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Seniors Say Farewell and Go Picnicking

On May 21, Centennial will be holding a farewell assembly for seniors from 7:45 to 10:15 am in the auditorium. Senior boys are required to wear a white shirt, tie and dark dress pants, and senior girls are required to wear a white dress or white pants. Then from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, there will be a picnic at Pavilion H of Centennial Park.

Getting Ready for the Big Day: Graduation Rehearsal

On Thursday, May 28, from 9:00 to 10:30 am, seniors will partake in the second rehearsal in the auditorium. Each student will receive 12 graduation tickets and can obtain extra tickets from another student who has any left over.

Class of 2015 Graduates from Centennial

At 12 pm on May 29, seniors will be graduating from Centennial at the Merriweather Post Pavilion. Seniors should arrive half an hour earlier at 11:30 am.

Golf Team is Selling CHS Socks

Centennial's golf team will be selling CHS socks for \$16 a pair that will help support the golf fundraiser. Colors available include red, white and blue with a school logo. Sales will be going on until supplies are sold out.

Model UN will be Hosting Banquet

On May 22, Centennial's Model UN will be holding a banquet in the cafeteria from 6 to 8 pm in the cafeteria. The event is a potluck, and speeches honoring the current seniors will be held. The keynote speaker of the event will be Centennial graduate Mary Wang.

Class of 2019 will be Visiting Centennial

On June 3 from 9:15 am to 11:30 am current eighth graders and their parents will be able to visit the school. Students will hear an introduction from Principal Hafets, view artistic performances by Centennial students and receive a school tour. In addition, there will be a club gallery walk and panel discussion for students to get answers for any questions they have about the school.

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REMINISCING ABOUT THE PAST AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

EDITORIAL
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SAMMY KASTNER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As our days as high schoolers come to a close, we begin to look back at all of the memories that the Class of 2015 has experienced together, that have shaped us into the young women and men that we are today.

Most recently, senior year takes us to the best season of boys' basketball that we have been lucky enough to witness. We came to all the games, wearing nothing but red on our backs, supporting our Eagles through the good times and the bad. As seniors, we had the pleasure of watching the Eagles go through an amazing journey, and we are lucky to have seen them pull out a state championship title.

And let's not forget the constant successes during our four years here and all of the countless theatre productions, sports teams winning states/counties/regionals and other activities that have drawn us closer as a school and as the Class of 2015. Some of us have even been together since elementary school and middle school, where the bond between us began.

As we look back on our four years at Centennial, we look at the amazing events that we were a part of, the

classes that we've had countless laughs and pizza parties in and the friendships we've made that will last forever. We thank our teachers for helping us since the first day of freshman year, supporting us and being some of our biggest advocates. We thank our parents and guardians for their love and support.

But more importantly, we thank our fellow classmates of 2015. Our friends have changed over the years, and we have found who we are as people. We will treasure these friendships, memories and adventures for the rest of our lives while we look with bright eyes into our future ahead of us. Once a Centennial Eagle... always a Centennial Eagle. We have eagle pride.



MIRANDA MASON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Centennial students are no strangers to great accomplishments and national titles. The past four years have been proof enough for the Class of 2015 that we can excel in any field we wish. Whether it be art, music, sports or academics, we have claimed top spots in every field.

While we will always look back on our high school years with the satisfaction of a job well done, it's the

future that the Class of 2015 should really be excited about. All of those awards and accolades we've received over the years are concrete proof of our abilities and just how well we measure up against the rest of our peers across the country.

And that's quite the confidence booster.

As graduates of Centennial High School, the Class of 2015 is going out into the world believing in ourselves and what we can accomplish, a frame of mind that will give us an immeasurable edge in our future challenges.

Centennial has prepared us for a lot with its vigorous academics and real-world advice from teachers, but it's impossible to prepare us for everything. Every single one of us is going to face a situation (probably many, many situations) in which we have absolutely no idea what we're doing. We will all be completely baffled at some point or another, and there is no way to prepare for that moment.

Sometimes, it just comes down to blind luck and confidence, and while the luck is out of everyone's hands, Centennial graduates are going into life with enough assurance in themselves to get through anything.

THE RETIREMENT OF THE TEACHER WHO HAS TAUGHT SINCE OPENING DAY



MARYAM ELHABASHY
FEATURE EDITOR

In 1977, the people of Howard County were introduced to a newly-opened school building— Centennial High School. It has since then received multitudes of awards and accolades. Students have studied and graduated; faculty have taught and retired or moved on. One faculty member, however, has been at CHS through it all.

Michael Siegert was a member of the Wilde Lake staff between 1974 and 1977, where he taught math and coached the JV football and lacrosse teams. “I loved Wilde Lake, but I wanted the opportunity to be part of the original staff of a brand new Centennial High School,” said Siegert.

He joined the Eagle’s nest in 1977 and has been a beloved mentor to his students and to his fellow teachers since.

“He is a quintessential teacher, coach and advisor. He is Centennial Excellence, Eagle Pride,” said Principal Claire Hafets.

