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Senior twins prepare to be apart for the first time.

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The SPHS seniors are on the verge of graduating high school and beginning their lives as college students or joining the workforce. With four years of great memories, the class of 2020 is prepared to end their high school careers in a nonconventional way. "I'm super excited to finally leave and get out into the world on my own," senior Lacey Ordakowski said. Graphic by Annabelle Cotton.



Worst Case Scenario

A pandemic has always meant disaster to the United States service-based economy.

by Matt Mangano | Features Editor

For the past eleven years, the New York Stock Exchange has been running an unprecedentedly long bull market, meaning the value of an investment in the market continuously rose for over a decade. This success led to the highest Dow Jones Industrial Average closing value in market history on Feb. 12, 2020: a whopping 29,551.42.

But what goes up, must come down.

On March 9, the Dow broke another record, falling 2,013.76 points in one day, marking the beginning of the 2020 stock market crash.

This cataclysmic plummet was caused by the novel coronavirus pandemic. For an extended period of time there was a false sense of security because of the lack of testing and a misunderstanding of the

severity of the virus. The overly-optimistic reassurances by the Trump administration early on in the outbreak kept the market rising through January and February before eventually tanking when countries across the globe began to lockdown.

The outbreak has doomed the economy since the pandemic's beginning. The United States' service-based economy thrives on face-to-face interactions. Unfortunately, so does the coronavirus. As governments desperately try to keep citizens away from each other in order to limit the spread of the virus, businesses naturally continue to see fewer customers each day, and for industries such as transportation, retail, hospitality, entertainment and sports, this has been catastrophic.

In Maryland, regulations on businesses began on March 15 when Governor Larry Hogan

ordered all casinos and race-tracks to close. The next day, Hogan ordered all restaurants, bars, movie theaters and gyms to close at 5:00 p.m. and limited gatherings to 50 people. On March 23, all non-essential businesses were forced to close. While the announcement was expected by many business owners, it was devastating nonetheless.

As for businesses that remained open, they have taken extra precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. Restaurants have converted to take-out and delivery only in order to limit the number of people that enter the premises each day. Senior Emily Allgair, an employee at Squisito Pizza and Pasta said "We currently only offer curbside pick-up. Because I deal directly with customers I am required to wear gloves and a homemade mask. This is to



Closed for Coronavirus. Many businesses, like the Starbucks in Severna Park and downtown Annapolis, have closed in an effort to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus. "On March 20, Starbucks decided to close all non-drive-thru stores, but we are still getting paid," senior Grace O'Brien said. Photo by Matt Mangano.

