instrument is the alto saxophone, which was introduced to him by his mother after a brief stint with the trombone.

"It is the best instrument that I could have picked," he said.

When asked about his fondest memories at DV, they all revolved around the band room.

"My life is in this room. It's like my second weird vacation home... many things have happened here," he said.

Academically, Steven excels in math, earning top grades in Mrs. Christine Marcial's calculus class. He looks forward to majoring in mathematics and minoring in music education at Marywood University.

Steven's ultimate goal is to be the kind of teacher who is there to help any student. Even now, fellow band members will seek his help with their special right triangles and polynomial equations.

He considers Mr. Rick Bullock and Mrs. Christine Marcial as his most important teachers.

"Mr. Bullock is basically one of my best friends and mentor. Mrs. Marcial inspired me to be a math teacher. I love her teaching style. She makes sure that every student gets the material," he said.

Steven suggests to underclassmen that they never stop giving up on their dreams.

"I know it sounds cliché, but you're capable of anything, don't ever lose sight of your goals," he said.

-Collin Kawan-Hemler

Sal Centanni

The halls of Delaware Valley will not be the same without the big personality and contagious laugh of Sal Centanni.

During his time at Delaware Valley, Sal has taken five AP classes, his favorite of which was AP Economics with Mr. Mike Murray. He has also been involved in T.A.T.U. and Junior Historians. His favorite club, however, is Foreign Culture Club. Sal has been the president of



Foreign Culture Club for two years now, and he says he cares very much about it.

Sal will be attending Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in the fall where he will be studying business. To prepare for his major, Sal has taken five of the business classes that DV has to offer. He plans on using his degree and the marketing experience to get involved in the real estate business.

"I'm excited to leave Milford because I've only left here a few times, and I want to go explore new places and new environments," said Sal.

His favorite teacher during high school was Mrs. Janet Masser because of her teaching style.

"She really cares about her students and she makes class very enjoyable because her classes are less strict," said Sal.

The thought of being successful and one day being able to "live on a yacht" has kept Sal motivated to do well in high school. He knows he will have to work hard to become successful in his future.

His parents have also been there to support him and keep him on track. His advice to underclassmen would be to get as involved as possible so you can make more like-minded friends and do something interesting after school. If he could go back and do anything differently, it would be to work harder freshman and sophomore year.

-Sera Shafer

Maecy Chlebowski

Maecy Chlebowski has been a very active student athlete at Delaware Valley throughout her high school years.

She has been involved with extracurricular activities by being a part of the National Honor Society, Student Council, the field hockey team and the lacrosse team.

Maecy is attending the University of New Haven in Connecticut where she plans on majoring in communications. She plans on specializing in the film and technology fields of communications and hopes to pursue a job in those fields.

Maecy will also be playing field hockey for the University of New Haven at the Division II level for the Chargers. She made the decision to continue her field hockey career due to the influence of her lacrosse coach, Ms. Bernadine Salak who was an inspirational figure for her. She was also influenced by her parents who have been very supportive and have always held her to high standards.

Some of her favorite memories from high school



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included being involved with sports' teams and having classes with her friends.

Maecy explained that if she could change anything about high school it would be to make school start later. She also said that she would bring back honors classes so that students were not limited to only Advanced Placement classes or basic classes.



Reflecting on her years in high school she explained that, "I learned not to be too concerned over little things like test grades. I learned that there was so much more to high school than the educational part."

After Maecy attends college, she plans to get a job in communications. She does not plan on attending graduate school directly after college. She also hopes to travel around the world after she completes college.

-Morgan Gifford

Heather Connolly

It is said that if you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life. Heather Connolly is one student who certainly lives by that creed. She is an accomplished person who has been a star student and a leader in the HOSA club.

Since sophomore year, Heather has competed in the Biomedical Science event for Pennsylvania HOSA. All three years she advanced to the national level, earning one gold and two silver medals. Heather's victories brought her to Anaheim, California, Nashville, Tennessee and now Orlando, Florida.

Heather credits HOSA adviser Mrs. Barbara Coyle as an important guide during her first year of the club. "When I joined, I was nervous; I didn't really know anyone," Heather said, "She helped me and guided me towards choosing biomedicine as my event."

Heather is now president of the HOSA club this year, managing preparations for the state competition and fundraising. The leadership skills Heather learned from HOSA will stay with her as she continues her studies and career.

"In the medical field you have to be a leader," she said.

In addition to being a good leader, Heather is incredibly daring. Although she has been affected by chronic back pain which prevented her from playing sports, Heather enjoys adventurous activities.

On Lake Wallenpaupack she has learnt sailing with her family's boat. She even looks forward to flying with her father who is a pilot.

In her next adventure, the University of Pittsburgh will welcome Heather this fall. There she will be a pre-med major with a focus on biology. This reflects her interest in biomedical sciences, which were nurtured by both HOSA and her biology teacher Mrs. Amanda Pope.

"I had Mrs. Pope for both freshman Block and AP Biology. She really helped me focus on the subject. Also, seeing how passionate she is about her job makes me want to feel the same towards my career," said Heather.

"Find what your passion is and follow it. Everything will be so much easier," she advised underclassmen.

-Collin Kawan-Hemler

Brandon Crawford

As a member of DV's top 25, jazz band, baseball team and more, Brandon Crawford has put a great deal of effort into making the most of his high school years.

Brandon has played the saxophone since fourth grade and has found a passion for music. He has played tenor sax for the high school concert band for four years and jazz band for three years.

After school, Brandon has been a key member of the baseball team as first baseman, where he is fondly referred to by his teammates as "Shrimp". He has played on the varsity team for two years and considers the friends that he has made on the team as an important component throughout his years in high school.

Brandon has also been a member of FBLA, National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta.

He credits his family as a major influence and support throughout his life.

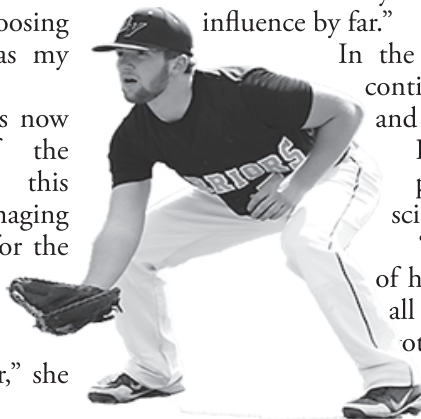
"My family was really focused on [things like] personal relationships and what's important, not materialism," Brandon said. "[I believe that] if you look at life from that perspective, you'll be way happier."

His parents and older brother have set a strong example for him, prompting him to work hard for success while supporting him along the way.

"To this day, my mom still wakes up and makes me breakfast every day," he said. "That's what I'm saying, I have the best family in the world. That's my biggest influence by far."

In the future, Brandon hopes to continue playing the saxophone and club baseball. He will attend Penn State main campus to pursue a degree in actuarial science.

"Everything's [in life is] kind of hectic," he said. "But despite all of that, it's your life: you've got to be happy, value your personal relationships, family, and just have fun."



You can't let [life] get to you."

-Vanessa Paolella

Emily Crawn

Known for her bubbly personality and musical talent, Emily Crawn will easily be remembered long after she leaves DV.

She has been involved with both concert choir and chamber choir, and she was also a part of the ensemble cast in this year's drama production "The Little Mermaid."

"Growing up, I always found myself walking around and singing, and I was told that I should take chorus in elementary school when I was old enough," she said. "I've been singing ever since."

Emily credits her success in high school to her family, friends and teachers. Mr. Evan Bates and Mr. Larry Marcial have pushed her to do her best and gave her the best life advice.

Her favorite memories from the past four years include being a part of the softball team, Drama Club and meeting new people who have shaped her into the person she is today.

"I hope to be remembered as the girl who isn't afraid to be herself and who uplifted people's days with kind words, deep listening, humor and genuine empathy," she stated.

Her future plans include attending Susquehanna University where she wants to major in early childhood education with a minor in theatre. She enjoys tutoring her little brother and making a difference in his education, and she hopes to use her degree to become a kindergarten teacher.

"The advice I would give to underclassmen would be to not be afraid of failure," Emily said. "Always be willing to take risks."

-Mackenzie Bennett

Gabriella Cuevas

Gabriella Cuevas is known for her artistic style and love of music at DV. Gabbi plans to attend East Stroudsburg University this fall. Though she is undecided in her major, she wants to study the field of art as well as business ownership and hopes to become a graphic designer or small business owner. She is hopeful towards being a successful artist and sharing her art. "I'm going to miss so many awesome teachers and classes from DV. I've learned and grown so much," she said.

"Gabbi Cuevas made such an impact in FBLA. I saw her grow from someone who was very shy and quiet



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to someone who is very outgoing. It's amazing to see because it's what FBLA is all about," said Mrs. Maura Angle, FBLA adviser.

Gabbi strongly recommends that everyone participate in FBLA because "it was the best decision I ever made in high school" for the community service opportunities and the many new people that she met.

Gabbi also recommends chorus and choir to everyone for at least one semester because of the lessons she has learned from them.

"Everyone should try it [chorus or choir] because it teaches so much self discipline."

"It [high school] is difficult, but it's the most rewarding thing to look back on your high school years and finally say 'I've done so much'. Don't be scared.

Mr. [Evan] Bates once told me that 'stress does you no good if it cripples you,' so just focus and take your time," Gabbi said.

Gabbi is looking forward to her new chapter in life but is going to miss so many teachers and friends that she has made here. She will miss the connections made this year and will forever cherish her time at DV.

-Tess Balton

Julia Cuevas

Julia Cuevas is most known for her musical talents and her year on exchange in Argentina, but what many do not know is how her extracurriculars and exchange trip impacted her and her future goals.

Julia has demonstrated her musical abilities as a member of the school's chamber choir.

"Music has been a huge part of my life, especially being a part of the music program at DV because it is such a great program and it definitely has made me the person I am," said Julia.

Over the course of her high school career, she has been involved in the National Honor Society, FBLA, Odyssey of the Mind, Drama Club and Rotary Youth Exchange.

"Julia is an excellent actress, prop builder, designer and costume maker. Her talents have brought wonderful results to the team," said Julia's OM coach Ms. Terry Balton.

Julia has made lifelong friendships through her time in OM, and it has taught her how to work well under pressure and how to think outside of the box.

Julia traveled abroad for her junior year and the trip has left a long lasting and positive impact on her. She made incredible friends from all over the world that she

remains in contact with today.

"It threw me into the fire, I had all these life lessons thrown at me all at once and I had to grow up in the span of such a short time," said Julia.

The time that Julia spent on exchange has made her aware of where she wants her future to take her, which includes going to Temple University with the intent to study international business.

Julia aspires to live in Buenos Aires again one day while owning and running her own business.

-Bry Rose

Daniel Curtis

Dan Curtis has lived his high school career to the fullest. Throughout the last four years Dan has become involved with a variety of activities including Engineering Club, tennis, Model UN, and National History Day.

According to Dan high school has, "engaged me in a broad array of interests and it has kept me intellectually active."

He also says that high school has helped him "branch out more and become engaged in school activities, and grow socially."

After high school Dan plans to attend Lehigh University and major in computer science to begin his rigorous plans to attend Lehigh and major in computer and business. He is excited at a school that is highly and thoroughly prepares students for their future profession. He is most excited to eventually join the workforce and begin his career.

Dan will miss his friends most when he graduates, "I will miss most of the people I see on a daily basis because I have seen these people most of my life and I am sad to see them go."

Out of all classes Dan has taken at DV he says that AP Computer Science has been his favorite. He would like to thank Mrs. Jessica Hubal because she encouraged him to continue computer science and programming.

He would like to also thank his friends, especially Connor Madsen, who have supported him these past years.

Dan's advice to underclassmen is to "always keep an open mind and don't be afraid to try new things."

-Meghan Kelly

Shelby DeFreese

In and out of the classroom, Shelby DeFreese is a hardworking student and a leader to her peers. Shelby's role model is her mother because she is hardworking and dedicated to everything she does.

Shelby has been a part of the Cheerleading team

since her freshman year, and has been on the varsity team since tenth grade. As a captain of the team, she hopes to have left a good legacy on the cheer program for the underclassmen moving up.

Along with the varsity football cheer team, Shelby was also on the competition team where she got the opportunity to travel to Hershey, Pa. and Disney, in Orlando, Fla for three years for competition. Shelby says that her favorite cheer memory was, "Sophomore year, going to Disney with my cheer team, it was a lot of fun. I made a lot of close friends that year on my team, and I had a really good experience in Disney. We had a good performance, and it was just a good feeling the whole time."

Shelby is also actively involved in volunteering at the school in events such as the Day of Caring, Relay for Life and many other hours of community service, as she is also in the National Honor Society.

After high school, Shelby will continue her education at the University of Pittsburgh, where she will major in biology.

She credits her AP Biology teacher, Mrs. Amanda Pope, with her decision to major in biology. Mrs. Pope inspired her to figure out what she wants to do after high school, and has had a huge influence on her love for biology.

Shelby is most excited to live in a city somewhere much different than this small town she grew up in. "There is so much and so many opportunities," Shelby said.

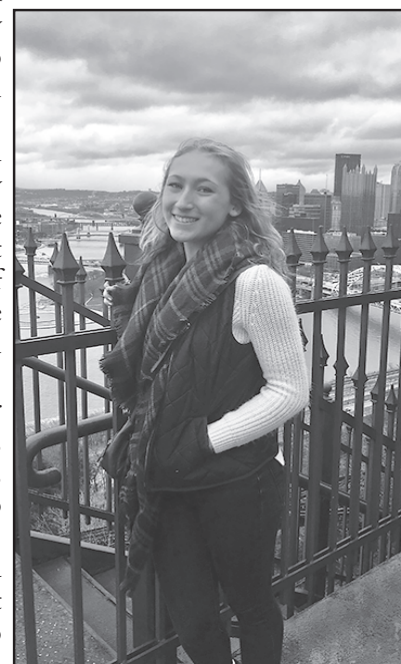
The teachers who invested time in helping her with school work are the people she will miss most from DV when she leaves.

"All the hard work you did in high school really pays off in the end," said Shelby. "You realize that when you start applying to colleges and figuring out where you want to go."

-Sydney Couturier

Kyle Dillon

Often, people allow negative events to define them and do nothing to invoke change, however this is not the case for Kyle Dillon. A full ACL tear in the third game of his senior football season ended his whole high school athletics career, but he did not allow that to stop him. Kyle will be attending the University of Rhode Island where he will play Division I football and major



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in kinesiology to become a sports physical therapist.

During his time at DV, Kyle has played three varsity sports: football, swimming and track and field. He has also volunteered at the Special Olympics, United Day of Caring and the Red Cross Blood Drive.

