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NEWS IN BRIEF



SENIOR CHANGES
Senior Elliot Gerig
posts on social media
regarding events his
senior year. As the
2023 senior class
comes to the end
of their high school
career, they reflect
on how they have
changed through the
years. In 2019, our

seniors entered the Severna Park High School's front door naive of what will come. Our senior class has lived their high school years through a global pandemic, but being the last class to know SPHS BC: before COVID. PHOTO BY SARAH STERNHAGEN

TECH CREW SENIORS
The Tech crew manages the lights from the upstairs booth in the auditorium during Rock n Roll.
Clubs and extracurriculars open the door to many opportunities and learning experiences. Tech crew is no exception. This year, many seniors are taking their departure and with it, they're giving their

goodbyes to the SPHS stage crew. Seniors Ella Graves and Carlee Ballard gave their perspective on how they're reflecting on their time in stage crew, and how they feel moving forward. PHOTO BY: CARLEE BALLARD





SENIOR SPORTS
The girls varsity
softball teams gather
for a photo prior to
their May 4 game.
Seniors that play
sports have a celebration to reminsce
and play together
one last time. "It's
basically just a regular game but it's to
celebrate the seniors
so there's posters and

decorations and banners everywhere and the seniors numbers are sprayed by home plate. All the seniors get to play and mostly in positions that we normally don't put them and its just a very fun celebration" senior Krissy Testerman said. PHOTO COURTESY OF KRISSY TESTERMAN.

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FRONT PAGE CAPTION: The Severna Park Talon seniors showing their pride for the colleges they will attend in the fall of 2023. PHOTO BY MIA TOCCO

BY LINE>> Elsa Webster Staff Writer

CAPTION: The SPHS 2022-2023 Seniors throughout the school year GRAPHICS BY MADELYNNE EARHART



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SENIORS EXCEL IN EXTRACURRICULARS

The soon-to-be graduates are leaving a legacy behind them.



SOL

After months of preparation and competing, a capella group Sol's journey in the International Championship of High School A Capella has come to a close. The group placed second in the ICHSA Mid-Atlantic Quarterfinals, allowing them to advance in the competition, and third in the ICHSA Mid-Atlantic Semifinals. At the Quarterfinals, senior Gianna Dicks took home an award for Outstanding Soloist and seniors Dicks and Deepak Thumma as well as junior Ronnie McIntyre won for Outstanding Choreography. While the group will unfortunately

not be advancing further, their continual high placement in the competition rounds impressed Severna Park residents, considering this is the group's first time competing.

"Being in Sol has been one of the best experiences of my life which makes graduating bitter sweet. While I'm happy to move on, Sol has become a family to me in the past two years, and I don't think I'll ever find a group as dedicated and talented," senior Olivia Olson said. "Being able to place third at semi-finals in ICHSA was an extreme accomplishment as it was our first legitimate competition, and I am so happy to have had that opportunity. I am beyond proud of the group and will never stop bragging about how amazing we sound."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls varsity basketball team made it all the way to the state semifinals this year. Senior Abby Kavanagh's buzzer-beating three-point shot at the State quarterfinals broke a tying score with Urbana High School, allowing SPHS to move forward in the regional tournament. This is the first time in decades that the Severna Park girls basketball team has made it to the final four.

"Being a part of our basketball program has given me some of the best memories throughout my high school career," Kavanagh said. "With such a small team we get to experience a family-like environment and that chemistry was the key to our successes this year. Making that lucky shot in the quarter finals just proved all our hard work was worth it and was definitely a moment none of us will forget."

PUBLICATION COURSES

This March, the publication courses returned to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York City for the first time since 2019. On the three-day trip, newspaper, yearbook and SPTV students attended sessions led by professionals on a varying number of journalism and press-related topics at Columbia University. They also enjoyed free-time in the city.

"Columbia is such a beautiful campus, and it was really fun to be in pretend college," senior Talon staff member Abigail Chase said. "I didn't really know what to expect, but I had so much fun and it was just a really good experience for me, especially being a senior about to leave for college."



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PHOTO COURTESY OF GIANNA DICKS

PHOTO BY: MS. Earhart PHOTO BY: DARBY SHROUT

AIRT IDEPARTUMENT

The National Art Honor Society hosted a painting night on April 14 to fundraise for their group. At this event the students led painting sessions. The art department will partake in several art shows, including a county art show, the Arundel Mills mall show and a senior showcase at SPHS on May 11.

"I think it'll be really cool and fun to once again be able to set up my art pieces and show off my portfolio I've been working on all year to other page 16." conjugate and National Art Henor

people," senior art student and National Art Honor Society member Laci Petruccy said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMELIA FARRAR



MOCK TIRIAL

This school year, the mock trial team placed first in state quarterfinals, securing a spot in the Maryland Youth & the Law final four. While their journey ended at the state semifinals, the team remained undefeated county, circuit and regional champions and their hard work and team effort paid off.

"Mock trial isn't just a club, it's a communi-

ty. Everyone on the team builds a bond over the months of the season, and the competitive environment makes a team with spirit. In my past four years, I have found some of my closest friendships, and from trial to trial, the only certainty was that we would look out for each other. I would highly recommend Mock Trial to anyone, and I mean anyone, but especially those interested in law and those with a competitive edge. I know it has helped me become who I am today," senior Elliot Gerig said.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This March, orchestra, band and vocal ensemble performed at their respective county festivals, earning high enough scores for them to advance to states. Several music students also achieved high scores for their solo performances at the county Solo and Ensemble level, and will be performing again at states. Sophomore Jenna Augustine won the aria portion of the county Concerto/Aria competition, and has been selected along with junior Justin Kirkendall to perform in the final concert, which will air on YouTube and cable. Many students from the music department traveled to Orlando at the end of April to attend and perform in a music showcase with other students from around the country as well as spend time at Universal Studios.

"Being a senior in music is strange because I've been doing it for four years...it's sad to leave," senior Vocal Ensemble member Joseph Schroeder said. "I am glad that I've been a part of such a great group throughout high school."





SKTILILS WSA

Several SkillsUSA students took home gold medals at the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference, including Covenant Akinremi, Kush Davra, Sydney Henson, Reilly Miller, Ty Miller, Chioma Mortanya and Mylia Phipps for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies category as well as Jessica Bui, Addie Faust and Lily McCallister for the American Spirit Category. Both teams will be advancing to nationals in Atlanta this June. Students also achieved silver and bronze medals in a number of other categories, and Khyla Boodoo was elected to the state officer team for next school year.

DISCUSSING STIGMA: COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Seniors soon to attend AACC after graduation share their honest thoughts on community college and their plans for the future.

raduate, go to a university, get a job, be successful. For seventeen and eighteen year-olds, these are the daunting next steps they are too often expected to take. Unfortunately, this concept creates a toxic, ill-informed view on modern post-secondary education. This well-paved road isn't always the best path for graduating seniors, yet if they choose to stray from it, they suffer from insecurity for the future, a sense of inferiority, or even disappointment from others as a result of the expectations drilled into their minds early on. Community college,

though a great way to go to school while also being accommodated for in more ways than one, is still unreasonably looked down upon.

Community college is great in many ways. It is significantly cheaper than going to a four-year university and AACC specifically allows high school students to take classes at a discounted price.

"I'm going to save money. I don't exactly know where I want to be in my life. I'm just going to go and get my credits done, figure out what I want to do long-term before I go to a university," senior Sophia Errera said.

"It's kind of like a stepping stone for some people who don't know what they want to do yet," senior Lexi Morfe said. Despite these advantages, many people, including people who declare their majors as undecided, prefer not to attend community college for a number of other reasons. While some attend universities because they were given scholarships, others go because they value the 'full college experience.'

"Most people want to go experience the parties, the friends you make," Errera said. Beautiful and unique campuses also add to the appeal of going to a four-year institution right away.

In contrast to the college life dream, others attend four-year institutions because of societal pressure.

"You're supposed to go. You've been told by everyone for years and years that you're supposed to go [...] and it's like, 'Why do you have to?" Morfe said. "AACC is one of the best community colleges out there, so I think people have just been told for so long that [going to a university after graduation is] what they have to do, and that's not the reality of it. If you want to

go to AACC for one year, two years, you can do it. I feel like there's people telling you what you can and can't do, but I'm going to do what I want."