Throughout his 38 years of teaching and coaching at Centennial, Siegert has taught as the school’s youngest teacher, wearing ties in order to not be mistaken for a student, to one of the oldest.

“I’ve grown and hopefully matured (although I

still occasionally eat bugs) along with the school,” said Siegert.

“Centennial was, and is, a special place,” Siegert said. “From the beginning, Centennial excelled in academics, athletics and other extra-curricular activities.



Siegert teaches during his final year at Centennial. Photo: Izzie Chausse.

The staff, led by the original principal, Angie Fortunato, and students worked hard to make CHS the best school in the county. I recognized this early in my career and never had any interest in teaching or coaching elsewhere.”

Though the school has changed in many ways, Siegert believes the school was always and still remains ‘Committed to Excellence.’

“I’ve been intelligent enough to realize that I have been blessed to be at Centennial,” Siegert said.

He believes that the combination of a talented and

caring staff, motivated students and supportive parents has made Centennial a place where he has felt valued.

“My hope is that I have been able to provide a classroom environment where students could feel

ert,” said Hafets.

After bringing his admirable career to a close, Siegert plans on moving with his wife to Delaware near Bethany Beach. He intends to do a lot of “biking, canoeing, skiing (outside of Delaware), working out, reading and not waking up at 4:30 am.”

But true to Siegert’s style, when one chapter closes, he takes steps to open another. He says he is looking forward to several volunteer opportunities with environmental groups and traveling. And while he is a consummate teacher, Siegert never ceases to learn. He has a collection of DVD courses on a multitude of subjects that he intends on studying because “it’s never too late to fill in gaps in one’s education.”

“I’ll miss Centennial. The students and staff have supported me through good and bad, and I’ll always treasure the many memories I have of CHS, my second family,” said Siegert. But he doesn’t expect this will be the last time he’ll see his CHS family: “I am excited about doing something different and look forward to having visitors from CHS at my house in Delaware.”

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A Farewell Assignment

Insight and advice from this year's valedictorian

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MARYAM ELHABASHY
FEATURE EDITOR

Every year, hundreds of students graduate from Centennial High School. Many of them graduate as members or leaders of various clubs or organizations. Only one student, however, earns the right to call himself valedictorian.

This year, that student is Anant Mishra.

"Of course many people dream about being number one in their class, but when I started high school, I was not really focused on anything like this at all. I certainly did not go out of my way to try to be valedictorian," said Mishra.

Mishra simply chose to stay true to himself and embraced and excelled in subjects for which he had a passion.

French teacher Marylynn Doff taught Mishra his freshman and junior years.

"What makes him stand out, besides his amazing academic ability, is his sense of humor and his compassion," said Doff.

Even with his academic and social abilities, Mishra didn't cruise through his classes: "Anant took the most difficult courses in the school. He has a natural ability, but in order to do well he had to also work hard, learn new ways

of studying, writing, reasoning," said Stanley Eisenstein, Mishra's physics teacher.

The valedictorian stereotype varies: the genius who sleeps through half their classes and then aces all the tests, or the anti-social nerd who studies 24/7 and reads Stephen Hawking for fun. Neither one is Mishra.



Anant Mishra studies hard to maintain his valedictorian status. Photo: Izzie Chausse.

Despite the hard work, Mishra managed to have fun in the process.

"Our quiz bowl competitions in It's Academic have been incredibly successful," said Mishra. He also cites playing tennis as a great memory. In fact, as one of the tennis team's captains, he is quite notorious for giving hilariously rousing introductions to the team's rosters à la Don King.

"I love everyone on the team and we have so much fun together," said Mishra.

Despite being valedicto-

rian, a historically coveted title for high school seniors, Mishra doesn't see it that way...exactly.

"I am very humbled to be this year's valedictorian. This year is filled with extremely talented and intelligent individuals...

Though I was very happy to be this year's valedictorian, I know it does not mean

too much... Truly, there are numerous individuals deserving of the title and recognition," he said.

Mishra also attributes much of his success to support from his mentors, who "continue to push and inspire their students to achieve excellence, and I am truly grateful."

Dartmouth College will most likely be the lucky recipient of Mishra, who intends on studying biochemistry, neuroscience and economics or "some combination like that." Though

Mishra isn't dead-set on a career path, he's sure of one thing: "I want to be in a position where I have the power to shape the future."

So as he and the Class of 2015 look forward to new horizons, it doesn't come without some nostalgia.

"What I will miss most about Centennial is all of my friends, as we will all be heading to different colleges, as well as the great teachers that I have had over the course of my high school career. I will also miss all my teammates on both the tennis team and It's Academic," said Mishra.

In terms of advice, confidence is key, according to Mishra, so long as character isn't sacrificed along the way. He says that being self-driven isn't just for valedictorians—it's for any and all students: "Push yourself. Winning might not be everything, but it is a whole heck of a lot better than losing... Finally, it is never worth it to sacrifice respect and dignity for self-gain," said Mishra.

His final parting words? "To summarize, stay classy, Centennial!"