Kyle said, "The sports and activities I have participated in have taught me leadership, responsibility, loyalty and perseverance."

Kyle credits his attributes to his parents, with his father serving as his role model for serving the United States as well as continuing to better the community and his family.



He stated, "My father taught me everything I know about sports and being respectful. My mother taught me to enjoy life for the moment, not the future."

As an athlete, Kyle was a standout in all sports but his four years as a varsity football star has propelled him to play at the collegiate next season. Kyle was a three time league champion, two time district champion and an Eastern Conference Champion.

Kyle added, "Coach [Nick] Quaglia and Coach [Keith] Olsommer impacted my plans for the future because they've guided me through high school through football and track."

As for what the future holds, Kyle hopes to travel and experience foreign cultures and traditions. He would like to be remembered as a friendly person who didn't take things too seriously.

-Matthew Cavallaro

Amber Doherty

Art is something that Amber Doherty does not take for granted. It has helped Amber through her years at Delaware Valley and to become the person that she is today.

All she aspires to become in life is an amazing artist and to share her talent with others. Becoming an artist is what she believes is best for her. She has humbly expressed herself through her artwork from an early age. Her parents are her role models and have helped her along the way.

"They've always been there for me, and that's just something for me to be proud of," Amber said.

Amber has been enrolled in numerous art classes and programs in her high school career. These courses have helped her to gain confidence in her abilities. Dr. Irene Lantz and Mrs. Christine Sweeney have also helped her succeed and accomplish things she never thought she could.

"Amber's artistic journey has lead to diverse

exploration and accomplishment. She enjoys challenging herself with media, process and subject matter as a means of personal expression and reflection," said Mrs. Sweeney.

Amber has decided to take a gap year after graduating high school because she feels that it is needed to plan everything out and just settle down. After her gap year, she plans to continue her artistic talents in college. She will be attending the School of Visual Arts in New York City where she will major in animation and illustration.

"Don't procrastinate and for anyone going through a hard time it'll be over soon. Make sure to do your homework, get good grades and stay out of trouble," Amber said.

-Shelby Brittain

Kelley Edison

Kelley Edison is a dedicated and hardworking student both in the classroom and the art room.

Throughout high school, Kelley has taken General Art, and over the years made her way to AP Studio Art, taking many other art classes in between. In AP Studio Art her focus is in photography.

"It took a lot of hard work and discipline and you can't procrastinate, there was a lot of effort that got put into it," Kelley said.

The best part, Kelley says, about being in art classes is that you are free to do what you want, be creative, expand on skills and explore yourself without strict guidelines.

Outside of school Kelley takes photos for her peer's senior pictures or anyone who needs it.

Kelley plans to take photography with her into her future where she hopes to move down south to open a family photography business. She is most excited to see if everything in her future works out the way she wants and hopes for it to.

Mr. Scott Llewellyn has had the biggest impact on Kelley in high school.

She said, "He has always been tough, he's honest with you, he always helps you to do your best and tells you if you are doing something wrong."

Kelley's favorite memory here at DV would be her senior prom and prom weekend. She would like to be remembered as the girl who was close with all of the teachers and put all of her work into what she did in her art classes.

Kelley's advice for



underclassmen would be, "Enjoy it while you're here because graduation comes up a lot faster than you expect it to."

-Sydney Couturier

Tyler Fuller

Ever since elementary school, Tyler Fuller has been known as one of the most kind-hearted, hard-working and talented members of the senior class. He has been a prominent figure in DV's music department as a trumpet player and a singer, while also thriving academically as a member of the National Honor Society.

Tyler will be attending Penn State University in the fall as a premedicine major with the hopes of becoming either a physician or a surgeon. He said that no matter where he ends up, he wants his work to help people.

"Tyler is probably one of the hardest working students I've had in a very long time," said Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski. "He is kind, he is motivated, he is determined to do well and he has a great future."

While at DV, Tyler has participated in concert band, jazz band, pit band and symphony orchestra, as well as concert choir and chamber choir. Tyler says that his involvement in the music department had taught him discipline and diligence, and that "through practice comes excellence."

As he is preparing to study medicine, Tyler noted how grateful he is to have been apart such an incredible science department at DV.

"The science teachers really prepare us well," he said. "I think Mrs. [Amanda] Pope is definitely one of those teachers who helped put me in the right direction for college."

The teachers Tyler has had at DV have also played an important role in his career path, including Miss Elizabeth Katz, Mr. Richard Hoerst, Miss Lindsay Baker, Mrs. Oszczepinski, Mrs. Christine Marcial and Mr. Gary Cotroneo.

Tyler hopes to be remembered at DV as someone who can be looked up to as a leader in whatever he does.

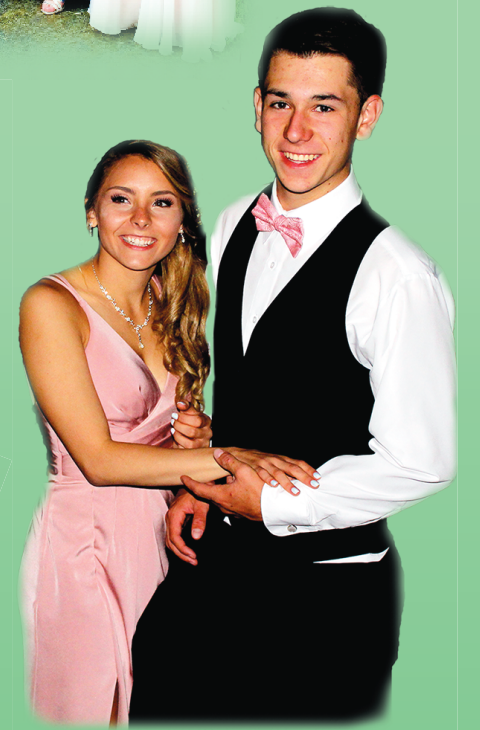
"Whatever you do, strive for excellence, but remember to enjoy your years in high school and cherish these moments because they do go by very quickly," he said.

-Lindsey Toomer





Mystic Garden Prom 2017



By TESS BALTON
Staff Writer

On May 12, the highly anticipated DV Prom took place at the Kalahari Convention Center in Stroudsburg, Pa. Despite the short amount of time and some complications, the new venue, food, DJ and transportation were all successfully planned.

"It wasn't easy trying to find a reservation for 350 people on short notice," explained a notice on the school website

"I'm really proud of our seniors," said superintendent Dr. John Bell. "They weighed all the options and chose the one that they thought best served their needs in having a great prom."

The venue for prom took place in a large convention room and comfortably housed over 375 of the students who attended. The same menu that Delaware Valley and the Best Western had already planned was used at Kalahari in order to fit the prom budget.

Because Grey Towers was unavailable for the prom pictures this year due to construction, the pictures took place at the Cliff Park Inn golf course outside of Milford. Bus transportation was available for students to get from the picture venue to Kalahari. Overall, the senior class was pleased with the changes that were made to the venues.

"We were all really nervous about prom and how it would work out, especially since we were looking forward to it all year, but it turned out to be better than expected and it was really great," said senior Sera Shafer.

Many seniors were crowd surfing on the dancefloor and chanting their graduation year, "Twenty-seventeen! Twenty-seventeen!"

Matt Cavallaro was crowned Prom King and Molly Scollo was crowned Prom Queen.

"Prom was a ton of fun and we had a great group of people on the prom court," said Cavallaro.



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Hannah Gallagher

Whether it be in the hallway, classroom or on the court, Hannah Gallagher is sure to leave a smile on your face.

Throughout high school, Hannah has been a member of the National Honor Society, Forensics Club, varsity volleyball team and varsity basketball team. She said that being a part of these school activities forces her to be a well-rounded student.

Hannah will be attending King's College in the fall, a Liberal Arts college in Wilkes-Barre Pa., where she plans to major in business management and play for both volleyball and basketball. Her future plans include living in the city and becoming involved with fashion management.

Hannah was successful in the sports she played at DV. She won the most-valuable player award for the volleyball league and played in the first team All-Star game for basketball. She is seen as a leader and a hard-worker by her peers, teachers and coaches. She gives credit to her parents who have helped her to be successful during her high school years.

"My family is what keeps me going most of the time.

When I couldn't drive, they were the ones taking me everywhere. They were always there to watch my games, and they were the reason why I still do it. I want them to be proud of me, so I do the things that I do sometimes for them," she said.

One person who has made a big impact on Hannah is Ms. Lindsay Baker because she pushed her to become a better basketball player and overall, a better person.

"Seeing Hannah leave, it's a joyous occasion, but at the same time it's bitter sweet. She's a top-notch quality person, has a great personality, fantastic sense of humor, and is very optimistic and realistic about things in life. She just has one of those refreshing personalities and overall she's going to leave some very big shoes to fill both literally and figuratively," said Ms. Baker.

-Shelby Brittain

Emily Gelormino

Passionate, well-rounded, kind-hearted and cheerful are just a few of the words commonly used to describe Emily Gelormino.

"Emily is constantly a ray of sunshine. I will never think about Emily and not smile. I am so proud of how

she has developed confidence throughout the past four years," said AP Biology teacher Mrs. Amanda Pope with tears in her eyes. "She stands out because she cares so much, and that's something that I'll always remember."

During her time in high school, Emily has been involved in countless activities including National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council and peer math tutoring. Along with her many activities, Emily is also a captain for the varsity girls' lacrosse team. Academically, she has taken 10 AP classes, her favorites of which were AP Statistics and AP Biology because of their practicality and interesting subject matter.

Emily has always been driven by the desire to attend a good college. Her hard work finally paid off, as she will be continuing her academic career at Villanova University where she will be double majoring in statistics and biology. She plans on gearing her majors towards stem cell and genetic modification research, which will allow her to run statistical analysis on this type of research.

Her family has been a huge inspiration for Emily going through her high school years.

"My mom is so amazing, nurturing and understanding and my dad is just the best advice giver I've ever met. Then there's my brother, who I've always kind of competed with to just keep myself motivated and he's always there for me," said Emily with a smile.

When asked if she could go back to freshman year and tell herself anything, she had some wise words.

"You're getting a senior profile, so don't even worry about what happens now," Emily said laughing.

-Sera Schafer

Anthony Gosch

Anthony Gosch is one of the consistently friendly faces that can be seen throughout the halls of DV. Besides being outgoing and sociable, he's president of Model UN, co-president of Peer Buddies, community service director of FBLA, managing editor of the yearbook and an active member of both Odyssey of the Mind and National Honor Society.

"Receiving fifth place at the FBLA national competition was such a significant accomplishment. It was such a great feeling to work so hard with one of my greatest friends and be recognized for our efforts," he said.

Anthony lists Ms. Audrey Josephite, Mrs. Maura Angle and Mr. Gary Cotroneo as his biggest motivators, aside from his parents.

"They not only encourage me to do all I can to develop my professional and academic skills, but they have proven to be terrific assets for advice and positive affirmations," Anthony said.

His only regret about his high school experience

was not joining more clubs during his freshman year. Otherwise, he is completely satisfied with all that he has accomplished.

"My advice to underclassmen is to enjoy your time in high school. You want to be able to look back and be satisfied with what you've done. DV and our community places tremendous opportunities into our hands, and it is up to us to take advantage of them," he said.

Upon leaving DV, Anthony plans to attend Temple University where he will double major in international business and Spanish. He hopes to travel the world and meet new people, eventually opening up his own hotel or resort.

"Anthony is one of the best friends anyone could ask for. He's so kind and has the best sense of humor, and I know that he will thrive wherever he goes," said senior Lindsey Toomer.

-MacKenzie Bennett

Paige Gunderman

Despite a life-changing event not long after the beginning of the school year, Paige Gunderman has continued to keep a positive attitude and has pushed through every challenge life has thrown her way.

A cheerleader throughout high school, Paige's life as she knew it changed when she entered the hospital one day in November after experiencing loss of feeling in half of her body for what she and doctors thought was a pinched nerve. After many tests, doctors soon discovered that Paige was suffering from a cavernoma, or a bleed in the brain. After spending much time in the hospital, she, her family and doctors had to make the difficult decision of whether or not to perform a risky neurosurgery that could potentially help or hurt her.

Paige's will and determination gave her an advantage through her stay at the hospital and allowed her to come out of surgery stronger than ever. Although she experienced many hardships throughout the process, she gained many positive aspects as well.

The hardest part of this experience was having to get



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used to the changes her body went through and being incapable of doing some of the things she would like to do.

On the positive side, she learned how strong and valuable she really is and how it is important to not take life for granted.

"The most rewarding part of surgery was knowing that I gained my best friend, and I would have her by my side no matter what," Paige said.

Paige also credits her dad as the person who inspires her to be who she is today.

"He pushes me to be the best and stands by my side through the good and the bad. He's my rock," she said.

Even though her senior year was not like everyone else's, Paige has proven that even if things do not go as expected, you still can make the best of it.

-Alicia Housby

Alyssa Harvey

Known as a dedicated leader, volunteer and scholar, Alyssa Harvey has left her mark on DV with her dedication to make it a better place. She has spent over 200 hours volunteering her time to helping the school and community and hopes to serve as a role model for underclassmen.

Alyssa will be attending West Chester University in the fall as a member of the honors program.

She will be majoring in cellular and molecular biology and minoring in business. She looks forward to finding a career where she can incorporate both of her passions, business and science, to be able to help people.

During her time at DV, Alyssa has been a member of FBLA for three years and was elected president her senior year. She attended FBLA Nationals in Atlanta last year and will be attending Nationals in Anaheim this year for her contributions to DV's Community Service Project. Alyssa is most proud of the work she has done for the community and the positive impact she hopes to have made on people's lives.

"She really has passion and initiative [and has] grown from a quiet person into somebody that really took a good leadership role," said FBLA adviser Mrs. Maura Angle. "I think she's going to be very successful."

Aside from her involvement with FBLA, Alyssa also finds time to participate in Student Council, Forensic Science Club, Girls Who Code, TATU, Engineering Club and National Honor Society.

"It's best to live the fullest life possible and even though it might feel overwhelming at the time, do as many things as you can because it'll help you



be a better person and diversify yourself," Alyssa said.

The teachers Alyssa have had at DV are what she will miss she most. She is grateful for the impact Mrs. Angle, Mrs. Amanda Pope, Mr. Kevin DeVizia, Mr. Steve Rhule and Mr. Gary Dennis have made on her education for always encouraging her to work to her highest potential.

-Lindsey Toomer

Nick Haydu

Showing substantial leadership skills in the classroom and on the football team, Nick Haydu hopes to leave Delaware Valley with a legacy.

"I would like to leave a legacy when it comes to sports. Kids look up to me and what I have been able to achieve is what they hope to, if not surpass what I already set as a standard. I want kids to do as well as they can," said Nick.