Both Morfe and Errera initially found it difficult to choose to go to AACC due to the stigma, but they overcame it for the good of their future endeavors. "A lot of people are going

straight to university, most of my friends are, and in a way I kind of felt like I needed to do that as well," Errera said.

"One of my old coworkers actually went to a university for two years, decided he didn't like his major and ended up coming back to Maryland, and [attended] community college [...] after hearing that he lost \$50,000 doing something he didn't even want to do, I felt like I shouldn't do that because I don't know what I want to do. It felt safer to just go cheaper."

It's important to choose the path you feel is right for you, even if others may consider it unconventional. "Norms are changing every day," Morfe said. It's important that society understands this and learns to acknowledge the positive impact community college can have.

< SY LINE ANASTASIA GOBOT OPINIONS EDITOR

CAPTION: Sophia
Errera and Lexi
Morfe will be
attending the Anne
Arundel Community
College starting this
fall. There has always
been a stigma
surrounding community college and the
students who attend.
However, times are
changing and so
are the opinions of
young individuals.
GRAPHIC BY
ANASTASIA GOBOT

THE IMPACT OF CLUBS

How have clubs impacted seniors, and how have seniors impacted clubs?

he majority of students at Severna Park are involved in a club. What most students do not realize is the impact that clubs have on students. This impact can be especially prevalent in seniors.

"I think it's taught me a lot more about leadership and interacting with others. Definitely had to make presentations and things more engaging, more relevant to the audience they're being presented to," senior Tyler Dickson, president of the Art Club, said. "The variety of the clubs I've been in has also taught me how to appeal to different kinds of audiences." Being involved in a club can impact students whether they have been in Severna Park their whole life or recently moved.

"Moving here was really difficult because it seems like everybody's been here since kindergarten so joining clubs have been great because its a way to finally fit in and find a group of people that have

similar interests with me and it's a way for me to find a lot of friends," senior Alexandria Cabucana, president of Young Republicans Club and Model UN, said. "I can find different friend groups with different

people who normally wouldn't talk to otherwise. And some of my friends are in both clubs so it's great to have that connection with everybody."

Clubs have a significant impact on the students in them. But those students also have an impact on the clubs.

"My clubs, I want to show them how different kinds of people can be in leadership. You can have a lot of different interests as long as you dedicate yourself to something you're going to see results from it," Dickson said.

Each person gets something different from the clubs they are in and the impact of students on clubs can benefit all the students in a particular club. "I want kids to keep reading at book club and I want them to continue to grow, and continue to host these meetings, talk about different books. It [shows] everyone's perspectives. That's what I want to leave at Severna Park," senior Elizabeth Opladen, president of Book Club, said.

The impact of clubs on seniors in particular is not limited to solely high school. It can follow them throughout their life. "Field trips are obviously a big one but the way that the field trips made it available to meet new people, see new careers, go places, that was really inspiring, taught me a lot about myself that I wouldn't have known otherwise," Dickson said. Being in clubs has also contributed to college acceptance.

There are many ways in which a person's high school experience can be changed. Being in a club is one of those ways. Clubs open experiences for many students including seniors. Clubs have impacts on seniors just as the seniors have impacts on their clubs.



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<<BY LINE **ELSA WEBSTER**

STAFF EDITOR

CAPTION: The

members of the club

Chick-Fil-A Leadership

which meets every Monday. The group

will be saying a

this year. PHOTO BY ELSA WEBSTER

heartfelt goodbye to their senior members

SENIORS RETIRING THEIR JERSEYS

After years of doing a sport, how are seniors taking it that this will be their last year participating?

laying a sport you know and love for your whole life, just for it to end so suddenly. As senior year is making its way to a close, many aspects of seniors' lives are changing, specifically high school sports. From having the routine of practices and games every week, to that all ending, seniors are bound to feel a wave of emotions. Hear about how seniors are handling their final season of a sport.

"I am sad this is my last track season ever," senior Katie Griffith said. "I have really enjoyed the sport and the people I have met through it. I would advise younger people to just have fun with high school sports and to keep working everyday." Griffith has learned valuable lessons, and plans on using them to help her succeed in the future. "One takeaway I can take from this sport is that hard work and persistence are necessary to achieving the goals I want." Griffith plans on attending Boston College and intends to major in mathematics.

Similar to Griffith, senior Maggie Mullervy feels sentimental about her athletic journey coming to an end. "It's definitely hard to comprehend this as being my last season, but I'm trying to focus on staying in the moment and enjoying it while I can."

Mullervy has participated in many sports throughout her life, such as swim, basketball, field hockey and lacrosse. "So much of my life has revolved around sports, to a point where I don't know a reality without them," Mullervy said. "Of course I'll miss things like team dinners, bus rides and pregame rituals, but I think what I will miss most is just being out on the field and playing." Mullervy is planning to attend the University of Rhode Island, but she plans on using the countless lessons she has learned as an athlete.

While some students feel a sense of sadness, others are content with retiring their jerseys. "With all the ups and downs, I am pretty satisfied with where my soccer

season ended and am ready to use my experiences in life", senior Andrew Handen said. "I definitely learned a lot about the importance of healthy relationships and to make sure you advocate for yourself by getting the respect you give." Handen plans on attending the University of Maryland next year and is thrilled to see what life past high school will be like.

After hearing from seniors, make sure you cherish all the little moments. Take the time to look around at your teammates who have gradually become your best friends. You have been through thick and thin with them, from being a timid freshman to graduating by their side. I bet you will never expect to look back on high school and miss those 6 a.m. Saturday practices.



BY LINE>> STELLA BORDONE STAFF WRITER

CAPTION: Senior Lexi Ensor reflects on her last soccer season ever. "It has been a huge part of my life ever since I was a toddler. It taught me to work as a team and develop leadership skills which will stay with me throughout my life." Ensors' future plans are to attend the United States Naval Academy as a Track and Field athlete. "Although I will not be playing anymore, this sport has gotten me to where I am today and I will continue to use everything I learned from it. PHOTO BY COLIN MURPHY



THE VALUE OF HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

High school sports can provide students with valuable life skills and memories that change their lives.

BY LINE>> EVAN SOUDER STAFF WRITER

CAPTION: Being on a team as successful and organized as the Severna Park Track and Field team is a rewarding experience in many ways. "The Track and Field Team helped me build friendships with other student athletes and encouraged me to improve my academic performance." said senior Charlie Deegan. PHOTO BY @SPOUTDOOR-TRACK

igh school sports are more than just games; they are a valuable part of the high school experience, helping students develop social skills, creating lasting memories and building meaningful relationships with their peers. All of the athletic activities offered provide students

with opportunities to engage in teamwork and competition while encouraging students to do well inside the classroom.

One of the greatest benefits of high school sports is the opportunity for students to socialize and form lasting friendships. Joining a sports team allows students to connect with like-minded people who share a passion for a particular sport. Through hours of practice, training sessions and games, athletes develop skills that often last well beyond their high school years. Teammates learn to rely on each other, communicate effectively and work towards a common goal. These interactions promote teamwork, cooperation and leadership skills, helping students develop social skills that are valuable for their future. Senior athletes in many sports often share advice and guidance toward younger athletes which can help these underclassmen adjust to the lifestyle of a student athlete.

High school sports can provide students with important life lessons that go beyond the playing field. Athletes learn the value of discipline, perseverance, and time management as they balance their academic responsibilities with their athletic commitments. They learn how to handle pressure, setbacks and failures with fortitude and resilience. These skills are helpful for various aspects of life, including their future careers, relationships and personal growth. Being a part of a sports team can allow students to mature and grow



throughout high school years with that sport. Many students will say that high school sports changed them as a person. "Being on the track and field team helped me develop life-long skills like learning how to balance my time between school work, practice and meets," said senior Charlie Deegan.

High school sports play a crucial role in helping students socialize and create lifelong memories. The experiences and relationships built through participation in sports are valuable, providing students with opportunities to develop social skills from lasting friendships to creating cherished memories. The lessons learned on the field, such as teamwork, perseverance and resilience can change many aspects of students' lives, preparing them for success beyond high school. High school sports are much more than just games, they are a vital part of the high school experience that enriches the lives of students and shapes them into well-rounded individuals.