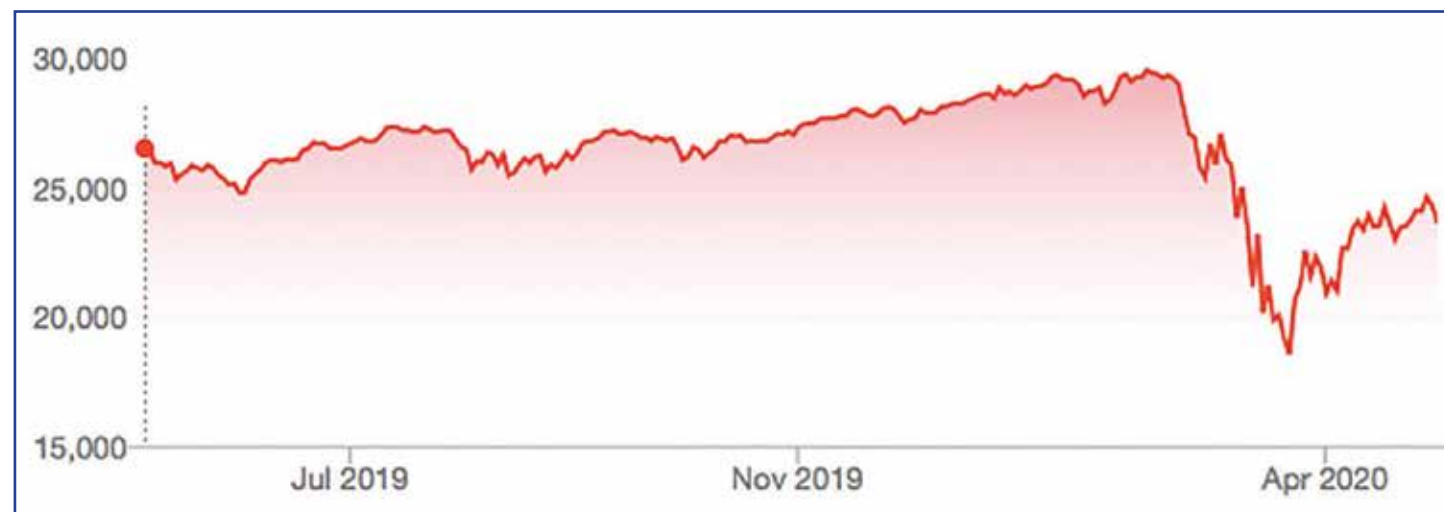
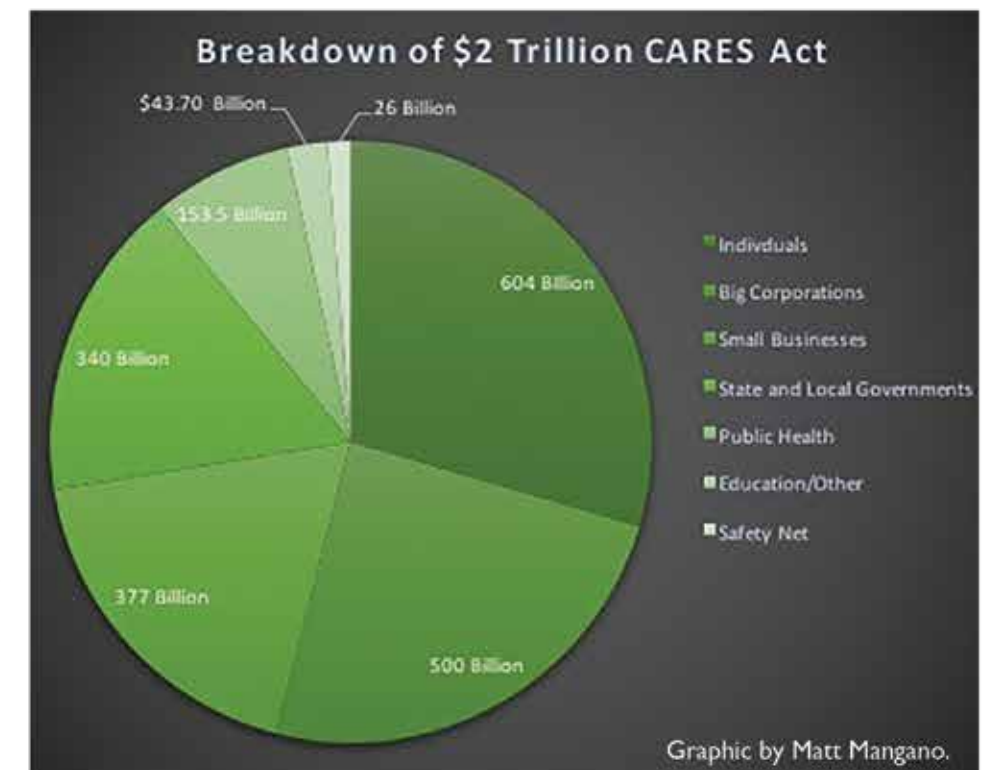
protect both the customers and myself."

Some students, however, are unable to work their usual jobs due to adjusted hours of operations, limited shifts or closings. Senior Grace O'Brien works at a Starbucks in downtown Annapolis, a location that is now closed, but notes that Starbucks has provided excellent benefits to its employees. "Under COVID-19 catastrophe pay we are paid until May 3 directly from Starbucks. They also increased our employee discount to 50 percent off until May 6," she said. O'Brien is not alone in temporarily losing her job, as over 30 million Americans have filed for unemployment as of May 1. Strange as it may seem, laying off staff was a necessary step for businesses hoping to survive the outbreak. The federal government has added unemployment funding in order to lighten the load for small business owners and help keep them from having to pay their employees out of pocket.

The longevity of this recession is simply a question mark as of right now. When asked in an interview with CBS

mists, business owners and employees and induces fear of an impending depression. No one knows how bad this can get, and many worry about the availability of jobs in the near future.

There is still hope for an economic recovery in the United States. The CARES Act was a big step towards reviving the economy. The 2.2 trillion dollar stimulus package serves to assist individuals, and large and small businesses. While many gaps still remain in the bridge to recovery from this virus, there is some cause for optimism. The Dow has had a recent bounceback as the market and economy settle into this new normal. The fight is not yet over for America or the rest of the world, and the health its citizens and the economy depends on each of us doing our part to slow the spread of the virus.