Nick plans to attend Cornell University where he will continue his career in football and study his lifelong interests in astronomy and engineering so he can become an astrophysicist.

"I've always been incredibly interested in space ever since I was a little kid. It is just something I really enjoy," he said.

Nick has been involved in the Engineering Club, is a league all-star track and field athlete and has also served as the captain of the football team. He is most excited to continue playing football and is all of the opportunities it has provided for his schooling at a prestigious university.

"For football and sports in general you should always try your hardest. There have even been times where I look back and wonder what more I could have accomplished if I had tried harder," said Nick.

Nick explained how he will miss the high school atmosphere.

"It will only get harder from here, but that's just a factor of life. I have also had the same group of friends since I was a little kid and making new friends is going to make it hard to adapt. It's scary, but it's awesome," he explained.

Nick said, "Don't push assignments off. Don't waste your time away. You might want to leave high school now, but when you're a senior you are really going to wish you could do it all over again."

-Ariana Como

Paulina Henzel-Kedzior

Known by her friends as a caring and witty person, Paulina Henzel-Kedzior has been an active student, as a long-time member of the Reading Team, FBLA, Science Olympiad and National Honor Society, yet her true

impact during these last four years has been as a volunteer for a local non-profit organization.

As a long-standing volunteer for GAIT Therapeutic Riding Center, Paulina has developed a passion for helping those in need. From general barn maintenance and upkeep to assisting riders with their activities and helping to facilitate classes, Paulina has been an essential member of the organization for over three years.

"This whole experience has brought so much awareness to my world, [just] how much we take for granted," she explained.

What first started as an art contest and a love of horses has since turned into a career goal. Paulina credits her time at GAIT as the catalyst for her interest in pursuing occupational therapy.

"I was so lost in what I wanted to do," Paulina said. "My entire life, I was interested in so many things, but this brings together so many of my interests...I love biology, psychology, I love helping people feel better about themselves...Occupational therapy, which I wasn't familiar with until GAIT, is a perfect blend of all that."

Paulina also notes that her time at FBLA state and national competitions has had a significant impact on her social interactions; by forcing her to meet a multitude of new people and constantly interact with others, she says that she began to feel more comfortable and open when talking to others. Once shy and timid, Paulina expresses her excitement at gaining this new feeling of confidence through these experiences.

After high school, Paulina plans to attend Penn State Worthington Scranton and major in biobehavioral health, with a minor in rehabilitation and human services. She hopes to continue working with special needs children and adults in the future.

-Vanessa Paolella

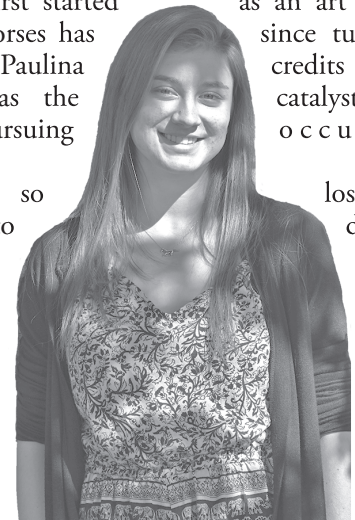
Gabrielle Hoare

Her fun personality and heavy school involvement are just two things Gabby will be remembered for in the halls of Delaware Valley.

During her time in high school, she has been a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, soccer, track and field and field hockey. Gabby was also a national competitor for FBLA the summer after her junior year.

Out of the six AP classes she has taken during her time at DV, Gabby's favorites were AP US Government and AP US History because of the helpful teachers and interesting topics.

Mr. Daniel Gonzalez, Mr. Nick Qualia and Ms.



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Erica Dimarzio have all been big influences on Gabby.

"Ms. Dimarzio was my first period teacher freshman year when I didn't really know anybody. She made me feel really comfortable and welcome in the new atmosphere that was a lot bigger than I was used to," said Gabby with a smile.



Starting freshman year as a new student, Gabby worked twice as hard to get involved and make a name for herself.

After her experience, her piece of advice to new students is to get as involved as possible.

"Make sure you get involved and don't be afraid to try new things even though it's scary,"

said Gabby. "Find something that you like and you'll make friends from there."

She says that thinking about her future has kept her motivated to do well in high school. She has been working to set herself up for a successful future. This future began a short time ago when Gabby joined the Army Reserves. She says that she always knew she wanted to join the military, and she realized the Army Reserves gave her the best fit.

After the military, Gabby plans on going to a community college for nursing. She wants to use her degree and experience to work in a hospital and have the opportunity to help people.

-Sera Shafer

Billy Hodgins

When thinking of one of the most social individuals in the senior class, Billy Hodgins comes to mind. Billy's outgoing personality, loud voice and willingness to talk to anyone has set him apart.

During high school, Billy has been a member of the football team, snowboarding club and weight lifting club. He also notes that he enjoys using fidget spinners and watching "Naruto."

Academically, Billy explains that he used to have mediocre grades and was unaware that one's junior year is deemed as the most important year for colleges.

"I realized too late that junior year was the most important, so I made my senior year the hardest," Billy explained. "This year I have a 3.8 GPA and I'm proud of myself for turning my grades around."

Reflecting on his time at DV, Billy notes that Mrs. Nicole Consentino, Mrs. Leslie Lordi, Mr. Laurence Marcial, Mr. Ernest Sandonato, Mr. Eric Thiele and Ms. Deanna Zarzecki were his most influential teachers because of their effective teaching methods and personable attitudes.

Learning from his own personal experiences, Billy urges underclassmen to study and focus more during their freshmen and sophomore years. In addition, Billy recommends that students should join more clubs and

take more leadership roles in order to become more well-rounded before college.

"Be more sociable and less dramatic. Focus and study because it's actually important, and do as many extracurriculars as you can," said Billy.

Although Billy places an importance on education, he notes that some of his best memories have come from the connections and countless friends he has made along the way.

"I hope everyone knows I would do anything for my friends and I'm always there to help anyone if needed," said Billy.

When looking back at high school, Billy wants his lasting remark to be that the class of 2017 has the best number on the mountain.

In the fall, Billy will be attending Bloomsburg University with plans to major in political science.

-Kirsten Peters

James Hoerst

Moving on to Wichita State University in Kansas, James Hoerst, will be continuing his music career beyond his years at Delaware Valley. Although James was involved with music before high school in ways such as taking drum lessons, he attributes his interest in becoming a music educator and part time performer to DV's retiree Mr. Lance Rauh.

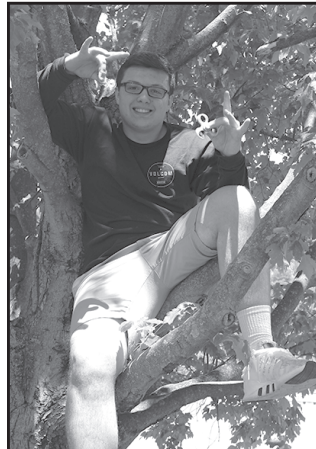
"Lance Rauh was the band director for my first three years of high school. Because he also played the saxophone, he was my inspiration. I entered high school having no idea what I really wanted to do, but as I watched him do what he did everyday, he just made me want to do that too," said James.

James joined orchestra in 3rd grade and band in 5th grade where his love for playing the saxophone began. Aside from being a part of the music program at school, James performs with community bands and also private jazz bands.



him to do what he loves in many different ways.

James is going to miss the familiar faces in the halls of DV but is excited to explore the wide variety of options that college will have in store for him.



He is thankful for the personal responsibility that his involvement in the music department has taught him, especially when it comes to playing his part.

"I was unable to hide in my section in the jazz band. You have to play your part or it's not going to sound right," he said.

Also, James is thankful for his supportive family who has a background in music.

"Being one of the top jazz musicians in the school, making district jazz, playing with all kinds of bands and other professional musicians, I hope to have showed what can be done in such a short period of time," said James.

-Ariana Como

Ben Horowitz

Known for his exuberant and opinionated personality, Ben Horowitz is always striving to make his peers and teachers laugh.

Ben attributes his positive personality to his parents. He was rambunctious as a child and his parents helped him take that energy, and focus on communicating well with others.

Along with his family, Ben has found many influential teachers who have guided him through the challenges of high school, including Mr. Mike Murray and Mr. Robert Curtis.

"I love Mr. Curtis; he has taught me that there is so much to learn about how the universe works and all of the challenges it provides," said Ben.

While in high school, Ben has been a part of the peer math tutoring program, martial arts and Drama Club. Ben believes that the Drama Club has helped him step out of his comfort zone and helped show him that there is more to life than what meets the eye. Martial arts has been a passion of his since middle school and has been a great way for Ben to get involved and meet new people.

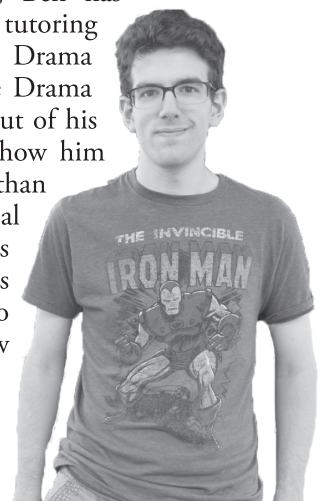
Outside of school he is an assistant instructor at the Milford Tae Kwon Do studio.

After high school, Ben plans on furthering his education at East Stroudsburg University and majoring in secondary education in physics. He also hopes to stay involved with martial arts and drama and pursuing all of his passions.

Ben would advise any underclassmen to do what they love, and that all that matters is what is in your heart not what materialistic items are around you.

"My favorite memory from high school were the people, all of the positivity in this school out ways the negatives, and these people have made me who I am today," said Ben.

-Maeve Dowd



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Savannah House

"Savannah is an absolute gem; one of the hardest workers I've ever met. I have zero doubt that she's headed for greatness," said Savannah House's favorite teacher and HOSA adviser, Mrs. Barbara Coyle.

Savannah plans to attend Wilkes University this fall to work in the nursing program.

"I love HOSA! class to take and I to everyone. Mrs. inspiration to me, me with public [Mrs. Coyle] also me pick my job and I want to do with

House is nursing and has she's wanted to future. Though she's to going to college, many of her friends DV.

"I'm planning to (on weekends) We're like sisters. her so much,"

House is heavily involved with HOSA as well as varsity basketball cheer and plans to continue cheerleading in college.

From her freshman and sophomore years of high school, House also took part in the Combo 9 and Combo 10 programs of DV. "I loved Combo. The teachers and the people whom I had in my classes were so fun and I recommend it to students as well as HOSA," said House.

House said, "Just relax once in awhile. Just breathe. I overwhelmed myself a few times throughout high school and I wish I could tell myself take it easy. It helps to have someone to talk to."

-Tess Balton

Brianne Hughes

In the fall, Brianne Hughes will be attending Lehigh University's College of Business and Economics. Although she is currently undecided, she plans to major in finance. But before Brianne moves on to the next chapter in her life, there is a lot to be recognized about her time at DV.

Among her extensive list of credentials, Brianne has been the treasurer for the class of 2017, as well as being a member of FBLA, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Student Council and track and field. Personally, Brianne notes that she is most proud of balancing her time between an arduous workload and having a part time job working 30 hours per week.

Looking back on her time at DV, Brianne places Mrs. Amanda Pope and Mr. Evan Bates at the top of her "most influential teachers" list. According to

Brianne, what sets these two teachers apart from the rest is how personable they are and how they taught more than just the curriculum, whether it be about life skills, values or through their own personal experiences.

When sharing a few words of advice to underclassmen, Brianne emphasizes the importance of using one's voice, "Don't ever be afraid to speak up about anything – if you're upset, if you feel like there is an injustice, or if you see someone being bullied – you've got a voice and you've got to use it."

When looking towards her future, Brianne is excited about making new connections and exploring the world around her at Lehigh, although she is going to miss the friends she's grown up with over the years, noting that she wishes there were more group gatherings to bring the class together.

If there's one thing Brianne wants people to remember about her, it's that she was always there to lend a helping hand, was easy-going, and was a hard-worker. Whether one has known Brianne her whole life or has only had one conversation with her, she has left a positive impact on the lives around her at DV.

-Kirsten Peters

Denali Hutzelmann

"Though she be little, she be fierce."

Denali Hutzelmann may only be 5'2", but she stands high above her competitors in the pool, on the trail and on the track.

Denali has been on the varsity swim team for all four years of high school, advancing to the state competition each season. As a sophomore, her relay team broke the district record, and as a junior she went to States in the 500 freestyle and the 100 butterfly, among many other achievements. Her swim career has been heavily influenced by her older sister, as well as her father, who is the swim coach of her Aqua Gems team.

Denali has also been a standout athlete on the track and field team. One of her favorite moments is when her 4x8 relay team broke the school record at the District II championships this past season.

Although she has been a member of the track team since she was in middle school, Denali did not run cross country until she was a sophomore. Her first year, her team won the District II AAA title and

advanced to States. She also ran at States her senior year because she placed fifth at the district meet. She accredits her success to her coach Ms. Audrey Josephite and her close friend and former teammate Payton Padgett.

Denali plans to continue her academic and athletic career at Grove City College where she will swim and run both cross country and track at the Division III level. Her involvement in sports has influenced her future plans, as she will pursue a major in kinesiology and exercise science.

"I want to eventually go into the military and develop training programs for the troops," she explained.

Despite all of her success, Denali remains humble as she reaches the next chapter in her life. She claims, "Real success is not in the titles and accolades, but rather in the effort you put into what you do."

-Sarah McDougall

Faith Jaeger

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Faith will be attending West Chester University this fall to major in international business and to minor in Spanish, as she hopes to become trilingual. She is looking forward to having more opportunities to travel in her future with the flexibility of her major.

During her junior year, Faith lived abroad in the town of Troyes, France through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. She says that she learned how to be herself while abroad, and she learned to be more open minded and accepting of various cultures.

"It's first, but the scary at second those fears you land all of replaced by you meet so new excitement, and many welcoming people," Faith said.

During her DV, Faith has been in the music department, more specifically, chorus. She has performed in various choral and chamber choir groups inside and outside of school. She is also a member of National Honor Society and is one of ten students in Mrs. Shannon Maino's AP French class, noting the important role Mrs. Maino has played in her life throughout her high school career.

"Faith began learning French six years ago as a rather shy middle-schooler and has grown, especially since her year abroad, into an amazingly confident, self-assured



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young woman with a joie de vivre,” Mrs. Maino said. “I am very blessed to have known her and been a part of her life.”

Faith would like underclassmen to learn that “there’s not a certain path you have to follow” and that it is okay to step outside of the box.

“You can make your own path with what you’re given or what you enjoy doing,” she said.