From Seniors to Juniors

Get some advice on how to get ahead in senior year.

enior year is definitely the time in high school when you have the most freedom, but with that freedom comes the impending senioritis. You might get it in the last month, or the first day of school. You won't want to do any assignments, will always be snoozing your alarm and before you know it you'll have the cursed disease of senioritis. It may be inevitable for some rising seniors, but you can get ahead of it and take care of your senior requirements early in the year so you can kick back and relax afterwards.

The first thing to worry about is the constant career planning that gets thrown at you at the beginning of the school year. Whether you're going to college, going into the workforce or taking a gap year, counselors and teachers want to know your plans. If you're applying to colleges, ask for teacher recommendation letters early. Like, the second week of school early, even junior year. Doesn't matter if you don't know where you're applying, they'll probably need a letter. Teachers tend to write letters in order of who asks them, so be one of the first. Also, don't be afraid to do extra service and put it on your resume.

If you're going into the workforce, you can do something right now about that. The school has an internship program for both semesters, you can get school credit for working where you want, it'll help build your resume and could get your foot in the door for a job field you're interested in. Talk to Mrs. McKay in the main office, she's the internship facilitator. If you have a business in mind, pitch



the idea, but the school can also place you in a business that has a history of having internships.

Getting away from the "think about your future" talk now, there are a lot of fun parts about senior year. Events like prom and senior week can be fun no matter what you do, but you don't want to be scrambling for a dress and tux or place to stay the week before. Set out a day to plan things and make it a meet up with friends you'll go with so you feel obligated to make a decision. Get things done early so you can focus on the fun part of the day, whether that means getting a dress or booking a place for senior week several months out.

Senioritis can set in at any point. With half schedules, summer break a month early and the freedom that comes with a driver's license and turning 18, it's important to make sure you get all the hard work finished first. That way you can sit back, relax and enjoy senior year.

<<BY LINE Sarah Sternhagen Co-Editor in Chief

CAPTION: The College and Career Center is a great resource for seniors. They hold college visits at the beginning of the year, which are a great way to learn about schools without taking a day off to visit one. You can also get help with building a resume or advice on finances. PHOTO BY SARAH STERNHAGEN

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

A peek into how schooling works around the world.

sity,

ave you ever wondered what it would be like to go to school in a different country? Each country and region has their own approach to education, and seniors Daida Ligthart-Rico and Silvia Capitanio have witnessed both American schooling, and the schooling of their home countries, Spain and Italy.

Daida Ligthart-Rico is an ex-

change student from Spain who is studying at Severna Park this year as a senior. Schooling in Spain starts with kindergarten from the ages of 0 to 6. Then, there is middle school from ages 6-12, and high school from ages 12-16. After that, there is optional bachelor and vocational training. The bachelor courses can lead directly to univer-"INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION" **CONTINUED ON PAGE 11**

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BY LINE >> **CAPTION: Schooling** vocational training is for more blue collar opportunities such as mechanics.

According to Ligthart-Rico, Spanish high school does "not have a wide variety of

subjects, nor can we choose which classes we want." However, she claims that Spanish students can choose branches of studies they wish to pursue, such as sciences (classes such as physics, biology and chemistry) and social sciences (classes such as language, history and geography).

When asked about graduation in Spain, Ligthart-Rico said that "graduation is almost the same as here, all the seniors meet, all from the same year, in this case 2005 [...] We walk around the stage until we meet several teachers who give us the diploma."

Ligthart-Rico is set to return to Spain near the end of the school year, saying that "I have moved up my return date to get to my graduation in Spain, even if I didn't finish there, they let me graduate with my class and get the diploma."

Silvia Capitanio is also an exchange student from Italy. Capitanio is a senior in America, however she will not graduate this year in Italy. Capitanio states that "graduation for us in Italy takes place at the 5th year of high school, at the age of 18/19 years." Apparently, in Italy, all schools end on the 8th of June and as a result, graduation is not celebrated as much as it is in America.

Schooling in Italy is similar to America, as primary schooling is from ages 6 to 11, middle from 11 to 14 and secondary from 14 to 19. In the last year of middle school, Italian students have to choose what type of high school they wish to attend.

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Mia Tocco Staff Writer

in other countries is quite different from American schooling. From starting to ending school, Spain and Italy have different practices. Thanks to our senior exchange students this year, we have been given a closer look into how their schooling years will end. GRAPHIC BY MIA TOCCO

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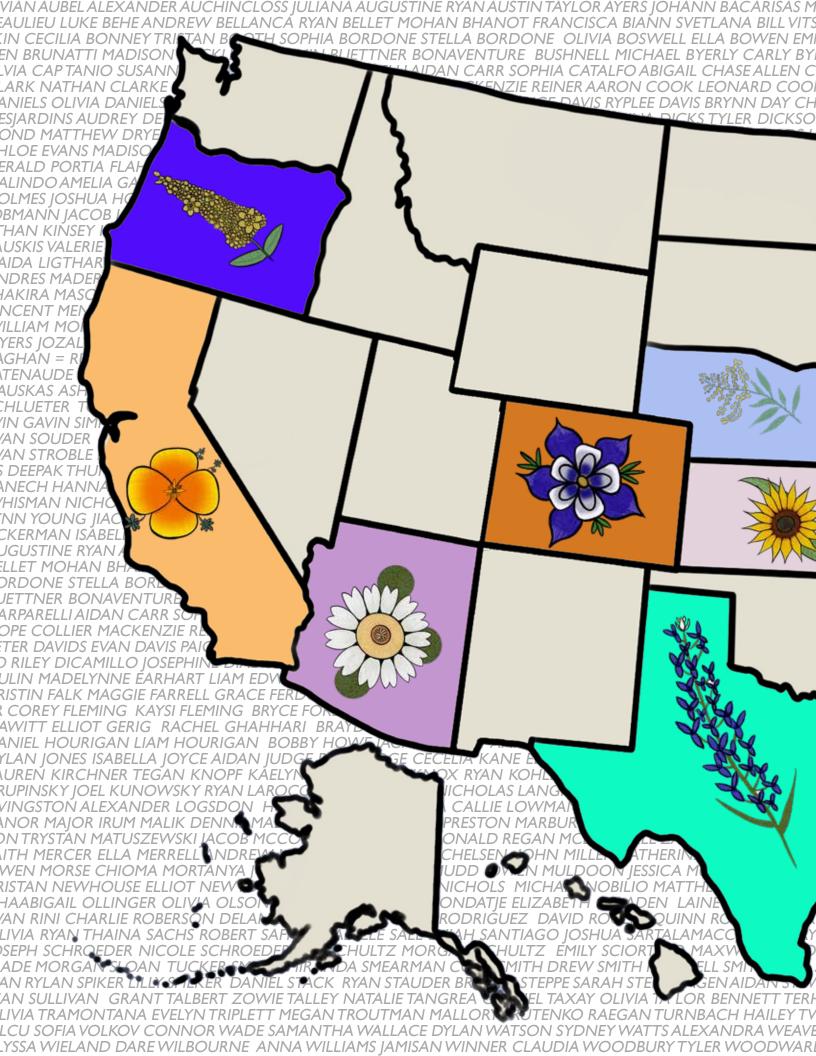