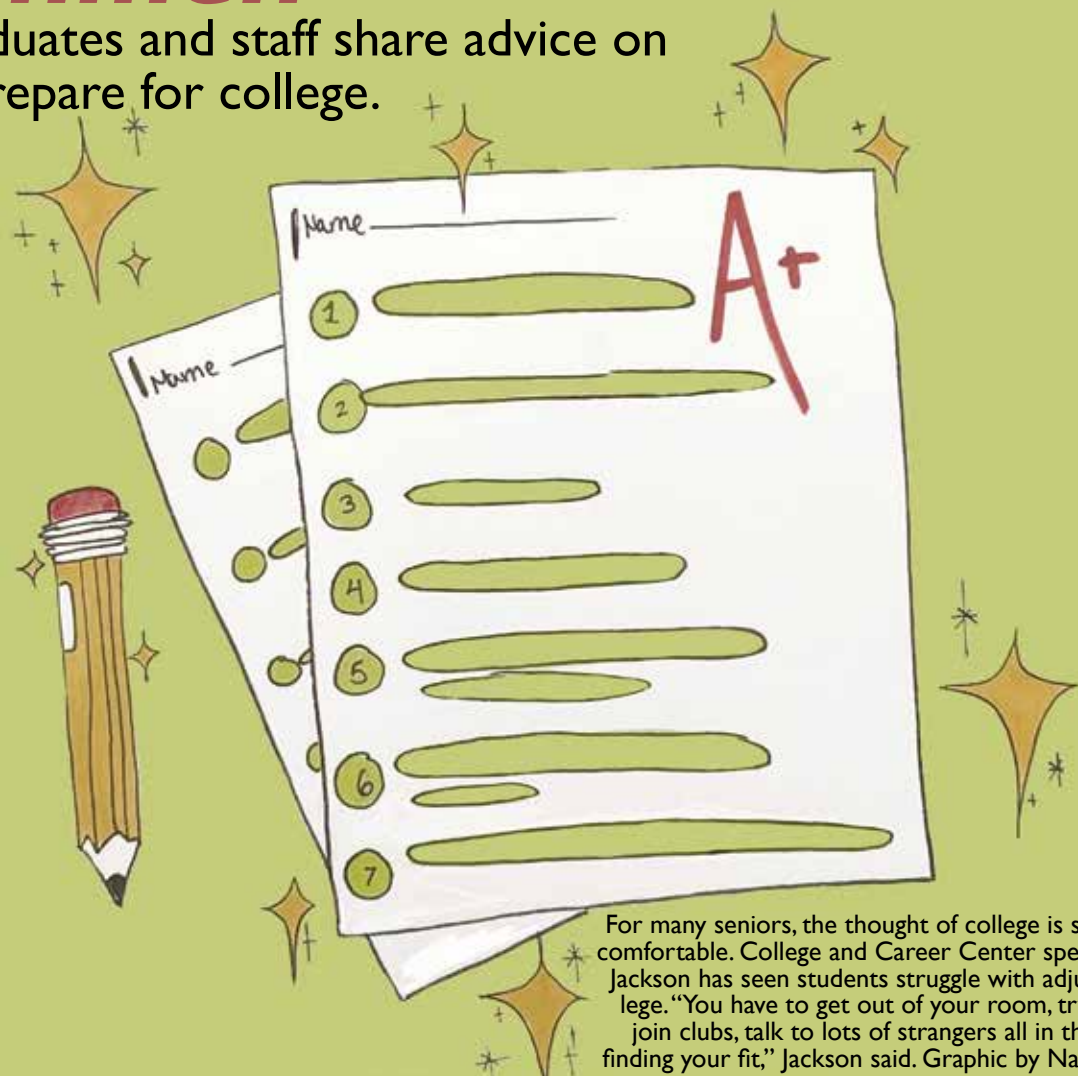


The Dow Jones Industrial Average has consistently risen for over a decade. Then it suddenly dropped with the outbreak of COVID-19. "An exogenous shock hitting the U.S. economy at a time of vulnerability has been the most plausible recessionary scenario for some time," according to the Harvard Business Review. Photo courtesy of Google.

Top Three Tips for College Freshmen

by Sydney Herz | Staff Writer

SPHS graduates and staff share advice on how to prepare for college.



For many seniors, the thought of college is scary and uncomfortable. College and Career Center specialist Nancy Jackson has seen students struggle with adjusting to college. "You have to get out of your room, try new things, join clubs, talk to lots of strangers all in the process of finding your fit," Jackson said. Graphic by Natalie Castillo.

Graduation is less than a month away and seniors' high school careers are coming to an end. With it comes the unknowns of college life. What should I expect? What will life be like on my own? How will I succeed? Many former SPHS students asked the same questions as they entered a new chapter of their lives. So, as you start to pack your bags and head off to college, consider these tips to help you succeed your freshman year.

Be Open-Minded

It's hard to know what to expect going into a new environment with people you don't know. In college, you have to gain a sense of independence, which means being open to meeting new people. "I was really close-minded at first because it was hard to adapt to not having anyone around that was like me," SPHS graduate Irma Jakubovaite said. "After a few months I started accepting differences and being open-minded about other cultures and I met so many amazing people." College is

also a time to open your mind not only to other people, but to new activities. "Try something new," SPHS graduate Ronni Binstock said. "College has so many opportunities that everyone should take advantage of even if it seems scary." Having an open mind can expose you to new people and places, and help you develop and find yourself in your new life.

Meet With Your Professors

Many high schoolers are used to going in and out of class without saying a word to their teachers or asking for help. Many struggle to create relationships with their professors in college because they're seen as intimidating or scary, but communicating with your professors will help you and your work in the long run. "Not only does it build a relationship between you two, but it is also really helpful for understanding what's going on in your classes," Jakubovaite said. "When you meet with your professor and have some kind of relationship with them, they are more likely to want to help you and will treat you and your work more favorably." Though it may take some adjusting at first, meeting with your professors and getting to know them will help you succeed in college and go beyond your comfort zones.