-Lindsey Toomer

Faith Jennings

Charismatic, determined and fun-loving are three words that come to mind when describing Faith Jennings. During her time at DV, Faith has been a part of three Drama productions, Student Council, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and has been the treasurer of the Forensics Science Club. Not only has Faith participated in numerous school clubs, but she has also maintained stellar academics.

In her freshman year, Faith was diagnosed with a brain tumor. To this day, she feels that many people still do not know, which is fine with her, further indicating her character.

“I’m proud that I didn’t let my brain tumor impact my grades or who I am as a person,” said Faith.



Reflecting on her high school years, Faith notes that Mrs. Amanda Pope and Miss Lindsay Baker were her two most influential teachers.

“They’re both the reason why I chose my major of biology, and they’re the teachers I’m closest to because I can relate to them,” explained Faith. “They both

were there to help me during tough times as well.”

This fall, Faith will be continuing her education at the University of Pittsburgh to study biology with an end goal of becoming a dermatologist.

Looking back, Faith wants to leave a word of advice for underclassmen, noting, “Definitely get involved. I did a lot of volunteering junior and senior year and I wish I would’ve gotten more involved in my first two years of high school. Volunteering for Special Olympics is the best feeling, and I would recommend it to anyone.”

Years down the line, Faith hopes her fellow classmates remember her as someone who was always too loud and full of happy energy that she wanted to share.

“Ultimately, it’s all going to disappear after four years of high school – seeing friends all day every day and the comfort of always living here – but you’re only a teenager once so have fun while you can,” remarked Faith.

-Kirsten Peters

Mia Joseph

With a bright smile and contagious personality, Mia Joseph is someone who is certainly well known here at Delaware Valley. Cheerleading, Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) and Student Council are all activities where Mia has left her mark.

Mia loves being a cheerleader, and she is also passionate about and dedicated to her other extracurriculars.

“I like TATU because I always admired the older kids who came to our school and talked to us,” she said. “So I wanted to be that person who is older and comes to teach kids about tobacco and how bad it is.”

Mia also thinks being part of Student Council was an important part of high school. She enjoyed being involved and able to put in her ideas on how things should go.

“I wanted to be involved in the school, and I wanted to know what was going on,” she said. “I wanted to be a part of events and have a say in what we do as a class.”

After high school, Mia plans to attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania, with hopes to study abroad her sophomore year and then transfer to another school by her junior year. Mia hopes to pursue a career as a radiologist technician.

Mia credits Mrs. Jennifer Marchetti, Mr. Laurence Marcial and Mr. Evan Bates for impacting her life and high school career. Mia says Mrs. Marchetti has always been there for her, Mr. Marcial is extremely wise and Mr. Bates gives great advice.

Mia wants people to remember her as a positive girl who always looked for the bright side of life. She also wants people to remember that life always gets better, no matter what.

“I want them to remember me as having fun all the time, making the best of every situation.”

-Nicole Dardia

Bailey Kislak

Bailey Kislak is turning his love for music into a career with hopes of entering the music industry in the future.

Bailey will be attending Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass. to study music production and engineering.

“What excites me the most is being able to be surrounded by a bunch of people with the same passion that I have,” said Bailey.

While in high school, Bailey has taken numerous music classes including band, chorus, orchestra, jazz



band and AP Music Theory. He has also been a part of chamber choir and county choir.

“My whole time in high school has amounted to me doing something with music because that’s the one thing that I’m passionate about,” said Bailey.

As he advanced through his high school career, being in the music groups created memorable experiences that defined his high school experience.

“My favorite memory is one of the trips with the jazz band we took to Harrisburg to play for the governor. It was awesome to be surrounded by a bunch of people who all love to play jazz music and who are all working towards a common goal,” said Bailey.

Bailey cites Mr. Bryan Pol as the most influential teacher that he had in high school. He explained how Mr. Pol’s character is one he looks up to and aspires to be like.

Bailey’s advice to young musicians hoping for a future in music is to “start thinking about auditions as early as possible or else you won’t be prepared. You have to audition for college, so you want to have some type of plan in mind.”

-Katie Cooney

Dan Koster

Leaving DV Dan Koster will be remembered as a good friend and someone who could leave a smile on someone’s face. Simply having a conversation or playing gym games with Dan could turn the worst day into the best day.

Throughout high school, he credits Ms. Cathleen Kent, Miss. Natalie and his parents as his role models. His family had a big impact on him by constantly supporting him along the way.

“It has been a pleasure watching Dan grow, both as an individual and a friend to peers over the last four years.

I enjoy watching his interactions in the classroom and halls. My greatest memory was watching him dance the night away at his senior prom,” said Ms. Cathleen Kent.

After graduating, Dan and his family are moving to California. He is most excited about checking out his new house and the warm, sunny weather. He is especially excited about having no snow.

Dan was proud to be a member of



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Peer Buddies and participate in Special Olympics. Peer Buddies helped him to meet new friends throughout his years at DV. Also, the job trials Dan has gone on have made him a harder worker as well as teach him many lessons.

After leaving DV he will miss his friends, teachers, math class and gym class.

"Dan always says hi and calls me by name in the hallways. I can see how he has come a long way with his social skills and behaviors. We will miss him," said Ms. Catherine Knash.

Some of Dan's hobbies consist of playing games on the Wii, playing games on the computer and watching movies on his DVD player.

His advice for the underclassmen is "always do your best."

-Kirsten Dunn

Chase Kruszka

Being involved is something that comes naturally for Chase Kruszka. During high school, Chase has been a member of many clubs, including National Honor Society, FBLA, peer math tutoring and Mu Alpha Theta. He is also a member of Engineering Club, where he won first place in two events at the state competition.

"[Being a part of these activities] has exposed me to different fields and reinforced different interests I have," Chase said.

While at DV, science teacher Mrs. Amanda Pope sparked Chase's interest in biology. This inspired him to major in cell and molecular biology in the fall at the University of Pittsburgh. He hopes to find a research-oriented job upon graduating from college.

Besides Mrs. Pope, Chase also credits Mr. Gary Dennis and Mr. Robert Curtis as role models throughout high school.

Outside of school, Chase mentions his parents as a large influence in his life, especially on his motivation.

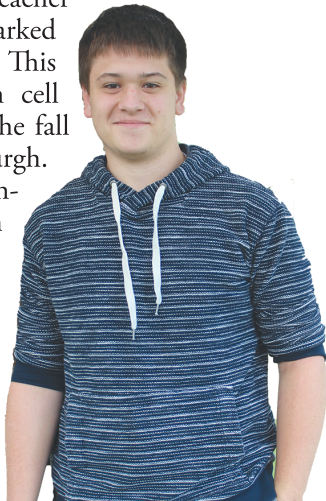
"They push me to do better inside and outside of school," Chase said.

Although he is excited for the making his own path in the future, Chase will miss parts of his experience at DV, such as the ability to participate in so many academic and co-curricular opportunities and having all of his friends in one place.

He would like to be remembered as someone who is hardworking and funny.

"I think that Chase is pretty interesting and a pleasure to be around. He's a pretty swell dude," said senior Kunal Patel.

Some advice that Chase would give to underclassmen is to "push yourself academically, because even though it



may be hard it's worth it."

-Alicia Housby

Randi LaCagnina

Most people know Randi LaCagnina as an outgoing person who excels in music and is passionate about working with children.

Randi is a very successful student both in school and out of school, as demonstrated through her involvement with the Dingman Delaware Elementary School's Children's Choir, National Honor Society, band and the drama pit band.

Due to her passion and desire to work with children, Randi will be taking the first step to reach her goal of becoming a speech pathologist by majoring in Communicative Sciences and Disorders at West Chester University.

"I hope to work with either primary or elementary school kids because I absolutely adore children. That's one of my biggest goals- to have a job where I can work with kids," stated Randi.

Randi is looking forward to meeting new people from a variety of different backgrounds. She plans on keeping music in her schedule by playing the flute in West Chester's concert band, however, working with children is her main point of interest.

Although music will not be a large part of her college career, her appreciation of music will have an everlasting influence on her.

"Learning music has really taught me how to analyze what I am hearing on the radio. I can hear different harmonies behind many vocals, more than people would most likely acknowledge if they didn't have any background in music," said Randi.

Randi demonstrated her musical abilities for DV one last time at the annual Music in the Parks competition held at Dorney Park. She hopes to win the individual award, "Outstanding Accompanist," for the fourth time in order to keep her streak of winning it every year.

"The pieces I have to play this year are very challenging. It's rough, but I'm going to try my hardest," Randi said "I hope to do well and finish my last concert at this particular competition with a bang."

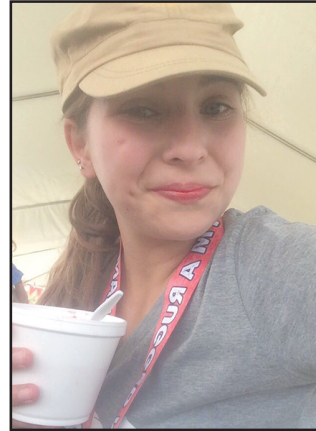
-Julianne Winkler

Mikaela Larry

Known around the halls of DV for her bright smile and her enthusiastic attitude, Mikaela Larry also has many other features to attribute to her fame. At the age of 4, Mikaela began her career in cheerleading.

"Cheerleading has been a big role in my life," Mikaela said. "It taught me how to be a leader."

Throughout the years, cheerleading became a home



for Mikaela. It created an environment that she knows she will always be able to count on. Serving as a captain of the team during her senior year, Mikaela explained how cheerleading has also taught her time management and responsibilities.

"It taught me what it means to work as a team and that everything doesn't revolve around me," Mikaela said.

Mikaela credits her cheerleading coach, Mrs. Jennifer Marchetti, as one out of her two role models.

"She has helped me realize that if I try my best, I can achieve anything I want," Mikaela said.

The feelings between Mikaela and Mrs. Marchetti are far from different. Just as Mikaela looks up to Mrs. Marchetti as someone special, Mrs. Marchetti returns the favor.

"As she has come through the program not only have her skills improved, but she has also become a strong leader and a role model for her teammates. Besides cheering for football and on the varsity competition squad, she also coaches a youth cheer team," Mrs. Marchetti said. "Through coaching she inspires young girls to become strong and confident. Her smile and positive attitude are going to be missed next year."

Mikaela's mother serves as her second role model.

"She is my number one supporter and she pushed me to do my best," Mikaela said.

As mentioned before, Mikaela will be attending Kutztown University after graduation, where she will be majoring in physical therapy as well as continuing her career in cheerleading.

"Don't stress the little things. Take high school one year at a time, it goes by quickly," Mikaela said.

-Kaiya DeStefano

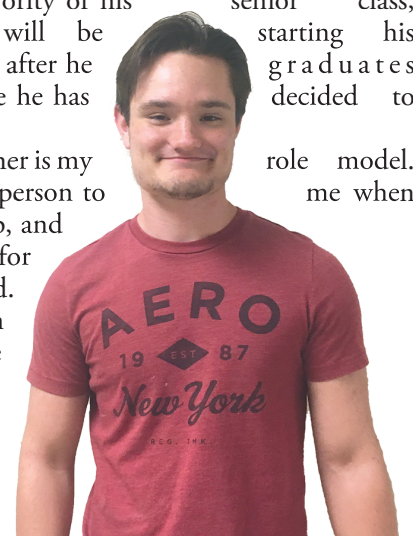
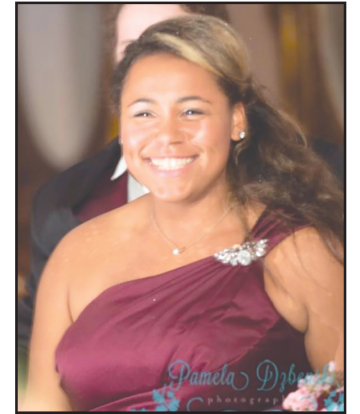
Branden Latini

Unlike the majority of his senior class, Branden Latini will be starting his future just ten days after he graduates high school because he has decided to join the Army.

"My older brother is my role model. He was the closest person to me when we were growing up, and he was always there for me," Branden said.

"He is the reason why I joined the military. I want to follow in his footsteps."

Similarly, his parents have



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served as encouragement throughout the years.

"My mom was always there for me through every sport. If I started not doing well in school, she knew before I did," Branden said. "My dad always took me out to do stuff [and] taught me how to drive."

Branden is going to be a part of the military police and will also be a member of the Reserves

In high school, Branden wrestled during the off season in his freshman, sophomore and junior years and has been a member of the Junior Historians since his sophomore year.

"Junior Historians opened my eyes to the rest of the community. It helped me meet people I normally wouldn't have met, such as the retired veterans," Branden said.

Along with influence from his brother, Branden credits Junior Historians for his interest in the army.

"Seeing and talking to the veterans at the veterans dinner made me push towards the army. This year's Veteran's Dinner was special because of the applause that was given to those of us going into the army," Branden said.

Looking back on his last four years at DV, Branden said he will miss Mrs. Sue West the most.

"She pushed me the hardest," Branden said. "She reminds me of my grandma, how she always cared about me."

Upon graduating college, Branden hopes to go on to become an officer and join the Special Forces. If not the Special Forces, Branden said he will look towards becoming a CID agent.

-Kaiya DeStefano

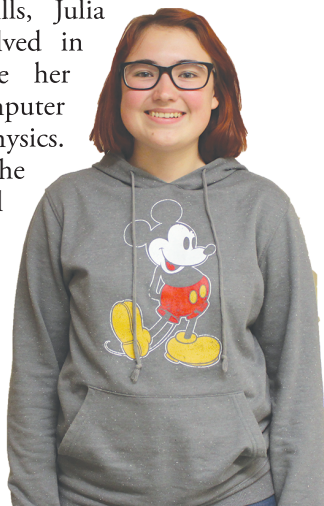
Julia Lyszka

Known for her vibrant hair and impressive intellectual skills, Julia Lyszka is constantly involved in activities that incorporate her three primary interests: computer science, mathematics and physics.

Julia is a member of the programming club, as well as Girls Who Code. She exemplifies her skills in computer science even further by teaching programming to children at the elementary and middle schools in the district.

Julia's strong math skills also do not go unnoticed; she has been a peer math tutor and was awarded the title of peer math tutor of the year as a junior, which she considers one of her most significant achievements.

While her interests have always revolved around mathematics, this was not the case with physics; it was not until her junior year when she took AP Physics 1 with Mr. Steven Rhule that she realized how interesting the subject was.



"I always really liked math, so that's why I decided to try physics because I knew it had math in it, and I actually really enjoyed it," she explained. She went on to say, "Mr. Rhule takes us to Girls Who Code and has taught me physics, so I'd say he has been an influence to me."