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PREPARING FOR THE NEXT STEP

ADVICE TO SENIORS FROM FRESHMEN IN COLLEGE



GIANA HAN
ONLINE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Graduation is fast approaching, and we can practically taste summer. Some of us are already on the beach, at least mentally. However, while we all are looking forward to summer vacation, knowing that it may be the best one of our lives, there is a great unknown lying at the other end of the break. We aren't coming back to Centennial like we have for the past four years of our life— we're going on to college, some-

Beth Layman, Pittsburgh University

“You and your roommate don't have to be best friends. You'll probably get along, but you don't have to force friendship. [Also] college students don't eat as much ramen as you think we do.

Bring a nice blanket and plenty of pillows— your bed will probably double as a couch. Also, Christmas lights are fantastic.”

Quinn Western, Frostburg University

“When I was a senior going into college I wish I [would have known] all the expectations that college has for you. You've got to go out of your way to make friends, get good grades and all that other [stuff].

Advice I would give seniors is don't be scared; just be ready to embrace change and make the best of it.

Bring a comforter if you like a comfy bed [and] some nice snacks and a voluptuous chair you can chill in.”

Cara Walsh, University of Maryland College Park

“Everyone is freaking out at the beginning about making friends, so don't feel weird if you don't have a new set of best friends within two weeks.

Get involved. It sounds cliché, but if you join a group of people who have the same interests, it's a really easy way to make friends, and it makes college more fulfilling.

The number one investment in college is a thick comfy mattress and rain gear.

Pro Tip: Do not wear a lanyard around your neck even though you will be tempted to and possibly encouraged to. It will single you out as a freshman.”

thing none of us have ever done before.

Last year, a whole class stood in the same place we did. They have since moved on and are completing their first year of college. While they have adjusted and changed since they were Eagles, they still remember their final days as a senior, and they have given us words of advice to help us prepare for the coming weeks and months.

HESTON PRIESTLY, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

“Two things I wish I knew [about college] would probably be that coffee is amazing and should be moderated, and that it's best to branch out as much as possible because you're out of high school and it's time to meet new people and make more friends.

I was scared of dealing with engineering and soccer at the same time. It was resolved by efficient planning and scheduling. It's always good to shoot someone an email about any possible conflicts.”

Kay Kelly, Lehigh University

“Before going into college, you don't really appreciate the comforts of home. So my advice to the seniors now would be to cherish the time they have left in the familiarity of HoCo.

Spend as much time [as you can] with your friends and family because staying in contact with every high school friend is definitely hard and honestly impossible.

Don't take for granted home-cooked meals and having a car to drive around.”

Willie Fu, University of Maryland College Park

“I was mostly scared of the difficulty of the workload, but it actually wasn't that bad since you get to choose what you participate and enlist in.

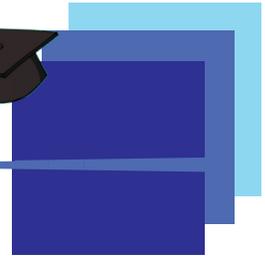
[In high school] I wish I knew to get a job so I could have some money and to learn to check emails.

“I'd say [bring] vitamins to stay healthy and your own printer. They give you a list at orientation.”

A Road Less Taken

FEATURE

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A look into two students' alternative career pathways



MADHU LAL
OPINION WRITER

For many seniors, the end of high school marks the beginning of college; for others it marks the beginning of their careers. In Centennial, about 2 percent of students will choose to not attend college after graduation. This statistic includes students who will join the workforce immediately after graduation, join the armed forces or join an alternative or specialty school.

Many students aren't aware of the possibilities available for individuals who do not wish to attend college. As a result of the lack of information regarding alternative pathways, some students feel college is the only option after graduation if they want to succeed. The plans of seniors such

as Chris Lewis and Tim Vall, who are not attending college, help in silencing misperceptions of life without college.

Lewis decided that after graduating high school, he would join the Air Force.

"I don't want to go to college because I had a very hard time just trying to pass my math classes in school, so I really don't want to spend another four years in school again."

Lewis created a very precise and well-organized plan for what his future in the Air Force will consist of. His plans include training to become part of the security forces, working with military dogs and later being a pararescueman.

Lewis's career pathway yields many responsibilities. Security force's duties include protecting the people

and properties of the Air Force. When working with military dogs, Lewis will need to be able to train dogs to become bomb-sniffing

professional playwright as well as a part-time actor.

Vall came to the conclusion that he wanted to become a playwright after



dogs or drug interdiction dogs. As a pararescueman Lewis will use the skills he will ascertain during training which include using emergency medical tactics, combat skills and survival skills in order to save the lives of those in need.

Lewis also says that he would rather "... travel the world and meet new and interesting people, as well as protect others from harm" than attend college. In order to fulfill his aspirations, Lewis regularly studies for the Armed Services Battery Test, which analyzes an individual's strong suits in order to assess which jobs would best suit them.

Tim Vall will not be attending college after graduation either. Vall, who has been part of theatre for "as long as I can remember" intends on becoming a pro-

independently writing his first one act play, "Martin's Evening," and performing it in last year's One Act Variety Show.

Vall explained that the thought of attending college after graduation seemed unnecessary to him as well as too immediate, so he made the decision to take a year off after his graduation. During his gap year, Vall plans on focusing on writing a new play as well as continuing his job at Einstein Bagels in order to save up for community college.

Once Vall acquires enough money for college, he anticipates majoring in theatre and minoring in dramatic writing at HCC.

"(I would rather) travel the world and meet new interesting people, as well as protect people from harm." - Chris Lewis

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Graduation Performers

A&E

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Centennial's seniors enjoy their last performance in the CHS limelight



AMANDA KREW
A&E WRITER

With the graduation date quickly approaching, Centennial's student performers are feverishly preparing to take the stage one last time. This year, the senior class will be represented by five acts throughout the three senior events. Each act holds certain significance to the performers, which they hope to convey to the Class of 2015.

This year's performances range from dance to instrumental and vocal music, all representing a different emotion felt by Centennial's Class of 2015. These performances mark the beginning of many more performances to come, as some of these students will be pursuing the arts during their next four years in college.

When I asked vocalist Montria Walker why she chose to sing "Greatest Love of All" by Whitney Houston at the Graduation Ceremony, she easily answered, "Throughout the four years here I think it is important to become close to people, and this is simply saying that you have found the greatest love of all through these experiences." Throughout the last four years, we have watched Montria's career as a singer grow from freshman year to her last upcoming Centennial performance on May 29 at

Merriweather.

Eric Villanyi, who will be performing "The Waltz" by Malcolm Reynold at the Senior Awards Ceremony with Sarah Arbough and Meghan Thoreson, places more personal meaning to the piece, saying that it represents how far he and his peers have come as musicians, but the piece itself was chosen, simply, for being "up-lifting and optimistic." Villanyi has been a member of the Centennial Wind Ensemble for three years, serving as first chair oboe each year since joining.

Where graduation is typically seen as a "last" for most graduating seniors, for singer Siena Demes, her performance of "The Call" by Regina Spektor is a first for her and accompanist Naseem Pashai. "I am singing something I am not used to, because I am a classical and musical theatre singer and this is a pop song, but Naseem has not played piano in a while." This Fall, Centennial saw Sienna star in the theatre department's production of *Urinetown* as Hope Caldwell.



AMANDA ALI
A&E/NEWS EDITOR

Along with these performers come speakers and Master of Ceremonies (emcee) at each senior event. Students auditioning to speak were asked to perform a short excerpt of what their speeches would be, and many had no idea what to include or what not to include. As I auditioned in front of the judges and students, I was terrified that no one would understand my humor or be able to hear me through my shaky, nervous voice.

Every person auditioning wanted to make sure that their speech would be relatable to the audience. "When one does any kind of performance at a senior event, he/she is representing the senior class as a whole," said Tahiyat Sheikh, emcee of the Senior Awards Assembly.

Once the list was released of who would speak at each event, the new speakers had a rush of different emotions. Katherine Chiu, the emcee for the Farewell Assembly, stated, "It's hard to put how I felt into perspective because I was so happy and honored to have been chosen but

nervous at the same time."

After reality finally set in, it was time to work with mentors and write our full speeches. When I was chosen to be the speaker at the Farewell Assembly, I was ecstatic to be able to speak to the rest of my class. I wanted to put my own creativity into my speech and make it as interesting as possible for the audience, but I also wanted to make sure that they got a serious message from it.

While preparing for her role, Sheikh stated, "I am super excited. Senior year is finally as I imagined it, graduation is nearing and I cannot wait to express that in my speech!"

Overall, the speakers wanted to have an exciting time with the rest of the seniors. I am honored that I can come together with the rest of my class and reflect on our high school years before departing.

"I knew I didn't want to try to teach my audience a lesson because, as a seventeen year old, I really don't have that much profound wisdom to impart," said Emily Abdow, speaker at Graduation. "Instead, I tried to find a creative way to celebrate Centennial's Class of 2015 and all of our hard work these past four years. Go Eagles!"



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Celebrating Graduation A Different Way

FEATURE

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A Peek Into The Senior Week Plans Of Two Students



MADHU LAL
OPINION WRITER



To be a senior is to be perpetually anxious and stressed out; with college applications, scholarship applications and intense senioritis, these students can't wait to finally graduate and have the weight of high school lifted off their shoulders. Despite the stress that comes with being a senior, one event is said to keep these students going— senior week. Senior week, for Centennial seniors and upperclassmen from other high schools in the area, is one of the highlights of senior year. This seven-day party serves as a kind of initiation into the independent world.

Traditionally, the event takes place at Ocean City where students in the graduating class rent houses by the shore with their friends and party in the name of commencement and freedom. Many seniors say that senior week is the event they have been looking forward to since the beginning of the school year; some individuals even planned the event months in advance.

However, not all seniors share the same enthusi-

asm towards senior week. Instead of going to Ocean City, some seniors are deciding to spend their senior week going on trips with their close friends and avoiding the claustrophobic scene at Ocean City.

was apprehensive about the event, she did not finalize her decision to not go until just a few months ago.

“The beach isn't my favorite place and I've been to Ocean City with my friends and parents

Krew also explained one of the major deciding factors that finalized her decision to not participate in senior week was the surplus of dangerous behavior which becomes apparent as the celebration in Ocean City progresses.

“I don't want to go to senior week because it seems too risky; a lot of drinking and other bad behavior happens in Ocean City during that week. I don't want to participate in anything that may jeopardize me going to college or keeping my scholarships.”

As the years progress, a growing number of seniors are avoiding the traditional celebration at Ocean City. After graduation, seniors step into an unfamiliar and alien world, a world where new experiences, discoveries and interactions await. Some feel that the independence and newness which graduation entails shouldn't be spent at Ocean City partying, and opting out of the traditional senior week in favor of something new is becoming more popular as the years go on.

“This seven-day party serves as a kind of initiation into the independent world.”

Seniors like Abisola Fatodu are opting out of senior week. Instead, Fatodu intends on spending a few days in New York City and D.C. She plans on visiting these places with a group of her college and high school friends. While in New York, Fatodu intends on touring the city and shopping with her friends and then attending Awesomecon, a comic convention in D.C.

Fatodu started debating about going to senior week towards the end of her junior year. Although she

before, so it really didn't seem worth it to me,” said Fatodu.

Fatodu isn't the only one who decided against partaking in the traditional end-of-the-year celebration. Amanda Krew, a soon-to-be Oberlin music conservatory student, has also decided to keep away from Ocean City during senior week. Krew says she instead plans on packing for her upcoming trip to Italy and spending time hanging out with her older brother before she leaves.

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Heck, Margaret *Marquette University*
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Horstkamp, Elizabeth *Towson University*
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Hu, Howard *UMCP*
Hu, Kevin *UMCP*
Hunter, John *UMCP*
Hunter, Robert *UMCP*
Hutzell, Martha *Salisbury University*
Jameson, Jonathan *HCC*
Jennings, Natalie *Hampton University*
Jensen, Josefina *Towson University*
Jeon, Raphael *UMBC*
Johnson, Alexander *UMCP*
Jones, Michael *UMCP*
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Kang, Harrison *UMCP*
Karam, Aya *UMBC*
Karam, Ayman *HCC*
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Kempton, Katherine *St. Mary's College of MD*
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Khader, Mohammed *Seton Hall University*
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Kim, Rachel *UMBC*
Kim, Taeyoon *UMCP*
Kimberl, Emily *UMCP*
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Kinstler, Jesse *Marymount Manhattan College*
Kisamore, Jessica *Towson University*
Koo, Gabriel *University of Pennsylvania*
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Lee, Joyce *Towson University*
Lee, Young *UMBC*
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Yilma, Mahilet *Washington College*
Yim, Justin *Towson University*
Zhan, Tim *UMCP*
Zhang, Jingyi *Lehigh University*
Zhou, Andrew *Emory University*
Ziegler, Sydney *UMCP*
Zou, Krystal *UMCP*

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STUDENTS
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TO UMCP

37
STUDENTS
ARE GOING
TO UMBC

32% OF
STUDENTS
ARE GOING
OUT-OF-STATE

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SENIORS OF WINGSPAN



AMANDA ALI
(Ultimate Ruler)

SHOW: LOST (4-8-15-16-23-42)
BOOK: *The Lost Encyclopedia*
ACTOR: Amanda Ali
COLLEGE PICK: Netflix University
INTENDED MAJOR: Netflix

MOVIE: *My Snapchat Story* (@amanda_ali)
FUTURE PLANS: Become rich & famous, own Netflix
VW MOMENT: When he forgets that I am in class
SPORTS TEAM: Netflix

WINGSPAN MOMENT:
Margaret Heck



DANIEL GIAGRANDE
(Designer)

INTENDED MAJOR: Graphic Design and Journalism
SINGER: Tyler, the Creator
QUOTE: "Stay gold."
COLLEGE PICK: St. Johns

HOBBIES: Soccer, graphic design, music
BEST WORD TO DESCRIBE YOU: Ambitious
FAVORITE MOVIE: *Spongebob Squarepants Movie*
TV SHOWS: *Loiter Squad* and *HIMYM*

IF YOU COULD BE ANY FICTIONAL CHARACTER, WHO WOULD YOU BE? Jimmy Neutron



JONAH DRENNING
(Opinion Editor)

INTENDED MAJOR: Aerospace Engineering
CLASS: Journalism
COLLEGE PICK: College Park
HERO: Mike Jones

BEST PART ABOUT BEING A SENIOR: 65+ discounts
VW MOMENT: McDonald's carjacking story
FUN FACT: I used to be the youngest person on Earth
BEST WORD TO DESCRIBE YOU: Sarcastic

QUOTE:

"Life passes by so slowly when you miss someone" -Jeff Tse



AMANDA KREW
(A&E Writer)

HOMETOWN: The 21042
NICKNAME: Choir mom
HERO: Madhu Lal
INTENDED MAJOR: Opera performance
COLLEGE PICK: Oberlin Conservatory

FUTURE PLANS: To enter my rebellious phase
FUN FACT: I can do a killer Russian accent
TV SHOW: *Orange is the New Black*
WINGSPAN MOMENT: Writing my first Music Radar

QUOTE:

"I have approximate knowledge of many things."

THE MONTH

EDITION



COREY GRABLE (Photo Editor)

HERO: Chewbacca
BOOK: Game of Thrones
SHOW: Game of Thrones
MOVIES: Star Wars (all 6)
COLLEGE PICK: Delaware

WINGSPAN MOMENT: Getting yelled at by Zack
VW MOMENT: Sneaking me a donut as a freshman
FUN FACT: I don't like toppings on my burgers
QUOTE: "It's a trap!" - Admiral Ackbar

BEST PART ABOUT BEING A SENIOR?
Winning States



ANNA MITCHELL (Media Editor)

SIBLINGS: Andreas
HERO: Olivia Pope
TV SHOW: House of Cards
INTENDED MAJOR: Broadcast Journalism
COLLEGE PICK: The real HU

SPORTS TEAM: Whatever team LeBron is on
WORST PART ABOUT BEING A SENIOR:
Crying every morning before school
FUN FACT: I speak fluent Swedish

QUOTE: "I will march forward even if I have to do so alone."
- Frank Underwood



CAROLINE OPPENHEIMER (Photographer)

MIDDLE NAME: Sadie
HOBBIES: Sleeping
HERO: Beyoncé/my mom
TEACHER: Mrs. Holt...duh
SPORTS TEAM: Ravens

FUN FACT: I am #teamtatted
QUOTE: "Hannah Montana said nobodys is perfect...yet here I am."
FAVORITE CLASS: Mrs. Bradley's 4B

WINGSPAN MOMENT:
Winning the competition of better side of the room



MARTHA HUTZELL (Photographer)

BIRTHDAY: April 22, 1997
FUTURE PLANS: Marry a rich guy
SINGER: Myself
ACTOR: Niall Musonda
HERO: A.dice

HOBBIES: Running through the six with my woes
FAVORITE MOVIE: Video of my birth
WORST PART ABOUT BEING A SENIOR:
Being shorter than freshmen

FUN FACT:
I'm Vine famous @ Martha Hutzell

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WINGSPAN EDITORS IN CHIEF



SAMMY KASTNER *(Editor-in-Chief)*

BIRTHDAY: Jan. 20, 1997

CLASS: Skipping

SINGER: Sam Smith <3

FOOD: Doobbbaaaa

QUOTE: "no ragrets"

COLLEGE PICK: NDMU Go Gators!!!

HOBBIES: Softball, Wingspan, Netflix, food

HERO: Sarah Alice Harbinson

TV SHOWS: *Grey's Anatomy* & *LOST*

INTENDED MAJOR:

Elementary Education/Special Education



MIRANDA MASON *(Editor-in-Chief)*

SIBLING: Nick

SPORTS TEAM: Lol

FAVORITE TEACHERS: VW, Desmond

ACTIVITIES: Wingspan, being antisocial

COLLEGE PICK: Emerson College

HOBBIES: World domination, knitting

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A MILLION

DOLLARS? Make it rain like a hurricane

FUN FACT: I have 500 pairs of socks

VW MOMENT:

The McDonald's carjacking story



MARGARET HECK *(Managing Editor)*

COLLEGE PICK: Marquette!!!!!!

QUOTE: "Peace up A-Town down."

HOBBIES: Orioles

TV SHOWS: ABC Thursdays

FOOD: SimplyAJ10 burger

FUTURE PLANS: Chillin with my people at OPACY

SPORTS TEAM: Do you even have to ask?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A MILLION

DOLLARS? Travel to every MLB park

FUN FACT:

I've made Adam Jones laugh



GIANA HAN *(Online EIC)*

BIRTHDAY: Dec. 31, 1996

SIBLING: Sabrina

MOVIE: *High School Musical*

ACTOR: Chris Evans

INTENDED MAJOR: Journalism!

COLLEGE PICK: Penn State University

FAVORITE VW MOMENT: "Where's Amanda?"

BEST WORD TO DESCRIBE YOU: Sassy

ACTIVITIES: Journalism, art, managing Volleyball, tutoring

QUOTE:

"Do ordinary things with extraordinary love." - St. Terese

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A look back at the crazes throughout high school



AMANDA ALI
A&E/NEWS EDITOR

As all of us seniors draw an end to our high school years, what better way to celebrate than to reminisce from the very beginning. That's right, freshman year. There is an unsaid rule that no one is allowed to judge anyone based on who they were during freshman year. I look back at my Timehop from four years ago and shudder from all of the "lol's," exclamation points and "Truth is..." statuses on Facebook. If any freshmen are reading this now, when you become a senior you will be embarrassed of how you acted during your first year of high school, trust me.

Let's look back at the past three years...

FRESHMAN YEAR

This was the year that the terms "swag" and "YOLO" were overexposed, so it was only downhill from there. We started off freshman year with the annual Freshmen Dance, oh man. "This is the most awkward event Centennial hosts since it's just a gym filled with awkward freshmen," said senior Carolyn Cole. I remember the immaturity and tacky clothes like it was yesterday. I actually had a "This is what Swag looks like" sweatshirt, I kid you not. We would jam to "Call Me Maybe" and laugh at the infamous "Friday." This was also during the time that One Direction became popular, so as much as you may hate to admit it, "What Makes You Beautiful" was constantly stuck in your head.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

The Presidential election took a huge focus during our sophomore year, but more important to us at the time was the iPhone 5 being released. "Harlem Shake" was taking over YouTube and we would get together with friends to make our own dancing videos. Other strange songs at the time were "Gangnam Style" (how could we forget that one) and "Thrift Shop." Let's not forget that hashtags were becoming extremely popular during this year, and this paved the way we used trends on social media. Sophomore year was also the year where the reality of growing up hit us. "I realized that I was in high school and that school was getting serious because junior year was right around the corner," said senior Emily Kimberl.

JUNIOR YEAR

One of the most popular songs during junior year was Miley Cyrus' "Wrecking Ball," which basically described how junior year went. We were warned constantly that this year was the most stressful year of high school, but we did not truly understand until we experienced it firsthand. We pulled endless all nighters to get our work done, and somehow survived the SAT's and ACT's. Even though junior year may have been the worst year of high school, many great things came out of it, not including "selfie" being officially added to the Oxford English Dictionary. There was even a song created called "What Does the Fox Say?" which no one could forget. *Frozen* was released in the beginning of this year, and I will never let it go *insert forced laugh.* Two more iPhones also came out, the iPhone 5s and the iPhone 5c, which were basically the same exact thing but with different letters in the name. Junior year was also the year that we were one step closer to becoming seniors, and after the farewell assembly, we were officially known as the new seniors of the school.

SENIOR YEAR

Now we are finishing our *senior year*.

We completed our college applications, committed to colleges and took our last finals of high school. It's time to move on to more years of shenanigans. We may all go our separate ways, but we will always remember the embarrassing times that we had throughout high school. Peace out Class of 2015.

Design: Amanda Ali.

Deciding the Future:

How should students choose career paths?



JONAH DRENNING
OPINION EDITOR

For many seniors who are soon graduating and have been embroiled in their search for a suitable college during the school year, choosing a career path or major for the future has been a difficult decision. Many students' childhood plans of becoming professional athletes, movie stars and astronauts have not exactly panned out, and they are left deciding what to study for the next four years (or more) of their lives before they enter the working world.

There is a continual struggle between the levels of fun and viability of a career path, and many students find themselves picking a field that they do not necessarily enjoy in favor of high salaries and job prospects out of college. Horror stories about college graduates unable to find employment and being forced to live with their parents are a nightmare for many teenagers and influence their choice of major.

For most students, their choice is a combination of factors, as it is for senior Connor Lin.

"Computer science is interesting and has a good job market, so it is a natural choice," said Lin.

While future monetary gain is important for one's choice of major, it is extremely important for there to be a balance of the job's economic benefits with one's level of interest and excitement for the job.

"There is a continual struggle between the levels of fun and viability of a career path."

Future college students are probably tired of hearing vaguely positive motivational sayings about following one's dreams and being able to accomplish anything, but there is some truth to these statements with regard to choosing a career path.

While it is possible to switch the field one is working in later in life, it is more difficult than switching majors in college. It is important to make sure that one's major is enjoyable so that many years of one's future are not spent toiling

away at a mediocre job that doesn't capture one's interest. Far too often students are so caught up in the statistics and data about their field's economic prospects out of college that they choose to do something for the rest of their lives that they will not enjoy.

It is important to consider fields that one not

I've always had a passion for building and designing."

For most students, being able to enjoy learning about a subject in a school setting is not exactly the same as working in the field, but a choice of major should probably be related to one's favorite subject or subjects in school, since many courses at school are condensed and simplified versions of the knowledge acquired in particular careers over many years.

Hidden among many important decisions in a time of many career opportunities, choosing an area of study or college major should be done carefully based on what one enjoys rather than what one expects in return.

only finds thought-provoking and engaging currently, but also one that will maintain the student's interest well into the future. One indicator of this is past levels of enjoyment when studying or learning about things related to the career. If a particular major has been something enjoyable since childhood, then it is more likely to captivate one's interest in the future as well.

For example, senior Andrew Abdow remarked, "I chose mechanical engineering because

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The benefits of four years of varsity



MICHAEL MOORE
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2014-15 year was a year of lasts for the senior class. From academics to athletics, the students put the finishing touches on their high school careers. Athletically, this year was the final year for the players that have spent all four years on varsity. It is a large accomplishment that is not easy to obtain, and the players get to see all the work they've put in come full circle in their final year.

Girls' basketball had two four-year varsity players in Anna Mitchell and Kimmy Eads.

Boys' lacrosse's only four-year varsity player is senior Kevin Wilson.

Girls' lacrosse features Emilia Uribe, Dani Wilson, Olivia Canby and Martha Hutzell as the four-year varsity players.

Anna Mitchell also played four years of varsity girls' soccer.

After being the face of the program in their various sports, they are now winding down not only their high school academic careers but also their athletic careers.

Eads will be playing at Southern Virginia. Playing varsity all four years has

meant a lot to Eads, who has been playing basketball since third grade.

"It was at big achievement for me as a freshman. I love basketball and was excited because I knew I would be playing at the next level while on varsity. I also have made great friend-

which helped me succeed throughout my years. My freshman year you could say I was basically all over the place, but now being a senior I have gained a lot more strength and body control," Eads explained.

As she moves on to college basketball, she knows

her senior season due to a knee injury, Wilson has still benefited from being on varsity her whole high school career.

"I would say that it [playing varsity as a freshman] really made me step up, especially as a freshman and even sophomore playing against seniors that seem way above your level. It's intimidating and scary at first, but it really forced me to improve my game," she said.

Wilson will play at Franklin and Marshall College next year. She feels that her experiences playing at a high level since her freshman year will help her in college.

"I think it's going to help a lot because I kind of already know what to expect and what I need to do. I'm going to have to step up to the challenge and adjust just like I had to as a freshman on varsity for high school," she explained.

All of the athletes have worked very hard to get where they are in their athletic careers. They will carry the lessons they've learned throughout this time for the rest of their lives.

"I was very fortunate to have great teammates and coaches that pushed me everyday at practice to make me a better player."

- Kimmy Eads

ships with my teammates throughout the four years and really got to know my coaches on a more personal level," she said.

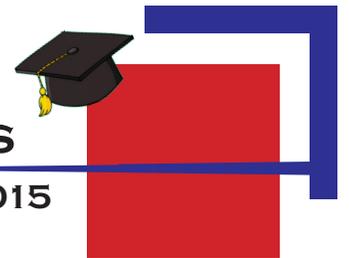
While there are ups and downs in sports with each situation, there is always room to grow and improve. And over a four-year varsity career, there will be countless opportunities to do so.

"My coach was able to help me change my shooting form my freshman year

playing varsity all four years will give her an advantage as she advances to the next level.

"On varsity you came to practice to work hard and to work even harder during games. I was very fortunate to have great teammates and coaches that pushed me everyday at practice to make me a better player," she said.

Dani Wilson has been on varsity since her freshman year. While she missed



Athletes commit to play at the next level



MICHAEL MOORE
SPORTS EDITOR

Hard work is a necessity when a person sets a goal to excel in sports, and to move from high school sports to the college level takes years of hard work and practice. Centennial has quite a few athletes moving on to the next level in their respective sports.

The boys' lacrosse team has two seniors that will be suiting up in a college uniform next year; Kevin Wilson and Sam Clay have made their commitments to Washington College and Emmanuel College, respectively.

The girls' lacrosse team also features athletes moving on to the next level. Martha Hutzell will play for Sailsbury, Olivia Canby for Seton Hill and Dani Wilson for Franklin and Marshall.

The softball team has one player planning to continue the sport in college. Sammy Kastner will play at Notre Dame of Maryland University.

Anna Mitchell, a four-year varsity soccer player will play at Howard University in the fall.

Boys' basketball player Isaiah White has signed his letter of intent to play division one basketball at

the University of North Carolina Asheville, and Chad Strothers is committed to Frostburg State University.

Aadil Mirza is playing football at Westminster College.

All of these athletes have worked extremely hard to prove that they have what it takes to move on to the next level. They have proven that they can play a very high pace.

The recruiting process plays a big part in where student athletes commit. For Canby, the recruiting process was stressful but worth it in the end. Canby has been a standout on the girls' lacrosse team since her freshman year, and has been committed to Seton Hill since last spring.

"The recruiting process for me was definitely stressful. Having to email coaches, schedule phone calls and visits was overwhelming at times but getting that response back, the positive feedback from the coaches, made it rewarding," Canby explained.

The ups and downs of the recruiting process are the same for most athletes, but she kept going and always stayed positive.

"Sometimes I would get discouraged if I didn't hear back right away, but I didn't let that get me down.



Isaiah White signs his letter of intent to UNC Asheville with his current coach, Chad Hollwedel. Photo: Corey Grable.

Knowing what I wanted to major in, how far away I was willing to go and the type of school I was looking for helped narrow down my search," she said.

The people around her also helped make her decision and the process easier.

"The help I had from my club coach and the support I had from my parents made the process much smoother for me. The important part is focusing on what's best for you and not worrying about what others around you are deciding on."

Making a commitment to a college is a big decision. To stay at a place for

four years of your life, it must have everything you are looking for. For Canby, Seton Hill was the best mix of everything she wanted.

"Seton hill has a great physician assistant program and 4+3 doctor of osteopathic medicine program. I am able to still play lacrosse and be a part of one of those programs as a student. I am not limited to what I am able to study which was a huge deciding factor for me. The lacrosse team was so welcoming and the atmosphere [at the] school made me feel somewhat at home."

Looking Back at the Class of

2015