Don't Forget Who You Are

For those of you who struggle to fit in with the societal norm in Severna Park, you're not alone. SPHS graduate Maria Still felt the same way until she went off to Santa Monica College in California. "I always found myself holding back and not showing parts of me," Still said. "I reflect on it as my growing process. I found my best friends by opening up and being myself and being completely upfront." This aspect of college can be overwhelming for many students as they struggle to find the right crowd and make the right choices. College and Career Center specialist Nancy Jackson gives countless seniors tips and advice if they encounter a challenge like this. "Remember who you are and what is important to you," Jackson said. "Keep in mind some goals for why you're there, what you want to learn, how you want to grow and what you want to do after college is over." Thinking about your future and your past can help steer you toward the right track to find yourself and your path in life.

Dorm Essentials

by Amanda Vu | Opinions Editor

- Mattress pad
- Light bedding set & blanket
- Bedside lamp
- Ear plugs
- Clothing hangers
- Bluetooth speaker
- Calendar
- Laundry hamper
- Laundry detergent
- Medicine (Advil, Nyquil, etc.)
- Tissues
- Wrap towel
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes
- Laptop
- Chargers
- Earphones
- Portable printer
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Quarantine Jams

A list of songs to add to your playlist during quarantine.

by Natalie Castillo | Graphics Editor

Believe it or not, we are currently living through a major historical event. These times are difficult and unprecedented, so no one blames you for being stressed out. Here is a list of songs for your playlist to help you destress for the next 30 minutes:

"Toxic" by Britney Spears

This iconic 2003 hit is the go-to theme song for COVID-19. Its techno melody and Spears's signature high-pitched voice are the perfect duo to keep you dancing in your (hopefully not) "poison paradise."

"Summertime Sadness" by Lana Del Rey

With all events cancelled because of COVID-19, it's okay to feel upset. Del Rey's 2012 hit is the best song to shed a tear to even if it's not technically summertime yet.

"Carry On" by Fun

The album "Some Nights" from this alternative rock band was massively successful with chart-topping songs like "Some Nights" and "We Are Young" featuring Janelle Monae. While "Carry On" isn't the most popular song, it is the most hopeful.

"A Thousand Miles" by Vanessa Carlton

Although experts don't advise walking a thousand miles to see anybody right now, this 2001 throwback will set a romantic tone to your next video call. If you have a special someone you miss, this is the song for you.



Quarantine has been hard for everyone considering how abruptly it changed our everyday lives. Since we have a lot of time on our hands, this is the perfect opportunity to listen to new music. "I've mostly been listening to the same stuff, country music is making me feel relaxed though," senior Geoffrey Biddle said. Graphic by Natalie Castillo.

"The Lazy Song" by Bruno Mars

If being lazy was a sport, everybody would currently be winning. Mars definitely had the right idea in 2010 with this quirky anthem. Kick your feet up, stare at the fan and relax.

"Night Changes" by One Direction

Despite the boy band's past reputation as girly bubblegum pop, their fourth studio album houses an arsenal of critically acclaimed numbers including this gem. "Night Changes" is a ballad that assures us that no matter what happens, "there's nothing to be afraid of."

"Myself" by Bazzi

2018's breakout artist Bazzi released this track on his debut album "COSMIC." The first verse of this song says it all: "I think I'm losing my mind."

"To Noise Making (Sing)" by Hozier

The final song on the list is your reminder to keep singing despite these tough times. Hozier said it best: "You don't have to sing it right, who could call you wrong? You put your emptiness to melody, your awful heart to song... at best you'll find a little remedy, at worst the world will sing along."

Open Letter to the Seniors

Dear Class of 2020,

What better time to write this than while stuck in quarantine? Thanks to a pandemic, our senior year didn't quite go as planned. We lost our beloved Rock 'n' Roll Revival, our spring sports, our field trips and our third quarter (which I'm sure nobody is complaining about). But what we didn't lose is our memories from these past four years, and for better or for worse, those memories are here to stay.

On August 22, 2016, we walked the notorious "red carpet" straight into our first day of high school. Being the last freshman class to enter the old school, we were lucky to experience a building with character (and asbestos). Fast forward to January, after enjoying an extra-long winter break, we were sent into a brand new building to get lost in the hallways just as we had a few months before.

Sophomore year marked new beginnings for us; braces came off, classes got harder and many of us began to drive. For me, this year mainly consisted of struggling in chemistry and trying to escape the smell of stinky feet coming from the engineering hallway. Finally, by the end of the school year, we successfully completed our first-ever AP tests and were ready to be upperclassmen.

When junior year rolled around, I think it's safe to say that we all felt like we were hit by a truck. Many of us struggled as a year full of hard work and heartache took a toll on our mental health. The college pressure was on and it was hard to get through class without the mention of a standardized test. Life became a juggling act as we tried to balance our jobs, sports, sleep schedules and social lives, all while maintaining our grades. The month of March was heartbreaking for many of us as the deaths of a classmate, a former teacher, and a Falcon fanatic hit our school like waves. However, in the wake of all this sadness, a mental health organization was created, lives were celebrated and the community became more unified than ever. Even though junior year was filled with a great deal of sadness and stress, it made us appreciate the relationships we built with our teachers and peers.