Julia is also an active member of the geocaching club, Scholastic Bowl, Future Business Leaders of America, Mu Alpha Theta and Science Olympiad. In her free time, Julia volunteers with her church.

Julia will be continuing her education at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. to study mathematics and possibly minor in physics or computer science.

"Don't be scared to try new things because you never know what you are going to like until you try it," she says, for this piece of advice has allowed her to fully explore her interests and work toward a successful future.

-Sarah McDougall

Jacob Lockwood

Voted Class Brain by his class, Jacob Lockwood stands out as an excellent student with a bright future ahead of him.

Jacob will be attending Brown University this fall with an undecided major.

"I think I'll be able to figure it out once I'm there. I always planned on testing the waters in college and trying to make a plan," said Jacob.

Aside from his academic achievements, Jacob is known for his dedication to the Odyssey of the Mind program, which he has been a part of for the past eight years.

"My biggest activity is Odyssey of the Mind, that's what I devote the majority of my time to," said Jacob. "It's a big part of what I've done in high school."

Most of his favorite memories from high school involve OM, including his multiple trips to the Worlds Competition throughout his OM career.

"OM is a very strong program in this district, stronger than in most other districts. The [school] board is very supportive of that program, so I wouldn't be where I am here without the opportunities I've had at DV," he explained.

Jacob's favorite classes included AP Statistics with Mr. Kevin Devizia and AP Chemistry with Mrs. Jane Martin, and he also appreciated the opportunity he had to take the Senior Science Research Seminar, supervised by Miss Jessica Hubal and Mr. Steve Rhule.

"Another thing that I've been able to do that most high schoolers don't get to do is the Senior Science Research Seminar. It's a really unique opportunity that allowed me to build a really unique resume that I think



really helped me get into college and has set me up for a great start."

Jacob's advice for underclassmen is to "sleep, if you can. That's something I failed to do all the time. It's helpful if you can make time to take a break every now and then."

-Katie Cooney

Trevor Martin

Trevor Martin has left an impact on DV's soccer and lacrosse teams. He has been a varsity player who is graduating with multiple awards and titles under his belt.

After high school, Trevor plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh and major in actuarial science and minor in statistics.

Trevor says his coaches Mr. Aaron Stark, Mr. Jeff Krasulski and Mr. Gonzalez, as well as his friends, have a big part of his high school career.

"My sports coaches have had a significant impact on me, as well as the great friends I have made along the way," Trevor said.

Since sports have been an important factor for Trevor, his favorite memory involves sports.

"My favorite memory would be winning the championship in both lacrosse soccer. In both championship we were behind, and we had to together to come back and win the game."

Being a part of the teams has taught Trevor valuable life lessons that he will carry with him as he moves on to college.

"Sports have taught me just how hard you have to work to be good at something, as well as teaching me to work well with a team, which is a vital skill that I will use for the rest of my life."

Aside from sports, Trevor stands out in the classroom too. He has taken multiple AP classes, his favorite class being AP Statistics. Academics have taught Trevor lessons as well.

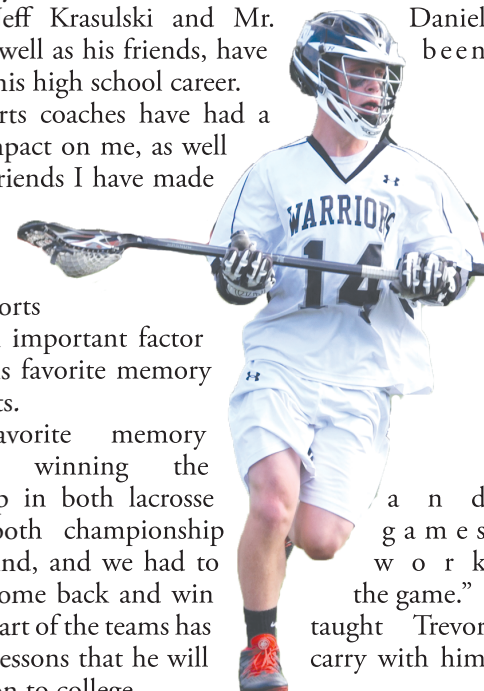
"High school has truly taught me the value of an education as well as preparing me to move on to college and my future career."

After high school is over, Trevor wants to be remembered as "someone who worked extremely hard and had great success not only in sports, but in the classroom as well."

-Nicole Dardia

Rory Matz

Three-sport athlete Rory Matz has excelled not only on the field but also in the classroom. Since his freshman year, Rory has played football, basketball and lacrosse, and will be continuing both football and lacrosse at



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Morrisville State College in the fall.

Balancing two sports and academia along with a social life will be challenging, but it is something Rory is anticipating. He plans to major in business and is excited to “meet new people and make bank.”

While at Delaware Valley, Rory has also been a part of Student Council, National Honor Society and is an AP Scholar.

He said, “Each of these [activities] has helped me gain an edge and learn about the skills that I need to be successful in life.”

As an athlete, Rory has captured many league and district championships in multiple sports but one moment changed his career. During a lacrosse game his sophomore year, he fully tore his ACL, sidelining him for almost a full year. This motivated him to work harder and come back even better than before. This year he had one of the most clutch and spectacular catches of the football season, diving into the end zone and grabbing the ball while in midair, which put the Warriors up by a touchdown in a crucial moment against the Valley View Cougars. He says that sports have really shaped his life so far.

“They helped me choose my college and also taught me to compete not only on the field but also the classroom and workplace,” he said.

He hopes to be remembered as someone who was friends with everyone and he feels that he helped raise the bar for underclassman.

Rory said, “I will miss my close friends and the teachers who have helped me along the way.”

-Matt Cavallaro

Devin Meyerriecks

As an aspiring physical therapist, Devin Meyerriecks's dedication and compassion for all that she does is sure to bring her the same degree of success that she has gained during her time at DV.

Devin has been a dancer for Dance Connections in Milford for 10 years, taking dance lessons before she was in kindergarten. In addition, Devin has been a singer with the choir and has been involved with both Rachel's Challenge and Creative Writing Club.

In the fall, Devin will be studying at Slippery Rock University in an accelerated 3+3 program that will allow her to obtain her doctorate in physical therapy. Her strong interest in this field stems from her own personal experience with physical therapy.

Devin was born prematurely and had scarring on one side of her brain. These complications impacted her as she grew up, requiring her to go from doctor to doctor for medical corrections. When she was in eighth grade, she had surgery one of her knees to remove the growth plates so that her legs would grow to be the same length.

“I was in this giant brace, and everyone called me

‘Robo-leg,’” she laughed. “I went through months and months of physical therapy. I went to Drayer and I loved the atmosphere; I have always been interested in exercise and fitness, and I always have wanted to help people. Physical therapy took the two [interests] and meshed them together, and I just love that,” she further explained.

Devin cites Mrs. Shannon Maino and Mr. Bryan Pol as teachers who have had a positive impact on her, and she advises that students form positive relationships with their teachers while in high school.

“You’re going to have those teachers who are really hard on you, the people you don’t get along with very well, but you just have to push on because you’re also going to have all of those really great teachers,” she said.

Devin is ecstatic for the future, saying, “I’m going to be Dr. Meyerriecks!”

-Sarah McDougall

Jake Mills

Anxious about what life beyond high school will include, Jake Mills is looking forward to meeting new people, learning more about what he loves and of course the modified nerf gun battles he will encounter as a manufacturing engineering major at Arizona State University.

Jake would like to be remembered as the kid whom anyone can rely on for help. After talking to Mr. Eric Thiele, the teacher who has impacted Jake's high school career the most, it seems as though Jake has surpassed his own standards.

“Jake has always been a hard worker in all of my classes. He is willing to help out other students at any time,” Mr. Thiele.

Jake is involved in a plethora of extracurricular activities including football, track and field, Engineering Club and Boy Scouts. Although each of these activities has shaped Jake to be a well-rounded student at Delaware Valley, he says that becoming an Eagle Scout has been the most influential.

He is thankful for the moments on the football field with his teammates and coaches, for those have left him with some of the greatest memories.



“My most memorable moment was the last football game I had...I remember it was the first time I had cried without even realizing it,” said Jake.

Jake's family has been a huge impact on him throughout his years in high school. He believes they are the reason he has been so successful thus far.

“When you go home and feel like you want to quit, they are the ones that kinda kick you in the butt and make sure you are doing what you're supposed to,” he said.

As an engineer, Jake plans to follow the footsteps of his grandfather.

Jake's advice to the underclassmen is to take part in extracurriculars.

“Whether it be a club, a sport, an activity after school or even just a get together with friends, get involved with something. When it all ends it's probably going to be the most memorable thing you have,” he said.

-Ariana Como

Sean Moran

Sean Moran is a standout student in the halls of DV. He is easily recognizable with his loud voice and bright blonde hair. Sean has been a very involved student during his time at DV. Throughout the past four years Moran has been involved in varsity swimming, Emergency Responders Club, and boy scouts.

He attributes his success in high school to the help he has received from his teachers. Mr. Larry Marcial, Mrs. Donna Stucklack, Mr. Tyler Barnett, Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski and Mr. Eric Thiel have contributed greatly to his growth and development over the past 4 years. “The life lessons they have taught me are great and very useful. I will carry them with me for the rest of my life” said Sean.

Sean has been a member of Boy Scouts since he was five years old. He was recently promoted to an Eagle Scout after working on his service project to refurbish an inside of a trailer for Vetstock. The project took 98 hours in total to complete.

Sean said “I felt good knowing the trailer would be put to good use. The hardest part was getting the supplies and donations towards the project.”

In his free time Sean said he enjoys hanging out with friends most. He also enjoys hiking, driving around with Dalton, swimming and going to Skyzone

In the future Sean plans to attend Nassau County Community College to study criminal justice and possibly history. He plans to later become a police officer and travel as much as possible.

Sean said he will miss all of the opportunities high school has provided for him. He will miss all of the clubs, sports, teachers and friends most.

“Try to involve yourself with a good group of people,



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and just enjoy high school. Pay attention and take the opportunities as they come to you. Enjoy all of the clubs, sports, and activities” said Moran.

-Meghan Kelly

Brittany Mross

People might not get to see the hard work Brittany Mross puts in behind the scenes, but they are surely familiar with the final product of it all.

Brittany has had the immense responsibility of overseeing and putting together the yearbook for the past two years with the help of only a handful of other students. This takes months of dedicated work, and finishing it is a feat few would voluntarily take on.

Brittany first became involved with yearbook her sophomore year due to her interest in sports photography. Halfway through that year, her commitment to the club landed her the Sports Editor position on staff, and at the start of her junior year, she had the honor of being chosen for Editor in Chief, a title that followed her to her senior year.

As a leader and independent individual herself, Brittany cites Alice Paul as one of her role models because of her unwavering dedication to feminism.



“She committed herself to a cause and is a major reason why women got rights in the first place,” said Brittany.

Brittany is also involved with Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society and is a participant in various programming competitions throughout the year. She possesses the sort of natural intelligence

that allows her to solve problems that would take most students 20 minutes to figure out in five.

Although she has excelled academically, Brittany faced a huge setback last year when she was diagnosed with chronic fatigue.

The diagnosis impacted her greatly, and she missed an extensive amount of school during her first semester of junior year. During the latter half of junior year, she transferred to cyber school. However, Brittany was determined to make it back to the halls of DV for her senior year.

This determination will do her well, since Brittany plans on attending Marist College in the fall to study psychology. She looks forward to doing research in neuroscience and eventually attending graduate school.

Her teachers, friends, family and cats will all be rooting for her as she continues to make a name for herself.

-Shaina Klein

John Natiello

John Natiello has been a very involved student throughout his time at DV. Form being involved in sports and clubs, John has left his mark on DV.

John was involved in many clubs and activities including the Forensic Science Club, the volleyball team, the football team, and he was even the Warrior mascot for various school events. Like many student athletes, some of John’s favorite memories came from playing sports, including winning the district title for volleyball and having the best record that the team has ever had, the 2016-2017 season.

John will be attending Misericordia University in the fall, and he plans on majoring in secondary education and social studies. He is undecided on his minor but he may or may not study special education.

He will also be playing volleyball for the Misericordia Cougars at the Division III level in the fall. After college, John wants to come back to Delaware Valley in hopes to teach high school social studies.

When asked what he will miss most, John said that he will miss seeing his friends and his favorite teachers that he was close with.

He said that the teachers he will miss most are Ms. Lindsay Baker, former teacher Mrs. Jennifer Dwyer, Ms. Marisa Gallik and Mrs. Laurie Oszepinski. John said that these teachers have been there for him throughout high school and they are able to talk to about anything.

“John has a great personality and when he puts his mind to it he can accomplish anything,” said Mrs. Oszepinski.

When asked what advice he could give to underclassmen he said “you should always try to get involved with any school activities, from sports to clubs.” He also said that students should enjoy high school while they can because it can become the best time of your life.

-Morgan Gifford

Stefanie O’Grady

Both on and off the fields and court, Stefanie O’Grady is viewed as a hard-working, determined student athlete.

She will be attending Lock Haven University in the fall, a school located in central Pennsylvania, where she plans to major in physical education along with special education and play for their softball team. Stefanie is looking forward to being able to play her favorite sport at the collegiate level and explains how Delaware Valley has prepared her to achieve her goals.

“DV has impacted my future plans in a lot of ways



because sports and my education have opened so many doors for me. There have been multiple coaches who have helped me through a lot and taught me many things that I can take to college and just in life,” said Stefanie.

Stefanie is a year-round athlete at Delaware Valley. She has volunteered at multiple softball and basketball camps. Not only does she play three sports, but she also is a leader in each one and excels in them. In the fall, she was a goalie for the varsity soccer team. In the winter, she played on the varsity basketball team. And when time comes around, so does her favorite sport, softball.

“Working with kids at sports camps has really made me realize how much I want to be involved in my major, physical education, because working with them and being in the coaching environment makes me feel at place. And it’s super easy for me because I’m outgoing with the kids, and it’s always a fun time,” Stefanie explained.

High school has taught her to not to dwell on the past and to always hold herself to high standards. She believes that hard work will always pay off and that having a strong focus point will help you to be successful.

“I want to be remembered as a leader, somebody who is a good teammate, somebody who pushed everyone to a certain standard, and just brought a lot of people together,” she said.

-Shelby Brittain

Jonathan Outwater

As an accomplished student and musician, Jonathan Outwater has made a name for himself within DV and in the music community.

Jon has been a member of the chorus for four years and has since been a member of many prestigious choirs. He has sung in the DV chamber choir and various other honor ensembles, including County Chorus, Districts, Regions, All-states, All-eastern, and also in All-nationals, held last fall in Grapevine, Texas.