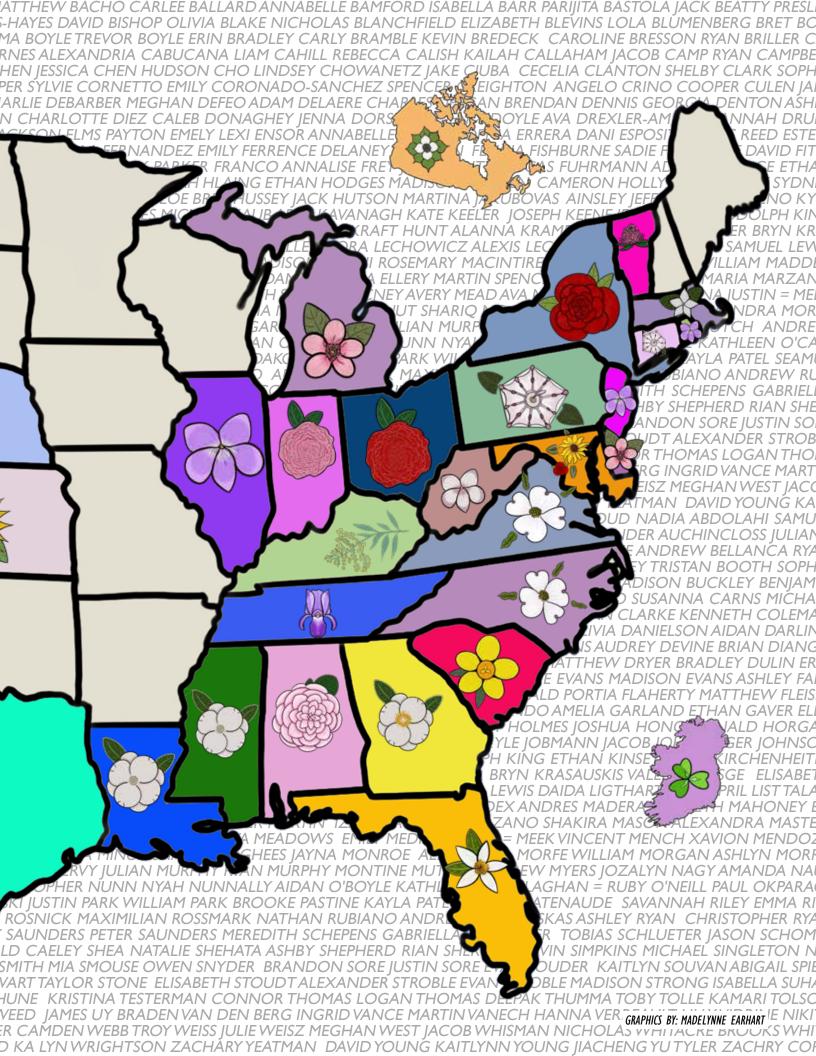
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ALEXANDER ABBOUD:

Congratulations Alexander! We are so proud of all your accomplishments and can't wait to see what the next chapter of your life has in store for you. We love you! Mom, Dad, Olivia and William

SAMUEL ACKERMAN:

Congratulations, we are so proud of you! We can't wait to see what you do next. We love you to the moon and back!

Dad, Mom, William, Jazz and Mabel

REAGAN AMARAL:

Reagan, I am so proud of you and all you have achieved. I am so excited to watch you flourish as a VT Hokie!! Way to go!!

Love Mom, George, and Anabela THOMAS ATKINSON:

Tommy - through your determination and hard work you have achieved all your goals this year and then some! We are so excited to see what's next! Love you so so much!

Love Mom, Dad and Billy (and Cinny!) **RYAN AUSTIN:**

My wish for you is that life becomes all that you want it to. Your dreams stay big. And your worries stay small." We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad & Jake

PRESLEY BEAULIEU:

Presley, we're so proud and honored to be your parents. Congratulations on your graduation and fun-filled years at SPHS. Keep lighting up the world with your smile, hard work, and personality. We love you!

Mom, Dad & Sophia

NICK BLANCHFIELD:

We are so proud of all you have accomplished! Stay true to yourself and you can't go wrong. "Go forth and set the world on fire." Ignatius of Loyola Love, Mom, Dad, Grace and Paul

LIBBY BLEVINS:

Our beautiful dancer with a heart of gold. You have so many talents. We are so proud of you and are looking forward to all your new adventures. Roll Tide! Mom, Dad and Clara

EMMA BOYLE:Emma, We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! Congratulations!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Joshua and Olivia

CARLY BRAMBLE:

Carly, we are so proud of you and excited as you begin your next chapter at UofSC! We know you will succeed at whatever you put your mind to! Love, Mom, Dad, Ryan and Gavin

CAROLINE BRESSON:

From Falcon's Nest to Senior Year, you have made us proud through music, dance and academics. Keep being kind, considerate, humble and hard-working. Next stop, JMU. GO Dukes! Dad, Mom, Tommy and Will

MICHAEL BYERLY:

Mike, we're so proud of all your countless achievements over the last 12 years! We've been blessed to see you grow into a respectful, caring, and hard working young man! With your work ethic & amazing willingness to try anything, we know you'll have a bright and successful future!! We love you, Mom, Dad, Luke, Grandma, & Grandpa

ALEXANDRIA CABUCANA:

To our Alex - We are so proud of you! You are going to soar in all you do! Can't wait to hear about all your new adventures!

Love, Mom, Dad, Ethan, & Chase

LIAM CAHILL:

Congratulations Liam. We are proud of you and look forward to seeing you pursue your dream as a LaSalle Explorer. Love, Mom, Dad and Brennan

REBECCA CALISH:

You rocked SPHS: musicals, RNRR 31-34, SGA President, Girl Scout Gold Award, MYF-ICU leader. Now....onto Northeastern's School of Business! You've got this Becca-boo! We love you!!

Mom, Dad, Sabrina, Trevor, Butterscotch, Elmer & Marvin

KAILAH CALLAHAM:

Congratulations Kailah! I wish you all the happiness and love in life that you've given to me. I am so grateful to have been blessed with a daughter like you! Love Mom and sister Angelina

RYAN CAMPBELL:

Congratulations Ryan!!! So very proud of you. Go Hokies Mom and Dad

AIDAN CARR:

I am so proud of all of your hard work. I know you will do amazing things! Love you! Mom

AIDAN CARR:

We are so proud to watch you work so hard to accomplish your goals and blaze your own path! Looking forward to watching you fly! Love, Mom, Dad, Bess & Colin

ABIGAIL CHASE:

Stay courageous-keep reaching for your dreams. And Ally is still mad about the Talon cover! Love, Mom and Dad

KENNY COLEMAN:

Congratulations, babe! Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. There's no limit to what you can accomplish. Proud of you. Dios te bendiga, hoy y

Dad. Mami. Angelica & Caitlin

AIDAN DARLING:

Aidan, we couldn't be prouder of your commitment and hard work. Can't wait to see what the next 4 years hold! Love, Mom, Dad and Sophia

PAIGE DAVIS:

We couldn't possibly be more proud of you and can't wait to watch you conquer the world! We love you so much! Mom, Dad, Reese, Lewis and Jackson

MEGHAN DEFEO:

Congratulations Meghan!! We are all so proud of you and can't wait for your bright future. You are going to love Fairfield! We will miss you very much!

Lots and lots of love, Dad, Mom, Patrick, Brendan, Katie and Colin

ASHER DEJARDINS:

We are so proud of all your hard work! Good luck at Penn State! We know you will do well! Mom and Piper

GEORGIA DENTON:

Congratulations Georgia! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Holland

SAVANNAH DRUMMOND:

Words can not explain how proud we are of you and all your accomplishments. We are looking forward to seeing where your next chapter takes you. Be true to God & yourself and you will never go astray. We Love You Always! Mom & Dad

MADELYNNE EARHART:

We are so excited for you as this next chapter opens next fall. We wish you every success, are so proud of you, and can't wait to see where this journey takes you. Remember, the world looks at the outside -- but what matters is the heart. Love Dad, Mom, Elliott, Camdyn, Barf and Onyx

LIAM EDWARDS:

Liam, we're incredibly proud of your accomplishments, and most of all, we're so impressed by the person you have become. Words can't fully justify how proud we are of you, and we're equally excited to see you thrive at Penn State! Congratulations!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Riley, and Murphy

LIV EDWARDS:

LIV EDWARDS: Congratulations! Amazed and so proud of the woman you have become! Good luck at Florida Tech. Keep focused, never lose your sparkling, witty personality and keep reaching for the stars! Love you to pieces. Love, Mom, Dad and Kate

LEXI ENSOR:

Crushed it! We are all very proud of what you have accomplished and look forward to the adventures ahead. #BeatArmy

Mom, Dad, Eamon, and Ashlyn (and Brody)

REED ESTEPP:

Gray: "Good job, Reed!" Alyse: "You're the coolest person I've ever had the pleasure of knowing." Us: "We're so flipping proud!" Animals: "Arf! Purr!"

Mom & Rick & everyone!

AMEILA FARRAR:

You never cease to amaze us, we love to watch you soar! Can't wait to see what your future brings! We are so proud! Mom. Dad. and Rebecca

HANNAH FOREMAN:

Congratulations Hannah! We're so proud of you and can't wait to see the amazing things you'll do at UMD! Love you so much ~ Mom, Sean and Bree

JACOB FRITZ:

Congratulations on all of your achievements! Enjoy this special time -- the culmination of 4 years of new experiences, hard work and perseverance. Keep dreaming big! Love, Mom, Dad, Greta & Em

AMEILA GARLAND:

You did it, and we are SO very proud of you! Wishing you happiness above all else. We love you! Mom & Dad

ELLA GAWITT:

Congratulations Ella on all your accomplishments, we are so proud of you!! Your future is so bright. We love you so much!!!!

Love Mom and Dad

BRAYDEN GIBBONS:

You did it! The first chapter is complete. The next chapters are unwritten - make them yours. Nothing in life is impossible as long as you take that first step. We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and the Gang

JADEN GIVENS:

Jaden, you have completed this Severna Park race with perseverance and endurance. It is the GREATEST honor and blessing to be your parents. Continue to do amazing things! Love Always. Mom & The Givens Gang

ANASTASIA GOBOT:

Congratulations Ate! We are so proud of you and all that you've accomplished. You are beautiful, confident, and driven. Enjoy this next chapter in your life. We love you so

Dad. Mom. James. David

LIAM HAGERTY:

There is no doubt you have wings. You are ready to fly. How high you fly is up to you. There are no limits. Congrats! You worked and ran hard!

Love, Dad, Mom, Amalia and Ariele

SKYLA HAILEY:

We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds. Always reach for the stars and believe in yourself. Washington College is lucky to have you. Love, Mommy, Daddy, Kam, and Addy

KEVIN HALL:

Hokie Nation is lucky to have you! So proud of who you

Mom, Dad and Emma

MOIRA HEALY:

You did it!! We're so proud of you!! Mom, Dad, Aretee, Keegan, and Brodie

MOIRA HEALY:

I'm so proud of you! You worked hard and deserve this achievement! Congratulations! Love, Grandmom

MOIRA HEALY:

You were always on time with me;3 Aretee

SYDNEY HOLMES:

Congratulations, Sydney! We are so incredibly proud of you and everything you've accomplished both in the classroom and on the field. We can't wait to see what amazing things you do in college and beyond. We love you so much! Mom, Dad, London and Roman

BRET HUSSEY:

Congratulations!! We are very proud of you and very excited for the next chapter to begin at St. Mary's College. Mom, Dad, JP, Ryan, Reid and Erin

AINSLEY JEFFERS:

We are so proud of you and all that is to come! Cant wait to see you thrive!

Mom, Dad, Payton, Sheehan and Tilghman

ALEXA JIMENO:

Congratulations! We are so proud and can't wait to see you take the next steps on your journey. The best days are ahead of you. Good luck at Elon! Mom, Dad and Becca

ISABELLA JOYCE:

Isabella, You are so loved and appreciated by your family and friends. We are so proud of where you are going and how far you have come

Love, Dad, Mom and Cullen

CECELIA KANE: Celia we love you and very proud. Enjoy the part of your journey.

Love your family

ELENA KAUB:

Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of you. Know that you are capable of great things and believe in them. Never stop dreaming. Good luck with your bright

With all our love, Dad, Mom and Daniel

LAUREN KIRCHNER:

Congratulations Lauren! We are so proud of you sweet pea & excited for your journey! Keep shining bright and always remember, "We believe in you!" [Kissing Hand]
Love, Mom, Woody & Christopher

TEGAN KNOPF:

Congratulations! Enjoy Florida Atlantic University! Be good and have fun!

Mom, Dad and Zoe

KAELYN KNOX:

Baby Kwaewyn is all grown up! You'll be the first doctor in the family, we know you can do it! Love Mom and Dad

TYLER KNOX:

BamBam - We are so thrilled that you are graduating and proud of your accomplishments. Keep making good choices and enjoying all that life has to offer. Mom, Dad, Shaina, Zach + Becca

RYAN KOHLER:

We are so proud of you, Ryan! Congratulations and best wishes for the adventures that lie ahead for you at UVM! Mom, Dad, Nate and Lauren

SAMANTHA KOPPE:

We are so proud of all of your hardwork and dedication. Enjoy life to the fullest, the best is yet to come! Go Hokies! Love, Mom. Dad, and Catie

JULIA KOUL:

We are so happy for you, and so proud of all of your hard work. Congratulations, and the best is yet to come! Love, Mom, Dad, MJ, Nana and Pop-Pop

JOHNNY KRAFT:

Johnny, we are so proud of your persistent, consistent hard work, during some hard days. We know you will do great things and will bless others. We love you! Mom and Dad

RYAN LAROCQUE:

Ryan LaRocque - Congratulations on graduating! We are so proud of you! Can't wait for your next chapter!! Love Mom & Dad

JOSEPH LAVALLEE:

Congratulations Joe! We are so proud of you. Your achievements speak for themselves. We can't wait to see what you will accomplish at UMD (Go Terps!) and beyond! Love, Mom, Dad, Michael and Samantha

MITCH MARDIROS:

Mitch, have fun at IUPUI in Indianapolis. We are so proud and excited for our Motorsport Engineer! Zoom Zoom! We love you forever, Bubba. Love, Mom, Dad, and Millie

ALEXANDRA MASTERSON:

We are incredibly proud of you and your accomplishments. All of your hard work and determination have paid off. A bright future is ahead, and we look forward to seeing you shine even brighter than you do now. Congratulations! The best is yet to come. We love you SO much! Mutti, Dad, Brady, Buroozsco and 'Moke

TRYSTAN MATUSZEWSKI:

Trystan, you have made us so proud with your resilience and determination throughout your education. Your work ethic is outstanding and shows in everything you put your efforts in. As you continue to persevere through life, remember to take a break every now and again to enjoy the moments. Continue to dream big, your opportunities are limitless. We love you.

Mom, Mr. Danny, Taylor and Brice

RYLAN MCDONALD:

Congratulations Ry! We are so proud of you and so excited to see where your journey at U of TN takes you!! Love you, Mom, Dad, Colin, Chris & Ryan

FAITH MERCER:

Faith, we are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. We know that you are going to do great in Chicago! We love you and are looking forward to watching you become Judge Faith!

Love Always, Dad, Mom and Zeph

ANDREW METCALFE:

Congratulations Andrew! Your greatest adventure is about to begin and we couldn't be prouder of you. We are so lucky to be your parents! Go after your dreams and make them a reality! You are going to do great things at Ole Miss! Hotty Toddy! We love you! Mom, Dad, Than, & Sadie

SOPHIA MICHELSEN

Take the time to find your happiness and explore opportunities at UofO. We are so excited to watch you grow. We love you to the moon and back! Mommy, Pops and Leif

JOHN MILLER:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat" Dare greatly Jack! Love, The Fam

JAYNA MONROE:

Jayna, we are so proud of you and the passion for learning you possess. Live your destiny and enjoy the calling on your life. Love you!

Mom, Dad, Myles, Grammy, Grandad, Aunts, Uncle

JAYNA MONROE:

Jayna, We are so very proud of you and your passion for learning. Enjoy your college journey and walk in your destiny. We love you to pieces, we are forever in your corner. Mom, Dad, Myles & Onyx

LYLAH MUDD:

We are so proud of the young woman you are becoming. We are so excited for you for your next adventure!

JULIAN MURPHY:
Congratulations, Julian. We're so proud of you. Have a great year at the University of South Carolina. Mom & Dad

ANDREW MYERS:

You are thoughtful and kind, but most importantly, you are a young man of character. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and look forward to your very bright future! Love, Mom and Dad

ZOEY NICHOLS:

Be bold, courageous and always do your best. We are beyond proud of your accomplishments, and know you are loved so much!!! Good Luck at American University. Love, Mom, Dad, Mom-Mom, G-Dad & Aunt Helen

CHRISTOPHER NUNN:

We are so proud of what you have accomplished in HS, and can't wait to see what you do at VT! Love you! Mom, Dad, Stephen, & Caitlynn

OLIVIA OLSON:

Sweet, tenacious, and loyal, you know no limits. You persevere through life's challenges, and make us so proud! We love you so very much! Mommy, Daddy, Grammy, Poppy, and Nicky

RUBY ONDATJE:

Ruby Ondatje - We are so proud of you and all of your hard work and accomplishments! Wishing so much happiness in college and beyond! We LOVE you so Much! Dad, Mom & Charlotte

CHRISTIAN PATRICK:

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments over the past four years! We're so excited to see what the future holds thru your next steps at Temple University. Enjoy new adventures, new friends, and new opportunities to come. Love, Mom, Dad, Elizabeth, and Kathryn

SEAMUS PETENAUDE:

Seamus- We are so proud of the amazing man you have grown into. We can not wait to see what your future holds. Love - Mom and Dad

CAROLINE PETERSON:

Congratulations Caroline! We are SO proud of you and everything you've accomplished! We know you will thrive at Penn State and beyond.

Love Mom, Dad, Jack, Sailor, Scout, Grace, Grace, and

LACI PETRUCCY:

Congratulations Laci! We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We are excited to see what the next chapter holds. We know that you will always strive to do your best and that you will do great things in life. Stay the sweet and kind person that you are and always be yourself. Wishing you much success and happiness. Congratulations SPHS class of 2023!!

Love, Mom, Dad, (Maddy and Max)!!

COOPER POWELL:

Congrats Coop! Can't believe you are graduating high school already. Can't wait to see what you do in college. Good luck and Roll Catamounts!

Love from your favorite brother - Jake

CAMRYN RAINES:

Words cannot express how proud we are of all your accomplishments in school and in the pool. We love you so much and are very proud of you. We cannot wait to see what your

Mom, dad, and Jordyn

EMILY RANAGHAN:

Look ahead. Stay focused. Have fun. Make good choices. Be brave. Know you are loved. Work hard in silence, let your success be the noise. - Frank Ocean

Dad, Mom, and Lizzie

KAROLINA RATLIFF:

Corazón we are so proud of you for all of your accomplishments and the wonderful young lady that you are becoming. Your're going to do wonderful at WVU and great things

Love Mom, Dad, Luna & Coco

ABBY REED:

We are so incredibly proud of you!! Continue to lead with confidence with that beautiful heart of yours, have fun, and dream big. The world is yours for the taking. We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Kyle, Will & Rachel

JOHNNY RIGANATI:

Congratulations! You are a phenomenal person who gives us hope for the future. May your college experience be every-thing you want it to be. WE LOVE YOU!! Mom and Dad

ETHAN RODRIQUEZ:

Ethan, you have really navigated through these last 17 years with a steadfast strength that we truly admire. We are excited to watch you grow and see who you become in this new chapter. We love you so much! Dad, Mom & Leah

COLE ROGERS:

We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds. Go WIldcats! Mom, Dad & Emma

QUINN ROMO:We are so proud of you Quinn! You always have our love and support. Mom, Dad & Sydney

ANDREW RUTKAUSKAS:

Congratulations! Enjoy Florida Atlantic University! Be good and have fun!

Mom. Dad and Zoe

ROBERT SAFF:

One must imagine Sisyphus happy. - We are all so proud of you. Keep going! Love Mom

JOSEPH SCHROEDER:

Awesome job! We are so proud of you! We are very excited for your next adventures! Love, Mom and Dad

NICOLE SCHROEDER:

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! We can't wait to see what you will do next! Love, Mom and Dad

MORGAN SLOAN:

We are so proud of the smart, funny, hardworking person you are. You will do great things at Tennessee! We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Taylor, Sydney and Hunter

SARAH STERNHAGEN:

Congrats on achieving so much in the last several years! Continue exploring opportunities and pursuing your dreams. We can't wait to see what life has in store for you! Mom and Dad

ELISABETH STOUDT:

Egads! Where did the time go? We're so proud of everything that you have accomplished and can't wait to see what comes next! We love you! It's us, your family!

MADDY STRONG:

Way to go Maddie!! Congratulations and have fun at Towson!!

Love, The Sloans

SWIM TEAM:

Aidan, Ainsley, Camryn, Kayla, Maddy, Morgan and Peter-We are so proud of you guys!! We can't wait to see what you do next! Come visit!!

Coach Brinton and Coach Jenn

ZOWIE TALLE:

You are one of a kind. It's your design. This is your time! We are so very proud of you. Congratulations, you did it!!! Mom, Dad, and Dax

MALLORY TRUTENKO:

We are so proud of everything you have accomplished and we look forward to the great things you will do in the future. Love Dad, Mom, Cameron and Brody

INGRID VANCE:

We are so proud of you, Noodle! We can't wait to see what the future holds. Chants up! Mom, Dad, Thomas and Grandma

LILY VIDRINE:

We have always been so proud of you in everything you do! We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Olivia

SYDNEY WATTS:Congratulations Sydney! We are so proud of you! We are excited for you and your next chapter and we will be cheering you on every step of the the way! We love you! Love, Mom and Rich

MEGHAN WEST:

We are so proud of you and can't wait for your new adven-

Love, Mom and Dad

ALYSSA WIELAND:

Alyssa I am so proud of all you accomplished with all of your challenges in life you had to deal with! Love Cindy Shaughnessy

ANNA WILLIAMS:

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! We love you! Mom, Dad and Braxton

TYLER WOODWARD:

And just like that, graduation time is here. Congratulations, Tyler! Exciting times and we will forever celebrate you as you pursue your dreams. We are so very proud of you! Hugs and love always!

Grammy and Grampa

TYLER WOODWARD:

Graduation is the end and a new beginning. May the sunshine in Arizona fuel your happiness in everything you pursue in college! PS Don't forget to call your mom!! Love, Mom. Dad and Connor

TYLER WOODWARD:

Ty Ty, can you believe it? You've made it to the end of this chapter! Congratulations! Best wishes for the beginning of an exciting new chapter. We love you! Uncle Bruce, Aunt Christina, Liam and Eva

TYLER WOODWARD:

Ty Ty, you did it! So proud of you and can't wait to see what your future holds! Congratulations and good luck in Arizona, go Sun Devils! We love you! Uncle Brian, Aunt Shannon, Mason, Tyson and Addie

Get to know the seniors behind the publication as they prepare to leave the nest.

ewspaper class is like a hidden gem at Severna Park High School. Not everyone knows about the course, but those who do are typically very fond of it. It provides students with freedom to write about what they want, and the opportunity to create friendships in the small, relaxed classroom atmosphere. The seniors in newspaper class have cherished their time with the Talon, but plan to move on to other things next year. Take a look as they reflect on their experiences in the Publishing Lab before graduating and heading off on separate paths.



Sarah Sternhagen has been a part of the Talon for two years, first as a staff writer, then news editor and now as Co-Editor in Chief. "I love working on the newspaper," Sternhagen said. "We get to write

about what's happening in our school and it's a great feeling when people read everyone's work and enjoy it." Sternhagen plans to attend Towson University next year, majoring in communications.



Lilly Spilker Photo Courtesy: Lilly Spilker

Co-Editor in Chief Lilly Spilker has also been a part of the Talon for two years and has treasured this fun time spent writing and making friends. Spilker will be playing lacrosse at Penn State University next year, with

plans to attend its business school.



Editor Graphics Maddy Earhart has been involved in the Talon since last year, starting right after transferring schools. "The Talon has been my favorite part of high school, and anyone

that has the opportunity to take this class needs to," Earhart said. "The people are so welcoming and the experience makes it all worth it." Earhart will also be attending

Towson University next year, for a Mass Communications degree and an Art and Design degree, hoping to become a fashion

journalist after college.



Cooper Powell has only been a part of the Talon since January, but quickly earned the role of News Editor and has enjoyed this semester. "I've had so much fun writing

opper Powell Photo Courtesy: Copper Powell articles and collaborating with others on the Talon," Powell said. "I only discovered my passion for journalism this year and wish I had joined the Talon sooner! My favorite part about it is being able to report on topics from a student perspective and getting to showcase other students' voices through my writing." Cooper will be attending the University of Vermont next year, with a major in secondary education and English, and plans to minor in journalism, writing or a com-

> munications-related minor of some sort.



Like many seniors, Media Editor Meghan DeFeo was first in journalism class her sophomore year, then joined newspaper for Meghan Defeo Photo Courtesy: Meghan Defeo her junior and senior

year. "Newspaper was by far my favorite class," DeFeo said. "Mrs. Earhart really helped me grow as a writer." DeFeo is going to college at Fairfield University and

will be majoring in marketing.



Opinions Editor Anastasia Gobot has been involved with newspaper her sophomore year. "My newspaper experience was great," Go-

bot said. "I decided to add it to my schedule during my freshman year, wanting to try something new and I found that I enjoyed writing more than I would have thought. Getting my stuff published was really exciting and it helped build my con-

BY LINE>> LILLY SPILKER **CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF**

CAPTION: After countless classes spent in the publication lab, the seniors of the SP Talon reflect fondly on their newspaper experience. Some highlights of the class include the friendships formed, writing opportunities, and free bagels. They will soon be moving on from their beloved school newspaper and moving onto other things. "I will of course miss home and my friends but I'm excited to experience a different environment and meet new people next year," senior Cooper Powell said. PHOTOS COURTSEY: SARAH STERNHAGEN, LILY SPILKER, MAD-ELYNNE EARHART, COOPER POWELL, MEGHAN DEFEO, ANASTASIA GOBOT, EVAN SOUDER, STELLA BORDONE, KATE KELLER, and ABBY CHASE **GRAPHICS BY:** MADELYNNE EARHART

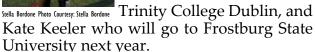


Evan Souder Photo Courtesy: Evan Souder

fidence to interview more people. It's also fun having Mrs. Earhart as our adviser and getting free bagels is definitely a plus." Gobot will be attending the University of Maryland this fall, with plans to major in

biology on the pre-dental track. She plans to pursue journalism as well.

Other cherished Talon seniors include Staff Writer Evan Souder who plans to play soccer at Washington College, Staff Writer Abby Chase who will attend



Staff Writer Stella Bordone joined the Talon this year after hearing how much her friends loved their experiences. "The Talon has made my senior year so much better," Bordone said. "I definitely improved my



Kate Keller Photo Courtesy: Kate Keller



Abby Chase Photo Courtesy: Abby Chase years to come.

writing skills and was able to express myself through my online articles." Bordone is set to play lacrosse at Lafayette College, and is planning on majoring in sociology and anthropology.

It's bittersweet for seniors to say goodbye to newspaper class and Severna Park High School, but they just hope that the Talon traditions are carried on by the underclassmen for many

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Teacher Features Vol. 3 DEPARTMENT HEADS Various teachers/staff share their perspective on springtime activities and recent envi-

ronment issues in the community.

The school year inevitably draws closer to an end and sports, AP exams, extracurricular activities and life plague their schedules, students struggle to find motivation to continue turning in work. Teachers rush to print out enough copies for all their classes and the bell feels as though it rings a minute earlier every day. However, the community continues to work hard to excel in all areas of education. In a small pocket of the building, located in the language hallway, Spanish teacher Matthew Sneck must grapple with expectations for their curriculums to effectively teach a broad range of students on a daily basis.

"I have been teaching Spanish in AACPS for the past 12 years. I taught middle school for 10 years (nine years at Severna Park Middle and one year at Meade Middle) before making the jump to Severna Park High as the World Languages Department Chair and Spanish teacher," Sneck said. "Teaching requires a lot of effort and energy, but it is very rewarding. I enjoy my daily interactions with students and watching them grow through language learning. There is never a dull moment and I always think to myself, 'you can't make this up.'

Not only does Sneck teach Spanish and head the world languages; he is an integral part of the National Honor Society as the adviser. Students come to him with various concerns like Spanish homework and information for merit opportunities.



"As the adviser of the National Honor Society, I have the opportunity to work with a lot of different students," Sneck said. "I am amazed by the diverse interests that are reflected in the service opportunities that students use to earn their semester merits."

Directly across the hall from Sneck, French teacher Marie Auchincloss can often be found in the current sole French classroom.

"As the only French teacher in our school, I am responsible for planning all levels of French; French I, II, III, IV and AP French. This has been quite a challenge since I had not taught levels one and two in years and the curriculum for four of these levels are new this year and still evolving. This requires me to be very organized and think and act quickly. It is very interesting to see how each level relates to one another and how different each level is structured," Auchincloss said.

Both Sneck and Auchincloss outline some major issues they often see with students:

"Concerning our school, I think we need to teach students to be more resilient." Failure is normal in the learning process. I think students are too focused on getting A's," Auchincloss said. "I would like less emphasis on grades and more on learning. What matters most is to be your best, not the best. No one can be the best all the time."

"I am very worried about student use of cell phones. I think that students are losing out on opportunities to build meaningful relationships with both their classmates and teachers," Sneck said. "When I was a student in school, the hallway transition between classes would be the loudest time in the school day. It was during the transitions between classes when you had to make plans with your friends, exchange phone numbers, or ask a teacher a question while passing by their room. Now, the class transitions are the quietest as students are often looking down at their phones and not talking with each other."

BY LINE>> NOEL CASTILLO FEATURES EDITOR

CAPTION: Matthew Sneck describes how everything ranging from a person's hat to their clothing signifies their culture. To me, language is a unifying method of communication that allows people to express themselves. I am fascinated by the number of languages that exist in the world and also by how different each one looks and sounds. It also exposes the learner to cultures and ways of life they may not know existed, Sneck said. PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS BY: MADELYNNE EARHART & NOEL CASTILLO

CAPTION: Marie Auchincloss currently teaches all French classes. Next year, "French 4 and 5 might be combined into one class, there will be a small number of AP students and more French 4 students, Auchincloss said. "On the other hand, I am looking at this as an opportunity to get to know my students very well to better answer their needs. I truly enjoy all French students and I think they are the absolute best!" PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS BY: MADELYNNE EARHART & NOEL CASTILLO

Nearly everybody in the building uses a cell phone or some form of social media.

In the digital age of education, technology facilitates most aspects of learning and online interaction becomes inevitable. Due to more frequent and targeted incidents of bullying and hateful, discriminatory speech, the environment within the building has seen major revamps. These include fundraisers, an influx of PSAs and service opportunities to generate inclusion and communication in the community.

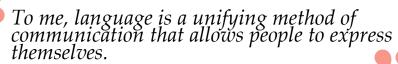
"There is coverage, parent emails and phone calls, checking on students, talking with teachers, community members, stakeholders," Principal Lindsay Abruzzo said. Other departments such as business and finances have taken initiative in helping promote positive interaction for



students in the course. Even students who are not involved in the leadership academy program are encouraged to contribute to the welfare of others within as well as outside of the community. One unifying method the school has recently used: assemblies.

"We're having lots of different assemblies and I love their content. I think it's

very important for us to think about stuff outside of ourselves and outside of school," signature lead teacher of Leadership and Honors



MATTHEW SNECK

Entrepreneurship Heather Barnstead said. "They bring in some good ethical and moral topics. I think it's been good for conversation amongst teachers and students."

The guest speakers discussed their personal lives and offered insight on issues they could relate to students and teachers alike, allowing for further breakdown of the mental health stigma.

"I loved both assemblies. The second guest speaker actually made me cry, and that's not easy to do! I loved the message about choices," Auchincloss said.

"All day every day, we have been dealing with all the incidents that come to us and reminding students to be kind and what will and will not be accepted; if there are things students want to see, we can look into them. The more we work as a cohesive team the more the students benefit. I think we are open and communication has improved," Abruzzo said. Regarding "bullying, harassment, inclusion [and] climate, people are more open to talking."

"Communication is not just words, and GCC really gets to explore these aspects of communication and learning about each other. I have also taught ESOL until last year and this was an amazing experience as well. I currently teach walking for wellness in evening high and I am grateful for all these different experiences teaching allows me to experience," Auchincloss said.

"Communicating in a foreign language is much more than translating words. Each language is unique in that it is charged by cultural values and idioms that just don't translate into words. This also varies from countries who speak the same language. Think of how different the language is in England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and the US! In a way, it is the same for the United States and its different regions. French is spoken on all continents and with that comes a lot of diversity" Auchincloss said.

The class of 2023 share their

FAVORITE MEMORIES

The class of 2023 has been through more then most can say with many changes to their everyday lives. Take a look into some of the memories students cherished on the way.



enior year is a very emotional time, but it is also fulfilling. Many seniors will go off to do all sorts of adventures and have new beginnings, whether it's going off to college, starting a big job or even traveling the world. High school is a time where you have to work very hard, but also create many memories.

"My favorite high school memory is racing with my team and always getting to celebrate and have a good time together," senior Rylan McDonald said. Sports teams are a big accomplishment and adjustment to school work but many athletes are very grateful for the time they had, and what they have accomplished. "I played scrub this year with my friends Evan and Alex Stroble and the games always got us super hype," senior Roary Reis said.

We all know Covid was a rough time for a lot of people. It was a confusing time that many people weren't sure how to react. The first two weeks that we had off school, it was still in the air about what was ahead. "My favorite high school memory was right when covid was announced our freshman year. Before everyone knew how serious of an issue it would become, we thought we had just gotten two weeks off of school. I recall my friends and I spending all day outside together riding bikes and playing basketball," senior Tristan Newhouse said.

Many high school students shared their last memories for that year together. Luckily enough the class of 2023 was able to still go to some school dances. "I am not really sure I have a favorite because there was so much, but watching my friend Donald do backflips at Homecoming is something that definitely sticks out," senior Ryan Austin said. Many students were limited to the amount of dances they were able to attend. Football games and Homecoming still went on after and before for the class of 2023 and they were a very important memory for all.

The class of 2023 had to stick together through thick and thin, and make their senior year the best out of all of them, considering all that has happened in the past. Students went on trips together. "I would have to say the best time I had during high school was my senior year when a big group of us took a bus to the Kid Cudi concert, it was an awesome bonding moment," senior Madi Holden said. They went to concerts and explored many different outlets to overcoming the time that was lost during Covid. The senior class will graduate on June 5 with many memories they will never forget.



<<BY LINE MEGHAN DEFEO STAFF WRITER

CAPTION: After years of hard work and dedication, the class of 2023 has finally made it to the end of an era. "It is a very emotional feeling, I am not sure how to feel but I am definitely accomplished" senior Lola Blumenberg said. PHOTO BY MEGHAN DEFEO

What's in your suitcase?

We list the top ten things you should bring with you to college.

BY LINE >> KATE KEELER STAFF WRITER

CAPTION: The road ahead is long and winding, having a properly packed suitcase is essential for your success. whether clothes or decorations, your new life should reflect who you are and who you want to be.

#1: Backpack

You're going to need something to carry your stuff of course, but a backpack is also a way to express yourself. Using color or covering it with pins and memorabilia of your favorite shows or bands can help you find others with similar interests, so don't be shy about a pin or two.

#2: School supplies

Everything from binders to flashcards should be packed into your study arsenal. Having supplies like colored tabs and folders can help your notes stay organized. Make sure to pick things that bring you joy to look at, whether it's a pristine notebook set or a binder covered in stickers. Being prepared will make taking notes in classes easier and perhaps even enjoyable—there's nothing wrong with a little pizzazz in your life.

#3: Calendar

You're going to have a lot of classes and homework to keep straight. A calendar is the perfect way to do that. Writing down class times and project due dates will help you stay on time and organized during your hectic college life. Balancing school, work and friends is a lot to remember, so whether it be in your phone or in a book, it's a good idea to dedicate some time to writing things down.

#4: Wardrobe

Just like your backpack, your clothes are another way to express yourself through your sense of style. College is the perfect time to update your wardrobe and weed out what you don't want to wear anymore. But make sure you pack weather appropriate clothes for where you're going—don't bring a parka to the beach.

#5: Computer

A college student lifeline, especially during these past couple years. You'll need it for notes and projects as well as some recreational use here and there. A computer case is not a bad idea for the student on-the-go to add a little flare and protection to the expensive device. You could even cover the back of your computer with stickers to make it fun and easily identifiable.

#6: Lock box

While we'd like to think our roommates and neighbors would be respectful of our stuff, sometimes things might go missing. A lock box is a great place to store extra money, jewelry, electronics and important papers you may want to keep from thieving hands. Even a trunk with a strong padlock may not be a bad idea to keep your items safe.

#7: Dorm room decorations

Whether you're a minimalist or someone who likes to fill their room with trinkets, your room should be a space for you to study and relax. Make it your own, but respect your roomate's space. Bedding and lights can make for a cozy room while posters can help fill empty walls. Using matching storage boxes can keep you organized while helping to distract from unnecessary clutter you might be keeping under your bed.

#8: Snacks

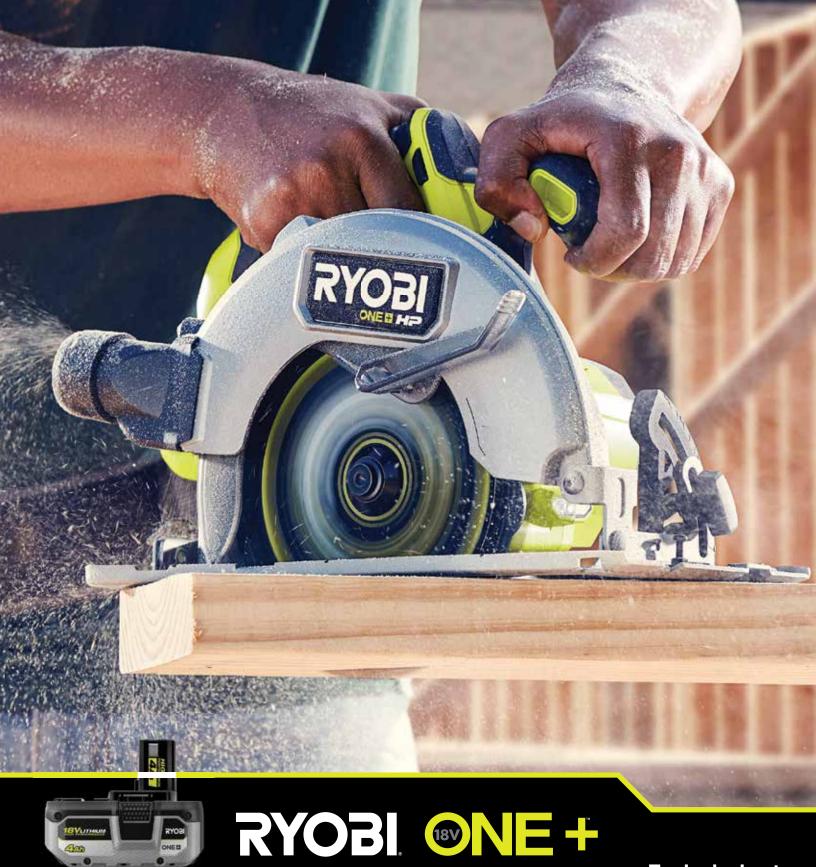
There's gonna be some days where going to the cafeteria may not be on your mind, so keeping some snacks in your dorm is a great idea. Drinks and fruits can be stored in fridges if you have one, and other snacks like cereal and crackers can be stored right under your desk for easy access during studying. Bring along a small set of dishes for convenience and make sure to bring a fork and a spoon.

#9 Toiletries

Don't forget the basics for hygiene. Shampoo and toothpaste are a must in every suitcase. A designated waterproof caddy can make for easy transport from dorm room to bathroom. But don't forget to pack a few fun selfcare items like fun soaps or perfumes to make your day a a little sweeter.

#10: Stuffed friend

It's a big, new world out there, filled with new people and new places. Having a little slice of home can go a long way. A stuffed friend is always a good addition to a dorm room as it's a friend to squeeze when stressed. A giant Squishmallow could act as a second pillow or a punching bag, whatever you need to destress.



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