Now here we are as adults, ready to begin the next chapter of our lives. So far we have already cheered at our last football game, dressed up for our last spirit week and danced at our last homecoming. As we finalize our college decisions and thank our teachers for helping us get this far, it's hard to fathom that soon this will all be gone. In a few weeks, we will write a final essay, work out a final math problem and receive a report card for the final time. These moments are bittersweet as we look forward to new beginnings. No matter what path you go down next, I hope you look back on these years with content. The Class of 2020 is undoubtedly going out with a bang.

Thank you for letting me write for you all.
-Greer Long | Editor-in-Chief

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Our Journey, May Issue

by Valerie Earhart | Adviser

We started the print issue in March, assigning articles, planning pages, but when we left the building on March 13, we lost access to the programs in which to create it. It took over six weeks to get access, and by then the clock was ticking.

We decided from the beginning, that this issue was getting printed - and we weren't letting the class of 2020 down; there were already too many disappointments.

We present to you our efforts to honor the class of 2020, and the places they will go.

*destinations were submitted through the Class of 2020 Google Classroom page beginning in February and ending on May 1

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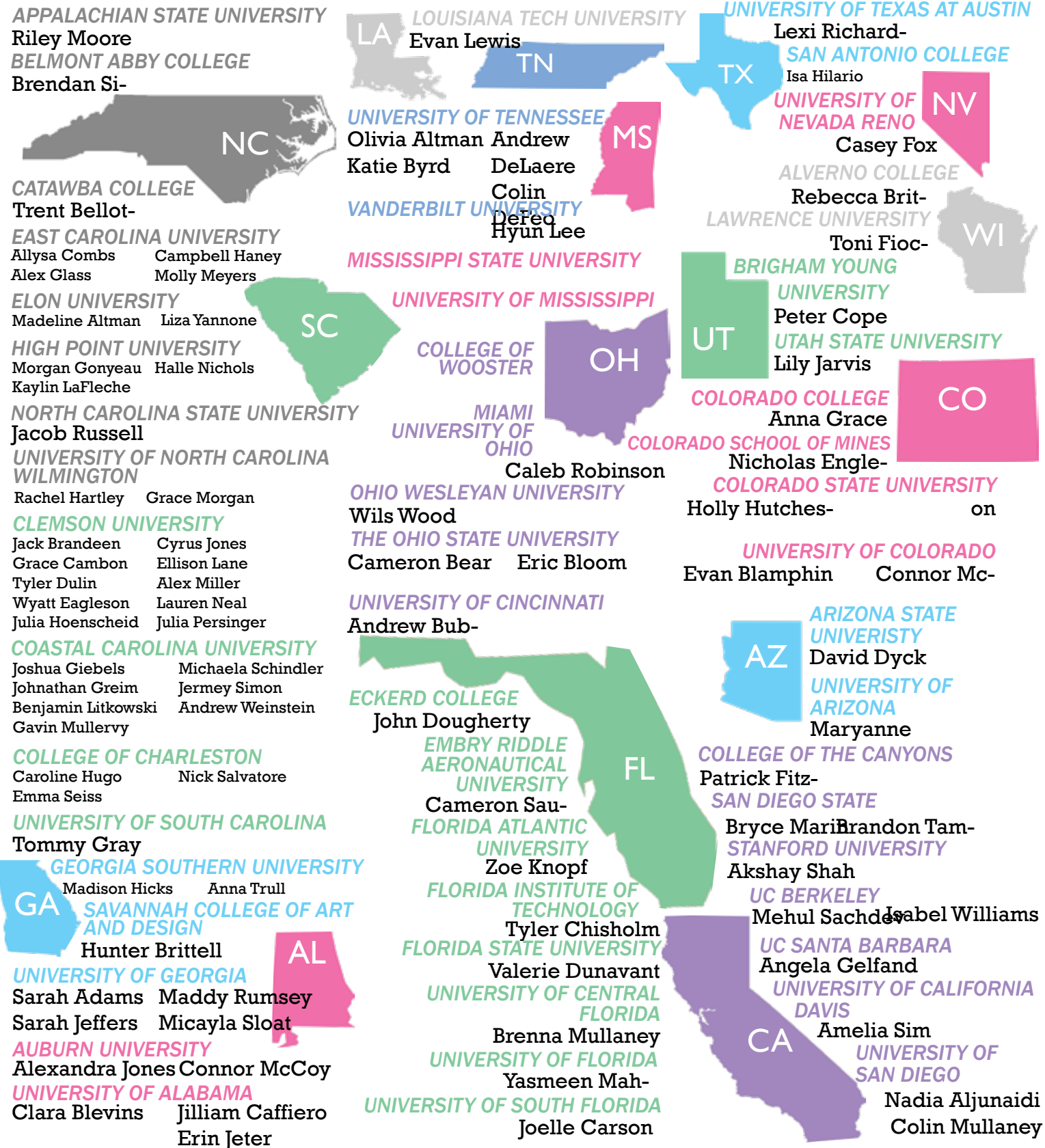
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Service Academy Seniors

SPHS students who chose a different type of college experience.

by Sophie Krejci | Staff Writer

This year, the Class of 2020 is sending three students to military academies: Lauren Aguilar, Chase Campbell and Mark Bredeck.

Lauren Aguilar is heading the United States Naval Academy (USNA) this coming fall semester, the closest military academy to Severna Park.

"Growing up near Annapolis and visiting the Naval Academy, it seemed like the perfect fit for me. I loved getting to meet midshipmen and see the camaraderie among all of them," Aguilar said. She will be reporting to USNA at the end of June for Plebe Summer, a seven week training program that prepares incoming freshmen to be members of the brigade. While most students will be experiencing a more time-relaxed schedule, Aguilar will have a strict routine.

Chase Campbell is heading to West Point, also known as the United States Military Academy (USMA) in up state New York. West Point is a little far-

ther from home. Campbell officially decided she wanted to attend West Point after visiting the 9/11 Memorial in New York City with her family.

"We all realized what a horrific tragedy 9/11 was and how many families it impacted. When I got back to my hotel room, I sat on the edge of the bed and promised myself that if I could ever do anything to prevent something like that from happening again, I would. That was the day I truly knew I wanted to serve my country," Campbell said. When Campbell arrives at USMA on June 29, she will be participating in West Point induction six weeks known as the "BEAST."

The last senior heading to a service academy is Mark Bredeck, who will be attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), also known as Kings Point. USMMA is also based in New York. The Naval Academy trains to work at sea, and West Point drills to fight on land,

Kings Point students serve on both land and at sea.

"I chose the Merchant Marine Academy because of the career opportunities. Graduates of the academy are in high demand to be hired by employers immediately," Bredeck said.

After graduating, both Aguilar and Campbell will donate at least five years of military service. Bredeck can follow suit or report for five years in the maritime industry, or donate eight years of service in the reserves.

Chase Campbell will be attending the USMA, also known as West Point, for college. "I know I will make more memories at USMA than I will at a civilian college and have closer friends at the end of it," Campbell said. Photo Graphic by Matt Mangano



Falcons Fight Boredom

How SPHS students have made the most out of quarantine.

by Amanda Vu | Opinions Editor

Staying at home without being able to hang out with friends and distant family can take a toll on everybody. However, there are more activities than meets the eye to do when you're stuck at home. From revamping old clothes to trying new recipes, here are a few ways these SPHS students have been making the most of these trying times.



Senior Kiersten Anawalt has decided to give some of her boring shirts a makeover using her old tie-dye kit from middle school. With rainbow-colored dyes, she added colorful swirls to a plain white T-shirt. "It's really fun because it takes me back to the good old days," Anawalt said. Photo by Kiersten Anawalt.



Some daring individuals have decided to change their physical appearance by dyeing their hair. Senior Megan Mouldale wanted to change up her look, so with the help of her sister, she dyed her hair bright pink. "I was super bored and had always wanted to give pink a try," Mouldale said. Photo by Sabina Khan.



Senior Sabina Khan has taken up an old hobby: painting. Expressing emotions and thoughts through art is a very helpful process during this uncertain time. "My painting was influenced by postmodern abstract and Euclidean geometry," Khan said. Photo by Megan Mouldale.



Although we should all be practicing social distancing, that doesn't mean staying inside all day. In fact, seniors Connor McGrath and Nick Salvatore have taken to visiting the Prettyboy Reservoir, a dam in Baltimore County. "She was spewing," McGrath said. Photo by Robby Kershaw.



For the food enthusiasts out there, there is no shortage of new and delicious recipes to find on Youtube and Pinterest. Senior Zoe Smith has spent quarantine trying new recipes such as this vegan macro bowl. "It has cauliflower, green beans, sweet potatoes, chickpeas, tofu, quinoa and guacamole," Smith said. Photo by Zoe Smith.



As a future Fashion Institute of Technology student, senior Nadia Sobczak has furthered her passion for fashion by creating new clothing. Using old sweatshirts and a sewing machine, she made this funky pair sweatshorts. "I've always wanted a pair of sweatshorts, so I made some out of old sweatshirts," Sobczak said. Photo courtesy of Nadia Sobczak.

Students Overseas

Seniors who have decided to attend college outside of the U.S.

by Bella Boettinger | Staff Writer

Inside the College and Career Center and many classrooms at SPHS, a variety of college pennants are displayed, but very few are from universities outside of the U.S. Many students don't consider attending international universities because they aren't aware of the benefits and differences of this unfamiliar education option. Three seniors, Megan Mouldale, Katrina Schultz and Gordon Mutch will be attending college abroad this fall.

Both Mouldale and Schultz are Canadian citizens and will be attending University of Toronto. For Mouldale and Schultz, going to college in Canada means being closer to extended family and exploring a new education system. "I'm a Canadian citizen and all my family is up there so I wanted to be closer to them. And the education system as a whole is better and not as expensive as American schools are," Schultz said. According to the Schultz, Canadian academics don't rely as heavily on athletic scholarships compared to American universities and look at students more for their academic ability. Another benefit of Canadian colleges is their

diverse environment. "The school is really diverse, which is important for me in making my choice. I would definitely recommend that the juniors look at international schools as they're often much cheaper and offer the same, if not better education, plus a whole new outside experience," Mouldale said. While University of Toronto students don't declare a major until the end of freshman year, Schultz plans on majoring in religious studies or philosophy. Mouldale, however, will major in international relations and minor in Spanish and environmental ethics.

Mutch, on the other hand, has little prior experience in Scotland, but he is looking forward to attending the University of Edinburgh next fall. Mutch toured the campus last August and immediately knew it was the perfect fit. He plans on double majoring in Russian and linguistics. "Scotland's programs enforce the students to apply to a major programme. The first two years require major classes as well as electives you can take that don't have to be in your field," Mutch said. According to Mutch, the universities in Scotland are a mix between the British and the American education system, which creates a good balance. As they prepare to leave the U.S., these seniors are sure to have an exhilarating journey ahead of them.

The traditional route for American students is to attend college in the U.S. Seniors Megan Mouldale, Katrina Schultz and Gordon Mutch have gone outside the norm in attending international colleges. "Edinburgh has the degree I want to pursue and it's a whole new experience," senior Gordon Mutch said. Graphic by Briana DeRosa.



Twins Take Off

How will these senior twins' lives change after graduation?

by Greer Long | Editor-in-Chief

Do you ever walk through the hallways and feel like you are seeing double? My initial advice would be to drink more water, however you may simply be seeing one of Severna Park's few sets of twins. Like any siblings, twins grow up playing, arguing and fighting with their brother or sister. Being the same age and having a similar appearance only intensifies this special bond, giving twins a built-in best friend. After 18 years of doing everything together, these senior twins are preparing for the next chapter in life without their best friend by their side.

Kendall & Chloe

Although they are fraternal twins, Kendall and Chloe Nagel have frequently been mixed up throughout their lives. As they have gotten older, it has become easier to tell them apart, however the Nagels enjoy pranking people by pretending they are the other twin. "We did that one time in middle school where we switched classes for a day," Chloe said. Because they have similar personalities and senses of humor, the Nagel twins have been inseparable since birth. "Sometimes there will be things where nobody else knows what we're talking about but we'll both get it right away," Kendall said. While they are used to sharing everything including clothes and a bedroom, the girls have

different hobbies and interests. "I'm more girly and like to do things like shopping and going out while Kendall is more sporty and would rather go to the gym or something," Chloe said. This fall, Chloe will be heading to University of Mississippi and Kendall will attend Towson University. Even though they will be almost a thousand miles away from each other, the twins are looking forward to the future. "Everyone thinks it'll be some drastic change for us but I'm pretty confident we can handle being separated," Kendall said.

Karl & Katrina

Karl and Katrina Schultz have very different personalities, however this only strengthens their unique bond. The Schultz twins have been by each other's side since birth, through both good and bad. "Being twins has allowed us to grow up and face similar struggles and hardships at the same time," Katrina said. The twins enjoy spending time together and have built up a great deal of trust over the past 18 years. "We've been doing this thing since we were kids where we 'twin swear' which is like a pinky promise but 1,000 times more serious," Katrina said. Like any siblings, Karl and Katrina have silly arguments, but these disagreements never last more than a day. "We literally cannot stay mad at each

other for longer than a couple hours," Karl said. "We're not getting rid of each other, so what's the point?" Despite their similar appearance, the Schultz twins have contrasting interests, particularly in music. "We have completely different music tastes which often causes arguments in the car when we drive places," Katrina said. As one of the few seniors going to college internationally, Katrina will attend University of Toronto this fall, while Karl will be staying in-state at Towson University. "Going to college without Katrina is honestly quite scary," Karl said. "I'm so dependent on bursting into Katrina's room when I'm bored that I don't know what I'll do without her."

Carey & Ellie

Carey and Ellie Cameron are fraternal twins, but they are often thought to be identical. "I get called Carey a lot even though I don't think we really look alike," Ellie said. The Camerons enjoy many of the perks of being twins, such as sharing clothes and helping each other with schoolwork. In one crucial situation, Ellie decided to take Carey's place in club pictures when Carey was home sick from school. "It was really apparent in the mock trial picture because there were only about 10 people," Carey said. From the outside the Cameron twins may seem very similar, however they each have distinct in-

terests when it comes to school and extracurriculars. "We both participate in theater, but opposite sides of it since I do tech while [Carey] acts and sings," Ellie said. "I also am more pas-

sionate about the sciences while Carey is more into the humanities." Carey will be attending University of Maryland this fall, while Ellie is going to St. Mary's College of Maryland. "I

don't think it's going to be that hard especially since we both decided to stay in-state. We'll probably text and Facetime a lot," Carey said.



Kendall and Chloe Nagel



Karl and Katrina Schultz



Carey and Ellie Cameron

Spring Sports Seniors

The spring sports seasons came to an end earlier than anyone expected and seniors weren't prepared to finish. *by Colin DeFeo | Sports Editor*

Spring sports were just beginning as teams finished tryouts and began preparing for games. Class of 2020 athletes have worked hard for four years to get a final shot at a state championship and to simply finish out their high school athletic careers. Boys lacrosse was hoping to secure a fifth consecutive state championship, while girls lacrosse was preparing to win back-to-back. The softball team was going for their second state championship in three years, and baseball was getting ready to redeem their loss in the state championship game two years ago. However, these sports aren't just about winning a state championship; these athletes have played together since they were freshmen and have created a bond throughout the years. It may be easy to dwell on the sadness of COVID-19 cutting their last seasons short, but these athletes are using this time to reflect and look ahead.

Camyrn Chew

Cam Chew is a lacrosse player that has been playing on varsity since her freshman year when she was pulled up during playoffs. "My advice to the underclassmen is to work hard everyday and to not take anything for granted because it goes by in a flash. I know everyone says that but it's actually very true," Chew said. Playing on a team for almost four years creates very memorable moments for these athletes. "My favorite memory of Severna Park lacrosse was my junior year when we won the state championship, it was unreal," Chew said. "Being in the game was the best experience of my life."



The girls lacrosse team stands for the national anthem before a game. Unfortunately with the pandemic, no games were played this season. "I was excited to finish off my senior year of lacrosse," Chew said. Photo by Lifetouch.

Abbie laquinta

Abbie laquinta has played on the varsity softball team for the past three seasons. "My biggest advice to underclassmen is to appreciate the time you get to play while you have it because the years fly by, and before you know it, you're celebrating your senior night," laquinta said. This year there have been many things players missed, from winning games to fun team traditions. "Our pregame ritual was one of the most fun parts about the team. We would go around saying the stupidest jokes we could think of. This sounds silly but we did it before every game to break the nerves before playing," laquinta said.



Abbie laquinta dives for a ground ball. She was a varsity captain this season. "I'm so thankful to be a leader for my team and I hope I've been able to make this somewhat easier for everybody," laquinta said. Photo courtesy of Abbie laquinta.

Connor Panebianco

Connor Panebianco is a lacrosse player that has played on varsity since his sophomore year. "My biggest advice for the underclassmen on my team is to enjoy every moment you have with your classmates and teammates," Panebianco said. With the coronavirus taking away the rest of the year for lacrosse, Panebianco is now looking forward to playing at the next level. "I will be playing lacrosse at UMBC next year," Panebianco said.



Connor Panebianco firing a shot into the goal. Since all games have been canceled, players are prepared to move on to college. "I am excited to play with a new team but I will miss all of my Severna Park teammates," Panebianco said. Photo courtesy of Connor Panebianco.

The Official Sport of Quarantine

As the world of sports grinds to a halt, Spikeball shines.

by Connor Killeen | Editor-in-Chief

March Madness was cancelled, the NBA is postponed until June, the summer Olympics were moved to 2021; COVID-19 has shaken the sports world to its core, cancelling all events

and competitions indefinitely. The SPHS boys lacrosse team, which once had hopes of claiming its fifth consecutive state title, will not take the turf for a single game this spring. Nevertheless, in the absence of traditional sports, these high school athletes and many other sports junkies have taken to a game that does not violate social distancing guidelines to get their sports fix: Spikeball.

Played with a 36-inch circular net, a rubber ball and teams of two, Spikeball has become an exceedingly popular sport in the days of quarantine. The game of Spikeball, or as it is referred to by its elite competitors as "spike," can be played on any grassy surface or flat area and takes no time to set up. According to Spikeball Inc., "if volleyball and foursquare had a baby, it'd be named Spikeball, the next great American sport." Whether Spikeball should be a called sport or even American is up for debate. The rules are simple: Team A spikes the ball to Team B and if Team B can't return the ball to the net, Team A is awarded a point. After a few games, team camaraderie results in bonds where everyone feels included. "It's a great sport where I get to be one of the boys," senior Rosslyn Scott said.

Spikeball is commonly played in the summer on sandy beaches, however it has recently evolved into a spring sport to fill the void caused by all the other sports cancellations. "Fall has football, winter has basketball, spring has lacrosse and quarantine has Spikeball," senior Tyler Dulin said. Dulin and his friends played in Spikeball tournaments almost everyday at the outset of state-mandated school closures. However, as panic grew, cautious parents and social distancing requirements put a damper on their games. Many non-student community members posted to the Facebook group 'Chatter In Severna Park' to voice their concern after observing a group of SPHS students playing Spikeball. But these players have not been deterred by social media posts, and adamantly on play through quarantine. Players can be found at Kinder Farm Park on any sunny day. "As long as we are all 6 feet apart and outdoors, I don't really see the problem," senior Josh Giebels said.

Though the future of Spikeball remains uncertain in the short-term, it is sure to return to beaches this summer in full force and will always be a part of SPHS students' quarantine memories



The students of SPHS have been looking for new avenues to stay physically active in quarantine. Throughout March and April, Spikeball kept students from boredom and revitalized the local sporting community. "I'm basically a three-sport athlete now," senior Tyler Dulin said. Photo by Connor Killeen.

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