In order to qualify for these festivals, students must audition by singing certain music pieces or excerpts. Out of all of these music festivals, Jon lists All-eastern, held in Atlantic City, Md., as his favorite music conference, explaining how enjoyable it was to be with many of the friends he had previously met at All-nationals.

In addition to his choral achievements, Jon also enjoys playing the piano. In the past, he has played accompaniments for the middle school chorus.

Jon cites the “greats of jazz era” as a significant



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influence in his music, specifically Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Art Tatum. However, Jon attributes much of his success to his family.

"My family helped shape my work ethic," he stated. "My diligence and my drive to go after my goals; I get that from my dad and my grandparents."

In the future, Jon hopes to attain his certification for personal training and run his own gym.

"It's almost like a form of self-meditation to lift, to have that time to yourself," he said. "But I also want to help motivate other people to improve themselves."

Next year, Jon plans to attend Rider University in New York and major in business administration.

He is looking forward to exploring the musical groups at Rider University and trying new things.

-Vanessa Paolella

Jenna Pacella

Jenna Pacella has been a well-known student at DV for the past four years. Known best for her school spirit and her involvement in sports, Jenna has left a mark on DV.

Throughout high school, Jenna has been involved in Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), varsity basketball and track and field.

Jenna will be attending Penn State Worthington Scranton in the fall and plans on majoring in family studies and human development. After studying for two years at Worthington Scranton, Jenna plans to transfer to Penn State's main campus to study criminal justice.

She will also be playing basketball at Penn State

Worthington Scranton at the Division III level.

"Basketball has always been one of my priorities, so when I was given the chance to play in college, I could not say no," she said.

After graduating college, she wants to become a state



trooper and after retirement, she wishes to become a probation officer.

Jenna gave credit to three of her favorite teachers, Ms. Lindsay Baker, Mrs. Leslie Lordi and Mr. Larry Marcial. She stated that they all have been encouraging and gave good life lessons to her and her fellow classmates.

Jenna also gave credit to Ms. Baker when asked why she decided to continue her basketball career.

"Throughout my basketball career coach Baker has always pushed me on the court, but held me to a higher standard off the court, and she is the reason why I am playing college basketball."

Some of Jenna's favorite memories included beating the juniors at the "Spirit Games" and seeing her best friends every day, which is one of the things she will miss the most about high school.

When asked what piece of advice she could give to

underclassmen, Jenna said to never take your years of high school for granted.

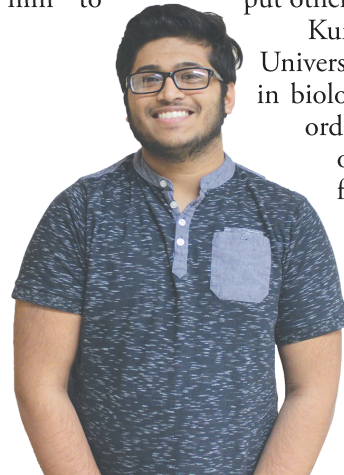
-Morgan Gifford

Kunal Patel

Kunal Patel is one of those who is not easily forgotten because of his unique personality and his dedication to everything he is involved in.

Kunal has been a member of National Honor Society and Science Olympiad, and he has also been a peer tutor in both math and science- this comes nowhere close to the end of the list of all he has done at DV. He feels as though everything that he has been a part of has helped him to become a better person all around and has taught him to

put others before himself.



Kunal plans on attending the University of Pittsburgh to major in biology on a pre-med track in order to become a doctor or a pharmacist in the future. This field piqued his interest after he took AP Biology during his junior year.

"Mrs. Pope really did get me interested into the field," explained Kunal.

Kunal looks forward to having more freedom outside of high school, and

he plans on travelling the world which is something that he has already begun working on.

His would prefer his legacy in DV to be as a generally kind and caring person, and he always wants to be seen as extra friendly.

Of all things, he feels like he is going to miss his close interactions with his teachers, along with getting to see all of his friends on a daily basis.

Kunal wants to make sure that underclassmen focus on some of the things that colleges look at more, such as getting deeply involved in extracurricular activities and doing little things early on.

"That cumulative GPA is so important; focus on early grades," said Kunal.

As said by one of Kunal's good friends, Chase Kruszka, "He's a pretty swell dude."

-Nicholas Rivera

Tomas Protsko

Tomas Protsko feels that he is just an average student, but he is far more than that. He has been involved in volleyball for all four years of high school and has been an active part of the career tech program.

Tom feels that Mr. Adam Holdridge is one of his role models because of everything that he has taught him, both on and off the volleyball court.

"He taught me how to enjoy the little things when it comes to playing volleyball," said Tom.

After high school, Tom plans on attending Universal Technical Institute to be an automotive diesel technician. He feels as though being in the automotive career tech program gave him the skills and training to obtain a job in the field with confidence. Not only that, but he heavily credits Mr. Mike Dobrzyn for teaching him about the trade that he plans on going into.



Something else that Tom is excited about is having a new change in scenery from what he is used to.

"I'm excited to get out of Pike County," said Tom. "It's been over 18 years."

Although he does not see himself as being an all-around special student, he feels as though he is worth being remembered for his skills in volleyball. Tom feels that he is going to miss getting to see his friends so easily on a daily basis, and he also will miss the classes where he gets to work with his hands, like Manufacturing with Mr. Eric Thiele.

When it comes down to it, he stresses to underclassmen the importance of making sure that they pass their classes and to put in as much effort as possible.

"Make sure that you put in the effort and strive for the things you enjoy."

-Nicholas Rivera

Dominick Quagliozzi

Dominick Quagliozzi, better known as Quags, can be seen walking the halls with his big personality and contagious smile. Even though his time at DV has come to a close, he wants he to be remembered as someone who brought joy and happiness to the school.

A big role model in his life is his father. He says his dad has taught him how to spend money and how to respect others.

Quags's friend Billy Hodgins had a big impact on his senior year when he took him under his wing and let him move in.

Senior Billy Hodgins said, "Quags is always nice to everyone and always puts a smile on your face."

His future plans are to attend Sussex Community College to study criminal justice. He is most excited about taking on life by himself.

His major involvements in high school consisted of playing football for



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three years and playing tennis for two years. Football taught him to be a harder worker and tennis helped by making him calmer. Football coach Al McElroy inspired him to become a better lineman.

"Dominick was an absolute pleasure to have in class, always had a smile on his face and a great sense of humor. He is one of the few students who always says hi when passing in the halls. We both share the love for BBs (bacon bagels)," said Mr. John Anderson.

The one thing he will miss about school will be all his friends because they will all be doing different things after high school.

Quags enjoys watching "Dragon Ball Z" with his "brother" Billy and casual pick up football games. He also enjoys lifeguarding during the summer and bonfires with his friends.

In 15 years Quags hopes to have a stable job in the police force and living with a dog.

His advice to the underclassmen is "do not take school as a joke."

-Kirsten Dunn

McKenna Quinn

Personable, athletic, intelligent and kind are all qualities that every parent, teacher, coach or friend looks for in a person. For McKenna Quinn, these characteristics have become second nature.

McKenna has had an extremely influential four years at Delaware Valley High School due to her constant dedication in the classroom and in a multitude of extracurricular activities. She has been involved in varsity tennis and softball, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Student Council and peer math tutoring.

Much like many other successful students McKenna credits her high school success to many role models of hers. She has always looked up to her two older brothers who have helped her with managing academics and athletics. She would also like to thank her parents for their constant support.

She is also inspired by Mr. John Farrell and Ms. Chelsea Ryder who have both coached McKenna in softball and had her as a student.

"I like that Ms. Ryder is super spunky and she has helped me with finding colleges," said McKenna.

She also says that Mr. Farrell has helped her a lot with finding a college and that he is "the best."

McKenna will be attending Penn State University this fall and majoring in bio-medical Engineering.

She says that the AP Biology course and Mrs. Amanda Pope greatly influenced her decision in picking a major.

Along with focusing on her academics, McKenna wants to get involved and join some club and intramural sports



teams.

"I am looking forward to seeing how my life after high school will turnout," said McKenna.

McKenna's favorite memory from DV was in her sophomore year when the softball team won the League Championship against Wallenpaupack (2-1). This game was also her Coach Angelo Matz's 400 win.

McKenna has left a distinct impact on the school with her academic and athletic accomplishments along with an unforgettable laugh and caring personality.

-Maeve Dowd

Jessica Ramos

"Life is short and high school is shorter, so don't be afraid to do what makes you happy. Appreciate your friends and family because everything will change before you know it," said senior Jessica Ramos. "I'm going to miss so many awesome teachers from DV," said Ramos, reminiscing about her high school career.

Jessica plans to attend Northampton Community College in the fall to study social work and social sciences. Ramos explained, "I've always liked problem solving and working with people. I think it [social work] fits me really well." Jessica has been involved as a co-president with Ashley Vecchio (2015-2016), and Maeve Dowd (2016-2017).

Though she looks forward to college, Jess will miss DV for the clubs and teachers. She recommends becoming a member of Junior Historians because "the opportunities for volunteering and helping out are really great."

"I have Jess Ramos in my AP Human Geography class this year, but she's been invaluable to helping out in Junior Historians. She's helped to plan charity trips, organize all the dinners we've done and helped us to recruit members. She's been wonderful and I'm going to miss her next year," said Mr. Mike Guzinski, Junior Historians adviser.

"I definitely look up to my mom. She works so hard and never gives up. She's always taught us to stand up for ourselves to never limit myself to anything. My mom is everything to me," said Ramos.

"I'm going to miss so many teachers, especially Mr. Guzinski, Mr. Marcial and Mrs. Cosentino. Mr. G because he is so supportive with Junior Historians and I love AP Human Geography. Mr. Marcial because he is such a fun teacher and he taught me so much in Combo 10. He's never afraid to be himself and I try to be assertive like him," said Jess, "I'll miss Mrs. Cosentino because she was a great no-nonsense, straight to the point Combo teacher."

"I'm ready to start the next part of my life," said Jessica.

-Jess Balton



Taylor Randazzo

Known for her loving personality and athletic ability in soccer, basketball and softball, Taylor Randazzo has made a lasting impact despite the fact she moved to DV just this year.

"When I first started coming to school, being the new student and all, it was quite terrifying. I was nervous about joining the sports teams, but it got progressively easier and I met a bunch of my closest friends," stated Taylor. "I now realize it was a great experience so I'm very thankful for moving here."

Taylor is planning on taking her athletic ability to Penn State Worthington's campus where she will be playing both soccer and softball. She is majoring in human development and family services with the hopes of eventually working for Child Protective Services.

"I'm stressed beyond belief about playing two sports in college, but I'm so excited. I've been playing three sports all my life and it is a lot to keep up with, but sports keep me motivated. I don't have time to procrastinate. In a way, sports help me with my grades and will hopefully help in college too," said Taylor.

The thing Taylor will remember and value most from her senior year is the everlasting memories she shares with her friends and her teammates. All of the memories, ranging from the softball pasta party at one of her teammate's house, to the time she spilled the tray of Dunkin Donuts and McDonald's all over her basketball coach, are what she will take with her from her year at DV.

Along with the many memories and friendships created her senior year, Taylor has achieved many accomplishments such as winning MVP at the UNICO Soccer Cup and winning the soccer District Championships. Although Taylor was not able to be a part of DV all four years of high school, she has definitely made a powerful impact at Delaware Valley.

-Juliann Winkler

Laura Reno

Laura Reno is one of those students who do not receive nearly enough credit for all of her activities. Since freshman year, she has been an active player on the lacrosse team, playing varsity since sophomore year. Alongside that, she has participated in Science Olympiad, peer tutoring for math and science, programming and engineering clubs, Friends of Rachel, Peer Buddies and reading team.

Laura plans on attending Fordham University in the fall, and she plans on studying integrative neuroscience. She is excited to be living in New York City and to visit



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the Botanical Garden. She is also excited to be living on her own, but not everything will be perfect.

"I'm probably going to gain the freshman 15, and I'm not looking forward to it," said Laura.

Over the course of her high school career, Laura feels as though she has been greatly influenced by Mrs. Amanda Pope for getting her interested in biology and Mr. Kevin DeVizia for getting her interested in math and statistics. She also credits Mr. Larry Marcial for teaching her that school is more than just the grade. Because of all this, Laura cannot narrow down just one role model due to the fact that there are so many people that she has to look up to.

After Delaware Valley, Laura is going to miss getting to see her friends and trusted teachers on a daily basis, and she just wants to be remembered as intelligent, yet still quiet and respectful.

Of all things, she advises underclassmen to join up with a lot of groups and clubs and to make sure that they do something unique to stand out to colleges when the time finally comes.

"Don't get lazy, and don't procrastinate so you have to write your research paper in one day."

-Nicholas Rivera

Lily Salazar

Lily Salazar is one remarkable budding businesswoman. She has been an essential element in the Business and Marketing career-tech class, taking on challenges and learning valuable skills for her future.

Lily enjoys learning the background of advertising and marketing.

"We learn all aspects of the field.

The class involves book work, but also hands-on application," she said.

One such project was collaboration with a local gluten-free business. Lily helped the entrepreneur design labels and create a marketing strategy.

DV has benefited from Lily's work. Each Wednesday, Lily ran the school store in the 11/12 cafeteria. Additionally, she collaborated with the Rachel's Challenge club to design cards for their Message Movement.

Lily hopes that the experience of class with Mrs.

Maura Angle will prepare her to start her own business.

Mrs. Angle is especially fond of Lily, who has been a student of hers since sophomore year.

"I've watched Lily grow over three years, from a quiet little child, to a mature adult," she said.

Making a mark on the world is very important to Lily. She often looks to her brother as an inspiring figure in her life.

"My brother is an employee for someone right now, but he also wants to have his own business. When I see how hard he works, it pushes me to do the same," she said.

Lily's parents have emphasized the importance of higher education and doing her best.

She is interested in studying either medicine or business at Northampton or Sussex County Community College. Undergoing EMT training is being considered by her as well.

Most of all, Lily wants to be in a role where she is helping people out.

Asked for closing advice for underclassmen, Lily stressed the need to not lose sight of one's goals.

"Get your work done. Don't be distracted. There will be plenty of time for fun afterwards," she said.

-Collin Kawan-Hemler

Adam Sandonato

Adam Sandonato seems to have done it all. He excels in both music and academics while also participating in sports and having, in his words "some sort of a social life." His charisma and drive set him apart in this year's graduating class, and he has big plans for his future.

This fall Adam plans to attend Drew University to double major in English and political science. Beyond that, he hopes to attend graduate school and eventually earn his doctorate degree.

Over the last four years, Adam has been extensively involved in DV's music program. Having played in band and orchestra since elementary school, he has since built a small arsenal of instruments he can play which includes the violin, trombone, guitar and bass.

"[Music] has really helped me explore interests outside of just school," said Adam.

Apart from school music programs, Adam is a part of his own band, the Poets Down Under, alongside his dad Mr. Ernest Sandonato and Mr. Will Tidridge. He also freelances occasionally, playing with bands in the Wallenpaupack area whenever they need an extra player.

One of the most influential experiences Adam cites relating to music is the opportunity to work with Sam Burtis,

a well-known trombonist he met last year when he came to DV for an expo. Now he trains with Burtis in the Bronx whenever he has a chance.

Adam admits both of his parents have influenced him greatly. His mom helped to groom his love of music, and his dad helped to pique his interest in English.

"I've been getting English lessons at home for as long as I can remember," said Adam.

Adam also cites a long list of teachers as having influenced him positively during his time in high school, including Mr. Larry Marcial, Mr. Bryan Pol, Mr. John Farrell, Mr. Lance Rauh and Senor Gary Cotroneo.

Adam's advice to the underclassmen is "to look more in the moment because a lot of the time you're so focused on the next step...you don't appreciate the now."

-Shaina Klein

Tara Sayles

Whether it was sculpting beautiful works of art or dominating on the volleyball court, Tara Sayles pushed herself to achieve a lot throughout her high school career.

Throughout her years in high school, Tara has taken General Art, Foundations in Art, Painting I, Jewelry Design, AP Studio Art, Drawing and Ceramics I and II. Tara's favorite class along with teacher was Mrs. Tricia Kaylor's Ceramics class; she especially enjoyed working with the pottery wheel.

"My favorite thing about Tara is that she is not afraid to experiment with the medium. She takes risks as an artist and if she fails she persists until she has created a masterpiece," said Mrs. Kaylor.

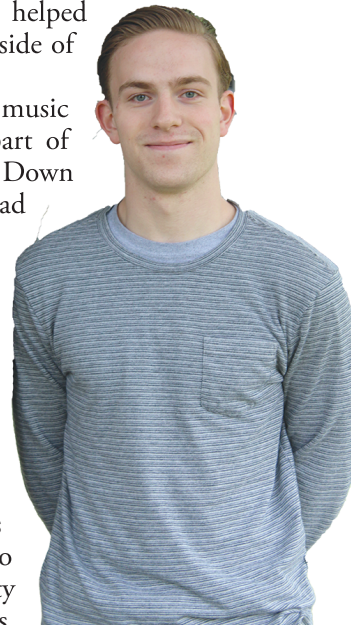
Tara's enthusiasm for art has led her to win awards such as winning gold in the Scholastic Art competition and honorable mention. Her works has been displayed throughout the high school and she currently has two pieces at the Artery as well as another at High Point.

Among Tara's other achievements, she also succeeds on the volleyball court.

Tara has been a part of the varsity volleyball team for all four years in high school and has helped her team win four District II titles. Tara was also captain of the varsity volleyball team for her senior year and her devotion has earned her titles such as Times-Tribute All-Region player and all-star WVC coaches second team conference.

One of Tara's favorite memories in high school was beating Holy Redeemer in volleyball and winning the PIAA District II league championships.

Tara plans on studying at Wilkes University where she will be majoring in early education and minoring in art. She will also be playing volleyball at Wilkes at a Division III level. In Tara's first semester, she will be traveling with her team to Puerto Rico to play in a tournament.



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In the future, Tara hopes to work with younger kids, become either an art teacher or special education teacher at an elementary school.

"High school is temporary," said Tara. "Just do like your own thing"

-Mandy Xu

Molly Scollo

Known for her leadership in many groups, Molly Scollo has created a lasting impact on her peers and her class in a positive way.

Throughout her years at DV, Molly has participated in many different clubs and has played numerous roles within her class.

This year, she serves as the Student Council president and the Drama Club president. She has had leads in the school drama productions for the last three years. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and chorus, serving as chorus Vice President for the 2015-2016 school year. She also won the title of Prom Queen. Outside of school, Molly also participates in many volunteer opportunities, such as Relay for Life and the Reality Tour.

Being involved also allowed Molly to have a large part of the school's decision regarding prom this year. She worked closely with principal Dr. Brian Blaum and others to choose where to go after experiencing complications with the original plan.

Molly credits her family, teachers and Dr. Blaum in guiding her to be who she is today.

For Molly, Dr. Blaum influenced her with his demeanor and how he handles situations in an effective manner. For this, he is one of the reasons why she would like to become a teacher.

Her mother also acts as her "rock, best friend and biggest supporter." Her parents and sister also inspired her to pursue music at a young age and supported all that she was interested in.

Molly will be attending Pace University to major in education and minor in musical theater. She is excited to almost be on her own and to see how she will thrive in real life situations.

Molly hopes to be remembered as someone who made a difference in the school.

"I want to be remembered as someone who stood up for those who didn't have a voice and someone who took the opinions of everyone and put something into action," Molly said.

-Alicia Housby



Abrar Shamim

Known for his academic successes and extracurricular involvement with soccer, Odyssey of the Mind, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, also known as HOBY, National Honor Society, volunteer work as well as shadowing many dentists around the area, Abrar Shamim has made a lasting impact on DV.

With the hopes of becoming a dentist specialized in prosthodontics Abrar has taken many steps towards reaching his goal due to his early desire and decision to do so. He will be attending Muhlenberg College and UPenn which has a very structured dental program. This will take seven years to complete.

"I'm really interested in specializing in prosthodontics. People are becoming more and more interested towards aesthetic reconstructive surgery and the idea of prosthodontics is very interesting to me, especially since people are doing really beautiful work and changing people's lives with it," stated Abrar.

Abrar has achieved many accomplishments throughout his high school career. This includes becoming president of the National Honor Society, ambassador for HOBY, being selected as all-state, first team, all-league and Lackawanna League MVP for soccer, and he also made it to World Finals twice while in Odyssey of the Mind.

Abrar was also involved with the Starfish Foundation, an organization that provides educational opportunities for young women living in Ecuador.

"It was a really rewarding experience to be able to help kids who you don't even know," stated Abrar.

Since Abrar is such a well-rounded student who has experienced what seems like every possible opportunity, he hopes to be as successful in the real world as he has been at DV.

"My advice to underclassmen is to be aware of what interests you. I learned as much as possible about the topics I'm interested in, which has been a big help with getting involved with the dental program at Muhlenberg," said Abrar. "All I need to do now is make sure I follow through so that I can hopefully start making an impact on people's lives as soon as possible."

-Juliann Winkler

Nick Shi

Nick Shi has taken high school by storm through creating structures in Odyssey of the Mind, building bridges in Engineering Club, excelling in his academic career and helping out in the community.

"Nick was a real asset to our structure team. He is a team player and dependable. He was a mentor to younger OMER's during his time in the program. He



will be truly missed by his coach," said Nick's OM Coach Terry Balton.

Nick says that academics has always been a big part of his life. He has also participated in peer math tutoring, National Honor Society and chamber orchestra.

Nick looks up to his Engineering Club Adviser Mr. Robert Curtis. He finds him interesting to talk to and considers him a mentor.

"Nick is very conscientious and determined when it comes to his engineering projects and he always does really well," said Mr. Curtis.

Nick will be majoring in mechanical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh in the

coming fall and says that no matter where his future leads him, he just wants to make a difference.

"Push through everything no matter how hard it gets because there will be times in life where it will be much harder than in high school. Always speak out, help out, volunteer, talk to people you don't usually talk to. I wish I did that more," advised Nick.

Nick volunteers at the Pike County Humane Society and takes pride in helping out others in his community.

"Get out there a little bit more, do not be so shy and talk to more people. If I had to take away one thing, it is to keep a good balance between education and socialization because one is no more important than the other, but they're evenly important," said Nick.

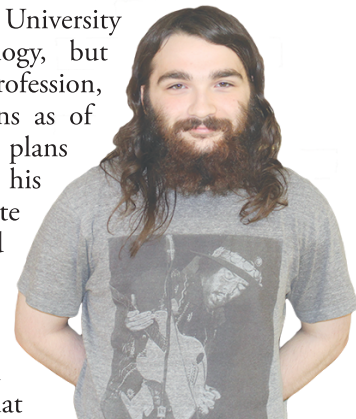
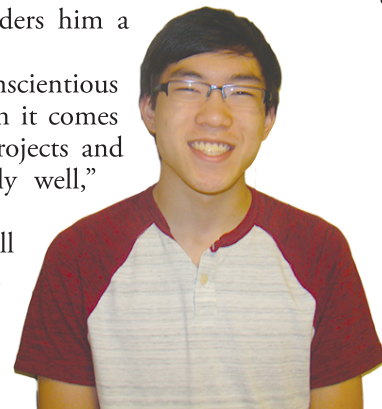
-Bry Rose

Chris Shivers

Although Chris Shivers is a name that not many people know, his face is recognized by many. His high school career has been a quiet one being that he has not been greatly involved, but it has been substantial.

Throughout his schooling, Chris has gotten to know most of his teachers rather well, making the communication with them rather easy. He credits much of his success to teachers like Mr. B. T. Lively, Mrs. Carmel Kratz, Mr. Larry Marcial, Mr. John Farrell and Mr. Micah Sweeney.

Chris's plans for the future are to attend East Stroudsburg University and major in psychology, but when it comes to a set profession, he has no concrete plans as of right now. For now, he plans on continuing to refine his skills in one of his favorite past times, writing and playing music for his guitar. Even though he does not participate in any music programs in school, he still feels that



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music has been largely influential in his life.

Chris says that he is going to miss getting to see many of his friends on a daily basis, and he will miss the simplicity of speaking to his teachers on a one on one basis.

Although he was only a part of Rachel's Challenge, and for a short period of time, he feels that joining up with a number of clubs is something valuable for everybody.

"I really got to meet a nice group of people from that," said Chris.

Out of everything he believes underclassmen should do, Chris feels like people should definitely get involved in more extracurricular activities and remain unique.

Chris wants to be remembered as a nice person who is easy to talk to, but nothing too grandiose.

"Don't be afraid to be awkward, and just be yourself, as corny as that sounds," said Chris.

-Nicholas Rivera

Kaylee Small

Everybody has a goal in mind, something he/she strive for or an idea he/she want to accomplish. For Kaylee Small, she has accomplished a multitude of her goals and has opened up many more doors to a successful future.

Kaylee has been a part of the Odyssey of the Mind structure team for four years, Emergency Responders and National Honor Society. Outside of school, Kaylee is a part of the Westfall volunteer fire department and is an employee at Flagship Cinemas.

Kaylee attributes her high school success to all of the activities she has been involved in and that these clubs have helped her determine what she would like to pursue in college.

She will be attending Wilkes University in the fall, majoring in digital design and minoring in media art.

"I want to go into graphic design. You can do so much with art," said Kaylee.

Her major is also based upon her passion for tattoos, which she believes are an extremely impressive and a great way to express cultures and passions.



"Mr. Eric Thiele has been so influential. We had a great teacher student relationship. He would always challenge me and pushed me towards my full potential," said Kaylee.

Kaylee said that she is nervous to close doors and leave behind DV, but is excited to open

up much larger ones.

"My favorite memories were my OM competitions; the hard work, arguments and stress all go away when you win. It all becomes worth it, especially when we got the Renatra Fusca at Regionals," said Small.

Kaylee has greatly enjoyed her time at DV and will miss it here. Her advice for underclassmen is that "you

will grow and change in high school, but everything will end up working out."

-Maeve Dowd

Trevor Smith

When thinking of the senior class, one of the tallest individuals to come to mind is Trevor Smith. Besides being known for his height and as one of the "Smith twins," Trevor is well-known because of his academics, athleticism and outgoing personality.

During his time in high school, Trevor has been a three-sport athlete, participating in football, basketball and baseball. In addition, he is a member of FBLA, Student Council and Sergeant at Arms of the class of 2017.

"Being involved has helped me to develop leadership skills that will help me later on in life," said Trevor.

Looking back, Trevor notes that Mr. Gary Cotroneo and Mr. Scott Nielsen were his most influential teachers. In addition, Trevor explained that his family had a significant impact on how he approaches every situation.

"My family gave me the support I needed to always try my best in the things that I do and to be the best I possibly can be," said Trevor.

Reflecting on his time in high school, Trevor notes that he is most proud of managing three sports and maintaining his academics. He wants underclassmen to know that it's important to enjoy the activities they partake in, but to remember that school comes first.

This fall, Trevor will be continuing his education at Penn State University with a major in engineering.

As he moves on to the next chapter in his life, Trevor feels that he will miss playing sports the most, as he has chosen not to play sports at the collegiate level.

"Sports have had the biggest impact on my life and now they're over," said Trevor.

But after college, Trevor notes that he is looking forward to owning a house and having a "sweet" car.

As Trevor leaves DV, he has left a lasting impression through not only his academics and athletics, but also through his personality.

A clear expression of Trevor's personality can be heard in his final remark, "I want to be remembered as someone who was hard working, a good friend and a member of the best class to walk these halls – 2017 baby!"

-Kirsten Peters

Tyler Smith

Senior Tyler Smith has made a name for himself on the field and on the court during his years at Delaware Valley. Tyler is a three-sport varsity athlete with true passion. He will be continuing his football career at East

Stroudsburg University to major in physical education.

Over the years, Tyler has been a district champion in football and volleyball and a league champion in basketball. He has been named offensive MVP for volleyball, defensive MVP for basketball and has been named first team All League for football and volleyball.

Tyler has been heavily influenced by his coaches Mr. Keith Olsommer, Mr. Nick Quaglia and Mr. Kris Holtzer.

Tyler said, "[I] owe so much to these coaches for having a huge impact on my life."

"Coach O demanded the best out of me every second I was on the field, getting on me when I would drop a pass or miss a block because he knew I could do it."

Tyler says Mr. Quaglia was always there to support him when he was down on himself.

"Coach Q was always there for me when I was down on myself for messing up. He's always giving me talks and telling me how he believed in me, which

gave me the confidence I had on the field to get that first down or jump ball in the corner of the end zone."

Mr. Holtzer was a coach who Tyler has grown up with and has been pushing him ever since he was little.

"Coach Holtzer has been my coach ever since biddy ball, making me a competitor and making me the player who gives his all every day."

Tyler wants people to remember him as "a player who gave his all, had a fun time and was fun to be around." He also wants younger athletes to remember to love their sport, especially if they want to play at the collegiate level, because "the love of the sport should be the main reason you play."

-Nicole Dardia

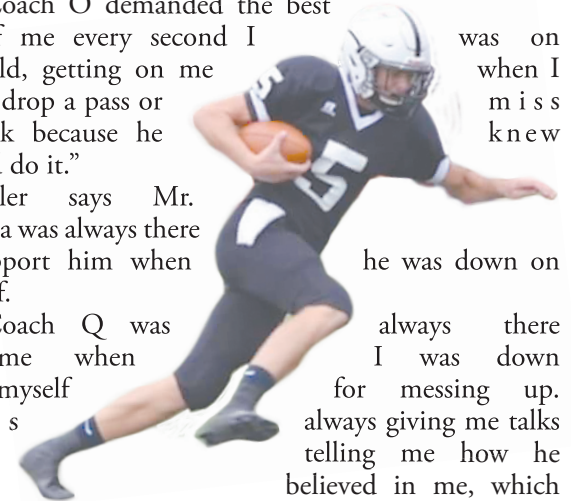
Jessica Sudano

Do the two words "dance" and "early childhood education" remind you of anyone? They should. Jessica Sudano has stood out in the ECE program for three years of her high school career. With the opportunity to be a part of this vo tech class, Jess has been able to gain knowledge in the field of education which has enabled her own teaching styles to grow.

"Early childhood has given me the opportunity to put my love for teaching into action very early on," Jess said. "It taught me how to be a responsible leader and constantly be a role model in the eyes of young children."

Throughout the years, Jess's ECE teacher, Mrs. Jill Farr, is an important part of Jess's life.

"Mrs. Farr has taught me how to grow as a teacher. Not only does she care about my academic life, but she is also there to help me through my everyday life. She has grown to be more than just my teacher, she is also my



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friend,” Jess said.

Jess realizes that her future will involve children. She will be studying early childhood and special education at Kings College. She plans on becoming an elementary school teacher. Her love for elementary school children grew during her senior year of ECE, when she taught children from kindergarten through fourth grade.

“As my role model, my mom always puts others needs before her own,” Jess said. “I strive to be like that everyday with my students, friends and family.”

High school, along with a select group of teachers, left an impact on Jess’s life. Jess said she will miss Mr. George Gelderman, Ms. Petra Kluge and Mr. Mike Murray the most. These teachers knew how involved Jess was in early childhood and they would always ask her how her student-teaching was going and they would assist her when looking over her lesson plans.

With high hopes to be remembered as a friendly leader, who was willing to always lend an ear, Jess said, “Don’t spread yourself too thin. Everything is in moderation.”

-Kaiya DeStefano

Rebecca Suta

Mostly seen down in the vo-tech room, pouring herself over her work, Rebecca Suta is an aspiring young chef who always strives for excellence when it comes to perfecting her culinary skills.

Rebecca’s peers describe her as very concentrated and hard worker.

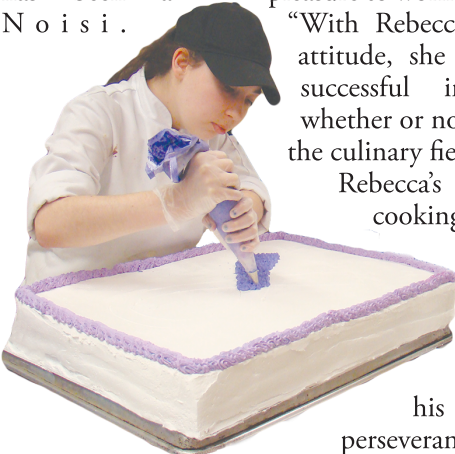
“She doesn’t like to talk to people when she’s working,” said Tiffani Martin, Rebecca’s classmate and friend. “If she sets her mind to something, she does it.”

Rebecca has taken advantage of DV’s Food Service career tech program. She credits Chef Alex Noisi as someone who has mentored her and worked with her one on one to make sure her skills develop.

“Rebecca is a very talented and driven student. She has been a pleasure to work with,” said Chef Noisi.

“With Rebecca’s hardworking attitude, she is going to be successful in the future whether or not she remains in the culinary field.”

Rebecca’s interest in cooking came from her father. He is someone who she has admired because of his dedication and perseverance.



Rebecca serves a critical role in career tech, as she earned the title as president of Skills USA, during her senior year. As president, Rebecca helps recruit members, as well as guide everyone’s projects and ensure that they are getting their work in on time. Throughout Rebecca’s experience in Skills USA, she has won bronze in Natural Resource Food and Agriculture, her junior year and has recently won bronze in Occupational Skills Showcase.

Rebecca hopes to have left a legacy at her time at DV. Her advice for the upcoming underclass is to take a career-tech class.

Rebecca plans on attending North Hampton Community College to study culinary arts. In the future, she wants to gain more experience by going back to school and getting a bachelor’s degree in nutritional science.

She hopes to pursue cooking and one day hopes to own her own restaurant.

-Mandy Xu

Hayden Thompson

Hayden Thompson is an easily recognizable face throughout the halls of DV. In addition to making the most of his high school experience with his involvement in wrestling and emergency responders club, he also has become a deeply involved member of the Matamoras Fire Department.

Hayden spends the majority of his time at the fire department; he normally visits at least once a day. With the fire department, Hayden has been able to train and become an interior firefighter.

Along with the fire department, wrestling has taken up much of Hayden’s time during his years at DV. He attributes wrestling to helping him grow and giving him many life lessons.

He would like to thank Mr. Lou DeLauro who has been there as a coach and a mentor for him during the past years.

In his free time, Hayden enjoys hunting, fishing and hanging out with his friends.

He would like to recognize Shane Acoven for always being there for him.

In the future, Hayden hopes to continue firefighting and someday join the New York City Fire Department. Hayden is looking forward to beginning his career, getting a house, starting a family, and living the American dream.

He will miss being around his friends the most when he leaves high school.

Hayden’s advice for underclassmen in order to make the most of high school is to “work hard but leave room for fun.”

-Meghan Kelly



Mark Wassmer

Mark Wassmer has been interested in building for a long time and hopes to someday build a skyscraper.

His interest in building and this goal to one day build a skyscraper is what pushed Mark to take the Building Construction career tech class at DV, where he can learn as much as he can about the career path.

Mark’s favorite part about the program is building things together with his classmates.

“The feeling of accomplishment as a group is a good feeling,” said Mark.

During his time in this class, he has contributed to the building of many cabinets, bookshelves and stage props.

Outside of school, Mark’s hobbies include; blueprinting, martial arts, model making and some bodybuilding.

In the future, Mark would like to attend college, possibly a trade school, and is excited to be able to work full time in his family business after graduation.

After working in his family business, Mark will move on to the Union and then join either the armed forces or attend college.

His construction teacher Mr. Will Tidridge, has left a lasting impact on Mark, by widening his skill set and pushing him to do better.

Miss. Marisa Gallik, his chemistry teacher, is another person who has impacted Mark in high school. Since her class, Mark has become more interested in science and how it can be used and applied to construction.

Mark would like to be remembered as one of the many students who was privileged to graduate from a school with such great advantages.

“I feel my impact on this school is being in a vo-tech, making things and helping out, trying to make a difference with the people around me and my environment,” said Mark.

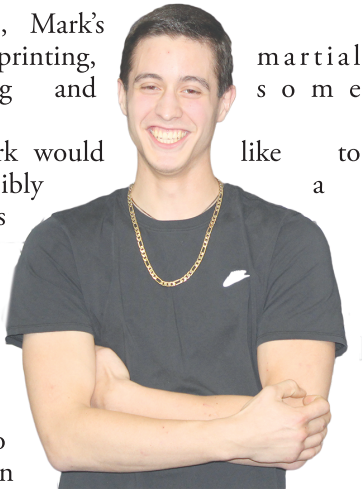
-Sydney Couturier

Reiley Weems

Reiley Weems is known for her art. Having experimented with sports and other interests earlier in high school, she found her niche in art and design.

“I didn’t get tripped up over the fact that I’m not good at math or sports. [Art] is what I’m good at, so it is what I’m going to stick to and represent myself with,” said Reiley.

Reiley took a total of 11 art classes during her time at DV, and thus has become familiar with numerous different mediums. Most known for her painting, her works have won her awards such as WVIA’s third place



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Artist of the Year. Her pieces were also featured on flyers for the ARTery event and in the yearbook.

"I first tried painting in Painting 1. Before then I just kind of did drawing because that's all I thought I'd like," said Reiley. "I ended up liking painting a lot better because it's a lot more loose and fluid."

For inspiration, Reiley looks to Instagram and different contemporary artists.



"It's fun to look to the past and see what artists did, but it's a lot better to look at current artists who are actually making a living on art," said Reiley. "Art isn't just something people get recognized for after they're dead; there are actually people who are

becoming successful off of it now."

Reiley is thankful for her parents' support along her art journey, and for the guidance of art teachers Mrs. Christine Sweeney and Dr. Irene Lance.

In the fall, Reiley will be attending the Tyler School of Art at Temple University to study architecture. She looks forward to learning about the design aspect of building.

"Everything [in architecture] is being simplified and looking the same, so I want to bring back the creativity into it," said Reiley.

Reiley's advice to the underclassmen is to broaden their interests.

"Don't dedicate yourself to one field of interest too quickly," said Reiley. "Look into classes that you don't even think you'd like that much."

-Shaina Klein

Junny Xu

Junny Xu. You might not know how to pronounce her name at first, but once you know it, you will not forget it.

Throughout her years in high school, Junny has proven to be a well-rounded student, participating in numerous activities and clubs in school.

Challenging herself throughout high school, whether it be academically or juggling after school curriculums, Junny has excelled in numerous areas. She has taken seven AP courses and six honors classes, maintaining a 3.8 GPA.

Junny has been a member of National Honors Society, Student Council, TATU, Peer Tutoring, FBLA, Peer Buddies and played soccer her freshman and sophomore year. She was elected treasurer for both National Honor Society and Student Council during her senior year.

Among these achievements, she also won best personality in her class and was nominated for prom court.

"Make the most of your high school experience and get involved. It leads to meeting new people and experiencing new things," said Junny.

Looking back throughout high school, one of Junny's favorite memory was traveling to France and Spain with Mr. Jeffrey Krasulski and Mrs. Raycharlyn Krasulski. Her favorite part of the trip was seeing the Eiffel Tower lit up at night, alongside one of her favorite teachers, Mr. Krasulski.

After graduating high school, Junny will be attending the University of Pittsburgh; where she will be majoring in pharmacy and working on master's degree.

"They say that high school is the best four years of your life; that's only true if you have the right people by your side," said Junny. "Go out and experience everything you can because before you know it you'll be leaving the little town of Milford and heading off to the real world."

-Mandy Xu

Xander Yoncak

Xander Yoncak has demonstrated outstanding artistic talent throughout his years spent at Delaware Valley.

Xander has taken Computer Art 1 and 2 and Graphic Design 1 and 2 classes. He enjoys using graphic design to create art, but his favorite art medium is drawing using a pencil and a sheet of paper as his canvas.

Xander believes his mother's influence, as an artist when he was younger, is what first inspired him to pursue his art work. He said that he saw her art and wanted to emulate what she was doing, and sooner or later he ended up with his own style.

"It's very difficult to criticize art because it is not only subjective but immensely vague. It can be used however the artist sees fit. A piece can represent a very personal abstract construct, or it can be used to elicit a specific emotion. Meaning can also be found in art that was not intended to be there because it is all subjective," said Xander.

Although Xander does not plan to pursue art as a career in the future, he says that it is essential to everyday life and he will continue to create art in the future.

"Art is life because life is matter what it takes, whether it's a painting or a sculpture or a movie or a song, everything anyone creates can be considered art. Without art life would be utterly meaningless," said Xander.

Xander plans on leaving his options open and



possibly becoming a pilot or a psychiatrist in the future. He will major in psychology at a community college in Philadelphia while exploring the city and learning about its culture and history. His dreams also include traveling the world and just seeing where his adventure of life will take him.

"I just want to learn as much as I can about the world and figure out what I'm most suited for. I want to get the most out of my experience as a human being," said Xander.

-Bry Rose

Leah Yost

Leah Yost is a well-rounded student whether it is in the classroom or on the field. She is a member of the varsity field hockey and lacrosse teams while being in peer math tutoring, Creative Writing Club, Computer Art Club, Reading Team, Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society.

She has won numerous academic, athletic and artistic awards during her time at DV, some are Questbridge Scholar and finalist, Regional Field Hockey All-Team selection and Gold Key Art Scholastics Award.

In the fall she will be attending MIT, majoring in mechanical engineering and playing field hockey. Her parents have been her inspiration as well as English teacher Mr. John Farrell and retired chemistry teacher Mrs. Jane Martin. Her coaches throughout high school also inspired her, field hockey coaches Lindsay Gonzalez, Erika Adames and lacrosse coach Bernadine Salak.

"Leah was by far one of the most conscientious students I have encountered in recent years. She is very articulate and will no doubt be successful in her major," Mr. Farrell said.

When it comes to her at home life Leah knows about growing up in a large family, being one of eight she says,

"Growing up in a big family is a lot of fun and there is always someone there for advice or to brighten your day."

Some of Leah's hobbies consist of art, writing, and reading. When it comes to her artistic ability she enjoys photography, ceramics and graphic design.

Being top 25 in the class of 2017 Leah has had to manage her time between academics and athletics. Being organized and having dedication has helped her through high school. She said sports helped with managing her time with schoolwork.

In 15 years' time, Leah pictures herself with her own family owning her own business designing unique products.

Leah's advice to the underclassmen is, "As long as you work hard things will work out so do not worry about it."

-Kirsten Dunn





"I think the senior class is the total package. They are kind, compassionate, resilient and have a burning desire to be number one." -Dr. Briam Blaum

"They were a great bunch, and I can say with confidence that they'll never forget this AP test experience! I wish them the best and the door is always open for them." -Mr. Gary Cotroneo

"This has been a great year and the future is bright for these seniors. The sky is the limit." -Mr. Lou DeLauro

"The class of 2017 is talented, charismatic and bound for success." - Mrs. Jennifer Marchetti

Most Common Male
First Name:
Christopher (8)
Jacob (8)

Most Common
Birthday:
May 3

Most Common
Female First Name:
Emily (7)



Senior
Fun Facts!

Most Common
Male Middle
Name:
Michael (17)

Most Common
Female Middle
Name:
Marie (21)

"I think they have a lot of potential in the future. They ate a lot of Pop Tarts." - Mr. Steve Rhule

"I wish the best of luck and much success in what they do in the future." - Mrs. Shannon Maino

"The seniors were in class with strong personalities, who used their abilities to foster creative approaches to what was required of them. I think they have a lot of untapped potential that erupts and surprises them."
-Ms. Deanna Zarzecki

"The senior class is a very talented group of young people. They have had to deal with many challenges over this past year, and they have stepped up and shown that they have bright futures ahead."
-Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski

