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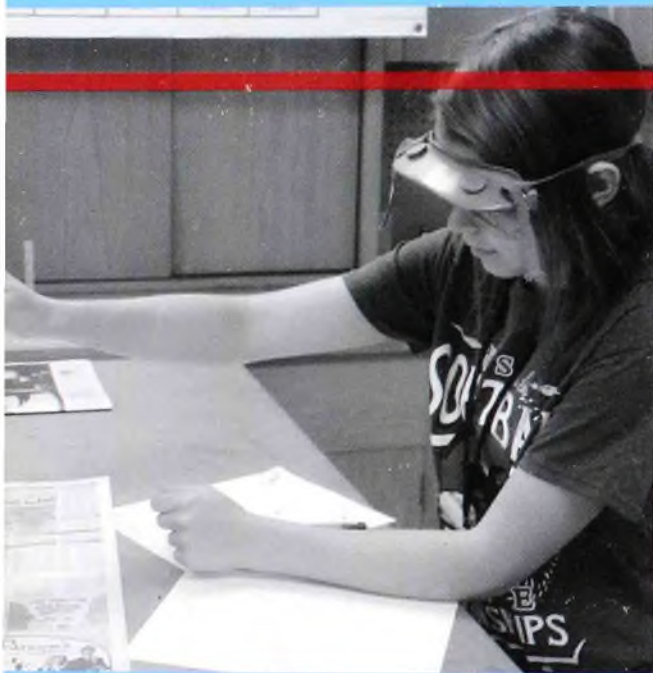
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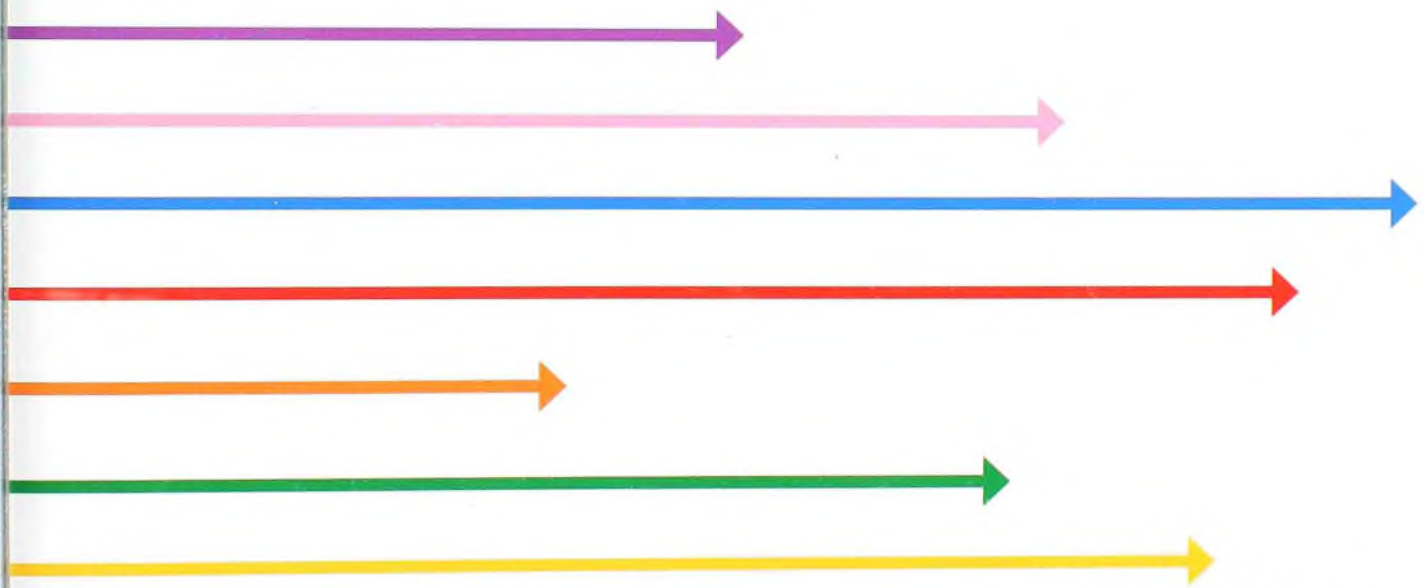
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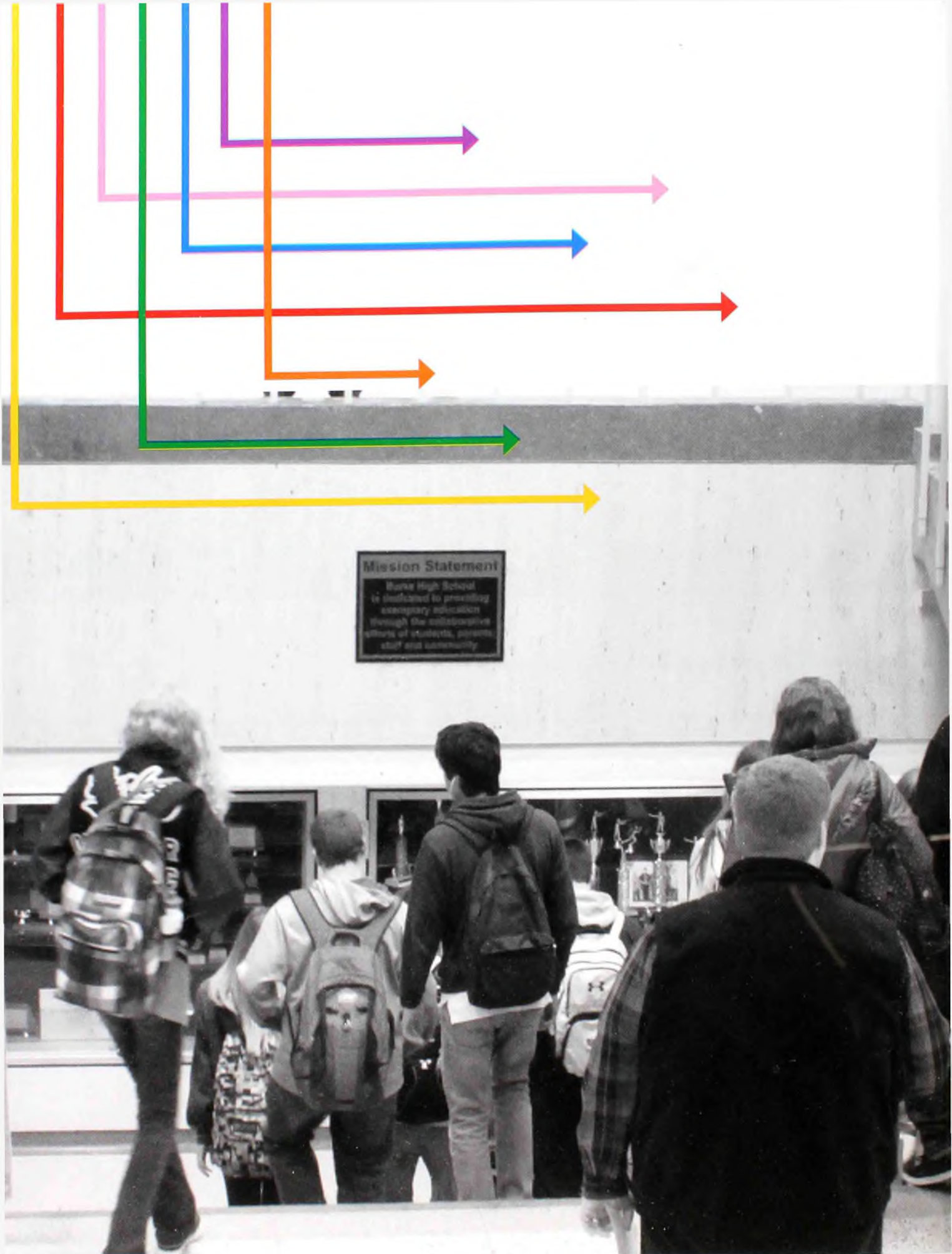
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Mission Statement
Burre High School
is dedicated to providing
exemplary education
through the collaborative
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staff and community.

Every step we take helps us form our own unique pathway through this amazing experience called high school. Whether we get there by playing soccer, the flute, or by reading "My Antoniette", we are all striving for same goal: graduation. We may run into dead ends with the grading scale, cautions with the teachers, end up going in circles, or just get lost along the way, but we are all taking different paths. Following the footsteps of many before us we are leaping, crawling, and pivoting into opportunities presented to us. Learning to grow through tough athletic seasons. Learning to avoid failure through tough testing periods. We are informing others that nine plus ten is not twenty-one. Understanding what is going to make us happy in life.

We are mapping out our lives, forming landmarks with our memories, and speeding through our friendships, knowing that even though we may run into a few kinks in the road, every day we show up to this school we're headed in the right direction.

Narrative by Leona Dunn



Making Memories Junior Ammar No-rain has a good time dancing at Homecoming. For many students Homecoming was a night filled with multiple moments that would never be forgotten. Photo by Tamia Chatmon



Spirit Week

Spirit week consisted of five themes based on different areas of the world to go along with the homecoming theme of "The Great Escape."

Junior Ashton Doukas kicked off the week wearing red, white, and blue for "Merica Monday." For "Tropical Tuesday" seniors Haley Ramm and Shayla Billings broke out their floral shirts and lei's. Senior Gavin Siebrass channeled his inner cowboy and sported a flannel shirt for "Australian Western Wednesday." Students in animal print roamed the halls on "Tanzanian Safari Thursday." Senior Emily Lines wore a tiger print dress to show her spirit.

Friday was class colors day, so seniors wore black, juniors wore white, sophomores wore gray, and freshmen wore gold. Some students chose to wear Burke apparel instead, such as freshmen Millee Gibney and Dylan Humble, to wrap up spirit week.



Tackling the Dance Floor Seniors Rachel McElderry and Haley Phillipps coordinated a dance to perform with the senior football players at the Homecoming Pep Rally. McElderry and Phillipps were the varsity cheer captains. Each of the ten senior cheerleaders chose a senior football player to be their dance partner. "It was funny to watch the football players try to dance; a lot of them thought they were better at dancing than they actually were. It was very entertaining to dance with them and I wish I could do it again," senior Ronni Jackson said. Photo by Carly Williams

First Time Jitters For the Burke Drill Team's debut performance newcomer sophomore Darianna Smith led her line in the attention command. Each of the line leaders set the pace for their teammates behind them to follow. At the end of their performance the team rejoiced over the success of their first dance. Photo by Tamia Chatmon





Top: Slow Dance After a long night of upbeat music and wild dancing sophomores Nadia Williams and Michael Mrsny enjoy a slow dance to "Wanted" by Hunter Hayes as the homecoming dance comes to an end. "The night was filled with breath taking moments and idiotic grinning," Mrsny said. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Above: Dance All Night Junior Stephen Freeman and his date, sophomore Lindsey Nore enjoy a dance as their hours together at homecoming slowly ticked away. They forgot all of their worries for the night and enjoyed each other's company. This year's homecoming was held on Sept. 13 and the theme was "The Great Escape." Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Bow Down Senior Lauren Houston is extremely excited to be announced Homecoming Queen. Houston was crowned by Evy Olsen, last year's Queen. "I couldn't believe it when my name was called. I was not expecting it at all," Houston said. "It was really special to be crowned by Evy because we are really good friends." Photo by Carly Williams

The Great Escape

Homecoming brings big surprises

School spirit, football, and dancing. One of the most eventful weeks of the year, homecoming week.

"All the themes made the week a much more fun experience and you could feel the excitement for homecoming," senior Tyler Mullen said.

On Friday, a pep rally was held in the gym. Fall sports teams were introduced, senior football players and cheerleaders danced, the Dance Team performed, and games were played.

"I like doing the hula hoop contest. I've done it every year. It's my tradition," junior Angelika Bull said.

Seven o'clock, Friday night, meant kickoff time for the homecoming football game against Grand Island. The student section was a sea of red, white, and blue for the America theme.

Half time came around and the homecoming court was announced. David Hawkins and Courtney Haggart became homecoming prince and princess. Jacob Warner was crowned king, and Lauren Houston was crowned queen.

"It was definitely a surprise. It was cool to know that so many of my peers saw me as a positive person to be around," senior David Hawkins said. "I was mainly happy for my girlfriend though. Every princess deserves to be with a prince."

Saturday was the big day, the day of the homecoming dance. The homecoming theme was "The Great Escape," which was based on traveling the world. Students dressed up, took pictures, and went to dinner all before a night of fun and dancing with their friends.

"Going to dinner and taking pictures was really fun," junior Sadie Hudson said. "Also at the dance I had a great time dancing with my boyfriend and the rockstars."

The week full of fun and school spirit that lead up to "The Great Escape" made even greater memories.

Story by Sarah Taylor

Design by Ronni Jackson

Zombie Apocalypse

Drama students get to choose who they want to be

This year drama students got to play zombies. The opportunity introduced itself in the fall play, "2222: Zombie Apocalypse." It was full of meta-cognition which meant the cast acted like they were in a television series about zombies.

"We were playing actors whose role was to be playing zombies and we got to make up our own names and our own backstories. I named myself Rasperisha," freshman Soleil Ramsey said.

Junior Richard Clegg was very proud of the character he made up and took the role very seriously. He was happy with the special part he got in this year's production.

"I got to hold a chainsaw. I was a red neck zombie and had a few speaking parts. I really just got to come on stage and complain about why the chainsaws were too loud, but it was so fun," Clegg said.

Being zombies also meant being scary. Sophomore Whitney Merrill got to play a make-up artist and because of her role she got a special behind the scenes experience with real make-up artists from

Mangelson's that do make-up for a real haunted house in Omaha.

"I liked going to the make-up shop at Mangelson's because the make-up artist that do the haunted house Shadows Edge make-up did our make-up then our drama teacher, Emily Mokrycki, took pictures so that we could learn how to do it," Merrill said.

Some zombies were rude and some were lunch ladies, but one girl used her zombie character to fulfill of a dream.

"My character got to live out her dream in zombie world because in real life she always wanted to get married so in zombie land she was a dead bride. She got a ripped up wedding dress and everything," sophomore Olivia Diamond said.

Story by **Leona Dunn**

Design by **Jessica Beck**

Excitement Freshman Carl Bieber plays the role of "Carol" and sophomore Emily Miller plays the role of "Erin." Miller tugged Bieber by the tie and they walked off stage. They both worked to put the play together as characters. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Emotion Seniors Talon Ramsey and Sean McArdle play a role in "2222: The Zombie Apocalypse." Ramsey as "Proferro" and McArdle as "Bob/Old Man Zombie" show great emotion. Ramsey was the Vice President of the Thespian Board. Photo By Kaitlin Perrotto

Entertainment At the end of the play all characters line up as a group. They danced to the music and enjoyed every minute of it. This was the play "2222: The Zombie Apocalypse." Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Happiness Juniors Mika Caplan and Benjamin Adams dance along to the song with everyone else. Adams played "Brian" as Caplan played as "Geraldine" and both are focused on a great deal. Adams is the President of the Thespian Board. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto





God of Water Noah Loux is a junior at Burke and plays the part of Agwe. Loux is one of the four different gods in this musical. Agwe sings about Ti Moune and her adventure. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Answering Prayers After asking the gods for an explanation as to why she was saved junior Abigail Quebedeaux answers Ti Moune's prayers in the form of a song. To Ti Moune's despair the thing she was told was that the gods knew what they were doing. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Foreshadowing Futures The villagers in Ti Moune's village dance after the water god sends storms down to them. The dance, which took place after Daniel's accident symbolized that their two worlds were about to change. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Invasion of the French Sophomore Joshua Polack, and freshmen Austin Slegl, Cody Merrill, and Carl Bieber play the French from the other side of the island. The characters prepared for the French Ball were they watched Ti Moune's exotic dancing. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Why do we tell the story?

A musical that gives life lesson in every lyric

The musical "Once Upon this Island" was our production this year. It started off with the tale of two worlds dancing for different purposes, one for fun, and the other to survive. But it ends with both worlds merged because of one girl's decision to love.

"We Dance", had a very deep meaning. I loved opening up with it because dancing is a form of expression. The way we dance shows the way we feel, and since they were dancing for different reasons it was amazing to watch and be a part of," senior Talon Ramsey said.

The main character was Ti Moune, played by Haley Bonge. She showed how it only takes one person to make a huge impact. She showed us that we can't sit there and wait we have to make life happen.

Next thing you knew rain, came and it can mean a new refreshing day or a terrible storm. There was a rain God named Agwe played by Noah Loux. He sent a storm to kill a rich man, but Ti Moune got in the

way and eventually gave her life for hers.

"Pray', because sometimes hope is the only thing that keeps you alive, 'The Human Heart', a signal of our emotions and flaws then ties in to 'Apart of Us', which shows no matter where you go you should always remember where you came from. Because where you are from affects who you are going to become. And is the last lesson we tell before again reminding people, 'Why We Tell the Story'," sophomore Jennifer Dunn said.

Through-out the musical we learn important lessons about life, death, and love, and that's why the story was told.

Story by **Leona Dunn**

Design by **Jessica Beck**



Fighting for Rights During an intense moment in the play, freshmen Jessica Kruath and Mia Sherlock practice their jujitsu moves. The girls were practicing to take their stand against police officers to win their fight against women's rights. "It was amazing to feel like you were a part of the history and to be able to experience that with all my friends made it even better," Sherlock said. Photo by Kamryn Fox

Women Gain Their Rights! In the last scene of the play, freshman Isabelle de la Vega shows her excitement as women finally gain their rights. This play showed the time of 1913 when women suffrage was gaining attention and ended in 1915 when women get their rights at last. Vega was also a part of the winter musical and fall play. Photo by Kamryn Fox

Caught in Action Playing the roles of Emily Wilding Davison and Harriet Kerr, sophomores Jaimelin Jeffers and Madison Murphy act in the spring play, *The Good Life*. The girls had roles that displayed the powerful theme of women suffrage. "I believe that with every role a person plays or every show they are involved in, that person always has a part of that show or role with them, which is just how I feel," Murphy said. Photo by Kamryn Fox

Legal Force Officers played by junior Noah Loux and senior Jason Tiemann, knock freshman Isabelle de la Vega to the ground during their show of *The Good Fight*. Students in the production were able to work with a Jujitsu choreographer to perfect their stage fighting prior to the show. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Fight for the Right

The spring play shows how women fought to get equality

The audience went dead silent as sophomore Emma Parizek read her real life character, Emmeline Pankhurst's, inspiring speech about injustices against women. The 2015 spring play, "The Good Fight", demonstrated how women in England used words, propaganda, and JiuJitsu in the 1900's so they could get the right to vote.

"This play was really exciting for us to do knowing all the women characters were real-life people. It gave the actors a feeling of empowerment," drama teacher Emily Mokrycki said.

Burke students were the first high school students in America to perform this play. Mokrycki had to personally ask the writer, Anne Bertram if they could perform her play.

"The fact that this play had no predominant male roles really caught my eye to the script. I thought putting on this play would show people the injustices women went through and remind us of the things women go through in today's age," Mokrycki said.

Unlike most plays, this play included a form of martial arts. This

form, called JiuJitsu made it easier for a smaller opponent to take down a bigger opponent. Women actually used this technique in the 1900's in England to take down abusive men. Buffet Middle School science teacher Dara Rosenberg had a black belt in JiuJitsu so she came to Burke and taught the actors and actresses how to properly do JiuJitsu.

"I think this play gave us a real look on what life was like for women and it inspired the whole crew considering we were mostly girls, so there was no drama, we all got along really well preparing for this play," sophomore Emma Parizek said.

After a month of practicing lines, martial arts moves, and British accents Burke students put on a most memorable performance three times.

Story by Taylor Weesner
Design by Jessica Beck

Drama's Secret Side

Crew students tell their side of the story

The crew was known as the backbone of every school production Burke put on. This group of students did all the behind the scenes magic that made opening night a success. There were usually between six to eight crew heads in every show, but it fluctuated depending on how big the show is. Crew heads were in charge of make-up, stage set up, and a variety of other audience members didn't typically think about.

"If you have no crew there is no show. Without the crew there would be no make-up, no set-up, no lights," senior Sean Fleming said.

Fleming was in charge of everything outside of backstage, such as the concessions area, the main cafeteria, and the inside of the theatre. Every crew head had a specific job that they were responsible for, some even had assistants to help them. Some new positions were added this year, including assistant director and apprentice.

"The assistant director helps the drama teacher, Emily Mokrycki, aiding her in what she needed to be done. The apprentice is the

understudy of the stage manager who just fills in if the stage manager is gone for any reason," Fleming said.

Another crew head, senior Jessica Beck, was in charge of costumes. This was her second year holding this position.

"I'm in charge of getting the costumes, making sketches, measuring everyone on stage and checking the costumes in and out," Beck said.

On show nights crews' uniforms were all black and the shirt assigned to the play they were in. During musicals they wear all black so that they could creep on and off stage without drawing too much attention to themselves when they switch up the set for the next scene.

"There are some people who switch from cast to crew every other show, we are just one part of the huge drama family," Beck said.

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Behind the Spotlight During the spring production *The Good Fight*, freshman Elizabeth Keres works as the spot director. Keres has been working on spot director and on sound crew for the winter musical *The Fall Play*. "I'm excited to come back next year and work on *The Good Fight*," Keres said. Photo by Kamryn Fox

Setting up the Set Senior Jack Lammers and junior Benjamin Adams work quickly before the show starts to move the props and equipment to the right places. During the show backstage crew had to work fast and in teams to get everything set correctly and on time. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Last Minute Prep Backstage sophomore Riley Mayne reads over the script one last time to make sure everyone will be in the right place. *The Good Fight* was the Burke Drama Department's last play of the year and took place April 16-18. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Working the Sound As head of the sound crew, freshman Evan Jaixen works behind the scenes on creating the sound for the spring play, *The Good Life*. During the play, Jaixen worked on playing the sounds at the right moments. He also was on sound crew for the fall play and winter musical. Photo by Kamryn Fox



Slide to the Right Showing off his moves is senior Kolton Butcher. Butcher took on the dance floor and the stage by being on Prom Court at his last Prom. Photo by Amie Gourka

Picture Perfect Senior Alexandra Gill puts the boutineer on her date, senior Angelo Donovan before the big dance. "It was just how I imagined my senior Prom to go. Everything was perfect," Gill said. Photo provided by Alexandra Gill

Don't you wanna dance? Junior Lauren Krauth dances the night away. She attended the dance with her boyfriend, junior Kahlil Foster. "My boyfriend didn't want to dance, but it was great to see everyone let loose," Krauth said. Photo by Amie Gourka

Prom-Posing

Students take getting a date to a new level

Hair, makeup, and the dress are what most girls typically thought of as Prom season approached. However, there was another aspect of Prom that had been growing in importance over the years. The way people asked their dates to the dance, known as the "promposal", had almost become a contest of who could be the most creative.

"I think people put so much effort into asking people to Prom because it makes people feel happy and it's become a tradition in high school," senior Harper Lundgren said. "I was so surprised and I loved how creative they were."

Lundgren and fellow senior Lauren Houston were surprised after their first track meet on March 21, the Burke Relays, and asked to Prom with track themed signs.

"Through deductive reasoning I came to the conclusion that something with track would be an appropriate way to ask. It took some time, but I got it done," senior Noah Johnson said.

Many athletes were asked with references to their sport, including junior Brienne Hood who was asked with a soccer themed sign.

"I thought it was cool that Ammar

asked me right after a soccer game. He was waiting by my car with three of my friends," Hood said.

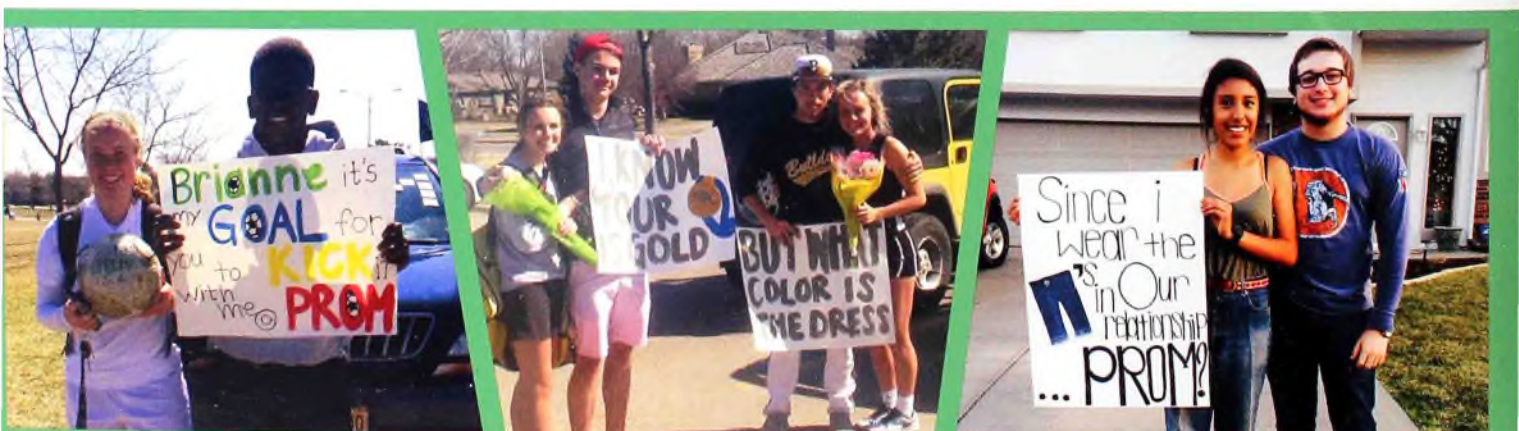
"Promposals" were sometimes sentimental, with collages, flowers, and candy or they were fun and involved jokes or creative sayings.

"Our friends always joke on how I wear the pants in the relationship because usually what I say goes so I thought it'd be funny," junior Ibanna Uribe said.

Students typically posted pictures on social media, such as Twitter or Instagram, showing them asking or getting asked to the dance. This added to the creativity of the asks because students had to come up with more original ideas that hadn't been posted already. Whichever way they asked, the goal was to get a date in a memorable way and have a fun night.

Throughout the weeks leading up to Prom on Saturday, April 25 students prepped to ask their dates just as much as they prepped for pictures and the dance itself which made for a memorable night.

Story by Sarah Taylor
Design by Ronni Jackson



Junior Brienne Hood poses for a picture with junior Ammar Norain after he asked her to Prom. Norain used a soccer ball, a poster, and sticky notes spelling out "Prom" on Hood's car to ask.

Seniors Noah Johnson and Matthew Clough surprises seniors Lauren Houston and Harper Lundgren with signs and flowers after their track meet.

Junior Ibanna Uribe switches it up by asking her boyfriend, junior Eric Diaz, to the dance.

What color did you wear to prom?

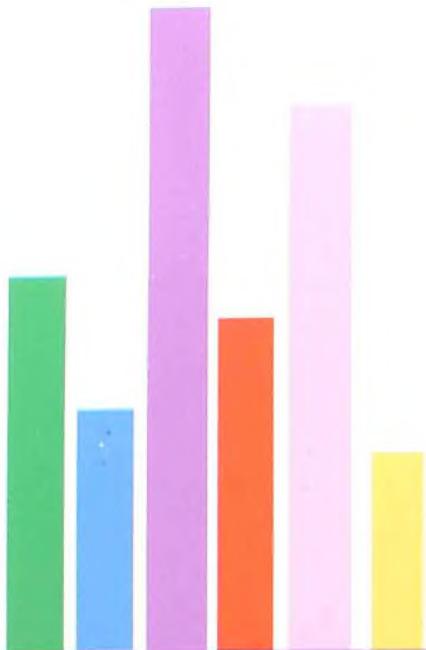
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 Purple 6%
 Black 10%
 Pink 25%
 Red 30%
 Blue 25%



Senior Prom Royalty: Queen Kaia Musgierd, King Zachary Luppen, Princess Lakyra Johnson, and Prince Dillion Hanson-Ahumada

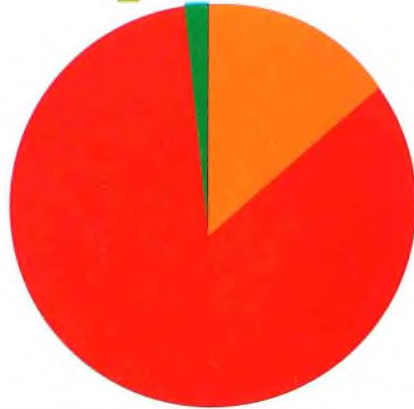


Royal Crew Senior Prom Court members, Brooke Holmes, Kolton Butcher, Trinity Allen, Matthew Robbins, Kaia Musgierd, Dillon Hanson-Ahumada, Giovanna Garcia, Jake Morgan, Nicole Yablonski, Zachary Luppen, Lakyra Johnson, Nathan Tate, and Leona Dunn gather around for a photo before they begin the coronation. "It was such a honor to even be nominated, so the fact that I made it that far was amazing," Dunn said. Photo by Amie Gourka



Apple vs Android

- Apple 70%
- Android 18%
- other 2%



Favorite Trivia Crack Category

- Sport 28%
- Entertainment 25%
- Science 23%
- History 7%
- Art 5%
- Geography 12%



Burke was filled with a variety of students which meant variety in clothing. Some opted for more comfortable clothes such as sweat pants, hoodies, and leggings while others took a different approach with slightly dressier clothes including khakis, dresses, jeans, and more.

Freshman Evan Nguyen sports a preppy look complete with a watch and pens in his pocket.

Junior Sara Meehan looks cute and comfy in an oversized

sweater, perfect for winter.

Senior Paul Umshler dresses casually in tribal print, a popular look this year.

Sophomores Kataira Smith and Una Balban both class it up with jeans and nice tops.

These looks are just some of many that students could be seen wearing throughout the year.

Story by Sarah Taylor
Design by Matthew Robbins



#SeniorSunday

Senior Matthew Clough posts one of his senior pictures taken during the summer on Instagram.



#ManCandyMonday

Junior Sadie Hudson posts a homecoming picture with her boyfriend, senior Jaggar Ferguson, on Instagram.



#TransformationTuesday

Senior Ariana Ibrahim creates a collage to post on Instagram with senior Grant Willour of their transformation from freshman year homecoming to senior year homecoming.

Trending at Burke 2014-2015

- Do tweet funny stuff
- Don't follow blindly
- Do connect with others
 - Don't use too many hashtags
 - Do follow school accounts for updates
- Don't follow then unfollow people immediately to gain followers
- Do be original
- Don't double post
- Don't have a full conversation
- Do follow your favorite celebrities
- Don't reply to yourself for more favorites
- Do slide into the DMs
- Don't twitter stalk
- Don't brag about your accomplishments
- Do tweet out homework reminders
- Don't copy other people's tweets
- Do check your twitter feed often
- Don't retweet obscene pictures

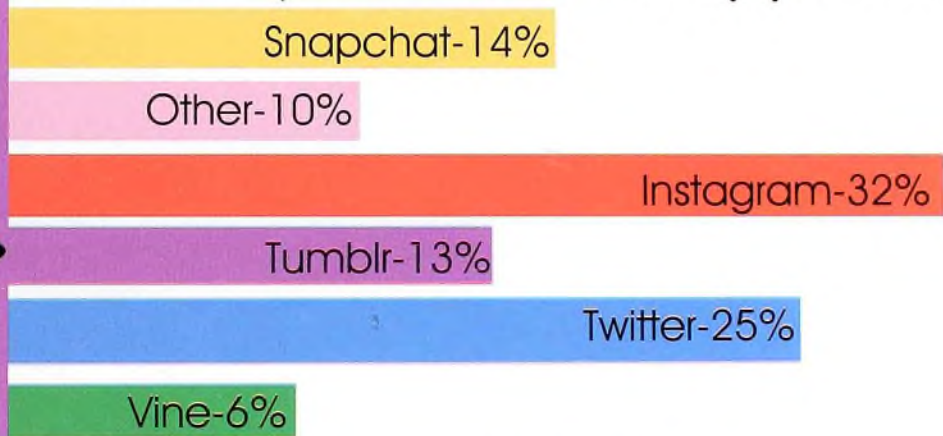
The DOs and DON'Ts of Twitter

- Do follow your friends
- Don't tweet about your relationship issues
- Do follow Burke High School after graduation
- Do post motivational tweets
- Do post pictures of mac and cheese and or tasty desserts
- Don't start fights over twitter
- Don't retweet a lot of things in a row
- Do be grammatically correct
- Don't share your personal life
- Don't post a WCW/MCM every week
- Do post pictures
 - Don't favorite your own tweets
 - Do tweet
 - Do report inappropriate tweets
 - Do use trending hashtags
 - Don't post a selfie every day
 - Do post cute pictures of puppies
- Do tweet about current events
- Don't tweet everything you do
- Do have a cool username
- Don't subtweet too much



What's your favorite app?

student survey out of 100



YOUR WEEK



#WomanCrushWednesday

Senior Sean Flemming posts a picture of junior Emily Fowler cheering at a home football game to Instagram.



#ThrowbackThursday

Senior Jared Polack posted a picture of JROTC members at the Abraham Lincoln Drill Meet earlier in the year to Facebook.



#FlashbackFriday

Senior Gavin Siebrass posts a picture to Twitter displaying his musical talents as a toddler.

Fear Strikes An African man is sprayed with a disinfectant in an attempt to combat Ebola. Ebola was not easily controlled and quickly spread throughout Africa and into America.



Outbreak

Deadly disease appears in America

In 2014 the world experienced the largest Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Ebola is a highly infectious disease caused by a virus. It is spread through contact with infected body fluids and it is usually fatal. Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone were some of the most affected African countries in 2014 with a total of 10,338 deaths, 24,927 suspected cases, and 14,712 confirmed laboratory cases.

While Ebola had been widespread in Africa for years, in 2014 it also affected Americans. The first Americans who were reported with Ebola were missionaries, including Dr. Kent Brantly who was working in Monrovia, Liberia treating patients with the disease. He was flown to Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia for treatment and was released on August 21, 2014.

Another American, Dr. Richard Sacra contracted the disease in Liberia as well, and he was treated at the Nebraska medical center. After a blood transfusion from Brantly and treatment for the disease, Sacra was virus-free and released from the Medical Center on Sept. 25. Another patient of the Nebraska Medical center was Dr. Martin Salia who contracted Ebola in Sierra Leone; he passed away on November 17, 2014. He was the third Ebola patient treated at the Nebraska Medical Center and the only patient that passed away.

The Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska was used to treat American Ebola patients because it was highly specialized. The patients were treated in an air-locked biocontainment unit by a highly specialized team that had been trained extensively. Patients were given experimental drugs such as TKM-Ebola and Brincidofovi, along with blood transfusions.

The Ebola outbreak of 2014 was the largest up until that time. It resulted in thousands of deaths as well as fear throughout the world.

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Picture of the Year



Daniel Berehulak, a freelance photographer for The New York Times, was named Photographer of the Year in the reportage category of the Pictures of the Year International Competition.

Most likely to be a reporter?

Coming to you Live Senior Hannah Simerly and sophomore Kallio Arno were chosen to most likely be a reporter by their student body. "I never thought of myself as a reporter it was weird to think about after I heard someone say it," Simerly said.



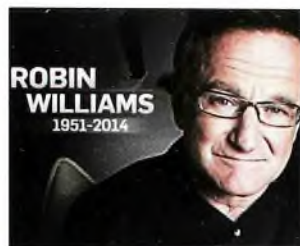
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June



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August



September



October



November



December



January



February



March



April



May

The FIFA world cup began June 12 and ended July 13 with Germany as the winning team. The ALS ice bucket challenge first became popular on social media in July after "Today Show" anchor Matt Lauer did it live on television. August 11, 2014 actor Robin Williams was found dead from committing suicide. The iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 plus were released September. The 6 and 6 plus were both the biggest and thinnest iPhone apple had come out with. October 8, 2014, Thomas Duncan, the first ebola patient in the U.S., died. November 26, 2014 "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay part 1" was released in theatres. Protests in Ferguson, MO started and continued for months rioting for justice for Mike Brown, a young man who was shot and killed by a police officer. In January many cities including New Bedford, Massachusetts got 2-3 feet of snow. It was nicknamed the "snowpocalypse." Super bowl XLIX took place on February 1, 2015. The final score was 28-24 making the New England Patriots the new super bowl champions. On March 24, 2015 a German airplane crashed into the French Alps. Soon later after investigation they figured out this was not an accident and that the co-pilot of the plane was suicidal. He had locked the pilot out of the cabin and crashed the plane killing all 150 people aboard. "Fast and Furious 7" broke box office record by being the fastest film to make \$1 billion in the first three weeks of it being out. This was the last on-screen appearance of Paul Walker since he passed away due to a car accident on November 30, 2013. In May, the death toll from a 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal rose to nearly 1,900 people in four different countries. To get this information, Burke staff used NBC News, CNN, Slide the City, Bock press, Fox News, International The News,

What is happening thissummer?

While summer approached, students had many events to look forward to, both local and worldwide. The 2015 College World Series was held during the week of June 13. This was the third year it was played at the new stadium, T.D. Ameritrade Park.

Another local event that was caught attention was Slide the City, an event in which a giant water slide is laid in the city and people could ride. Rumors sparked about this event, said to be occurring on Aug.1 in Papillion, and excitement followed.

There was worldwide anticipation for the Women's FIFA World Cup. It began on June 6 with a match between China and Canada, and a match between New Zealand and the Netherlands. These are just some of the events students got to experience in summer 2015.



Leap of Faith Sophomore Shea Lundgren leaps over a hurdle at the Bryan High Invite on April 3 during the 100 meter hurdle race. Lundgren finished eighth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.05 seconds and ninth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 54.51 seconds. Photo by Carly Williams





OPPONENT	Us	Them
Papillion-La Vista South	3	21
Omaha North	0	42
Grand Island	6	28
Omaha Central	10	20
Columbus	17	21
Westside	33	27
Fremont	38	21
Millard South	24	14
Lincoln Northeast	49	7

First Row: William Phillips, Tyler Overgaard, Arnez Anderson, Aedrel Olson, William Bozeman, Eric Roman-Salgado, Max Herman, Kahlil Foster, Kamron White, Dylan Christenham; Second Row: Nathan Tate, Lamont Sims, Andrew Pistillo, Coach Limongi, Trentin Hymer, Joshua Holcomb; Third Row: Jamison Dolezal, Adrian Childs, Tyler Egenes, Garrett Campbell, Arnijae Ponder, Joshua Baker, Ty Ledger, Gunnar Olafson, Norman Carr, Nathaniel Wiggins, Cameron Brewer; Fourth Row: Malik Thompson, Caleb Schneider, Daniel Roman-Salgado, Gage Eggum, Griffin Tschudin, Trent Liston, Chase Schopen, Braden Collins, Kolby Armbruster, Benjamin Cave, Tyler Cunningham, Gregory Petersen, Samuel Jones; Fifth Row: Tarynn Smith, Brandon Morris, Julian Daniels, Alexander Terry, Jackson Abramo, Eliu Paopao, Galileo Rivera-Tobar, Austin Tuttle, Cory Nieland, Kenneth Merritt, Jaytion Mays, Chandler Waugh; Sixth Row: Davon Wells-Ross, Huntore Monroe, Clayton Wittmayer, Michael Blankenfeld, Evan Schlagenhauff, Daniel Wright, Jacob Sanders, Caleb Wade, Alec Ellis, Brody Stonebraker, Broderick Buck; Seventh Row: Benjamin Cooney, Phillip Kinnach, Andrew Henrich, Cole Frahm, Andrew Manganaro, Christopher Coleman, Quincy McKelvy, Ryan Wilson; Eighth Row: Coach Jerry Donahue, Coach Schatberg, Coach Joel Olafson, Coach Ryan Murtaugh, Coach Williams, Coach Calabretto, Coach Nick Bratt, Coach Ben Ryan, Coach Queen





Breaking Tackles Senior Joshua Holcomb not only breaks several tackles, but also saves himself from being pushed out of bounds. Holcomb led his team to a big first down. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Senior Night Accompanied by his parents, senior Trentin Hymer stands for the varsity football Senior Night. They laughed with friends and enjoyed being there for Hymer's last time playing high school football on his home field. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Game Plan Defensive Coordinator Ryan Murtaugh lays down the game plan for the next series. The linebackers used Murtaugh's advise on how to effectively execute each play. Photo By Carly Williams

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 Socks \$12
 Cleats \$135
 Mouth Guard \$10
 Bag \$55
The feeling of winning: Priceless

Course of Action

Football players do a 360 in the middle of the season

Although the season started off rough with a loss against Papillion La-Vista South, Burke Football never gave up. At the beginning of the season sophomore Cole Frahm, place kicker was the leading scorer. Frahm made sure we never left a game without at least one field goal added to our scoreboard.

"I think I was more nervous than the team, because if I didn't make the goal in the direction we were headed we would have nothing to show for all the hard work we put in all summer," Frahm said.

Faithfully attending every game and practice, despite being unable to play because of past injuries, Nate Boomsma knew we would break through eventually.

"We were losing and people noticed that, but they didn't notice that every game we scored more, so eventually we were going to win. I didn't know which game, but we were going to win at least one of them," Boomsma said.

At the home game against Westside it finally happened. After going into overtime, Burke scored a touchdown. During Westsides attempt to tie the game, they got down to five yard line and the fourth down pass was deflected by Malik Thompson ending the game with a score of 33-27.

"I was ecstatic, and I knew that the season just began,"

senior Nathan Tate said. "I was proud of my team and I love my brothers."

In an instance everything changed. Even when the crowd began to give up, the players did not.

"Our student section was very lively this year, the football season didn't start off as expected and yet we kept coming, and kept supporting the team, but when we started feeling like there was no hope, people stopped coming, and cheers kind of died down. That's when I believe our team realized it was time to step it up and give us something to cheer about again," senior Pierre Hagler.

The injuries this season were just as crucial as the losses. At the North game, there was a 15 minute time lapse as senior Evan Schlagenhauff had to be hospitalized after injuring his neck and straining his spinal cord. His teammate, senior Lamont Sims, broke his foot, bruised joints in both ankles, tore his MCL, and bent his finger during the same game. Lamont had to sit out for the next couple of games, but dove right back in for the Burke vs. Fremont game and finished the season strong.

Story by Leona Dunn
 Design by Ronni Jackson

Putting on the Pressure Senior Julian Daniels reads the quarterback and picks the ball away from Omaha North reciever. Photo by Jeff Kleckner



First Row: Gabriel Nogowski, Javon Hall, Magnus Zesiger, JonTavous McKinney, Jayden Conrad, Jacob Sautter, Cameron Coleman, Zachary Tatem, Connor McElderry, Sean Nutting, Abel Avalos; Second Row: James Anderson, Hayden Robbins, Jayden Roberts, Jayvonn Vinson, Devon Fuller, Jordan Valentine, Evan Nguyen, Trae Schmielau, Keenan Dimmock, Dustin Tretheway; Third Row: Bernard Odjidja, Robert Murray, Coach Johnny Murray, Coach Ryan Hoy, Coach Jim Shalgren, Coach Kenny Stakiewicz, Coach Wes Boehm, Coach Jake Harding, Aiden Larsen, Daythan Drinkard; Fourth Row: Xavier Cook, Lawrence Jackson, Maurice McCurry, Tyler Collins, Cole Durant, James Casassa, Tanner Krayneski, Stacy Wood, Peyton Wilmer, Colton Abramo; Fifth Row: Mason Bush, Andrew Rheiner, Kurmith Path, Nicholas Hall, Nathan Fiala, Brandon Curtis, Dallas Strasser, Conner Huber, Nathan Herrera, Richmond Brodd

Records

- JV 2-4
- Reserve 2-4
- Freshmen A 0-6
- Freshmen B 3-1

Don't Judge a Book by its Cover

Freshman proves himself as captain

Lined up for the play. Heart racing, you got in your position and waited. The lights were shining bright, lighting up the field. You took a deep breath, and the play was called, sending you and everyone surrounding you immediately into action. However, this was a slightly different experience for freshman Kurmith Path.

Path had been playing football for three years, but had a passion for it for as long as he could remember. His positions were lineman, tight end, and nose guard for the Freshmen Football Team. His love for the game was so strong, he didn't let anything stop him from playing it, especially not being able to hear.

While others may have wondered how he managed to play football without hearing, he had it all figured out.

"I have to use my eyes a lot, watching to see what the coach is saying. Also, I do have interpreters on the field with me, and that really helps," Path said.

Path had interpreters to assist him, sometimes, his they'd even bring him Captain Crunch cereal for good luck. They assisted him both during school and on the field. With the combination of the two, Path could play football just as well as anyone else.

"Certain things are hard, like blocking. But I've gotten used to playing, so if I stay focused, I can do just as well as anyone else," Path said

Path had been named captain of his football team in 7th grade when he started playing. He held the same title his 8th grade and freshman year. He had aspirations to be a part of Burke's football program his remaining sophomore, junior, and senior years, playing on JV, then varsity. He had hopes to continue to play football long after that.

"I decided to play football because I wanted to be part of a team, meet new people, and hopefully get a scholarship for college," Path said.

Path dreamt of playing for a big college team, such as Nebraska or Alabama. With all the hard work he'd put into football he was able to set his goals high.

Story by Molly Shanahan
Design by Monica Gomez



Breaking Tackles Sophomore Amijae Ponder breaks several tackles as he runs towards the in zone. Ponder played running back and linebacker. Photo By Lucia Juarez

Stiff Arm After sophomore Arnez Anderson makes a catch, he brushes off his opponent. Anderson ran for 15 yards on this play. Photo By Lucia Juarez

Down! Set! Hike! The Freshmen team lines up and gets set for offense. They played hard to defend their home field which they shared with Creighton Prep. Photo By Lucia Juarez

Push And Shove Sophomore Nathan Wiggins pushes the Millard South player out of the way to hold back their wide receiver from getting the ball. As a result, the Bulldogs intercepted the pass. Photo by Lucia Juarez





First Row: Hannah Codling, Emily Lines, Catherine Mischo, Sarah Harwood, Megan Ryan, Riley Herman, Harper Lundgren; Second Row: Head Coach Emily Brosnan, Alexandra Gill, Callie Johnson, Nicole Yablonski, Nicole Lofshult

OPPONENT	Us	Them
Lincoln Northeast	3	1
Omaha South	3	0
Papillion La Vista South	1	3
Millard North	1	2
Millard West	2	0
Omaha Central	2	1
Lincoln East	0	2
Marian	2	0
Westside	1	2

Senior Leadership

A team of seniors go in the right direction

When the season came to an end, varsity volleyball players were proud of the marks they left on the court. Out of the 11 varsity players, ten were seniors. For almost the entire team it was their last season playing in Burke jerseys before they made the move to playing in college. For some players who made the decision not to play in college, it was the last time they would ever play volleyball.

"I'm not going to play volleyball in college because I'm playing basketball, so it changed how I played knowing it was my last time playing volleyball. I wanted to go all out and make it my best," senior Alexandra Gill said.

Having a team of mostly seniors only helped the team. It was their fourth year playing together, so they were older and more experienced than they had been in previous seasons. The players had expectations to fulfill that were set by their new coach Emily Brosnan.

"I expect players to be positive role models and student athletes. I expect them to

be students first, then athletes, and I expect them to represent the jersey well," Brosnan said.

The team also voted on two captains for the season, seniors Emily Lines and Hannah Codling. The captains' job was to be leaders for the rest of the team. They were required to be positive and motivate their teammates, even when things weren't going as planned.

"My senior season wasn't everything I wanted it to be, but it was still good. Being a captain impacted me because it helped me better my leadership skills and challenged me to be more motivational," Lines said.

Story by **Taylor Stern**
Design by **Ronni Jackson**

Gill with the Kill Senior Alexandra Gill swings in the air to hit the ball with power. "Being tall is truly a blessing. It's really enabled me to succeed athletically in many sports," Gill said. Gill's height at 6'1" gave her a great advantage on the court.

Photo by Kamryn Fox

Set It Up Senior Emily Lines jump sets the ball to her hitter. Lines has been playing volleyball for nine years and wants to play in college. Photo by Natalie Wright

Down and Ready Senior Hannah Codling waits for the ball to be served to her team. Her and her teammates worked towards a victory, scoring the winning point. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Double Block Junior Megan Ryan and senior Alexandra Gill reach in the air to block the ball. Both had many blocks that led the team to victory. The varsity team won against Central at one of their last dual games. Photo by Kamryn Fox





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Bows \$7
Shoes \$45
Spandex \$25
Volleyball \$49
Bag \$20
Kneepads \$18
Prewrap \$2

The feeling of winning: Priceless





First Row: Kassidy Hart, Megan Peklo, Autumn Jontz, Morgan Anderson, Payton Stalder, Kara Simonsen; Second Row: Coach Carne, Brooke Becher, Maria Akech, Christy Murphy, Erin McNichols



First Row: Alyssa Yunker, Alexis Felten, Alexis Swanson, Emily Swanson, Sydney Kirkpatrick; Second Row: Coach Claire Aylward, Clarissa Streitenberger, Nicole Svevad, Ivey Drake



First Row: Samantha Simpson, Madlyn Christiansen, Katherine Worden, Morgan Seybold, Payton Witkowski, Hannah Boone; Second Row: Jessica Rehurek, Nyakuome Thichiot, Coach Alison Lane, Morgan Gack, Rylee Reggio

Staying on Track

Underclassmen volleyball tackles academics and athletics

Burke athletes knew what it was like to have a busy schedule. They went from school, to practice, to other responsibilities like jobs, to home for a quick dinner, and then to doing homework. Some of the underclassmen volleyball players found it difficult to manage school and volleyball, but they were able to maintain good grades while doing well on the court.

"Homework comes first for me, then volleyball. It was difficult to manage, but I found time around volleyball to get my homework done," freshman Rylee Reggio said.

The threat of not being able to play if there were any bad grades helped to motivate players to work hard at their grades and at volleyball.

"Coach checked grades about once a week to make sure they were on track. This made me want to do better in school because I knew that if she looked at my grades and they weren't good, I wouldn't play in the next game," sophomore Madlyn Christiansen said.

Christiansen and her teammates found time whenever they could to do homework. They did homework on the bus, on the way to games, before practice, after practice, and between games during weekend tournaments.

"I do my homework after practice when I get home. Being a freshman, it also helped that I had academic coaching so I could work on my homework during that time too," freshman Katherine Worden said.

Besides academics, the underclassmen also excelled on the court during games. Players were expected to be leaders on the court and keep good mindsets. The younger players grew from experience so they would be ready to play varsity in the coming years.

"We had ten seniors this year, so there will be a lot of spots to fill, but there are a lot of young girls coming up," head coach Emili Brosnan said.

"I'm looking forward to getting more varsity playing time and gaining more experience on and off the court," Christiansen said.

The younger players learned the importance of staying on the right track with their academics and athletics.

Story by Taylor Stern
Design by Ronni Jackson

You Just Got Served
Freshman Brooke Becher serves the ball to the opposing team in Lincoln. The freshman team won this match. Photo by Kami Fox

Serve It Up Sophomore Jessica Rehurek serves the ball across the court. Burke played against Omaha South and won. The team was joyful to find out they didn't have to run as punishment the next day in practice. Photo by Nicole Simanek





Go For It junior Morgan Gack prepares to bump the ball and return the serve. "I enjoy volleyball because I love the feeling after getting a perfect set and killing the ball," Gack said. "Also by the end of the season your team becomes your family." Photo by Haylee Cate

Sideline Support Members of the JV volleyball team watch from the bench to support their teammates. Support from teammates was a big part of what Burke Volleyball was about. Photo by Kami Fox





First Row: Hannah Campin, Morgan Peterson, Baylee Bench, Hope White; Second Row: Maggie Washer, Taylor Stern, Kristyn Sorensen, Courtney Brandon, Megan Kerns; Third Row: Coach Angela Wolfe, Sara Curtis, Ashley Hickman, Kurgan Larsen, Kara Grassau, Amada Contreras

First Row: Katherine Gundersen, Sara Curtis, Maggie Washer, Madison Figgins; Second Row: Hope White, Megan Kerns, Ashley Hickman, Olivia Christensen, Brooke Willour, Ashlynn Artzer; Third Row: Emma Kerns, Millee Gibney, Adut Malwal, Ericka McSorley, Sarah Taylor, Kurgan Larsen

VARSITY		
OPPONENT	Us	Them
Omaha South	15	7
Millard North	2	6
Central	7	9
Bellevue West	7	5
Bryan	12	0
Northwest	17	1

Adjusting to Change

New coach, new expectations

Burke softball had to adjust to a big change for the 2014 season, a new coaching staff. Angela Wolfe was hired as head coach and Ashley Heida and Kaylea Kult as assistants.

"It's been kind of easy adjusting to our new coaches because as a senior they already expect me to be a leader and a hard worker," senior Morgan Peterson said.

It was not only a change for the players, but for Wolfe as well. She was previously an assistant coach and teacher at Omaha North.

"I don't think I've ever worked so hard in my life," Wolfe said. "There's a lot of behind-the-scenes work that you don't do as an assistant, like keeping track of the budget and getting buses for games."

Wolfe also brought some new expectations for her players; she wanted them to be more unified as a team.

"Coach expects us to be friends with everyone on and off the field. She makes us more united as one team instead of being individuals or JV and Varsity," sophomore Hannah Campin said.

In the past, varsity and JV would do a lot of activities separately including practice and team bonding. This year, varsity and JV practiced together and also went to UNO for team bonding exercises.

"We went to UNO and had canoe fights as a team to help us understand communication and leadership. We also have our spirit buddies to help motivate each other at practice and during games," sophomore Julia Kelley said.

Besides the team expectations, Wolfe also had individual expectations for her players. The girls understood and followed the expectations Wolfe held for them.

"I really value intangible traits like hard work, leadership, and dedication to the program. My expectations for these areas are high because it makes skills easy to teach," Wolfe said.

The Burke softball team along with their new coaching staff hoped to make more improvements and continue to get better as time went on.

"I'm excited because I think we are better than people expect," Wolfe said. "If we put it all together we can play good games."

Story by **Taylor Stern**
Design by **Shelby Schneider**



Pep Talk Before the infielders start the next inning they come up with a game plan. They motivated each other to succeed. "Talking on the mound before the inning starts helps us to focus," Taylor Stern said. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Fast Pitch Freshman Kurgan Larsen throws a vicious pitch to the batter of the Bryan Bears. Larsen played varsity as a freshman and started in several games. "It's a lot of pressure, but everyone makes me feel welcomed and a part of the team," Larsen said. Photo by Carly Williams

Good Attitude Sophomore Courtney Brandon cheerfully sits on deck. Brandon was an outfielder. Photo by Carly Williams

Timing for the Right Senior Morgan Peterson waits for the pitcher, waiting for the right time to take off. "My favorite part about high school softball is competing and getting to lose with my teammates," Peterson said. Peterson was a city player all four years. Photo by Carly Williams



Batting time \$35/hr
 Batting Gloves \$30
 Cleats \$80

Helmets \$60
 Bats \$300
 Sliders \$50

Gloves \$80
 Socks \$10

Belts \$10

The feeling of winning: Priceless

Girls' Cross Country



First Row: Shea Lundgren, Lauren Houston, Lauryn Eckel, Mary Pedersen, Laura Ortiz, Keela VanGrinsven, Angelika Bull Second Row: Isabel Kratville, Samantha Smith, Ibanna Uribe, Andrea Ziska, Kylee Moore, Megan Ferrin, Ali Haith, Ashley Scott, Kelsey Musgjerd Third Row: Helen Martinez, Cheri Vecchio, Lindsey Nore, Goldie DeBoer, Makayla Leiting, Logan Dolezal, Jessica Krauth, Nyamal Khor Fourth Row: Giovanna Garcia, Sakia Fields, Sidney Parizek, Mariah Laher, Kathryn King, Megan Browning, Cubwa Divine, Izabelle Robbins-Bolter Fifth Row: Melissa Newkirk, Katie Desler, Karsyn Norton, Samantha Conti, Nichole Brady, Franziska Beutinger, Emma Robbins, Joelle Hoffschneider

Boys' Cross Country



First Row: Garrett Bachorski, Adam Manhart, Grant Fredrickson, Kayden Bridgman, Jake Morgan, Tyler Mullen, Ibrahim Ibrahim, Jonah Ferguson Second Row: Giacomo Stefanucci, Joseph Waggoner, Cody Pitman, Tyrell Cerveny, Stephen Freeman, John Cleary, Richard Klaczynsky, Andrew Vasquez Third Row: Maxwell Eggerling, Kai-Di Johnson, Jackson Mortiz, Tyler Bolte, Samuel Pratt, Noah Marik, Adam Anderson Fourth Row: Dominick Kass, Cristian Martinez, Michael Gryzen, Isaac Lawrence, Joshua Dickey, Isaac Peters, Kallo Arno

Oh, the places you'll run!

The cross country team went the distance

Not everyone could handle the task of running miles and miles every day for the joy of it. The cross country girls' and boys' ran multiple miles for practice and meets daily because it's what they loved to do. The runners ran to many different places around the metro area during their practices to get the endurance they needed for meets.

"We start at Burke and end up at Burke. We go on road runs around depending on the mileage for the day," senior Lauren Houston said.

Cross country runners went to many different places. From Skutt to past Oakview, it was all about getting in the miles to make meets easier. Speed workouts helped the runners cut down their times and long distance runs built endurance. The courses varied in difficulty mainly based upon hills. Big hills made the courses more difficult and the flat courses tended to be easier.

"Practices prepare you for meets because they get your endurance up and get you in good shape," sophomore Adam Anderson said.

Practices may have been long, but they were worth it in the end. It was important for the team to work hard at every practice to get them mentally and physically prepared for meets. Each runner had their own favorite course, but they were prepared for anywhere they'd compete.

"I like running at Walnut Grove because the Burke invite is there," Houston said.

The Burke invite was close to home for the team, but they also traveled for meets. The team went to Norfolk and spent all day there for a meet. They spent some Saturdays out of town for meets that lasted up to six hours. Practices only lasted up to two hours.

"I really like running the South Sioux City meet because it's really pretty with all the trees and it's also flat," sophomore Shea Lundgren said. "For practice, I like Candlewood because it's flat."

Practices and meets varied most in the amount of running. A cross country meet course has a length of 3.1 miles. However, during practice, the boys ran up to 12 miles and the girls ran up to nine.

"The farthest spot we've run to is to Oakview mall and back which is a total of about seven miles. The farthest we've run total in practice is nine miles," Lundgren said.

The cross country girls' and boys' planned to keep working hard no matter where they ran. They knew it was important for them to continue to work hard through every day and every season to represent Burke well, especially at the State Cross Country meet.

Story by **Taylor Stern**
Design by **Monica Gomez**



Team Huddle Girls' cross country head coach Daniel Gray helps get the girls motivated before they begin their run. Photo by Kami Fox

Rising To The Top Freshman Makayla Leiting pushes toward the finish with all of her strength. This was her first high school cross country meet. She finished with a personal best time. Photo by Kami Fox

Starting Off Varsity boys' take off after the sound of the starting gun. They had a great start to the season at the Burke Invite. The boys' ended with with a third place team finish. Each one of the boys' gave their all to contribute the team.

Photo by Kami Fox

Running Man Senior Ibrahim Ibrahim continues pushing at the Bryan Invite on Sept. 27. Ibrahim was about half-way done with the race. Photo by Nicole Simanek



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Shoes \$130

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Compression Shorts \$30

The feeling of winning: Priceless

Pedometer \$80

Sweatband \$6





First Row: Jared Noetzel, Matthew Wright, Enrique Del Rio Lopez; **Second Row:** Melvin Tyree, Jason Tiemann, Samuel Ortgies, Zachary Uryasz

OPPONENT	Us	Them
Omaha Bryan	7	2
Bellevue West	4	5
Millard North	0	9
Omaha North	9	0
Benson	5	0
Northwest	4	0

Record 4-2



Backhand Ready Junior Enrique Del Rio Lopez hits the ball over the net hoping to score a point. He played singles against his Benson opponent and won the match. Photo by Haylee Cate

Kings of the Court

Hard work pays off

They hit every last ball until their arms felt like jello, went as hard as they could until the last second of every match, and gave their all at practices.

"It's so gratifying to win. We try so hard to do our best every day," senior Jason Tiemann said.

Tennis had often been seen as an individual sport, but to the boys' tennis team that was not the case. The team was the furthest thing from being individual.

"We're like a big family. These guys have become some of my really good friends," freshman Matthew Wright said.

For team bonding one thing the team did was unlike most sports at Burke. Instead of team dinners, they ate breakfast at Village Inn at 6:30 a.m. before tournaments. The team also had a cookout in October before the State tournament.

Setting aside all the fun, the boys were able to concentrate on the most important thing, working hard to achieve

their team goals.

Tennis was not as easy as the players made it seem. They needed to be able to utilize a variety of difficult skills in order to compete. Serving, groundstrokes, forehands, backhands, and volleying were necessary for each match.

"Yes, tennis is a fun and active game, but it's a lot harder than what people make it seem," Tiemann said. "You have to be paying attention all the time because tennis is such a fast-paced sport."

Despite the expensive cost, hard practices, confusing calls, and tough losses, these hard-working players made the most of their season.

Story by Taylor Weesner

Design by Ronni Jackson

Double Trouble Senior Jason Tiemann and freshman Matthew Wright play their doubles match at the Koch Family Tennis Center. Wright played tennis outside of school as well. Photo by Haylee Cate

In Stride Sophomore Samuel Orgies sprints to make an approach shot. Orgies' played on the Varsity team since his freshman year. Photo By Haylee Cate

Hit Me With Your Best Shot Senior Melvin Tyree uses all his force to get the ball over the net. Tyree helped the team to beat Benson and Northwest at the Koch Family Tennis Center. He played number two singles. Photo by Haylee Cate



Uniform \$110

Tennis Bag \$120

Tennis Instructor \$60/hour

Racket \$199

Tennis Shoes \$134

Hat \$30

Ball Carrier \$140

Can of Tennis Balls \$2.59

The feeling of winning: Priceless



First Row: Assistant Coach Erin Carter, Payton Alber, Carly Christiansen, Courtney Ray, Regan Reimer, Megan Smith Second Row: Brianna Martinie, Shelby Schneider, Lauren Kirshenbaum, Elizabeth Hugo, Courtney Haggart, Nia Station, Coach Larry Seitz

OPPONENT	Us
Northwest	1st Place
Lincoln Southeast	4th Place
Bryan	1st Place
Lincoln East	7th Place
Metros	10th Place
Districts	6th Place

Practice Makes Perfect

Succeeding despite every obstacle

Sweat dripping, heart pumping, determined faces, and dedicated hearts. One hole down, eight to go.

The girls' golf team took plenty of pride in all the hard work they put into their sport. They practiced every single day after school for two to three hours. Going through nine holes was not an easy task, especially with an injury.

The girls' head coach Larry Seitz directed his team to practice safety measures and made sure they made smart decisions while they were playing.

"Players have to be watchful and responsible of what they're doing," Seitz said.

During the season, sophomore Shelby Schneider and freshman Carly Christiansen both had injuries. Christiansen was recovering from a knee injury from playing soccer and Schneider was bouncing back from a shoulder injury she got at districts last season.

"Physical therapy for five months is not fun," Schneider said.

However, neither of them let their

injuries hold them back from doing what they loved.

"I wear a brace on both knees. It's annoying, but it helps, and that makes it worth it," Christiansen said.

Both spent the majority of the summer at the driving range, preparing themselves for the season ahead of them. Their goal was to be in their best shape when the season came around.

While the worry of getting re-injured was still in the back of their minds, it didn't stop them from giving their all and having high expectations for the season. They started the season motivated and ready to play.

"I think, judging by last year, we'll go to districts and hopefully state," Schneider said.

Story by Molly Shanahan
Design by Shelby Schneider

Good Aim Senior Brianna Martinie lines up her golf club toward where she hopes to hit the ball. Martinie drove the ball down the fairway. Photo by Lucia Juarez



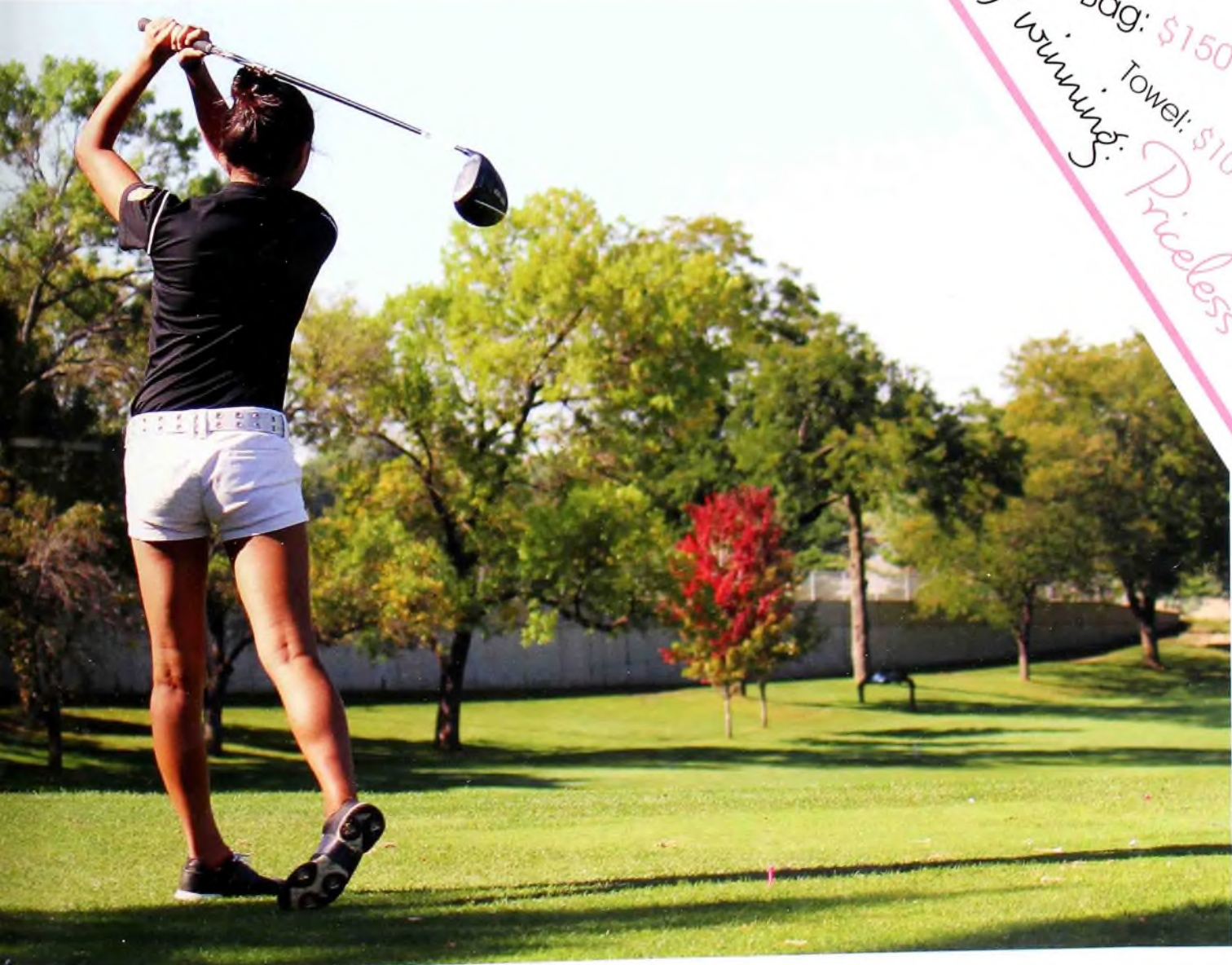
Concentrated And Focused Senior Courtney Haggart warms up for the dual. Haggart was concentrated and focused on the ball to make sure she would sink her putt. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Putting Practice Sophomore Shelby Schneider practices a few putts at Miracle Hills golf course. Schneider made the putt in one stroke. "Coach always tells us to limit our putts to two or less strokes," Schneider said. Photo by Lucia Juarez



Watch It Freshman Carly Christiansen tees off at a dual at Miracle Hills golf course. Christiansen swung and watched the ball as it landed on the green. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Mean Drive Sophomore Megan Reimer plays in a dual, driving the ball onto the fairway. Reimer stayed focused on the ball so she wouldn't lose it. Photo by Lucia Juarez



Private Lessons: \$75 Club Set: \$350-800

Sunscreen: \$6

Skirt: \$40

Shoes: \$110

Cart: \$100

Hats: \$25

Box of Balls: \$30

Polos: \$50

Bag of Tee's: \$13

Ball Marker: \$10

Tee Time: \$10

Bag: \$150

Towel: \$10

The feeling of winning: Priceless



First Row: Madison McPhillips, Destany Matthews, Sydney Benson, Rylee Reggio, Jada Warner, Sierra Roseby; Second Row: Chyenne Jones, Kara Grassau, Alexandra Gill, Nya Thichiot, Raegan Buford; Third Row: Coach Kenyon Sharp, Head Coach Tyler Siecke, Coach Alison Lane, Coach Randall Howard

OPPONENT	Us	Them
Omaha South	57	44
Omaha North	47	36
Papillion La-Vista South	40	42
Omaha Central	54	45
Marian	48	55
Omaha Northwest	43	33
Lincoln Southeast	47	44
Lincoln East	46	50
Omaha Bryan	56	14

Turning Over a New Leaf

New coach helps Girls' Varsity Basketball team discover their potential

"Who are we? Burke! What are we? Team! What are we gonna do? Compete!" The buzzer sounded and the Burke girls basketball players lined up for the jump ball. This chant, tracing back to 1962 when Harry A. Burke High School opened for the first time, was just one of the many changes that had been made this year to improve the girls' basketball program.

This season had been notably special to nine year basketball coach Tyler Siecke. With all of his previous experiences being coaching boys' teams, he was not expecting to start coaching girls' basketball. However, when the position opened up at Burke, he knew he was ready to be a head coach.

When the girls started practicing and conditioning for the season early in the summer, Siecke knew right away what needed work. He automatically started getting them familiar with passing drills and drills that applied to their specific position.

"We really focus on all the little things that ultimately make you successful," Siecke said. "Ball placement, spacing in offense, things like that."

The change of coaches may have been sudden and unexpected, but the players ended up happy with it. Although it wasn't always easy to adjust, once everyone did they were really able to bond.

"We're coming together more like a family every day and becoming closer than ever," sophomore Jada Warner said.

Since conditioning ended and the season began, the players had only progressed. One proud moment they had this year was a game they had won against Central.

The team was losing during the fast-paced first half.

Exhausted, they retreated to the locker rooms. After some motivational words, they got fired up, coming out at haltime and blowing Central out of the water for the win.

"I think a lot of us have gained more confidence, and Siecke has helped us find our strengths," senior Alexandra Gill said.

Although the girls weren't where Siecke wanted them to be quite yet, the extensive amount of progress they had made still showed. This was only the beginning of a new and improved girls' basketball program at Burke.

"The kids have worked their butts off," Siecke said. "But one thing's for sure, and that is that we're always getting better."

Story by Molly Shanahan
Design by Ronni Jackson

Rebound Senior Alexandra Gill and Junior Naykuome Thichiot jump to get a big rebound against the Central Eagles. Gill and Thichiot both play posts for the Burke Girls' Varsity Basketball Team.
Photo by Isabelle Danielson





Sweatband \$8

Basketball Shorts \$40

Basketball \$40

Ankle Brace \$30

Pre-Wrap \$4

Shoes \$200

Bag \$60

Mouth Guard \$10

The feeling of winning: Priceless



Defensive Stance Senior Chyenne Jones gets in her defensive stance to make sure her opponent cannot get past her. Jones played point guard and shooting guard. Photo by Isabelle Danielson

Hands Up Junior Madison McPhillips guards a Millard North player from inbounding the ball for an easy layup. McPhillips was in charge of making sure the other team did not get any open corner shots. Photo by Isabelle Danielson

Double Teamed Sophomore Sierra Roseby shoots a free throw and scores her team an additional point. Roseby was not only on Varsity, but also on the JV basketball team. She had a full schedule, but she managed it all along with her honors classes at school. Photo by Nicole Simanek



Dribble As she dribbles out of the corner sophomore Sydney Benzon sets her team up for the next play. Benzon is one of three sophomores on varsity. Photo by Isabelle Danielson



First Row: Samuel Dresslar, Jackson Abramo, Junub Char, Jarron Bradley, Darnell Mitchell, David Sanders; Second Row: Coach Ben Fleck, Coach Tom Law, Coach Kevin Kobs, Coach Pat Tessmer, Coach Ryan Sherlock; Third Row: Sean Haith, Davon Wells-Ross, Trentin Hymer, Wanjang Tut, Andrew Henrich, Joshua Faya

OPPONENT	Us	Them
Millard North	42	34
Papillion La Vista South	58	53
Creighton Prep	55	77
Omaha North	52	80
Omaha Central	49	42
Omaha Northwest	56	41
Lincoln Southeast	55	46
Millard West	64	68
Westside	48	58

Pass It Off Senior Jarron Bradley passes the ball to his teammate, senior David Sanders. Bradley made sure he was open and ready for the pass. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Making Changes During a time out, Coach Kobs discusses changes the offense needs to make and draws them out on a white board. Coach Kobs made sure his players knew the game plan and were ready to attack the ball. Photo by Carly Williams.



Reaching Expectations

Varsity boys' basketball fulfills the expectations of new coach

Making adjustments to a new coach is never easy. This task became easier for the Burke Varsity Boys' Basketball Team when their new Head Coach Kevin Kobs, made his coaching style, expectations, and goals for the season clear.

"I like to be a teacher of the game by improving players' knowledge and skills of the game through teaching. I set expectations at the beginning. I expect them to know their role. I also want them to be a positive teammate and commit to being the best on and off the floor," Kobs said.

The varsity players worked hard at reaching their coach's expectations. They knew that there would be a better outcome if they did what was expected of them at all times.

"Coach expected me to be a leader and a coach on the court. I was expected to be positive because when I got negative it made the whole team negative. He also wanted me to encourage the younger players," junior Darnell Mitchell said.

Most of the players looked at their coach as being laid-back and not too aggressive. They agreed that they liked his coach-

ing style. Kobs was loud, high tempo, but not too uptight as long as they didn't get too out of hand.

"It was clear that I had to do my role, work hard and help my team out with wins. I put in a lot of effort to reach coach's expectations by working out a lot and shooting a lot. I go to the gym almost every day," freshman Shereef Mitchell said.

Every player on the team put in the effort to improve and fulfill their coach's expectations throughout the entire season. They committed to being the best which was expected of them.

"I think for the most part, my expectations have been fulfilled. I believed our team was always where we should be. Our losses were to top 10 teams and we competed well," Kobs said.

Coach Kobs got his first year of coaching out of the way and planned to continue making improvements and having a solid team in the following years.

Story by Taylor Stern
Design by Kathryn Ortgies

Two for Two After senior David Sanders was fouled late in the game by Central opponent, he lines up at the free throw line.

Sanders made both free throw shots giving the team a six point lead with two second left. Bulldogs won the game 47-42. Photo by Carly Williams

Lay Up Junior Wanjang Tut shoots for a layup against Bellevue West. Tut made the basket and scored a two points for Burke.

Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto



Wristband \$6
 Water Bottle \$5
 Ankle Braces \$36
 socks \$18
 Compression Sleeves \$25
 Basketball \$60

Bag \$50

Shoes \$200
 Knee Braces \$50

The feeling of winning: Priceless



First Row: Tyler Gach, Joshua Dickey, Jayden Brown, Deng Gatdit, Marcus Washington, Will Moritz, Malichi Carroll, Jess Ferguson; Second Row: McKinley Miller, Jesus, Oliver, Coach Ryan Sherlock, Coach Tom Law, Tanner Krayneski, George Ferguson; Third Row: Adam Kelly, Owen Finn, Christopher Honz, Isaac Lawrence, John Davison



First Row: Chance Johnson; Second Row: John Conti, Samuel Pratt, Arnijae Ponder, Jamison Dlezal, Kallo Arno; Third Row: Evan Clough, Dap Dap, Coach Ben Fleck, Mach Deng, Chiok Tut



First Row: Tyson Gunter, Anthony Gaines, Broderick Buck, Jared Rasmussen, Shareef Mitchell, Parker Ryan; Second Row: Davon Wells-Ross, Andrew Henrich, Coach Pat Tessmer, Sean Haith, Jackson Livingston



What Time Is It? Freshman Will Mortiz follows his opponent to steal the ball away. Mortiz kept his feet on the ground and his eyes on the ball. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Defense Sophomore Sierra Roseby blocks her opponent. Roseby played for JV and varsity. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Up, Up, and Away Freshman Deng Gatdit goes in for a layup and scores two points for his team against Bryan. Gatdit played on the freshman team this year. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Pressure's On Freshman Justice Alioth gets ready to shoot a free throw. She got this opportunity after being fouled by the opposing team, Omaha Central. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Coming Together

Underclassmen basketball teams prove their skill

To some a successful sports team was built on discipline, conditioning, and repetition, but for Burke's underclassmen basketball teams, success came from coming together as a family and building on each other's skills.

This was the first year Randall Howard had ever coached girls' basketball, taking the position of head coach of the girls' JV team. With five freshmen, a handful of sophomores, and a couple juniors, Howard recognized his opportunity to form these girls into a closer, more successful team.

"The coaches look at everything, they know you on a personal level and if there's anything you need help with, they will help you," freshman Maria Akech said.

Immediately, the girls began conditioning and preparing for the season. They worked on a lot of defense and fundamental drills, but Howard also focused on being creative and making sure he was always on good terms with each of his players.

"We were losing more at the beginning, but when we learned to play as a team things changed, and there was a noticeable difference," sophomore Isabelle Danielson said. "Now that we play as a family, we've been winning frequently."

Coming together helped them get on a winning streak. However, all the improvements they'd made from working together also resulted in the girls improving individually.

The boys' JV basketball team was also very young, but they were able to come together to be successful too. One tournament really tested their skills, the Holiday Tournament. It was the biggest JV tournament of the season and drew a much bigger crowd than normal games.

"I was a little worried going into the tournament. I'm a freshman, so I didn't really know what to expect. I thought I did pretty well though considering I was one of the youngest on the team. I also think we did really well as a team, especially with our passing," Gunter said.

The JV team used the Holiday tournament to see where improvements needed to be made during the rest of their season. Because of the accomplishment of getting in the final four of the tournament, this pushed them to continue to do well.

"I thought we were going to win going into it. We could've done better, but we still did good. It was really cool to get into the final four," sophomore Jackson Livingston said.

The boys' JV team saw what they could do when they competed in the Holiday Tournament. This success kept them motivated and showed that despite a team's young age, they could still be strong.

Story by Sarah Taylor
Design by Matthew Robbins



First Row: Autumn Jontz; Second Row: Megan Kerns, Christy Murphy, Emma Kerns, Madison Ellis, Brooke Lawson, Alexandra Gaeth; Third Row: Hannah Curran, Millee Gibney, Coach Alison Lane, Ali Haith, Angel Bils



Front Row: Lindsey Christenham, Rylee Reggio, Isabelle Danielson, Shea Lundgren, Sierra Roseby, Justice Alioth; Second Row: Ashley Hickman, Maria Akech, Coach Randall Howard, Julia Ellis, Syndey Courcier





First Row: Joey Harrison, Tomas Capellano, Nathan Ramirez, Justin Hillyer, Nathan Lenz, William Phillips, Ricardo Garcia, Tyler Overgaard, Jordan Cronland, Michael Bridgeford; Second Row: Jacob Karacht, Michael Lee, Gunnar Olafson, Payton Coley, Tony Toney, Norman Carr, Eric Roman, Kahlil Foster, Joshua Jansa, Jayden Roberts; Third Row: Brandon Plambeck, Connor Fox, Michael Lee, Joseph Anderson, Kurmith Path, Robert Zavala, Chandler Waugh, Tyler Cunningham, Curtis Brye; Forth Row: Coach Dawes, Coach Shupp, Coach Kahlandt, Coach Boehm, Coach Grossman, Coach Boehm, Coach Rein, Coach Queen; Fifth Row: Fernando Vargas, Jayden Peterson, Lamont Sims, Andrew Pistillo, Andrew Manganaro, Braden Collins, Jared Moehring

OPPONENT	Us
Omaha Central Dual	1st
Missouri Duals	5th
Pipestone Area	2nd
Millard West	3rd
Omaha North	2nd
Burke Invite	2nd
Hastings Senior	2nd
Districts	1st
State	7th

Train Insane or Remain the Same

Wrestlers give all they have in practice

If you asked the average person if they'd be willing to go through conditioning, cutting weight, and practicing every day, there's a chance they might think you're crazy. For Burke wrestlers, that was what they lived for. For them, self-discipline was the most vital part of being successful.

Wrestlers constantly had to battle mentally and force themselves to grow into stronger individuals. Sometimes they'd have to rapidly lose weight. Each day in practice they'd condition with intense exercise, just to do it all again the next. However, to the wrestlers, all the hard work was worth it to be successful in their meets.

"My favorite part about wrestling is the discipline and life lessons. It is probably one of the most physically demanding sports there is," senior Jared Moehring said. "One of my personal favorite quotes in life is by Dave Gable. He says 'once you wrestle, everything else in life is easy.'"

The wrestlers did well during the 2014-2015 season regarding their tournaments.

"We've been up and down, and we've made a lot of mistakes. If ev-

eryone keeps their heads up though, we have more than enough potential to have a more successful season," senior Fernando Vargas said.

Normal tournaments were one thing, but the wrestlers worked extra hard to prepare themselves for Districts on February 14th. Head Coach Wesley Boehm focused on helping each player individually in practices.

During pre-district conditioning was when Boehm worked them the hardest. About a week before, however, he had them rest a little and watch tapes from previous meets to help them review. By the end of that week, they were fired up and ready to show the entire season's hard work pay off.

"We are improving every single time we step on the matt, and all we can do to end the season is the best we can," Boehm said.

Story by **Leana Dunn**
Design by **Jessica Beck**



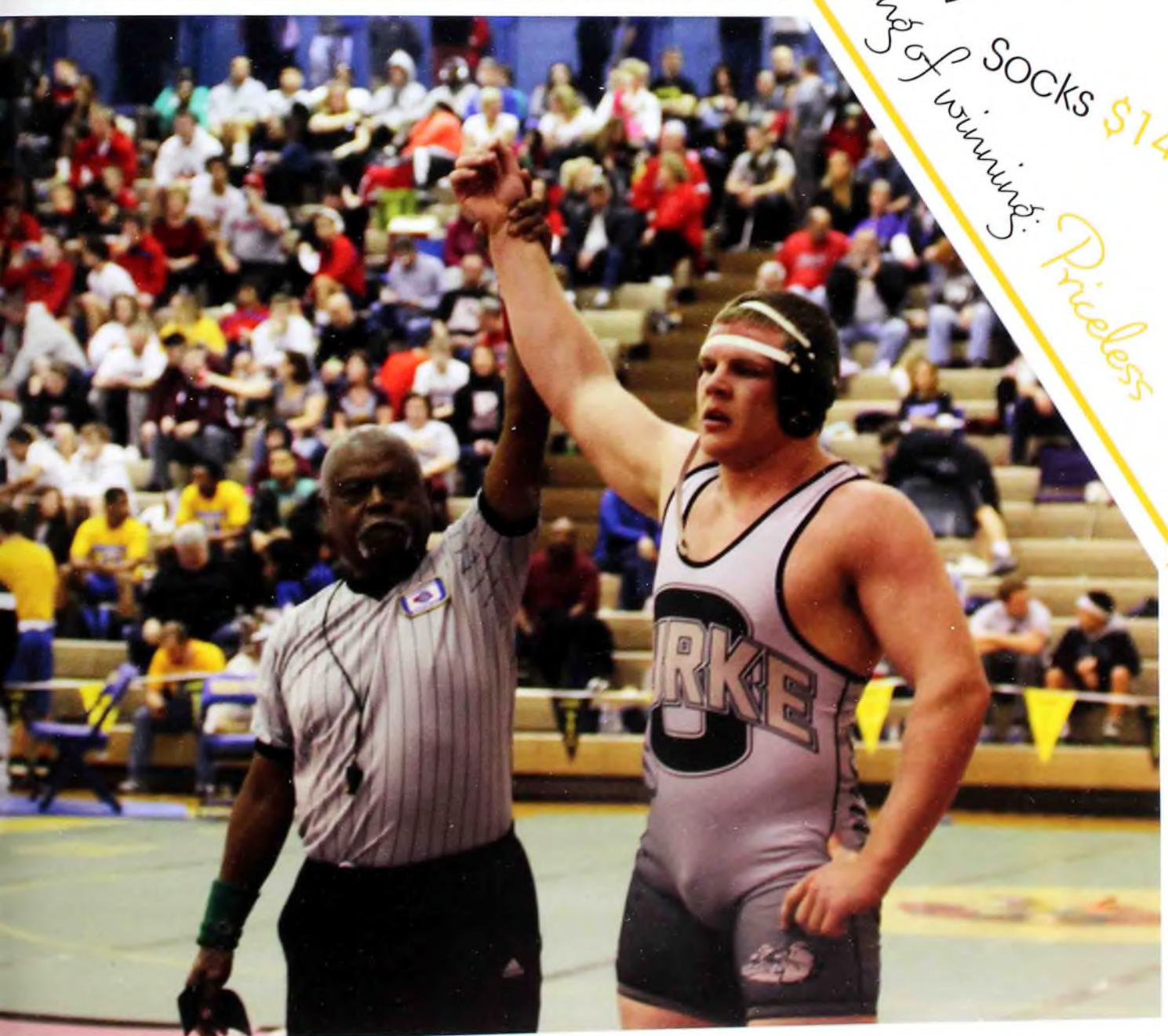
Senior Day At the annual Burke Invitational meet, the seniors are announced for their last home meet. Jared Moehring and his mother posed for a picture. Moehring said the one thing he would miss most about high school wrestling was all the bus rides to meets out of town. Photo by Carly Williams

Pride and Dedication Junior Gunnar Olafson shows off his skills learned at wrestling practice. The wrestlers worked hard at practice everyday after school during their season. Photo by Tamia Chatmon



Place Senior Braden Collins takes down his opponent quickly throwing onto his back. Collins won the match with a pin at the weight class of 182 lbs. Photo by Carly Williams

to Win With great effort, senior Andrew Pistillo's wins not only his match but wins the Omaha Metro Conference Wrestling Tournament. His weight class was 182 lbs. Photo By Carly Williams



Singlet \$55

Icy Hot \$6

Compression Shorts \$30

Headgear \$40

Knee Pads

shoes \$140

Water Bottle \$12

Bag \$32

Socks \$14

The feeling of winning: Priceless



First Row: Coach LynAnn Nelson, Brooke Holmes, Kristin Borgersen, Dana Posthuma, Emma Robbins, Kathryn Hollenbeck, Coach Tyson Novotny; Second Row: Anna Leahy, Kamryn Fox, Cassandra Kenedy, Hannah Robison, Haylee Cate, Emily Fowler, Anna Gombold, Natalia Leon, Alondra Ramirez; Third Row: Emily Rodriguez, Kelli Posthuma, Izabelle Robbins-Bolter, Mariah Laher, Kathryn King, Casey Hobbs, Shelby Luppen, Rachel Hockfeld, Alexia Mickles; Forth Row: Alondra Tran Class, Elia Biros, Emily Wheeler, Katherine Gundersen, Morgan Mumm, Hope White, Kathleen Kirshenbaum, Sydney Kelley; Not pictured: Elizabeth Keres.



First Row: Jordan Keller, Gavin Rogers, Dillon Hanson-Ahumada, Skyler Ryan, Alexander Frisbie; Second Row: Kolton Butcher, Jordan Wurdeman, Isaak Gaskin, Patrick Rogers, Tyler White, Giacomo Stefanucci; Third Row: Patrick Pursell, Ryan Young, Joaquin Madruga Waldo, Cameron Irwin, Ryan Berry, Garrett Bachorski, Dallas Strasser; Fourth Row: Nigel Nelson, Nolan Nelson, Alec Ellis, Carter Hites, McGuire Leitinger, Jackson Moritz, Solaris Anderson; Fifth Row: Luis Salazar Chavez, Brendan Johanning, Colin Moriarty, Carlos Aguilar-Ramirez, Hayden Robbins, Hunter Silvey; Sixth Row: Evan Jaixen, Jacob Uryasz, Jacob Whelan, Gavin Grabill, Jacob Frisbie

VARSITY

OPPONENT	girls'
Burke Invite	3rd
Gretna	1st
Raston	7th
Bellevue East	1st
Millard South	8th
Metro	4th

Record Breaking Year

Burke swimmer takes the lead

The Burke Girls' Varsity Swim Team worked hard to prepare for the season. They started with conditioning for the pre-season and a rigorous practice schedule when swimming began in November.

The Girls' Varsity Swim team started with morning practice Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. They continued with dryland workouts after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and after school practice in the pool every day.

For senior Dana Posthuma, all the hard work paid off. Posthuma had a lot of pressure on her during the swim season to break the record for her 100 fly again. In her past seasons she had broken her own record and continued to improve her times.

Posthuma hoped to meet her goal time of 53.83 seconds on the 100 fly. She stayed focused during each practice and tried to make the best of her season. It was her senior year and she wanted to make the most of her last high school season by breaking the record and having fun.

"I never imagined myself breaking the record," Posthuma said.

Posthuma's senior swim season was quite comparable to her junior season. However, she felt added pressure this season with everyone anticipating her record breaking time.

The 100 fly wasn't the only event Posthuma swam for the 2014 season. Posthuma also participated in the 200 individual medley, the 200 free relay, and the 400 free relay.

"The 100 fly is my favorite because I don't have to worry about wasting energy; I can just go all out," Posthuma said.

Posthuma broke the record on her 100 fly. She exceeded her goal time of 53.83 and ended her season with a time of 53.81 which was a memorable way to wrap up her senior year.

Story by Holly Crawford
Design by Jessica Beck



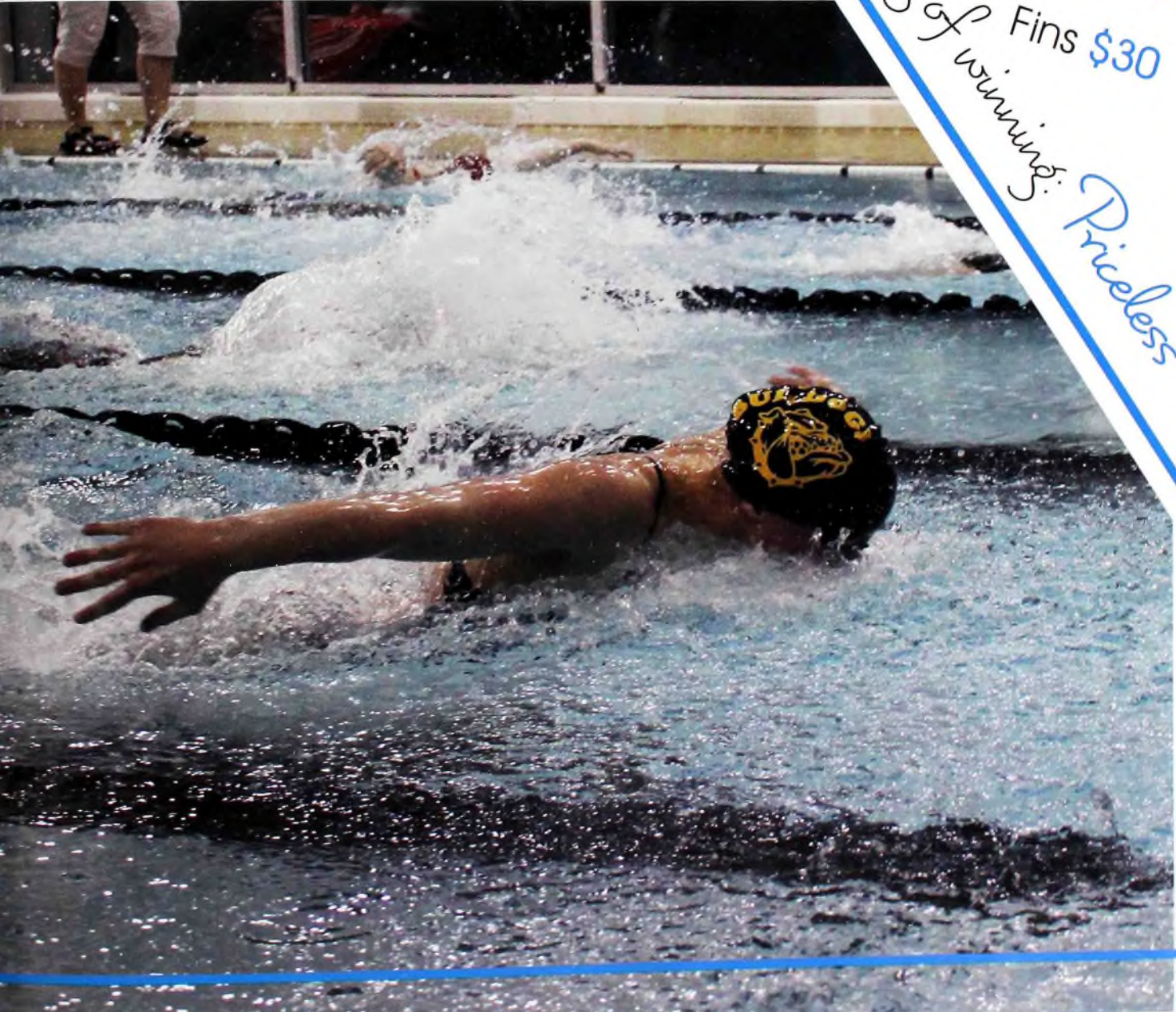
Diving In Seniors Kathryn Hollenbeck and Brooke Holmes dive off the blocks simultaneously into the water. Hollenbeck and Holmes have been swimming together since freshman year. They swam most of the same events. Photo by Haylee Cate

Butterfly Sophomore Alec Ellis pulls his head out of the water to breathe during the 100 fly at Bellevue East. "My favorite event is the 100 breast because it's easy, competitive, and I'm good at it," Ellis said. Photo by Haylee Cate

100 yard freestyle at the dual against Westside. The 100 free was one of the favorite events to swim. Photo by Kamryn Fox

Senior Brooke Holmes swims the 100 breast stroke at the dual meet. Holmes worked hard in all areas to improve her stroke over the summer. Holmes was on the team for all four years of high school and plans to continue swimming in college. Photo by Haylee Cate

Senior Dana Posthuma swims the 100 butterfly. "My favorite race is the 100 butterfly because it's a sprint race and I don't have to worry about strategizing how to use my energy, I can just go all out," senior Dana Posthuma said. Posthuma worked hard the whole season to improve her times and get better in the 100 butterfly. Photo by Haylee Cate



- Towel \$11
 - Suit \$60
 - Goggles \$20
 - Cap \$3
 - Snorkel \$30
 - Paddles \$14
 - Bag \$50
 - Kickboard \$11
 - Fins \$30
- The feeling of winning: Priceless*



First Row: Tyrell Cerveny, Nathan Lorenzen, Payne Silvey, Jake Re; Second Row: Devon Rubek, John Whitsitt, Matt Clough, Zane Zimmerman, Connor Tibke, Andrew Ericson; Third Row: Raymond Schoessler, Joseph Ingram, Quentin Moore, Sam Oehm, Tanner Dungan, Braden Collins, Elijah Johnson

OPPONENT	Us	Them
Bellevue West	8	3
Central	1	0
Northwest	13	3
South	10	0
North	7	5
Lincoln Northstar	4	3
Gretna	9	4
Bryan	11	1
Creighton Prep	2	10

No Payne No Game Senior Payne Silvey looks over to his coach to determine what he wants Payne to do. Silvey signaled the pitcher. "I love the view of the games I play and how I can witness everything that happens on the diamond as a catcher. I love being the quarterback for the guys that I play with," Silvey said. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Supporting the Cause Senior Quentin Moore prepares to get his head shaved. He holds the pony tail of the hair he once had. Moore played third base for Varsity. Photo by Haylee Cate



Burke vs. Cancer

The Varsity Baseball Team bonds through efforts helping fight cancer

The Burke Varsity Baseball Team worked hard to perform on the field this year, but they also put in a lot of effort helping the fight against cancer. This year was the second year in a row that the baseball players shaved their heads in an effort to help raise awareness for childhood cancer. The head shaving was placed the day before their third annual Burke vs. Cancer game, which took place on April 20th against Westside.

"It's a nice community service project for us to do. It helps the kids to understand that it's not just about athletics and makes them think about something other than selves," coach Scott Hodges said.

This year, the team set a goal of raising \$7,000, which they exceeded. It was a significant increase from \$4,700 raised the previous year.

"It gives a sense of pride because we know that we're helping out," sophomore Jacob Re said.

The players all realized what Hodges was trying to teach through the service. They all worked hard at raising money and awareness for the cause.

"A couple of years ago one of our teammates' dad died of cancer so it really hits home for a lot of us. We try to work really hard and give as much as we can to the cause," senior Matthew Clough said.

They believed that shaving their

heads as a team was a way that they could bring awareness to their cause. A lot of the players had been growing their hair out for a whole year. Shaving their heads for childhood cancer not only brought a lot of awareness to the community, but it also helped the team to bond.

"I think that shaving our heads really helps bring us together because it's something we all do as a team," Clough said.

Besides shaving their heads, the team bonded in other ways. They would hang out together on the weekends and have team dinners. The team also had been working out together since October. This bonding helped create a family atmosphere and improved their performance on the field.

"All of our players were working together towards a common goal. There was a sort of need to please and they didn't want to let each other down. It was like they were playing for the guy besides them rather than the individual," Hodges said.

The boys had a successful season of playing, bonding, and raising money. They looked forward to being able to continue helping the fight for cancer in coming years and making a difference in the lives of others.

Story by Taylor Stern

Design by Shelby Schneider

No Doubt He's Out! Senior Andrew Ericson gets an out for Papillion South at second base. Ericson got the first out of that inning. "The game isn't over till it's over," Andrew Ericson said. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

He's Safe After his teammate hits the ball junior Elijah Johnson takes off and slides into home base. The Burke vs Cancer game raised money to help fight the battle against cancer. The bulldogs sold shirts and shaved their heads to support the cause. Photo by Carly Williams



- Batting time \$35/hr
- Batting Gloves \$30
- Helmets \$60
- Cleats \$80
- Sliders \$50
- Bats \$300
- Socks \$10
- Gloves \$80
- Belts \$10

The feeling of winning: Priceless



First Row: Nolan Ophoin, Samuel Kline, Ty Ledger, Joshua Baker, William Maschka, Quantan Polito, Connor McElderry; Second Row: Brandon Grubaugh, Clayton Jensen, Kolby Ambruster, Chad Morgan, Lawrence Jackson, Nicholas Hall, Hunter Waugh, Connor McGonigal



First Row: Austin Slegl, Joshua Dickey, Jess Ferguson, Zachary Murson, Jayden Conrad, Tyler Rogert, Robert Murray, Cade Dungan, Nicholas Loth; Second Row: Erain Jimenez, Conner Huber, Adam Kelly, Christopher Honz, John Davison, Aaron Wright, Joshua Bayly, Benjamin Raffel, Austin Oetter, John Andersen

Adjusting to High School

Seven freshmen make JV baseball team

Making the adjustment from middle school to high school has already been difficult, but for freshmen that play sports, it became even more difficult to manage. Seven freshmen skipped over playing reserve ball and made the JV baseball team. Most of these freshmen played select baseball for a long time, but they had to make the adjustment from select to high school.

"High school baseball is more conditioning than select. We have to work a lot harder and it's overall a lot more challenging. The coaches push you more," freshman Joseph Yakopec said.

Making JV already as freshmen was a big deal for these players. Most freshmen only made the reserve team. When they made JV, they were excited to show their skills.

"I felt really proud of myself for reaching my goal and being on JV. I'm looking forward to playing on varsity sometime in my next three years," Yakopec said.

The freshmen also knew that they didn't have the experience some of the older players had. The JV team had eight sophomores and one junior. These other players had a season or two of high school baseball completed already, compared to the freshman that were on their first year.

"It's kind of nerve-racking not having the same experience

as some of my teammates. I think that, as freshmen, we get yelled at more than they do," freshman Nicholas Hall said.

The freshmen developed more experience in their first year of playing, especially since they got to play with the older players. They learned new skills that would help them grow and become better players in their next years.

"It feels good being on JV as a freshman and being able to play with the older players. It's a lot different than select baseball because we have a lot more priorities and there are higher expectations. I think that having so many freshmen on JV right now means that we will have a good team in the upcoming years and we'll all be able to play varsity," freshman William Maschka said.

Having a good underclass could only mean one thing for the team, that they would continue to improve in coming years. The freshmen and sophomores that were on JV this year would be able to fill spots on varsity in their next years. The younger players looked forward to being able to play varsity and improve upon their skills.

Story by Taylor Stern
Design by Shelby Schneider

Changing It Up Freshman Connor McElderry sets up for a bunt to get on base. McElderry's bunt was successful and resulted in him getting a single. "Making JV was exciting considering there was a bunch of freshman trying out, but it was nice to know some of the other freshman trying out," McElderry said.

Photo by Haylee Cate
Let's Celebrate After scoring a run freshman Nicholas Hall celebrates with his teammate. The team scored many runs to follow.
Photo by Lauren Krauth





Strike Freshman Hunter Waugh looks forward as he is about to throw his pitch in a game against Bellevue East. Burke won 5-4. Photo by Haylee Cate

Swing Batter Sophomore Kolby Armbruster swings the bat, hoping to get a hit against the Bellevue East Chieftans. This is Armbruster's second year on the JV team for Burke. Photo by Haylee Cate

Focus Freshman Cade Dungan focuses on the pitcher waiting for the ball to come his way. The reserve team played Omaha South and won. Photo by Lauren Krauth





First Row: Carah Criner, Kathryn Ortgies, Sidney Parizek, Ariana Ibrahim, Brianne Hood, Madison Judkins, Alexis Ball, Mary Pedersen, Riley Duke, Katherine Worden, Alta-Jo Norviel, Taylor Homan, Madeline Caniglia, Kate Webber, Bailey Parsons, Kylee Moore, Hailey Judkins, Brooke Lawson, Lauryn Eckel, Shelby Bullard, Julia Ellis; Second Row: Coach Ashely Heida, Coach Brian Anderson, Coach Leslie Walker

OPPONENT	Us	Them
Bryan	6	0
Marian	0	8
Papio South	2	8
Bellevue East	5	2
Benson	10	0
Omaha North	9	3
Northwest	9	1
Papio	0	8

Young players taking the field

Underclassmen shine on the Girls' Varsity Soccer team

Usually the leaders of a team are the upperclassmen, but for the Burke Girls' Varsity Soccer team, there were only three seniors. With the amount of young players that were on the team, the underclassmen had to step up and fill needed positions. The starters included four freshman and three seniors, which made up seven out of the 11 players that were on the field at a time.

"It was kind of hard only having a few seniors sometimes because there wasn't a lot of authority when it came to what we wore on game days and things like that, but the upperclassmen did well bringing the freshmen in and making us feel more comfortable. We all learned to become comfortable quickly," freshman Kylee Moore said.

Having a young team meant that they would be able to continue to play together in the coming years. They would only get stronger as they got older. All of the girls were glad they would have a few years to build bonds and improve together.

"I think that by the time we're seniors we will all play really well together and have a good season. Most of us also play club soccer, which is for nine months of the year while high school is only three months, so we're all improving year-round," sophomore Bailey Parsons said.

Parsons was one of two captains of the team, the other being junior Kathryn Ortgies. The captains made sure that all the new players felt comfortable and welcomed on the team. When the underclassmen felt more comfortable, they started to speak up more on and off the field. Coach Brian Anderson knew that the lack of senior leadership would require the younger players to fill these leadership roles and he believed that they did well doing so.

"The amount of underclassmen we have is a good thing for the program because the younger kids will have a lot of experience by the time they're seniors. We had four freshmen starters this year and they played just like the upperclassmen," Anderson said.

The Burke Girls' Varsity Soccer team looked forward to continuing to improve in the next years and play well together. The girls knew they would be able to get stronger and play better as they get older and help build up their program.

Story by Taylor Stern
Design by Kathryn Ortgies

One Step Ahead After a long ball was sent, sophomore Bailey Parsons and her defender race to get to the ball first. Parsons was the only underclassman captain on the team. "Every time we step onto the field, it's a team effort. We work hard so we can win as a team," Parsons said.

Photo by Kamryn Fox

Keeping It In At the girls' varsity game against Papillion-LaVista, freshman Madeline Caniglia keeps the ball inbound by passing the ball to Shelby Bullard. At half-time the Bulldogs were scoreless against Papillion-LaVista. Photo by Amie Gourka



Warming Up The girls' varsity team warms up after their JV game. Junior Mary Ersen, sophomore Kate Webber, and freshman Brianna Agilar kick the ball back forth to each other. The girls won their game at 5-2. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Used While Dribbling While dribbling the ball up the sideline freshman Brianna Agilar makes sure opponent cannot steal the ball away from her. Agilar was one of seven freshmen on the team. Photo by Isabelle Danielson

Timing It In At the girls' varsity game against Bellevue East, freshman Kylee Moore attempts to turn on her defender and shoot on goal. The bulldogs beat the Cheifans 5-2. Photo by Nicole Simanek



- Shin guards \$22
 - Pre-wrap \$2
 - Jacket \$45
 - Cleats \$90
 - Tape \$1
 - Bag \$30
 - Socks \$10
 - Parka \$65
 - Ball \$20
 - Spandex \$25
- The feeling of winning: Priceless*



First Row: Ariel Ayala-Reyes, Martin Hooi, Justin Caniglia, Cole O'Connor, Ibrahim Ibrahim, Parker Anderson, Abdikadir Ibrahim, Ibrahim Hassan; Second Row: Brett Hardiman, Matthew Robbins, Lionel D'Almeida, Jorge Serrano-Alvarez, Jonathan Kent, Erick Rodriguez, Zachary Robbins, Third Row: Yves Quiah, Carson Guy, Ezequiel Gonzalez, Noah Marik, Cole Frahm, Nikolas Abt, Osama Norain, Edgar Gonzalez.

OPPONENT	Us	Them
Ralston	6	1
Omaha Northwest	4	0
Millard West	1	2
Omaha North	5	1
Millard North	1	0
Bellevue West	5	1
Papillion-LaVista South	0	2
Millard North	1	0
Omaha Bryan	4	0



Dribbling Away Senior Ibrahim Ibrahim dribbles the ball up the side line against Omaha Bryan. Ibrahim was a starting defender for the Bulldogs. "It was really fun playing against Bryan I had a lot of friends on the other team," Ibrahim said. Photo by [unclear]

#OperationMorrison

Team moves towards a goal

"A team above all, above all a team," these were the words of motivation for the 2014-2015 Boys' Varsity Soccer Team. This year, considering the team was very close knit and had seven seniors, they strove to play extra hard to achieve their team goals.

"Although we had lots of our seniors graduate last year we had many new underclassmen players who filled in their spots and made our team really deep, so luckily it didn't affect the team, we have actually been getting better," coach Nicholas Bratt said.

This year it was a younger team, which meant it was simpler for many new players who were in the same grade to get along and stay focused on their daily objectives. Another pro of having more underclassmen meant there would be a bigger team of upperclassmen the following year. The boys had been improving on passing, shooting, and most of all bonding.

"We get along so much better this year, and I play club with some of my team mates, like Zeke and Brett, so I have known them for a long time. We feel more like a team rather than individuals," senior Matthew Robbins said.

They boys' main goal was to play at state.

They turned it into a mission, which they called #OperationMorrison. State was played at Morrison Stadium, on the Creighton University campus.

In order for the team to prepare for the possibility of playing in state, they had to have bonding time. To bond the boys saw movies at Majestic Cinema, had team dinners, practiced soccer for fun on Burke's field during their free time, and played video games like FIFA.

"Team dinners are really fun and it's awesome eating good food and playing fifa," senior Brett Hardiman said.

With all the hard-played games, exhausting practices, and bonding, the team put in all they had to have a great season. After all of all the obstacles that were faced and the hours of hard work that were made the team improved and will for years to come.

Story by Taylor Weesner
Design by Matthew Robbins

Shin guards \$22

Tape \$12

Cleats \$230

Sliders \$50

Jacket \$60

Bag \$30

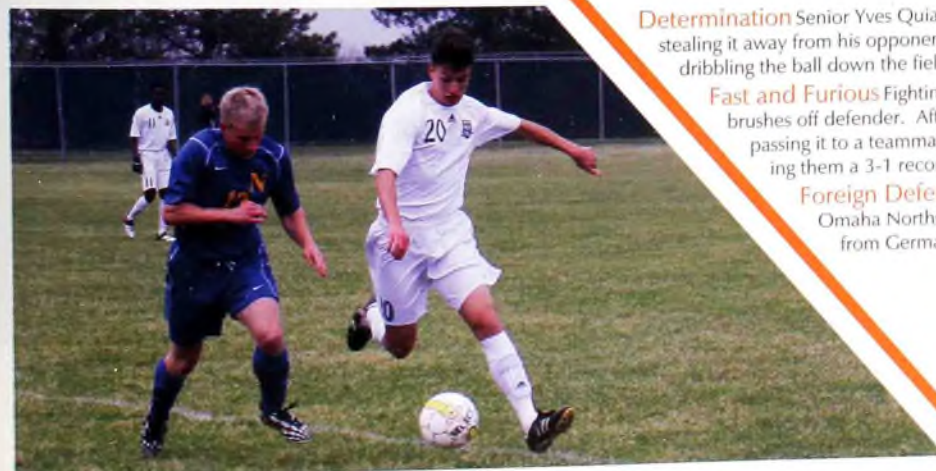
Socks \$10

Gloves \$80

Ball \$20

Warm ups \$65

The feeling of winning: Priceless



Determination Senior Yves Quiah uses his lengthy leg to rap his ankle around the ball stealing it away from his opponent. Quiah then breaks away from Omaha Bryan's player dribbling the ball down the field. Photo by Carly Williams

Fast and Furious Fighting for the ball sophomore Zachary Robbins aggressively brushes off defender. After Robbins got full control of the ball he ran with it before passing it to a teammate. The Bulldogs won the game 1-0 over Lincoln Pius giving them a 3-1 record. Photo by Carly Williams

Foreign Defender Senior Nikolas Abt dribbles the ball away from Omaha Norths center midfielder. Niko is a foreign exchange student from Germany and started as center back for the Bulldogs.



First Row: Jason Gutierrez, Byron Perez, Zachary Goodman, Eh Dah hToo, Thomas Mullen, Adamu Mukoma, Noah Marik; Second Row: Heh Ne Zer, Giacomo Stefanucci, Farrukh Gafurov, Abdikadir Ibrahim, Jonathan Kent, Lionel D'Almeida, Emmanuel Kate, Abraham Valles, Josue Pozo; Third Row: Coach Tyson Novotny, Anthony Wunderlich, Tyler Collins, Jacob Urban, Erick Rodriguez, Osama Norain, Muhiadin Awale, Coach Rokahr



First Row: Jacob Urban, Zachary Calub, Thomas Mullen, Zachary Goodman, Eh Dah Htoo, Takudzwa Zharare, Josue Pozo, Aung Mya Soe; Second: Coach Tyson Novotny, Tyler Collins, Kegan Cullen, Kevin Moreno, Evan Clough, Jesus Oliva, Coach Rokahr



Pass the Ball At the game against Bellevue East freshmen Goldie DeBoer is about to pass the ball. She beat her opponent and successfully got the ball to her teammate. Photo by Nicole Smanek



First Row: Kristin Borgersen, Julia Ellis, Goldie DeBoer, Hayley Egenes, Megan Smith, Hannah Rainey, Alexis Felten, Riley Duke, Katherine Vorden, Hope White, Ahsna Win, Kate Webber, Mary Pedersen, Rachel Hockfeld, Alexis Ball, Grace Rath, Madison Ellis, Nyalaham Khalil; Second Row: Coach Leslie Walker, Coach Ashely Heida



Steal and Kick After he stole the ball from his opponent, sophomore Lionel D'Almedia kicks the ball in the air to get a better pass to his teammate. D'Almedia played mid fielder for JV Soccer. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Two on One Sophomore Kate Webber has opponents on both sides as she tries to get control of the ball. The opponent ended up getting the ball, they shot for a goal and missed. The team won 5-2. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Passing it Off Practicing before the game starts, sophomore Erick Rodriguez passes the ball back and forth to his teammate. "Practicing with my teammates before a game helps a lot," Rodriguez said. Photo by Lucia Juarez



Swinging

Underclassmen soccer players play on multiple teams

Playing a high school sport is already a difficult task, especially when you're playing on more than one team. There were underclass boys' who played both JV and varsity and there were underclass girls' who played both JV and reserve. It required much more work for the boys and girls' soccer players to be on two teams, but it was worth it. The players got more playing time which meant more time to work on their skills.

"One good thing about being on more than one team is that you get to practice more. We have four hours of practice every day which means I have more of an opportunity to improve myself," sophomore Noah Marik said.

Besides the good things about being able to play for more than one team, there were also some difficulties that came along with the responsibility. One of the downsides was remembering all of the gear.

"The most difficult part about being on both teams is having to keep track of all of your stuff. We have a big bag for JV and another one for Varsity that we have to bring. Sometimes JV and varsity wears different colored socks too so I wear the wrong ones," sophomore Lionel D'Almeida said.

Regardless of the obstacles, the players stayed focused. Every

team practiced the same things, however, the reserve players were more focused on building their skills and experiences for when they continued playing in the future.

"Everyone deserves a chance to play. Playing helps you understand the game and work with your team to score goals," girls' reserve coach Ashley Heida said.

The players looked forward to being able to play more of varsity in coming years. They were also excited to be able to get more playing time.

"I enjoyed being able to help lead the JV team. I always made sure to help out if anyone was slacking on defense. I look forward to being able to play varsity more and to help varsity get to state," sophomore Abdikadir Ibrahim said.

Overall, whether they were playing JV, varsity, reserve, or more than one, it was a positive experience for all of the players. They used it as an opportunity to gain leadership skills and to improve how they played on the field. They were anxious to take the skills they've learned and put them to use in the future.

Story by Taylor Stern and Molly Shanahan
Design by Monica Gomez



First Row: Lauren Houston, Sarah Hobson; Second Row: Carly Williams, Ibanna Uribe, Tailore Bass, Autumn Jontz, Harper Lundgren, Marissa Montalvo, Samantha Smith, Andrea Ziska, Alyssa Yunker, Angelika Bull, Genuwyne Wells; Third Row: Cierra Wilson, Courtney Brandon, Elizabeth Kawamoto, Morgan Peterson, Riley Herman, Alyssa Buckingham, Nyakuome Thichiot, Sadie Hudson, Mariah Laher, Nadia Williams, Kennedy Wieland; Fourth Row: Paxton Hutton, Baylee Schutt, Summer Dawson, Madison Sirois, Lindsey Nore, Maliyah Williams-Phillips, Shea Lundgren, Sara Curtis, Angel Bils, Sarah Taylor, Megan Ferrin, Arianna Williams-Phillips, Keela VanGrinsven, Jayla Brooks, Amyia Harris, Anna Gombold, Megan Browning; Fifth Row: Logan Dolezal, Joelle Hoffschneider, Taylor Valentine, Melanie Valderrabano, Una Balaban, Izabelle Robbins-Bolter, Sydney Courcier, Alexandra Gill, Ali Haith, Chasey Ridgley, Regan Anguiano, Ashley Scott, Cubwa Divine, London Mueller, Isabel Kratville, Raven Christenson



First Row: Norman Carr, Ryan Wilson, Tyler Mullen, Dylan Christenham, William Mitchell, Jake Morgan, Joshua Holcomb, Miles Carlisle, Kayden Bridgman, Julian Daniels, Shemar Nutt, Jordan Kellog; Second Row: Arni-jae Ponder, Maurice McDonald, Andrew Vasquez, Tre' Trebilcock, Arnez Anderson, Kahlil Foster, Max Herman, Stephen Freeman, Da'Vion Grigsby, Huntore Monroe; Third Row: Kai-Di Johnson, Nathan Ramirez, Daythan Drinkard, Curtis Brye, Chris Coleman, Samuel Jones, Kamron White, Samuel Pratt, Kallo Arno, Eliu PaoPao, Gregory Peterson, Alexander Terry; Fourth Row: Jason Yang, Michael Gryzen, Isaac Peters, Griffin Tschudin, Jayvonn Vinson, Eric Roman, Jayden Roberts, Dayne Monroe, Javonte' Craddock, Maxwell Eggerling, David Hawkins; Fifth Row: Malik Thompson, Isaac Lawrence, Clayton Wittmayer, Ahmed Yusuf, Tyler Bolte, Joshua Faya, Jacob Sanders, Joseph Anderson, Matthew Brakhage, Dominick Kass



Heart Senior Brody Stonebraker pole vaults, clearing the bar. He jumped 10- feet 9- inches, which was a personal record for him. Photo by Carly Williams



Icy-Hot \$22

Spikes \$90

Pre-wrap \$22

Sliders \$50

Jacket \$60

Bag \$30

Socks \$10

The feeling of winning: Priceless

sleeves \$20

Pole \$300

Spandex \$25

The Home Stretch

Juniors Nyakuome Thichiot and Tailore Bass and senior Alexandra Gill begin the last 100 meters of the 200 meter dash at the Millard South Invitational on April 11. Thichiot and Gill also ran together in the 4 x 400 relay and Bass ran the final leg of the 4 x 100 relay. Photo by Carly Williams

Jump In Sophomore Nadia Williams leaps into the sand pit in the triple jump. Williams made it to finals and came in 7th place with a jump of 32'04.50". "Jumping is an imperfect science, that's what I like about it. Long and triple are mind over matter which is really nice," Williams said. Photo by Carly Williams

Slow and Steady Wins the Race Senior Kayden Bridgman keeps up a steady pace as he starts his second lap in the distance medley relay, 1200-400-800-1600m, at the Millard North relays on March 28. Bridgman ran this event with senior Tyler Mullen and juniors Da'Vion Grigsby and John Cleary. They finished in fifth place with a time of 12:11.75. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Starting Out Strong

The Burke Varsity Track Team begins with success

The races weren't the only things that began with a bang for the Burke track team this year. They started their season with a bang by winning their first meet of the year. Both the boys and girls came in first place at the Burke Relays which was hosted at Burke.

"It felt great to win our first meet. It made me and my teammates excited for the season to start and motivated us to do our best and to improve and hopefully win more meets," senior Riley Herman said.

Both the boys and the girls showed what they could do the on March 28 by being runner ups in the Millard North Relays. The following week, the girls took third at the Bryan High Invite and the boys got another win at the Ram Relays held at Ralston High School.

"I think the team has been so successful this year because we have a ton of competitors that hate to lose. Everybody shows up to practice ready to get better and push the guy in front of

them," senior Dylan Christenham said.

The 2015 season showed what hard work and support could do. The team came to each meet ready to compete and push each other.

"The team has been successful this year because of the leadership we have. There are so many senior girls that have been on the team since we were freshmen. But we also would not be as successful without the great coaches we have," Herman said. "We work hard at practice every day and it shows when we go to meets and almost everyone leaves with a new PR or medal."

The Burke track team aimed for success since the beginning of their season. This success followed them into the Metro, District, and State meets at the end of the season.

Story by Sarah Taylor
Design by Kathryn Ortges



First Row: Marissa Orlando, Coach Alexia Grefe, Nichole Brady; Second Row: Natalie Wright, Fanziska Beutinger, Hannah Codling, Brooke Schmidt, Melissa Newkirk, Sarah Hunter



First Row: Coach Harvey Miles; Second Row: Makayla Leiting, Julia Doll, Yu Wang, Sydney Kirkpatrick, Adrianna Vang, Madison Krezenski, Payton Stadler; Third Row: Yessenia Garcia, Alexia Mickles, Alexis Swanson, Shelby Schneider, Chika Izuegbunam, Adut Malwal, Emily Morgan, Paige Frigyes, Mariah Narduzzo

OPPONENT	Us	Them
Marian	0	9
Northwest	9	0
Benson	9	0
Omaha North	9	0
Millard North	0	9
Bellevue East	6	3

4,731 Miles from Home

German student plays tennis in America

Growing up in Germany, senior Franziska Beutinger was raised around sports. She enjoyed dancing and playing volleyball, but around the age of 5 she became curious to try something new. Following in the footsteps of her family members, her journey with tennis began.

Over the years, she continued to play tennis. Her family traveled often, so when her brother took a trip to Canada, he returned and told her all about it. It sparked her interest, and after a little bit of thinking, she decided she wanted to experience another country. After convincing her parents and finding a family to stay with, she boarded a plane and came to the U.S. on Aug. 6.

When Beutinger arrived on the first day of school, she was slightly apprehensive. The school systems in both countries were very different, and her last school had only 800 students attending. However, when she learned how much more open and friendly students here were than at her last school, she quickly grew to like it.

"I like it here more than Germany," Beutinger said. "I just feel good here, I feel like family. I feel like an American, even if I do have an accent."

When tennis season came around, trying out for the team was inevitable. The skills she had built throughout the years in

Germany showed, and she made varsity.

Her coaches and teammates immediately grew fond of her and incorporated her into their tightly knit team.

"My team is very close, and I am in love with that. It makes me so happy," coach Alexia Grefe said. "The girls are all so nice, everyone just took Franz in, and they were all really excited."

The team bonded with each other at practices and team dinners. They were always helping and interacting with each other, even through obstacles such as rainy weather that caused matches to be cancelled.

The girls were not only close with each other, but they were close with their coach as well. She managed to stay serious, but also to have fun.

"I love Grefe. She's just awesome. When we condition or play against each other, she does it with us. Her expectations for us are never higher than her expectations for herself," Beutinger said.

Beutinger loved playing tennis and planned on playing for as long as she possibly could. That happened to be one thing she had in common with everyone on the tennis team, a love for the sport.

Story by Molly Shanahan
Design by Jessica Beck

Backhand Freshman Marissa Orlando hits a winner off her backhand in her match against Omaha Benson. Orlando was thrilled to make varsity as a freshman this year. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Team Work Senior Sarah Hunter and sophomore Brooke Schmidt high five after scoring a point. Hunter and Schmidt won at number one doubles against Northwest. Photo by Haylee Cate



Setting in the Zone Playing singles against Omaha Benson, seniorannah Codling gets ready to serve to her opponent. Codling has played varsity for two years and enjoys being on the team. Photo by Tamia Hatmon

During a dual against Northwest, senior Franziska Beutinger serves to her opponent. Beutinger played number one singles for Burke. Photo by Natalie Wright



Tanktop \$60

Shoes \$165

Skirt \$55

Visor \$22

Racket \$200

Warmup \$60

Bag \$70

Dampener \$2

Balls \$5

The feeling of winning: Priceless



First Row: Lucas Leinen, Jack Jezewski, Andrew Hagman, Connor Fox, Sean Song, Tyler Schafer, Cody Pitman, Myles Shonsey; Second Row: Jacob Klein, Parker Petersen, McKinley Miller, Jayden Brown, Adam Anderson, Jared Rasmussen, Colby Watkins, Andrew Moldenhauer, Coach Larry Seitz

OPPONENT	Us
Papillon La Vista	3rd Place
Bellevue East	8th Place
Millard South	12th Place
Millard West	1st Place
Bellevue West	2nd Place
Millard North	1st Place

Consistency is Key

Boys' golf team strives to make it to state

This year, Burke's boys' golf team held high expectations. Senior Sean Song was a favorite to place high at state. He'd made it to state the previous three years, and wasn't planning on disrupting a pattern.

Song got 15th as a freshman, 20th as a sophomore, and 12th as a junior. This year, though, his goal was to place in the top three.

"Districts will determine whether or not Sean will make it to state, but he the last couple years, so I'm definitely anticipating him to again. He is a favorite, and hopefully we'll have individual players making it to state but we also make it as a team," coach Larry Seitz said.

Song played golf competitively since he was just 9-years old. Since then, he had never wanted to stop playing, and planned to play professionally in the future.

Golf is a sport that requires disciplined practice, so it was inevitable that the players would practice during the off seasons and in their free time.

"We're all about the same playing level, so in practice we make each other better because we're always trying to

beat each other," senior Myles Shonsey said.

The teams' goals were to make it to metros, then districts, then state. How they played at districts determines whether or not they went to state, so it really tested how well you handled pressure.

Every player's goal was to go to state both individually and as a team. They continued to practice consistently and build their skills in preparation for when the moment came to give their all at big competitions.

"One things for sure, and that is that all athletic beginners will struggle with consistency at first. Once they become experienced, they will realize that consistency is the key to success," Seitz said.

Story by Molly Shanahan
Design by Shelby Schneider



Let it Fly Junior Lucas Leinen tees off on the third hole at Eagle Hills and watches his ball fly through the air. Leinen's ball lands on the green and he two putted scoring a par on the hole. He finished the round shooting an 82. Photo by Shelby Schneider

In the Zone Senior Myles Shonsey and junior Cody Pitman stand on the tee box and talk over how their round is going as they wait for their groups to tee off. The team placed second at the Eagle hills tournament out of 17 teams. Individually Shonsey ended his round shooting an 84 and Pittman shot a 90. Photo by Shelby Schneider

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high thirties and low
es. Photo by Shelby
neider



Private Lessons: \$75 Club Set: \$350-\$800

Sunscreen: \$6 Shorts: \$40

shoes: \$110 Cart: \$100

Hats: \$25 Box of Balls: \$30

Polos: \$50 Bag of Tee's: \$13

The feeling of winning: Priceless

Ball Marker: \$10

Tee Time: \$10

Bag: \$150

Towel: \$10



Varsity



First Row: Kylie Cappellano, Rachel McElderry, Haley Phillip, Ashley Braddock; Second Row: Ariana Schenkelberg, Brooke Schmidt, Ronni Jackson, Taylor Lampkin; Third Row: Leah Whaley, Emily Washer, Emily Fowler; Fourth Row: Alexi Ledwich, Madelon Livingston, Haley Steiner, Courtney Haggart

JV



First Row: Mollie Deaver, Sydney Kirkpatrick, Hannah Miller; Second Row: Hayley Egenes, Molly Jackson, Monica Gomez; Third row: Amyia Harris, Brianna Dawson, Jenna Greenhagen, Nadia Williams, Not Pictured: Tamia Chatman

Reserve



First Row: Olivia Olson, Breanna Livingston, BreAnna Green, Anna Gombold; Second Row: Hannah Braddock, Olivia Diamond, Aya Yousuf; Third Row: Anye' Francisco, Halee Catob

Freshmen



First Row: Paige Frigyes, Baylee Schutt, Natalia Pommier-Sabori; Second Row: Haley Crosbie, Chika Izuegbunam, Morgan Dodge; Third Row: Vienay Hernandez, Shantel Cady, Kayleen Render, Abigail Bucholz

Seniors, Seniors, Seniors: After a win against Lincoln Southeast senior Lakyra Johnson walks arm in arm with her parents during senior night. During halftime the cheerleaders performed a routine with both the dance and drill teams. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Supporting The Team: Junior Brianna Dawson, sophomore Amyia Harris, and senior Ashley Braddock work on posters after school to support the Varsity Basketball team. The cheerleaders made posters every Monday. Photo by Amie Gourka



New Year, New Leader

Cheerleaders embrace new coach

A new coach is a big deal, and means lots of changes. This past year the Burke cheer team got a new head coach. The cheerleaders followed new routines and past rules were updated.

English teacher Amanda Busboom took over the cheer team this year, but had been previously involved with the cheerleaders. Busboom was an assistant coach to the cheerleaders for two years before becoming a head coach.

"It was different than it had been in the past, but we worked together to make it a successful year," junior Emily Washer said.

The cheerleaders were accustomed to routines and expectations because they had been working with

the same staff for a number of years.

This year there were four cheer squads including freshmen, reserve junior varsity, and varsity. The Burke cheer team also grew, as many more girls joined the team. This year's main focus was to get the girls to bond more as a whole.

"My biggest goal for the cheerleaders this year was to have them create more of a sisterhood," Coach Busboom said.

The cheerleaders adapted to changes and managed to come together to create school spirit and excitement for their fellow Bulldogs at sporting events.

Story by Holly Crawford
Design by Monica Gomez



Bows \$7
 Pom-Poms \$45
 shoes \$75
 Shells \$75
 Lipstick \$10
 Letterman \$200
 Glitter \$1
 Camp \$95
 Liners \$45
 Hairspray \$8
 Skirts \$65
 Spirit Stick \$20
 The cost of spirit: *Pricelless*

Get a Little Bit Rowdy Senior Ariana Schenkelbeg hits a low V during the Rowdy. This was one of the student section's favorite chants to participate in. Schenkelbeg led at Burke for three years, two of which she was a member of the varsity squad. Photo by Williams

Get Your Fingers The Burke High Varsity Cheerleaders throw their hands in the air and do spirit sticks. The cheerleaders did this when Burke basketball players shot free throws. Photo by Danielson

Dance Team



First Row: Sussan Moussavi, Jordan Warren, Stephanie Meehan; Second Row: Emma Browning, Elizabeth Kawamoto, Grace Herrmann, Emily Morgan; Third Row: Jordan Speer, Alexis Anderson



Practice Makes Perfect Sophomores Elizabeth Kawamoto and Emma Browning show their flexible dance moves and shake their pom-poms in front of a large crowd during halftime at a Boys' Varsity Basketball game. The girls practiced their dances several times a week to make their performances perfect. Photo by Lucia Juarez



Lipstick \$10
 Ankle Braces \$36
 Bows \$1
 Shoes \$75
 Spandex \$25
 Hairspray \$8
 Glitter \$1
 Pom-Poms \$45
 Liners \$45
 The cost of spirit: Priceless



Together as a Team Burke Dance Team have big smiles on their faces. The team made sure to stay synchronized with each other. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

We Want You Dance team members point to the crowd to get them pumped up at the football game. "I love working with the girls and working towards our goal to win state," senior Sussan Moussavi said. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Sell It Junior Grace Herrmann dances with a big smile on her face. Herrmann always appeared to be joyful and bright while performing. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Getting Down All Around

Burke's dance team moves to the beat

There was no time off for these dancing divas. Starting practice every morning in the summer to help get new recruits on board, dancing at halftime during football and basketball season, taking jazz, ballet, and hip hop outside of school, the dance team was always busy.

Tryouts were a week long process in which returning dancers taught newcomers the dances they needed to know. They did this to give everyone an equal opportunity.

"In order to make it they look for people that they know will be able to memorize choreography and be a spirited person," captain senior Sussan Moussavi said.

All but two dance team members danced outside of school for a company or studio.

"I dance at Nebraska Dance Company every day after school except Fridays and sometimes we get Sundays off. I practice for Burke every morning before school. I dance at least 20 hours a week, so it's like a part time job," sophomore Elizabeth Kawamoto said.

Like many of these girls, Kawamoto has been dancing most of her life.

"I dance at Dance Inspiration Studio outside of school. I started when I was four years old, so that means I have been dancing for 14 years now," Moussavi said, "I love what I do, especially this year making up dances and then watching them come to life is the best part."

The Burke Dance Team used what they learned at their respective studios to make the school team better. They spent countless hours preparing for their performances throughout the year and were able to pull them off at each game, pep rally, and event that they danced at.

Story by Leona Dunn
 Design by Kathryn Orgies



First Row: Ryan Wilson; Second Row: Ayy'ona Upshaw-May, Diana Opara, Leona Dunn, Alexis Mattan, Lelanie Singleton-Sealy; Third Row: Coach Nadira Ford-Robbins, Coach Terrell Robbins, Serena Mitchell, Miguel Trotter, Tylia Ramos, Andres Willis, Destiny Du'Laney, Curtis Judie, Asjanae Harris, Dari'anna Smith

Going Way Back Sophomore's Lelanie Singleton-Sealy, Destiny Du'Laney, and Ayy'ona Upshaw-May signal that they're ready to beign the next move. They dressed in thier best 90's gear for a throwback theme.

Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Pop, Lock, and Drop It Sophomore Destiny Du'Laney finishes her attention command with a bang. Her goal was to become a team leader for next years season. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto



Little Leaders

Underclassmen take charge

Drill Team members chose leaders based on hard work, dedication, and commitment. The proper procedure for electing a captain was to be on the team the prior year. However, since this year's team had all new dancers, everyone got the opportunity to show up and try out for the captain position, even underclassmen. Try-outs for captains were held on a Friday during practice and consisted of an interview and a personal routine.

"Coach took us to the back hallway and asked us questions about why and how we can be leaders on the team; next we performed a personal routine. At first, I was really nervous but once I started I wasn't anymore," sophomore Destiny Du'Laney said.

Sophomore Asjanae Harris was named captain along with senior Alexis Mattan and sophomore Darriana Smith.

Being a leader had its challenges, such as learning new steps each week before a performance. They also had to teach at different levels since some people learned faster than others, and they took time out of their daily schedules to teach their teammates.

"As captain I try my hardest not to mess up during performances. All the team's different personalities are unique and special in their own way, and then I am stubborn on top of that, so being captain has taught me patience if nothing else," Harris said.

Later on in the season a new leader was added on to the team's

leadership roster, freshman Tylia Ramos. She never missed a practice and showed huge improvement during performances and practices from the beginning of the year.

"When Coach Nadira announced I was a leader, I was really proud of myself. I felt like I must have been doing something right, and was so surprised. I couldn't wait to get my whistle," Ramos said.

Despite only having eight varsity basketball games at home, Burke's Drill Team did their job by pumping up the student section at half time Varsity Basketball games. They proudly continued their theme of "restoring the tradition of excellence while sustaining the legacy of greatness."

"It has been quite the task to coach this year's Drill Team due to having all new dancers and a few new drummers. Much of our team last year were seniors, which left a huge void to fill in leadership positions. Nonetheless, the underclassmen are doing a great job in learning how to lead. I'm certain they will have no issues with leading the team as they approach upperclassmen status," Drill Team Coach Nadira Ford-Robbins said.

Story by **Leona Dunn**

Design by **Monica Gomez**

ke A Pose Senior Alexis Mattan, sophomore Asjanae Harris, and sophomore Diana Opara tweak to the beat at Burke's Annual Mr. and Mrs. Talent Show. Drill Team performed during the second intermission while judges decided on the winners. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

ite To The Left Senior Alexis Mattan salutes the crowd leading the performance. It was her job to blow off the commands. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

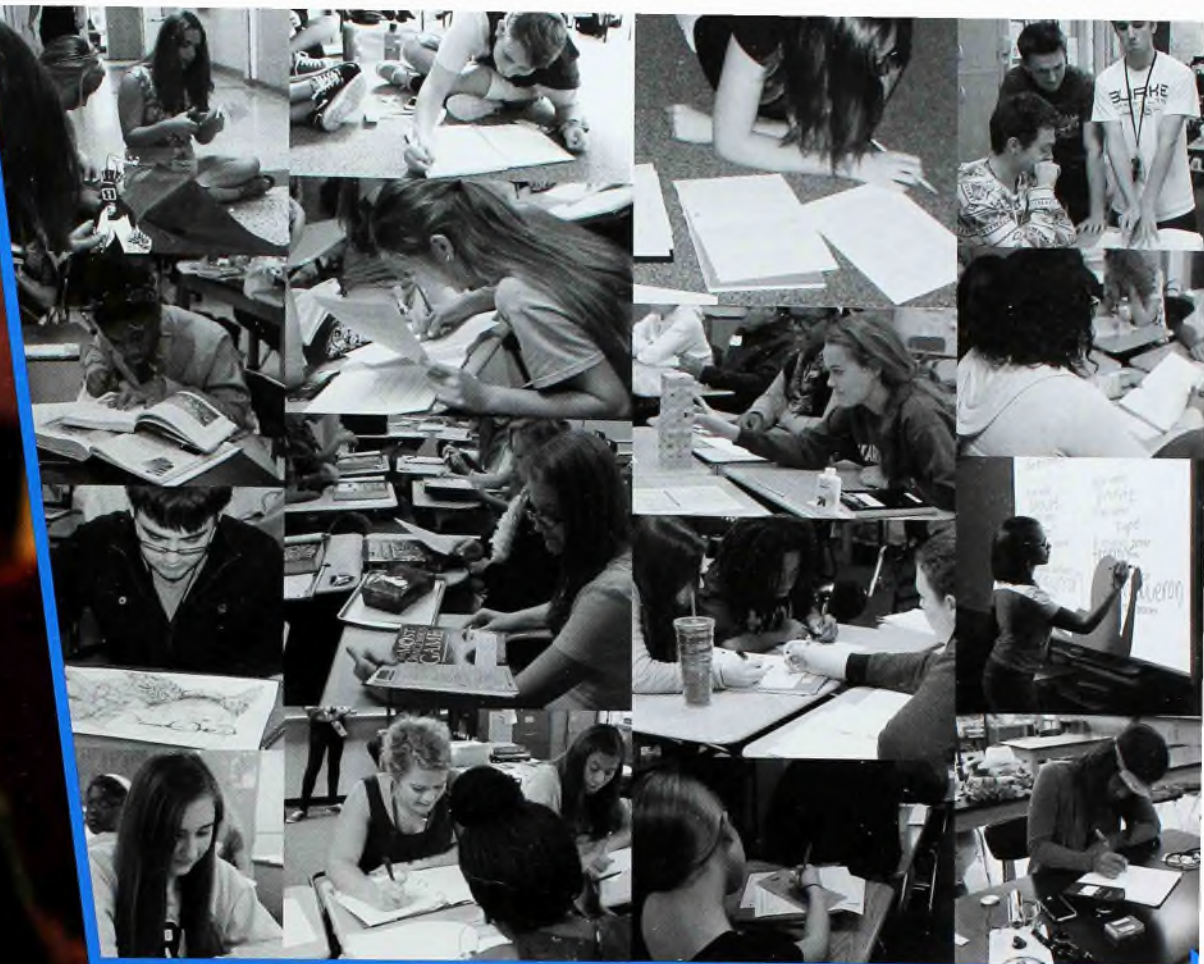
ving Out Freshmen Serina Mitchell leads the Drill team into their next formation home basketball game versus Central. They used their energy and percise dancing to jump up the student section. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto



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 The cost of spirit: Priceless

Test Time Junior Joy Kayode takes a practice scantron test in Academic Decathlon class. Photo by Kamryn Fox.





A Stroll Through Academics

No matter how we get there it's up to us to get those 49 credits somehow, somehow. We do this through learning about diseases plaguing least developed countries in AP Human Geography, or role playing the book "Twelve Angry Men" to understand the process of making an argument in tenth grade Honors English. We are creating music videos by using old ideologies mixed with modern hits in AP World History class, along with watch-

ing musicals about math in calculus.

Though summative exams and projects may be the markers that make up our report cards, our teachers still stress the fact that practice makes perfect through random notecard quizzes and pre-essay writing. We are paving a new road that connects education with real life application and as we lay the cement to dry, we realize that the road is leading us in the right direction.

Understanding Together Freshmen Brandon Curtis and Alex Casassa read "ID" together and help each other understand it by asking questions and pointing out key points. Casassa asked a question to Curtis, then he explains that part in the book to both of his classmates. The whole class went through the book with their table partners. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Jotting Notes Sophomore Cory Nieland jots down notes. Nieland was learned about how an author creates style in books and authors purpose for writing. Photo by Lucia Juarez

iLearn Sophomore Samuel Jones opens up his keynote app to begin class. Keynote is an app used to do work on iPads in Focus classes. "I like being in Focus because it gives me tools to be an effective leader through technology and communication," Jones said. Photo by Lucia Juarez



Thinking outside the box

You picked up your pencil, and suddenly you were in another world.

You could do any crazy and exhilarating thing you'd ever wanted. You put down your pencil, came back to reality, and your entire experience was on a piece of paper right there in front of you. This was the beauty of Creative Writing class.

This course was offered at Burke for all grades and was taught by Kristi Bryant. It allowed students to explore the depths of their creativity and express themselves through different forms of literature. Bryant loved teaching this class, and shared a love for writing with her students.

"It's just kind of a safe place to let these things come onto the page without being judged," Bryant said.

Students who took this class were allowed to write about any topic

they wished.

"My favorite thing about taking creative writing is writing sonnet poems," senior Jessica Ware said.

Bryant recognized her students' potential and decided to design a special project for every one of her creative writing classes. For the project the class chose a theme and wrote various stories and poems that applied to it. After being revised and edited several times, they were made into a book.

"It's so exciting to see my students so proud of their work. How I see them here is so different from normal English class and writing is something that is good for the rest of your life," Bryant said.

Story by Molly Shanahan



Edit It Sophomore Emily Miller works with her group on an English paper. Miller participated in a summer reading discussion for Jennifer Razor's Honors English 3-4 class. Photo by Isabelle Danielson

Point It Out While reading "On Writing the College Application Essay," senior Jennifer Marrero-Vargas points out her favorite paragraph to her group members. Students in Deborah Ward's AP English Lit. Class read about essay writing skills to help on college applications. Photo by Lucia Juarez





21st Century English

Students use technology to expand their knowledge

FOCUS was a unique opportunity for students to experience leadership, technology, and communication. Burke was the only OPS high school that offered the program through the 2014-2015 school year.

The main goal of this four year program was to prepare the students for senior year and life after high school by teaching them a variety of skills.

"The reason I like FOCUS is because of all the leadership-based activities," freshman Tristen Sims said.

There were several classes FOCUS students were required to take. However, English is one subject FOCUS only taught to freshmen and sophomores. Freshmen English was taught by Randall Howard, and sophomore English was taught by Pamela Homan.

"We read, we write, just like normal," Homan said. "The flare is that you don't have to drag them to a computer lab."

Every FOCUS student had their own personal iPad to use in class.

The English teachers correlated with the technology teachers to find different ways to expand their students' knowledge. They accomplished this by teaching an English lesson in which new skills were learned that students then applied to an assessment through the use of technology.

"I teach the class like normal, but I push them to use technology."

They'll write a letter to a teacher and then turn it into a podcast," Homan said. "I think learning goes faster with technology."

Honors and non-honors students were mixed in the FOCUS English classes. There were a lot of discussion-based lessons and activities which required research. After freshmen and sophomore year, juniors moved on to take a philanthropy class, and seniors would focus on a large project where they intern.

"Non scholae, sed vitae discimus." A Latin quote meaning "We do not learn for the school, but for life." This is what curriculum specialist and FOCUS director Chad Price thought the program was all about.

"Education is not just going through the ropes," Price said. "This is something that applies to your life. Too many kids just want to get the grade and go. When they say knowledge is power, it's not a joke. We want our students to make changes and better our community."

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Design by Jessica Beck

Mix It All Together Freshman Nicholas Hall mixes chemicals in a test tube in Physical Science.

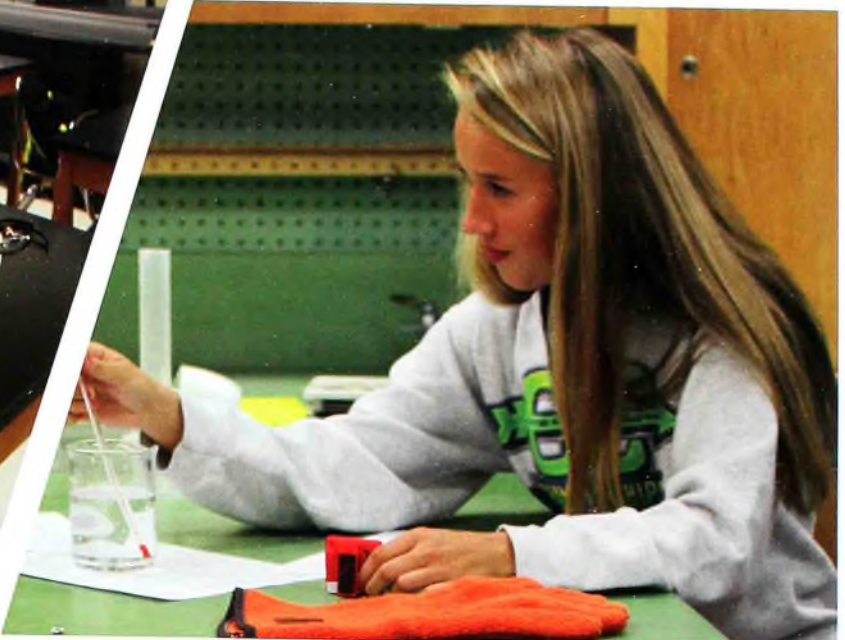
The class was doing an endothermic and exothermic lab to test the energy and heat of certain chemicals. Photo by Haylee Cate

Observing Together Freshmen Kara Simonsen and Markese Griffy observe their experiment together in Physical Science class. Simonsen held the pencil and battery in the salt water as it bubbled up. This experiment was to learn more about covalent bonding. Photo by Lucia Juarez





Scientific Relationships Senior Angelo Donovan and junior Tabitha Holmes work together on an experiment in their Nuclear Science class. This experiment represented the relationship between radiation and distance using a radioactive source and a Geiger Counter. Each distance from the table was recorded and analyzed. They were able to explain why different shielding was useful to block radiation. Photo by Lucia Juarez



Read It And Write It Freshman Kylee Moore tells the temperature of the chemical to her classmates so they can write it down on their worksheet. They were looking at the specific temperatures of certain chemicals in Daniel Gray's physical science class. Photo by Haylee Cate

Look It Up Sophomore Destiny Du'Laney works to complete a brochure about organisms and ecosystems. "Science is one of my favorite classes, I really like all the labs we do. It makes the subject itself so much more fun," Du'Laney said. Photo by Haylee Cate



New Zealand, New Discoveries

Burke science teacher gets an amazing opportunity

Not many students could say they'd been taught by a Nuclear Scientist. Burke AP Physics and Nuclear Science students had this opportunity because of their teacher, Hakan Armagan.

"I feel a sense of reassurance when I think of having a teacher who is also a nuclear physicist," junior Joy Kayode said. "Having a teacher who has already completed numerous scientific studies and conducts research at state of the art research facilities allows me to see that I am obtaining my education from the best of the best. It says a lot about how Burke values the educations of its students."

Armagan was given an opportunity to expand his career by traveling to Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand for a project called "Energy Sustainability and Energy Policies of New Zealand."

"It's a completely new country, very far away and it has one of the best environmental records in terms of clean energy," Armagan said. "My proj-

ect is very interesting and very applicable to the country."

Armagan planned to use the knowledge he gained in New Zealand when he returned to Burke in the fall of 2015.

"I'm going to miss my students, but I'm looking forward to bringing back the information I learn to school next year," Armagan said.

The process of getting into the program was long and required a lot of patience and work, but it paid off.

"I applied to the Fulbright Distinguished Research Programs for teachers throughout the country and after a long process of application, several phone interviews, and a lot of patience, they told me that I got awarded," Armagan said.

Story by Sarah Taylor
Design by Monica Gomez

Fill in the Blanks

Math classes help students refresh their minds and get prepared

ACT, SAT, NESAs, and other standardized tests sounded daunting to many students. One of the more difficult sections of tests like these to students was math, simply because many of the concepts were old or foreign.

"I applied what my past math teacher taught," senior Connor Christenham said. "They got me ready for standardized tests by teaching me everything that I need to know and they would even give us study guides and practice problems to help us."

Math teachers used a variety of strategies to refresh their student's older math skills. Through practice tests, bellwork, and more.

"I prepare my students with bellwork. I have a bell work questions every day. For NESAs, we have extra bellwork for the juniors and PowerPoints each day leading up to it," Calculus teacher Sharon Hostler said.

Practice was key to a student's success in the math portion of tests, as well as their success in other classes or real life applications of their math skills.

"Math and Science go hand-in-hand, so the

math I have learned really helps when trying to solve physics equations," junior Molly Jackson said.

Applications of math in other classes as well as in life outside of school made students feel better prepared for standardized testing. Each student had their own preparation strategies.

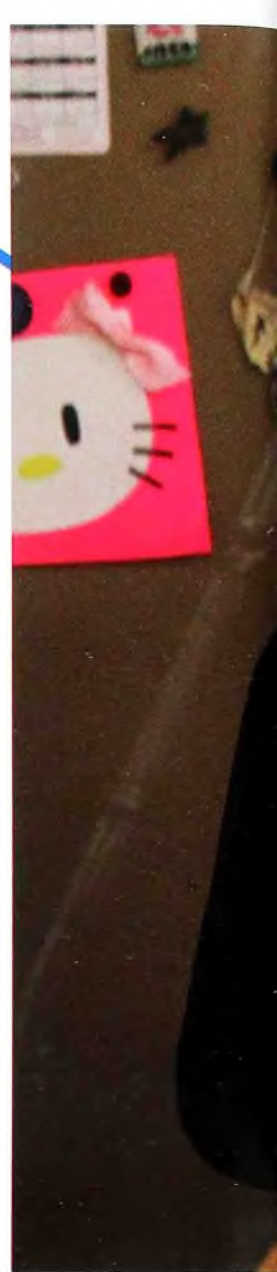
"I look over all of my notes, but I try not to psych myself out by studying too much," Jackson said.

With all of the focus math required and all of the different concepts math students had to learn and apply, it was natural for them to become stressed when it came time to use what they learned on tests, but with the help of their teachers and classes they were able to overcome that feeling.

"Studying the night before and cramming isn't going to make your score better. You know what you know," Hostler said.

Story By Sarah Taylor

Design By Monica Gomez



Teamwork Juniors Nyakuome Thichiot and Megan Ryan work together on a categorized math assignment. Thichiot and Ryan were in honors Algebra 3-4. Photo by Isabel Danielson

Partner Work Seniors Morgan Peterson and Zane Zimmerman work together on the calculus assignment. The class worked in pairs on the challenging assignment. Photo by Holly Crawford





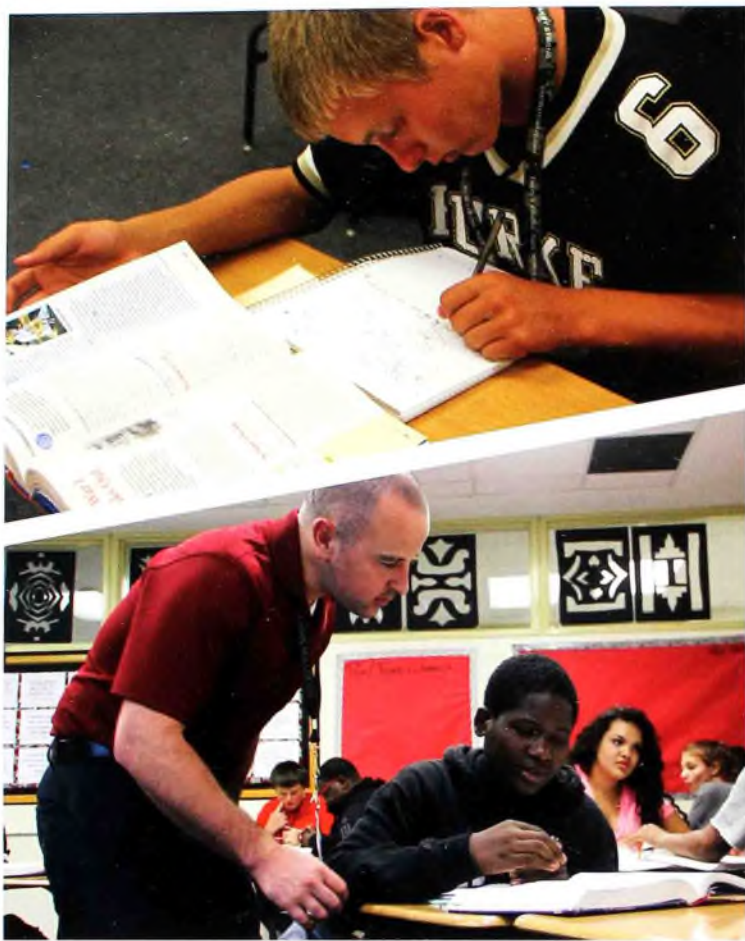
Learning From A Master
Junior Chasey Ridgley works with Calculous teacher Sharon Hostler on a problem from the homework assignment. Hostler gave the students in class time to work on their homework at the end of each period. Photo by Holly Crawford

Factoring Freshman Alexandra Gaeth works on a math assignment in her Honors Algebra class. "I actually liked factoring because it is not as hard as people might think," Gaeth said. Photo by Isabelle Danielson



Take Notes Freshman Connor McElderry reads about the outbreak of war and takes notes. He worked hard, not getting distracted by classmates, to get his work done. "The hardest parts are the tests and the notes," McElderry said. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Helping Hand U.S. History teacher Aaron McBride answers freshman Muteba Kanunde's questions about the book assignment. It is important for the students to ask questions, especially on homework. Photo by Holly Crawford



A Legend Leaves Burke

Well-liked teacher says goodbye

After teaching in OPS for 25 years and being one of the most well-known teachers at Burke, social studies teacher William Deardoff decided it was time to leave.

"I will miss this school fiercely," Deardoff said.

Deardoff started teaching at Burke in 1996. He also attended Burke and graduated with the class of 1978. His plans after the 2014-2015 school year were to either move to a new district, become a substitute teacher, or maybe try a new job.

"It's time I left. I love teaching here, but I'm old and it's time I try something new. It's going to be different not working here, but I'm not afraid. You just have to do it, change is good sometimes," Deardoff said.

Deardoff taught AP Human Geography and helped design Omaha History. Each year he'd teach some new curriculum to keep things fresh and exciting. He had been

known around Burke for his hilarious stories, his sailor mouth, and the interesting ways he taught.

"I love the way he teaches, no one ever even sleeps in his class because he is so crazy and it's really funny, so it makes it easier to want to pay attention and learn," sophomore Sydney Trench said.

Deardoff tried to make a difference in his student's lives.

"I just try to make their learning experience fun, because it is just so frustrating that the number of how many kids that don't care grows every year," Deardoff said. "It's disappointing to watch."

Despite his retirement, Deardoff's impact on students and Burke was a positive experience for all.

Story by Taylor Weesner

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Finals Week AP Human Geography teacher William Deardoff hands back a review to prepare students for finals week. Deardoff taught at Burke for over 20 years. Photo by Taylor Weesner



Working Together Sophomores Julia Ellis and Kelli Posthuma are working on their Facebook project for Humanities. In class they learned to show mythology in modern ways. Photo by Holly Crawford

A unique class gives student's a new perspective on their city

Omaha History was an elective taught by Patrick Ryan and William Deardoff. It taught the past to present day history of our city. Students learned about the founders of the city and the class thoroughly explained all the good things Omaha has done as a whole.

The class taught about the violence in Omaha, when we became a city, it broke the stereotypes about certain areas of town that the students learned about, and the controversial racial issues in the nineteenth century.

One of the unique things Ryan did for the students was

that he gave them maps to various cemeteries in town so that they could search for people they discussed in class.

A Saturday morning field trip to the Old Market was offered in September. Students were given a tour that taught them about the history of downtown Omaha.

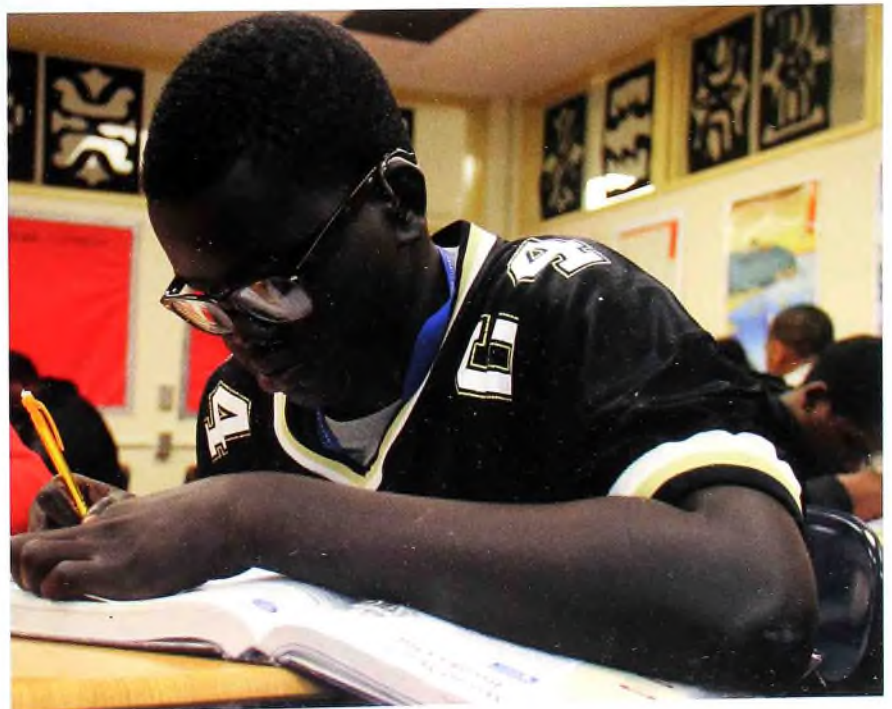
"The kids love this class. It was just really a lot of fun seeing these kids' eyes when they began to make connections between their lives and history. It is a blast to teach," Ryan said.

Story by Taylor Weesner



Working Hard Junior Bianca Taylor works hard on her study guide for the upcoming U.S. History test. The class prepared by reviewing things from the previous year. The class taught different facts about regions around the world. Photo by Holly Crawford

Thinking Hard Freshman Kurmith Path stays focused on taking notes while analyzing the information. Students studied World War I. Photo by Cole Simanek



Commitment Counts

Dedicated teens strive for excellence to make music

Band was more than what it seemed to the average person. Playing an instrument in high school was more than just a hobby, it was a lifestyle. The 2014-2015 marching band spent a substantial amount of time together rehearsing for their Friday night shows, all while doing what they loved most, making music.

"Band is honestly a sport. It takes dedication, lots of time, practice, and they march all the time. We did everything that a normal sports team would do," Band Director Charles Wright said.

Many band students had been playing their instrument since their early elementary years. They learned the basics and how to read music all the way through middle school. It took years for these students to perfect their playing which they brought to Burke.

Practices started in early June and went through the summer in preparation for football season and competitions. Also, during the summer, band members went to Band Camp for two weeks. During the school year they practiced almost every day afterschool to prep for that week's football game. The five competitions they had for the 2014-2015 school year took up their weekends and helped them perfect their

songs.

"We are always working together as a whole. Trying to get 140 kids to cooperate and do the same thing is crazy, but these people are 140 of my closest friends. They're like family," junior Ella Knight said.

Band was a close-knit groups of kids at Burke. Members spent a huge amount of time together with pizza team dinners, days together on road trips to competitions, and constantly practicing together.

"One of my favorite aspects of high school band is that not only do I get to watch these students grow up, I also get to meet and get to know their families and see them graduate. It is a really cool part of band," Instrumental Music teacher Nicholas Spath said.

Although band may have seemed like a lot of work, it had its perks. Many dedicated band members got scholarships to college, some of whom majored in music. Others joined professional marching bands to pursue their love for music, a dream come true for many band kids.

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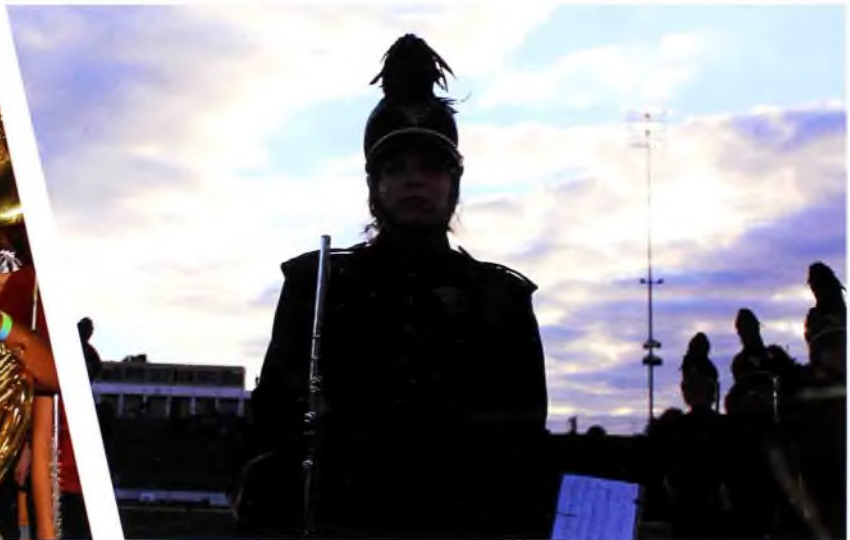
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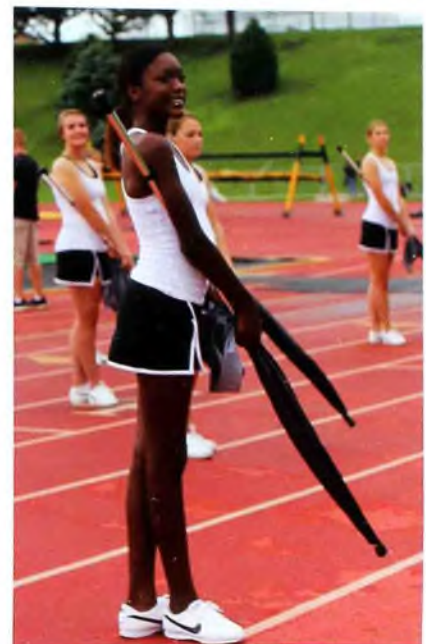


Loud and Proud Junior Jesse Reynolds and sophomore Michael Misny play alongside their fellow band members during the school fight song. Band's show was titled "In the Shadow" for the 2014/2015 school year. Photo by Carly Williams

Stand Tall During the half time show freshman Hannah Ahl stands ahead keeping her line straight and accurate. She awaits the next move staying defiant and focused. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

March On The Burke Band proudly comes down the track readily in formation. They marched, turned and signaled for the majority of their practices knowing that presentation is just as important as the music they played. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto





Waiting for the Call Senior Christina Hogberg stands at attention, ready to hit any note at a moments notice. It was important for band members to pay close attention to the drum majors in order to play correctly. Photo by Carly Williams

Keeping the Beat Senior Brendan Larson concentrates on keeping up the pace. He performed in the gym for the homecoming pep rally along with his fellow drum line members. Photo by Carly Williams

Tip Toeing Freshman Destiny Jordan stands in third position anticipating the moment she gets to let go and release her flag. Colorguard performed with the band at half-time at each home football game. Photo by Carly Williams

Four Choirs are Better than One

Every Burke choir specialized in something unique

Burke's vocal program consisted of Women's Choir, Concert Choir, Mixed Chorus, and Ensemble. With four choirs to conduct, musical director Nathan Helzer had trained a lot of voices over the years to be performance ready. This year some of those voices came back to the Winter Musical in a musical collaboration with current students and janitor Roy Smith singing the lead.

"Every concert that the school gets to see from fall to spring each shows growth and improvement and I can't pick a favorite one because essentially they are all great," Helzer said.

This not only got the schools attention, but the general public's as the concert was featured in a 60 second segment on the news aired that night. Despite the mass publicity of this very unique concert, it was not the highlight of the year for the four choirs.

"For Ensemble, we spend a lot of time outside of school together working really hard to get things done. We are the kind of group that doesn't brag about a win, we appreciate other teams and are always striving to improve," junior Melanie Valderrabano said.

Ensemble switched from pop music to a musi-

cal theatre style. They placed first at the Peru State competition and second at the Bellevue competition. Women's Choir moved out of their comfort zone, competing in more local competitions, and Concert Choir got invited to work with a world famous composer, Ola Gjello. All together twelve students from Burke were chosen to perform in All City and four chosen for All State.

"In Concert Choir we really enjoyed learning music from different cultures and in different languages. It showed how music connects us all in some way because it is like its own language," junior Joy Kayode said.

Three out of four of Burke's choirs required an audition in order to get in. Women's Choir, Concert Choir, and the Ensemble. All four required extra work inside and outside of school since they competed which was why there were changes and stand out moments in every choir individually and collectively this year.

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Teachers Take the Stage

Teachers Sezai Armagan and Patrick Woodman take the stage to sing with the choir students. This was the first year letting alumni and teachers sing on stage. The goal of vocal teacher, Nathan Helzer, was to make the students aware that singing exists beyond their one or two vocal classes at Burke. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Practice Makes Perfect Senior Cody Norman and sophomore Louis Martinez practice the music and choreography for the ensemble winter performance. They started off just singing and then eventually added in the singing. During class the students sang together and then the boys' and girls' took turns singing. Photo by Nicole Simanek





Girls' Standing Ovation Burke's girl choir makes their way to stage right. The girls stood proud and tall prepared to sing their best. The girls have been waiting and preparing for this moment for months. They practiced two sets of music, their holiday recital pieces and their competition pieces. Photo by Nicole Simanek

Kiss, Kiss Blowing a kiss to the audience, senior Kathryn Pratt and junior Mika Caplan perform "Make it Last Forever" with the Burke Ensemble. "I wish I would've auditioned my freshman year so I could have enjoyed the class for an additional year. Everyone really cares about everyone else so it really sets it apart from everything else," Caplan said. Photo by Kamryn Fox

Spotlight Sophomore Samantha Simpson performs at one of the many vocal events of the year. "It is difficult because you have to really work at it and be picky to make sure it is perfect, but I love being able to communicate in a different way," Simpson said. Photo by Nicole Simanek



Battling in Blue

Turning back to tradition

JROTC went through a universal change as high schools all over the world switched back to basic blue suits. These uniforms were welcomed because officers and their troops felt as if they looked like a group of "pickles" before the switch.

"Now that we have all of these blue uniforms in, all we need to do is make sure we turn all the green ones back to the army where they will dispose of them however they see fit," Sergeant Major Guhl said.

Even though a lot of people thought JROTC got new uniforms, that was not true. They already had blue uniforms, they just brought them back.

"We went to green uniforms during WWI and WWII periods, they're like 40 years old, but the army always had blue uniforms," Command Sergeant Major Folts said.

After three years of wearing green the students also had a few opinions about their new uniforms.

"These are way more comfortable. I felt like I was getting strangled by a bear when I had to wear mine last year, but these are like soft cotton balls," junior Jesse Reynolds said.

Even though the uniform changed, the uni-

forms procedures did not.

"We have to wear them every Wednesday we have the class. When they need to be washed we have to get them dry cleaned," freshman Aaron Wright said. "For our uniform inspection we have to have our shirts ironed and shoes shined."

The uniforms aren't just worn on Wednesdays for inspection they are also worn for competitions, ceremonies, and other various activities.

"I love all the extra-curricular activities we get to be involved in like the Academic Leadership Bowl, Saber Team, Drill Team, Color Guard, and Exhibition Team, all because we are a part of JROTC," junior Maria Mickles said.

Despite the extra-curriculars and new style, the class' focus was still to get kids ready for the army.

"Learning patriotism, moral ethics of an actual army cadet, and getting the opportunity to lead others, everything helps us get prepared for the real thing," Reynolds said.

Story by **Leona Dunn**

Design by **Jessica Beck**



Above: Accepting His Award Sergeant Guhl presents Cadet junior Daniel Wright an award during their weekly award ceremony. Photo by Carly Williams

Above Right: Get Into Formation JROTC gets into formation in their classroom as their Sergeant shouts out the order. Formation was when they all lined up and their sergeant called out actions. As the sergeant called out actions, they twisted, turned, and saluted when told. When they messed up they were out, until there was one last person. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Right: Stands Attention Junior Maria Mickles shows off her good posture and stands. Mickles stands attention making sure to do everything correctly. She was in the middle of her weekly inspection. Photo by Carly Williams

Above Far Right: Uniform Inspection Senior Company Commander Tyler Lob inspects Sophomore Benjamin Wiehe during formation. Lob had to inspect uniforms for a grade for students and he also inspected them to make sure they are worn correctly to honor those who wore it before them. Photo Lucia Juarez





Feature Story
Valor Bronze Cross



Senior Jared Polack earned the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for achievement, the highest award in the nation for JROTC. This was given to 29 cadets across the world.

"It was like getting accepted into Harvard. Like one out of every 4,000 kids make it," Polack said.

In order to receive the award students had to be nominated by a JROTC instructor then send in a resume and 12 letters of recommendation. Recipients were chosen based off of their leadership ability, community involvement, and academic standings.

"There's this nursing home that my family's been helping out at for a few generations that I volunteer at and, of course, my synagogue," Polack said. This prepared Jared to move forward. He has applied to four prestigious schools for four full ride scholarships including the naval academy in Maryland, WestPoint in New York, Norwich in Vermont, and an ROTC scholarship in Lincoln.

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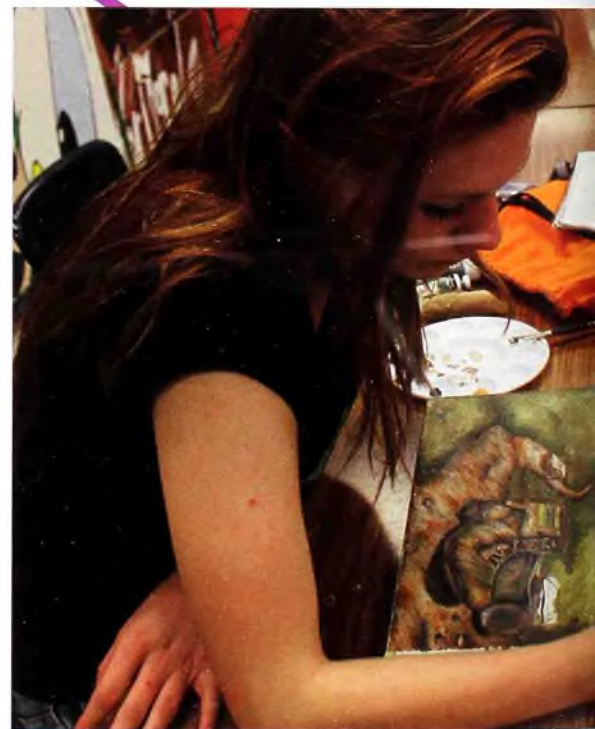
Hands On Senior Kylie Cappellano works hard on a clay sculpture. "Pottery has become more than just my favorite class; it has transformed into my passion. It has allowed me to develop my mind in a way I didn't even know was possible, and I'm so thankful I took the class," Cappellano said. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto



Beginning Sketch Sophomore Lucas Matt draws a self-portrait. Matt carefully sketched his picture before he went more into detail. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto



Set It Up Junior Shaye Huffmann dries her pottery project so it could be painted. Huffmann molded and carved clay in order to create a vase. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto



Expression Senior Alta-jo Norviel carefully paints the background of her shoe project. This project was one of the pieces that could be included in students' portfolios in Brian Anderson's AP Studio Art class. Photo by Tamia Chatmon.



Tech Sketch In Brian Anderson's AP Studio Art class, junior Haley Yarger is using technology to draw. Yarger used a graphics drawing tablet to draw her portrait for a project. Students in AP Studio Art used technology to begin their personal art portfolios. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Can't Run Out of Creativity

Students show their talent through competitions

How could someone tell you who they really are without saying a single word? Art students appreciated the ability to express anything they were feeling or thinking through a single canvas or brush.

Burke High School has had a history of a countless art students graduate year after year, who have added to the success of the program.

Every year during winter break, they started to prepare for the Scholastic Art Awards, a national competition for art students throughout Nebraska.

To enter, students had to be selected by a teacher. It began right after winter break ended and had new judges each year. Every participant was eligible to win a gold key, silver key, or honorable mention.

"We've had Scholastic Art winners from each class," art teacher Brian Anderson said. "Talent is talent."

Sophomore Brooke Willour had already won two silver keys and one gold key while representing Burke in these competitions.

She fell in love with art around age six and never lost interest. Willour took around seven years of art classes outside of school. When she

got to high school she was immediately moved into higher-level classes than she originally signed up for after her teacher saw her work.

"I don't know what I want to do with my life, but I know it has to do with art," Willour said.

Willour loved drawing in pencil, and one of her art pieces she was most proud of was a self-portrait of herself. Like many artists, she drew whatever came to mind.

"My inspirations come purely from my love of art," Willour said. "I draw anything I can think of, anything I want."

Other awards were given at these competitions besides keys like Willour's, such as college scholarships.

Every time Scholastic Art winners found themselves in the main hallway, they could look up to see their work on display. It would inspire them to keep accomplishing art and creativity into their everyday lives and carry it with them forever.

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Mix It Up Senior Amada Contreras stirs hot chocolate mix at the Bulldog Blend coffee shop. Contreras also competed at the State DECA competition. Photo by Haylee Cate

Finished Early Freshman Erin McNichols writes vocabulary words on the board after finishing her online and classroom rules assignment in FACTS class. McNichols has learned new templates for her PowerPoints in FACTS class. Photo by Amie Gourka



Bulldog Blends

Marketing students create a convenient business for their peers

Rolling out of bed early in the morning, getting ready, and coming to school ready to learn was tiring, but a group of Honors Marketing students, seniors Amada Contreras, Kara Grassau, and Ronni Jackson, were able to give students a boost with their own coffee shop ran in the school concession stand under the main stair case.

Seniors who took Honors Marketing were able to choose from a variety of possibilities for their required projects. These included projects involving community service, fundraising, and even running a business. The Bulldog Blends coffee shop sold coffee and hot chocolate which not only gave students an energy boost; it also met new nutritional guidelines for this year. With coffee being a popular product, over \$1000 was made in sales during the first semester.

"They actually talked to students in class so they did market research, they created different promotional plans, they've look at cost and pricing, and they've also done personal selling because they have to talk to people about the shop, so it really encompasses everything we do in Marketing, Marketing teacher MaryAnn Caputo said.

Bulldog Blends sold Dunkin Donuts brand coffee from 7-7:35 each morning with different promotions throughout the week to draw people in. Some of these included

one dollar drink Wednesdays and on Fridays customers were given a donut with their purchase.

"The biggest challenge would probably be getting people to come to the coffee shop," Grassau said.

Despite the challenges, the girls were able to benefit their DECA chapter because the profits of the shop were put towards the state DECA competition and they gained real life business experience.

"It's very frustrating because you have to deal with a lot of different people, but it's also fun because you learn how to deal with customer and make money," Contreras said. "It will set me up for the future if I ever decide to be an entrepreneur."

Marketing classes taught students all about the processes involved in business. Students had the chance to be involved in the DECA marketing club and also got to test their skills in competitions and projects throughout the year. The opportunity to gain business experience in high school allowed these students to get a head start in refining their marketing skills for the future.

Story by Sarah Taylor

Design by Ronni Jackson



Marketing Ambition Junior Jacob Sanders uses his book to get the information he needs for an assignment. Marketing students read from their textbooks aloud and worked together on notes. Photo by Kaitlin Perrotto

Focus Up During a workshop at the DECA Central Region Leadership Conference, seniors Catherine Mischo and Harper Lundgren read through the directions. CRLC was a conference with many workshops about marketing, leadership, and being professional. Photo by Carly Williams

Bowling Bash In Minneapolis, Burke DECA students take on bowling with their peers and advisers. Senior Jake Morgan rolled his bright green ball right down the center of the bowling lane. This gave the students a little break from the leadership workshops. Photo by Carly Williams



What world language are you taking and why?



Chinese "I took this class because my friend told me the teacher was awesome... and he is awesome," sophomore Quinlan Sibbit said.



Spanish "There is a growing number of spanish speakers in America right now, and the connection between English and Spanish speaking people is growing. Being bilingual in America is becoming increasingly more important," senior Benjamin Cave said.



Chinese "I'm going into the military, so I'm going to need it for when I become a Marine," junior Micheal Nigro said.



French "Well in eighth grade, I took French just because I heard we got food in that class. I ended up really liking it though, so I stuck with it," freshman Jess Ferguson said.

Every Summer has a Story

Spanish students have the experience of their lives

What better way to kick off the summer than basking in the sun at a beach in Barcelona, touring the Royal Palace of Madrid, and spending ten days soaking in the magic and beauty of Spain?

For a small group of Spanish students and teachers, these fantasies became reality. Soon after school came to an end, June 15 came around and they headed out to spend a week in Spain. Not only did they have the time of their lives, but they improved their Spanish and became more comfortable with the language through their experiences.

"The trip taught a lot because it forced them to speak and become comfortable with the language," Spanish teacher Ellen Chuda said.

Chuda enjoyed going on these trips every year just as much as the students did. On this trip, students and teachers stayed in hotels, toured castles and cathedrals, observed exotic art and architecture, and interacted with the locals.

"Everything was very colorful and happy. The beaches were beautiful and clean, and everyone was so friendly, uplifting, and always greeted you with a smile," junior Alexa Petri said. "It was a whole lot more fun than I ever imagined it would be."

Spain was not the only place Burke students had an opportunity to travel to. Chuda offered students a chance to

participate in a trip to Costa Rica in June 2015.

"While Spain includes a lot of sight-seeing and learning about history, in Costa Rica you do more interactive adventure things, like white water rafting, zip lining, kayaking, and swimming underneath a waterfall," Chuda said.

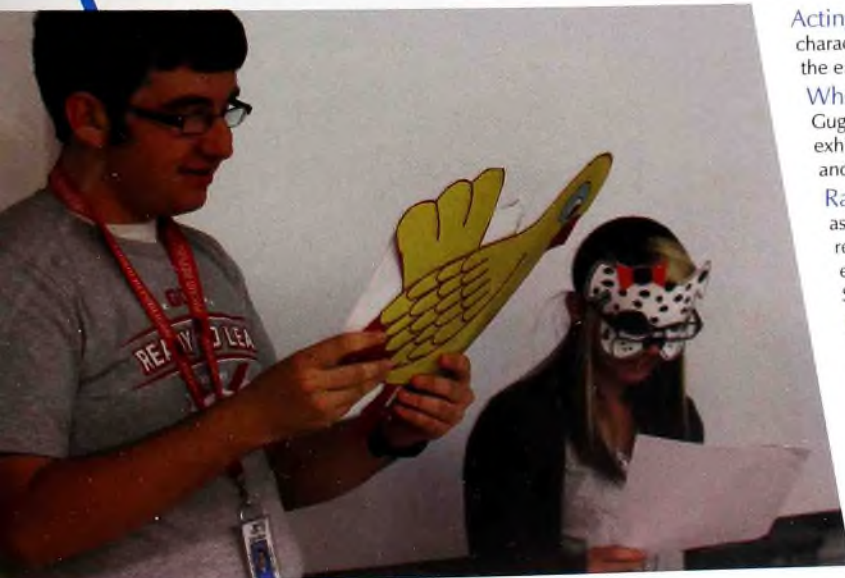
It was nearly impossible to convince the students who attended the Spain trip that Costa Rica could beat it. When they remembered all the good times they had, they couldn't imagine having a better time anywhere else.

"I think Costa Rica will be a lot of fun with all the interactive activities," junior Graham Jones said. "Spain was so unforgettable; I just don't think Costa Rica can top it."

Although summer ended, the memories were still there. The students who took the opportunity to go to Spain held the experience close to their hearts, and those who were going looked forward to creating new memories in Costa Rica.

Story by Molly Shanahan

Design by Shelby Schneider



Acting It Out Juniors Kahlil Foster, Lauren Krauth, and John Cleary play characters from Hansel and Gretel for their AP German class. They performed the entire play in German. Photo by Kamryn Fox

Who Let the Dogs Out? Burke Spanish students pose outside of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain. The museum featured an array of art exhibits, including a display of Yoko Ono's works, a music and video room, and a variety of other creations from famous artists.

Raising The Tower Sophomore Shea Lundgren keeps her hands steady as she grabs the first piece of the game. "This activity helped a lot with reviewing how to conjugate verbs while at the same time in a fun and educational way," Lundgren said. The students played the game "Jenga" in Spanish 5-6 to review how to conjugate verbs. Photo by Kamryn Fox

Masks Seniors Cheyenne Sweigard and Ryan Stungis are acting out "The Town Musicians of Bremen" in their AP German class. The students made masks to help portray their characters. Photo by Kamryn Fox

Lets get Cookin'!

What's your favorite thing you've made this year ?



"I made steak with hollandaise sauce that was my favorite because it was a new thing that I enjoyed to cook and eat," junior Anna Mitchell said.



"We made thanksgiving food and that was my favorite because I love food and Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday," senior Alexander Terry said.



"I made caramel apples this year, that was my favorite because I like green apples and caramel and they're even better together," senior Charlecia Ferguson said.



Intro to Education

Aspiring students learn what it takes to become a teacher

Growing up dreaming and imagining what it was like to be a teacher became reality in the 2014-2015 school year for a class of Burke seniors. The Intro to Education class taught by Family Consumer Science teacher, Nancy Burkhart, prepared students to get on the road to becoming teachers.

"This is the best class to prepare you for college. We are all dual enrolled for UNO and if we wouldn't have taken this class in high school, we would have paid for it in college. Our class is so small and I love it since we are all close," senior Kinsey Munderloh said.

During class guest speakers came in and gave students support on going to college and teaching. Burke Principal Deborah Frison, a school physiologist, custodial staff, and security also came to speak to the students. Throughout the first semester seniors also helped in the Burke Rockstar room and got a sense of teaching.

"It really gives the kids a taste of what it is like to be a teacher with hands on experience," Burkhart said.

During the second semester students had the opportunity to choose any OPS school they wished and went four

days a week for months to the same classroom to mentor. They dressed professionally and got hands-on experience with what teachers went through every day. They had to teach at least one lesson to the class and throughout the semester opened a portfolio about what they did.

Class was filled with fun and joy for all the seniors. They spent every day together, so they opened up and got to know one another. It was a relaxed, non-judgmental place for them to be and they loved it.

"It's a safe place where everyone can be themselves. It's always filled with laughter and happiness and it's such a positive way to end the day. I've learned so much from these girls and I love them all," senior Nicole Yablonski said.

After many papers, lessons, and lots of memories the seniors graduated and were ready for college to pursue their dreams of becoming teachers.

Story by Taylor Weesner
Design by M'Lisa Hartzell



Sizzling Sophomore Nicole Svevad cooks imitation crab meat as part of her project in her Culinary Skills class. Teacher Elizabeth Staskiewicz had her students prepare full meals as a class assignment. Photo by Isabelle Danielson

Looks Delicious Junior Karlo Dela Cruz finished off his meal by placing the asparagus neatly on the plate. De la Cruz and his partner worked strenuously on preparing this meal for a good grade in their Culinary Skills class. Photo by Isabelle Danielson

One Stitch, Two Stitch In Nicole Goff's Clothing Textile class, freshman Mia Nelson works hard to make her pillow project. The pillow project was the class' first of the year. Each student worked hard to make their pillows colorful and unique. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Teaching Classmates Sophomore Halee Catob teaches her fellow classmates about Huntington's chorea, a disease that causes nerve cells in the brain to stop working properly. Catob spent lots of time gathering information for the project and checking to make sure it was right. Photo by Tamia Chatmon





Measuring Skills Junior Austin McKenna measures a piece of wood before cutting it. The project he was working on was a practice assignment to get an idea of the students' skills. Photo by Amie Gourka

Hoverboard Seniors Brain Speck and David Friedman work together to make a hoverboard. Students worked on projects like these for multiple class periods to ensure they did it correctly. Photo By Amie Gourka

Building Success

Rube Goldberg prodigies in Industrial Tech

The Industrial Tech class' purpose was to solve problems. Their motto was design, build, test, and that's how Industrial Tech teacher Joseph Olafson liked to teach it. Everything the students did was original.

This year Olafson was really excited to see the results of his favorite project. The Rube Goldberg Project. After they watched a video and took some notes behind this legendary mastermind, they got started.

"The goal of this project is to make a golf ball travel 18 inches and back, it has to go through five actions, and the more complicated the better the grade," Olafson said.

First the students had to sketch out a few designs and get them approved before they began to create their machines. To start off the project they needed a potential energy source, it could not be started by pushing the ball with your hand.

"A ruler is going to start off our project, we built our path in a circle so that we start by flinging the ruler onto the ball and it just goes around this ramp drops, does some other cool stuff then comes back," junior

Samuel Gombold said.

With only two weeks to create, the class started to realize the more complicated their sketch was the harder it was to build.

"Our project started off with a pendulum, so that was the hardest part so far, putting it together since we mainly used glue," junior Conner Tibke said.

"A LOT of glue," senior Braden Collins said.

Some people used a Ferris wheel, others a fan, there was even a project that somehow included a boat. But something all the projects had in common was that they were all handmade, sawed, nailed and glued. And that is what the class is notorious for the real life application.

"The best part of being in this class is the hands on experience, just having the wood in between my fingers," senior Tristan Lazo said.

Story by **Leona Dunn**

Design by **M'Lisa Hartzell**

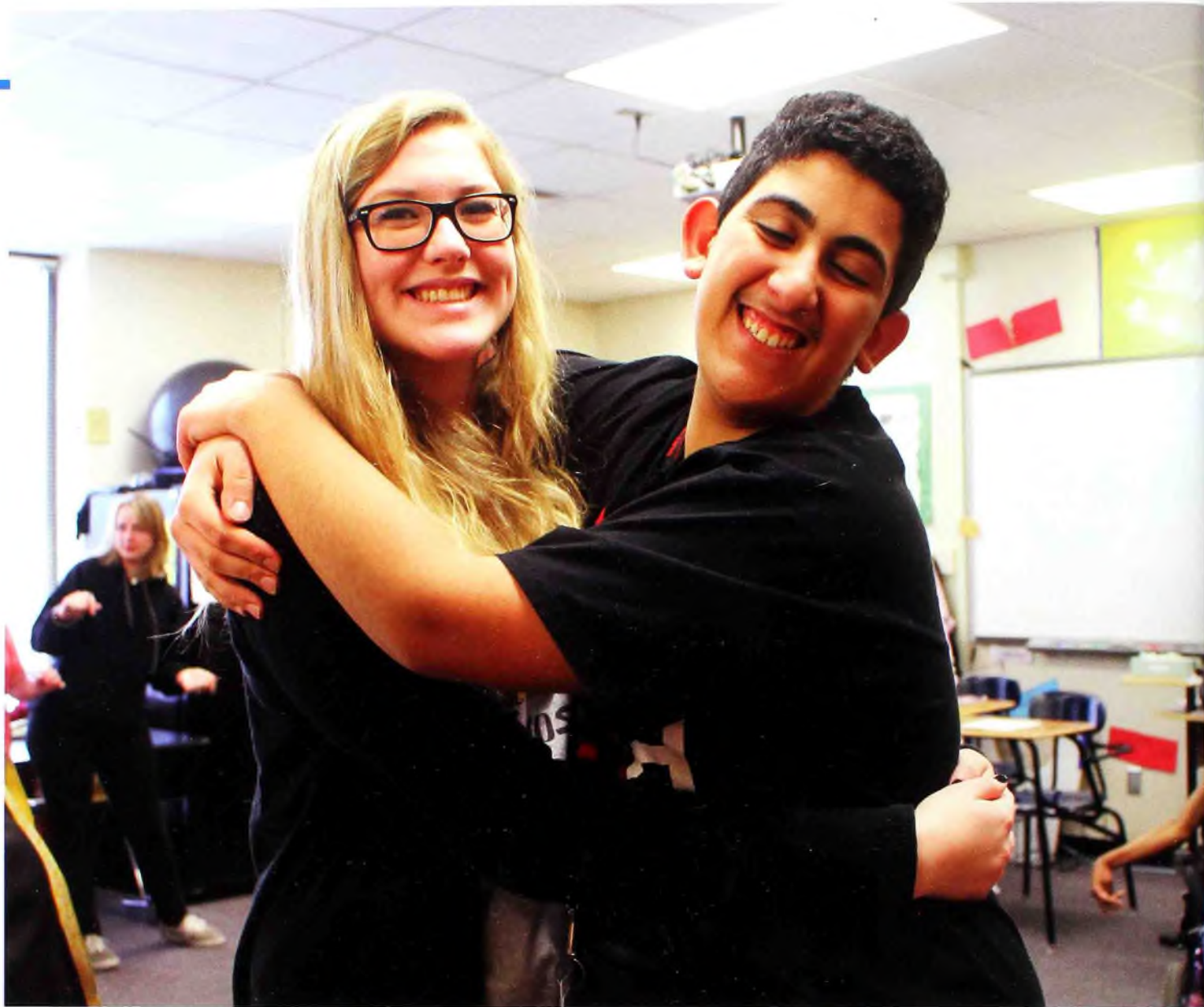


Drill on: Senior Clayton Wittmayer drills a hole in the starting piece of his hover-board. The students raced their finished boards after completing the project. Photo By Carly Williams



Test Trials Senior Caleb Wade tests his ability to see how straight he can cut. "It's a very challenging class, you have to make sure every little thing is done correctly," Wade said. Photo by Carly Williams

Clamp it Down Senior Tyrone Newton puts a board in the clamps to hold it in place while he cuts it. It was important that the board was held securely in place so it wouldn't slip. The students were taught these procedures at the beginning of the course. Photo by Nicole Simanek



Reach For The Stars Senior Braydee Carlson shows enthusiasm when learning how to dance during a dancing classroom's session. Carlson also uses the same spirit to cheer on the bulldogs during football and basketball games with the Sparkles Cheer Team. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Sharing The Smiles Freshman Kyle Butcher congratulates sophomore JaNisa Wynn after dancing the rumba in dancing classrooms. Wynn loved dancing and learning new dance moves. Photo by Kamryn Fox



All Smiles Freshman Nour Salman and sophomore Madison Murphy partner up and pose. Murphy is one of many students that has volunteered her time in assisting the rockstars. Photo by Carly Williams

High School Musical Sophomores Elizabeth Nietzel and Emma Parizek practice their High School Musical script in class. The Rockstar students performed High School Musical for their annual play. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Clap Your Hands During class sophomore Anye* Francisco and senior Erik Guevara Ledezma participate in a class activity. Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Pre-Performance Volunteer students sing along with the Rockstars and Respite Care children at the Burke talent show. This was a great opening event to catch the attention of the audience. Photo by Kaitlin Perotto



Breaking New Ground

Rockstar students get jobs for the first time

Getting off the big yellow bus all you saw was smiles as the Burke Rockstar students got ready to go in for another day at work. The 2014-2015 Rockstar students got the opportunity to leave during the school day to go to jobs instead of spending their entire day in class.

"These kids really love their jobs. It gets them out of their desks and into a new environment that will help them after high school," Special Education teacher Maryann Boscardin said.

If a Rockstar was 16 in their junior or senior year and were excelling in class, they had the chance to work at the grocery store Baker's or the contracting company VODEC. They learned what a work setting was like, which exposed them to learn tasks they would do later in life.

"Having a job was better than academics for them because they learned new things that they will do in the real world, considering they are near graduating," Special Education teacher Robin Knudtson said.

At their jobs they were accompanied by professionals and were

not working to get paid, but just went for the experience. At Baker's the Rockstars cleaned glass, stocked shelves, and helped customers.

"I like going to work, I've met friends and I think it is so much fun," senior Braydee Carlson said.

Rockstars that worked at VODEC worked in the afternoon and did simple contract work like cleaning, counting supplies, and sorting items.

"This was such a rewarding experience for the students. They enjoyed getting out of the classroom and it taught them new tasks and vocabulary they will use in life forever, and that is an amazing thing," Special Education teacher Robin Knudtson said.

Story by Taylor Weesner
Design by Monica Gomez

Let's Get Rowdy Senior Kylie Cappellano and sophomore Brooke Schmidt lead the student section in a cheer at the Burke vs. Omaha North game. "Let's get a little bit rowdy" was one of the favorite cheers for many students. Photo by Carly Williams



Seniors

One Last Time Senior boys' Brody Stonebraker, Garrett Campbell, Samuel Oehm, Jake Morgan, Nathan Lorenzen, Matthew Clough, and Joshua Holcomb show off their senior pride at the last home basketball game of the season by wearing t-shirts they made. Photo by Carly Williams



We sped into our last year of high school with our future in front of us and the past three years in the rearview mirror. We were ready to move on to the next phase of our lives wherever that may be. Remembering the good and bad times we had in high school, we discovered why we became who we did. Despite what happened in the past, we strived to make our last year the best. We marched, danced, debated, and tested our way into our new lives. We would never have gotten this far without the teachers, the counselors, our family, our peers and the support they gave us. When we looked back, we realized we were grateful for everything we had experienced up to this point, but we were excited to see what was waiting for us. We have been able to move in the right direction.

Narrative by Leona Dunn



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 Nathan Aljaddou
 Samuel Allen



Trinity Allen
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 Brittany Andersen
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Karen Arreola Bravo
 Luz Avila
 Garrett Bachorski
 Sydney Bailey
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Jordan Farrar
Dallas Farris
Joshua Faya

Before I go to college I will... →



...go see my family in Mexico so they can see how successful I've been here. -Lucely Salgado



...get a job and get my license. -Jordin Marrow



...change somebody's life. -Christian Sullivan



...travel through South America. -Fernando Vargas

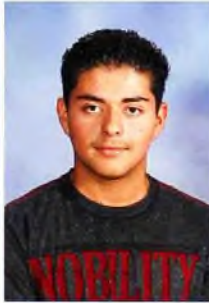


...spend as much time as I can with my family. -Stephanie Meehan

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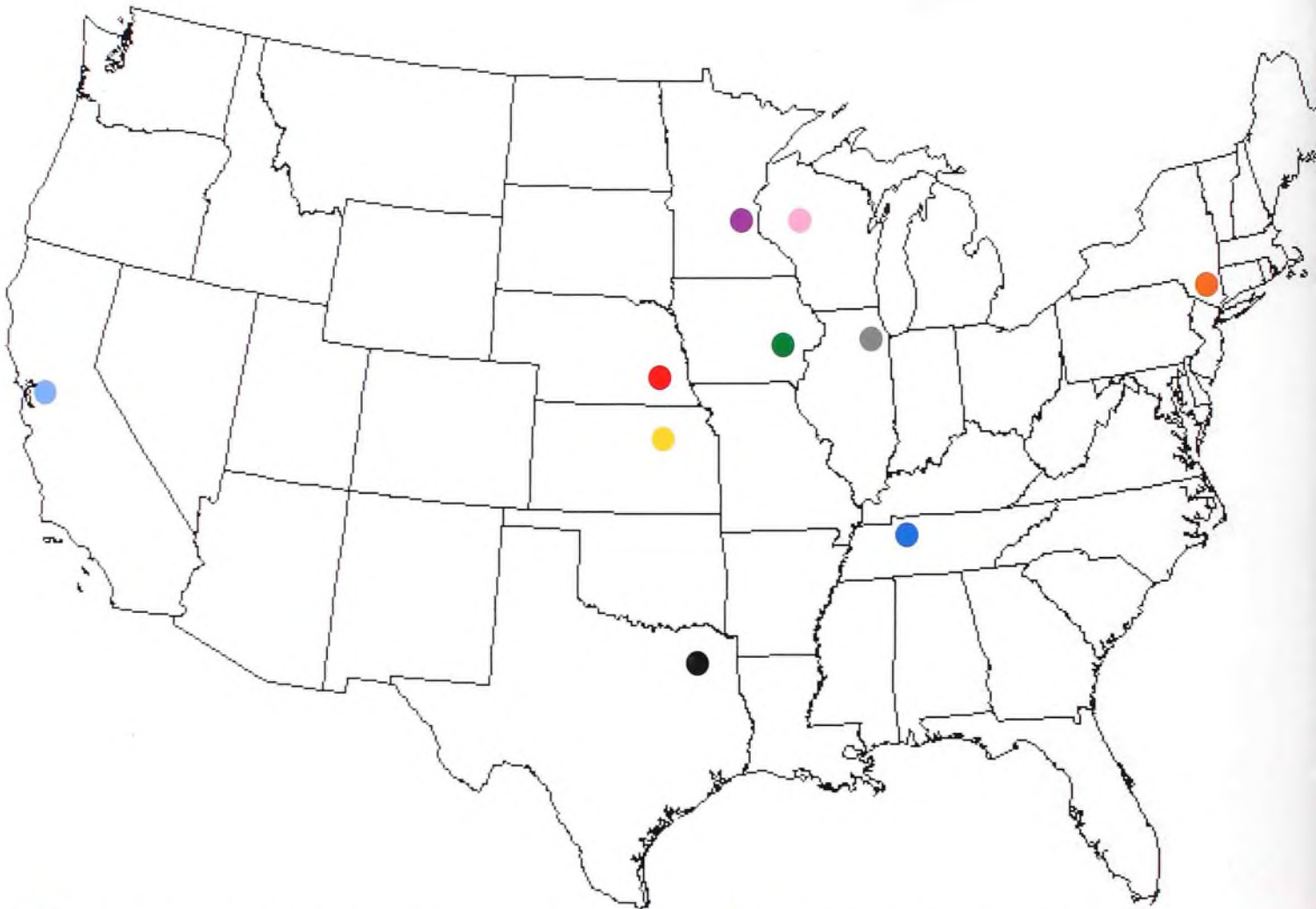
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Mapping Out the Future

Seniors spread across the nation for post-secondary education



 Hannah Codling- University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire


 Emily Loffleman- Kansas State University


 Gavin Siebrass- New York University


 Lakyra Johnson- University of Nebraska-Lincoln

 Leona Dunn- Tennessee State University

 William Mitchell- University of Minnesota- Twin Cities

 Ashley Braddock- Northwestern University

 Tyler Mullen- Northeast Texas Community College

 Zach Luppen- University of Iowa

 Tyler Lob- University of California- Berkley



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 Alexis Johnson
 Callie Johnson
 Erin Johnson



Jordan Johnson
 Kody Johnson
 Lakyra Johnson
 Noah Johnson
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 Matthew Joppa
 Quentel Juelfs-Hill
 Gregory Keen



Extacy Keeran
 Jordan Keller
 Brandon Kelley
 Nyarieka Kier
 Phillip Kimnach



Michael Klopp
 Bryce Koch
 Seth Koch
 Chasity Kracht
 Aaron Kroeger

Sophia Kruml
 Crystal Kwaw Essien
 Jack Lammers
 Taylor Lampkin
 Alondra Lara-Gonzalez



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 Benjamin Cave- Central Methodist
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 Braden Collins- Nebraska Wesleyan
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 Trentin Hymer- Augustana College

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 Nathan Lorenzen- Southeast Community
 College
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 Quentin Moore- Highland Community
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 Tanner Dungan- Highland Community
 College

Tennis:
 Sarah Hunter- Nebraska Wesleyan

Track:
 Lauren Houston- University of
 Nebraska-Omaha

Swimming:
 Brooke Holmes- University of
 Nebraska-Lincoln
 Dana Posthuma- University of
 Nebraska-Lincoln
 Kathryn Hollenbeck- New York
 University
 Jordan Keller- Coast Guard

Soccer:
 Brett Hardiman- Central College
 Matthew Robbins- Bellevue
 University

Basketball:
 Alexandra Gill- Morningside
 College

Volleyball:
 Nicole Lofshult- Aurora Un
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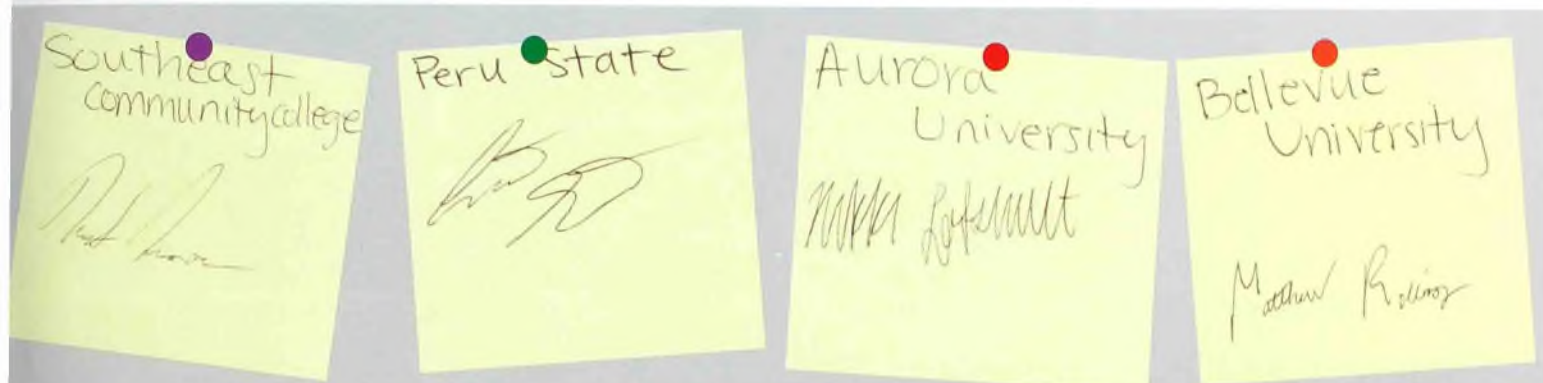
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Making it Official
 Seniors Lamont
 Sims and Sean Song
 commit to play
 their sports at the
 next level. Photos
 by Carly Williams



Timothy Lienemann
 Emily Lines
 Madelon Livingston
 Tyler Lob
 Emily Loeffelman

Nicole Lofshult
Collin Longwell
William Lopez
Nathan Lorenzen
Raul Loya



Harper Lundgren
Brandon Luong
Zachary Luppen
Christian Lyons
Addy MacDougall



Dear Freshman Me... →



I miss you. So much has changed. I wish it could've gone differently. But for the most part, I'm proud of you and we're still going to do great things. These four years went by so fast. Enjoy every single moment you can. Don't forget to stay true to yourself! #NoRegrets; not even a single letter.

Sincerely, Tyre Ford



Hello, I am the future you! The better, older, and wiser senior version of yourself. You probably thought high school was going to take forever. It didn't. In our four years of high school we did some things right and some things wrong, but we survived and that is all that matters. We survived marching band four years in a row; it got easier every year! Just stay focused and let us always remember not to sweat the little things.
Love, Jessica Grimmond



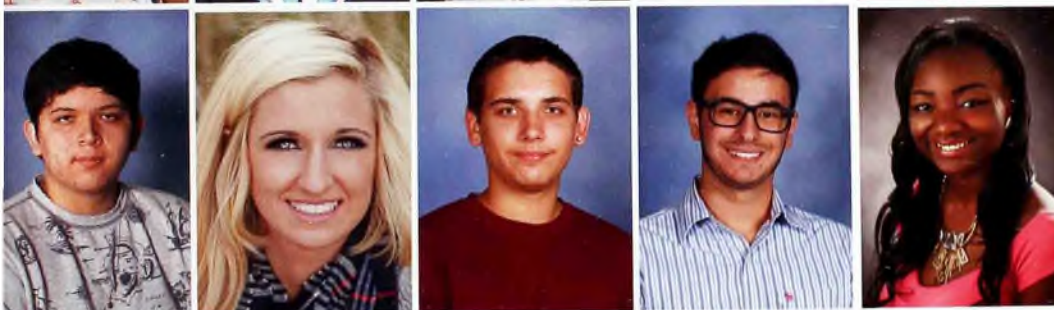
You may as well stop acting as if other people are watching because they don't really care what you do. Relax and don't be too careful with what you say because you're scared of others' judgments but definitely keep up, have a good attitude, respect others. The benefits of being a nice person will never cease. Stay strong do your homework and continue to love learning new things.
Love, Crystal Kwaw Essien



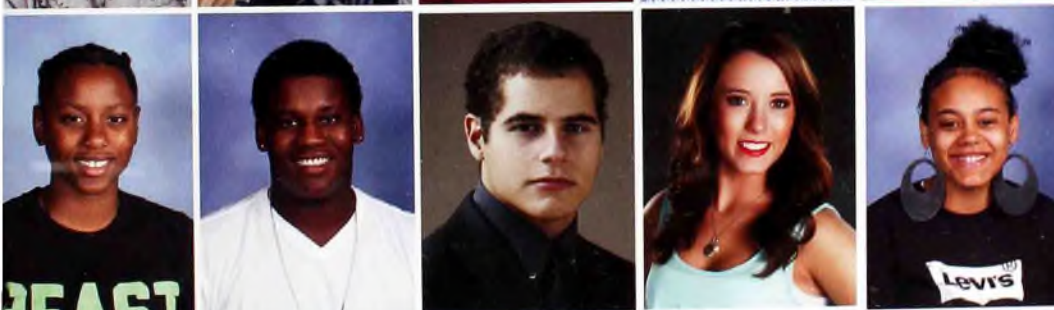
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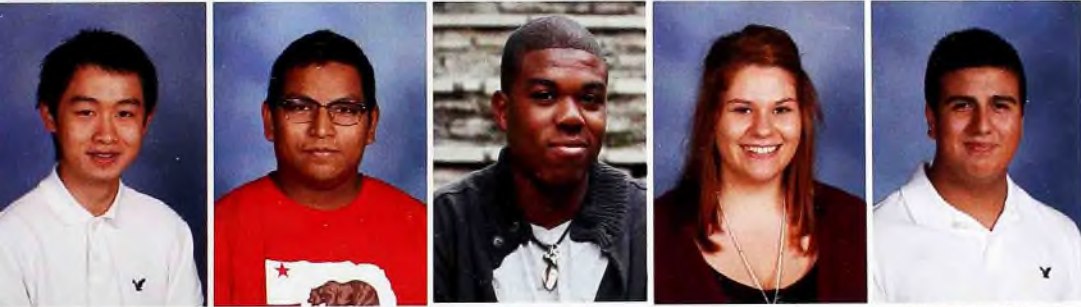




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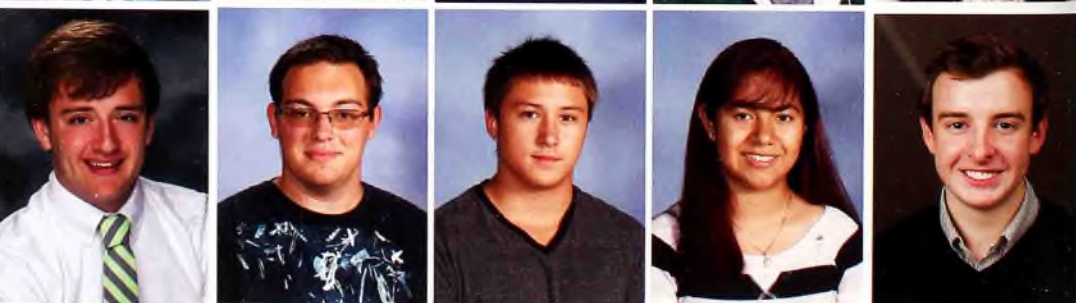
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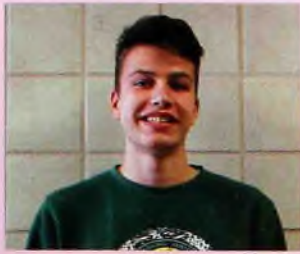
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 Zaira Rodriguez Sanchez
 Patrick Rogers



Before I go to college I will... →



...finish high school in Germany, since I am a foreign exchange student. -Niko Abt



...go skydiving and take a selfie. -Oswaldo Plascencia



...win State Tennis. -Sarah Hunter



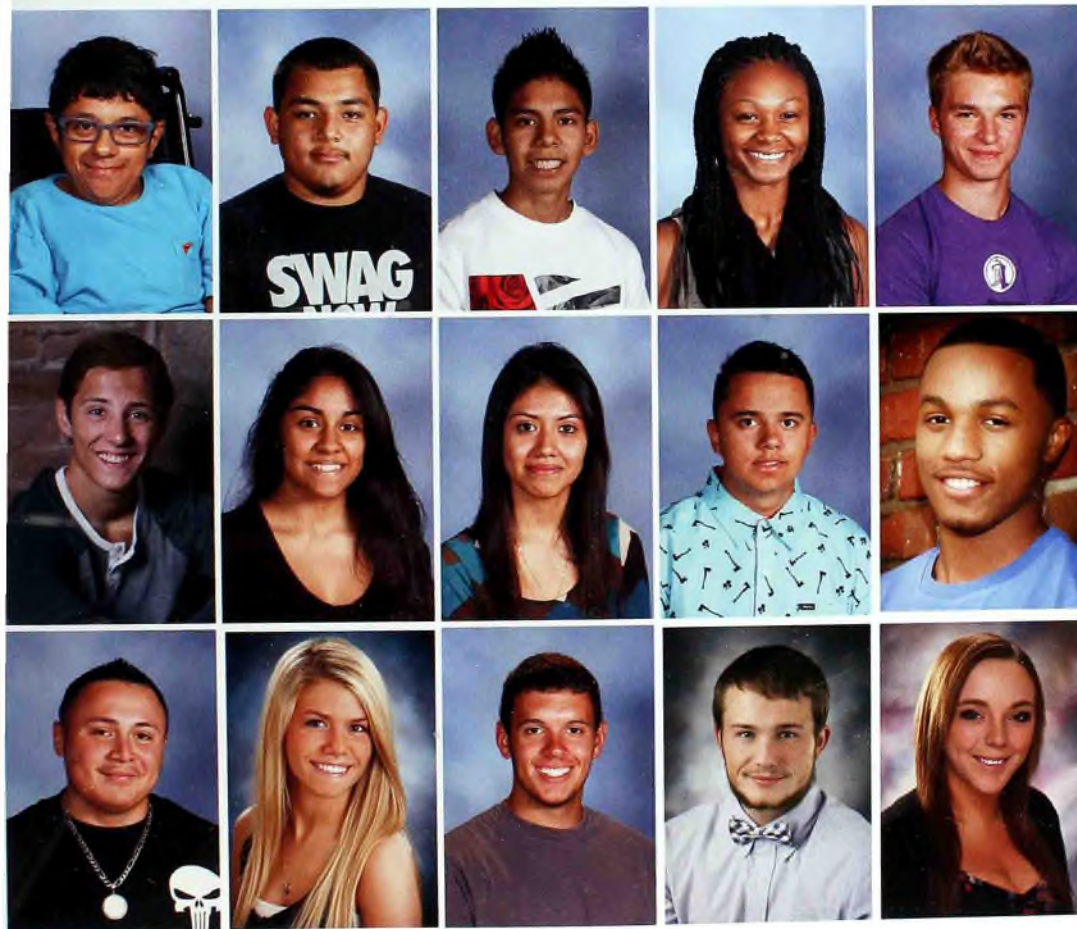
...spend time with all my friends before we all go our separate ways. -Rachel McElderry



...take over the world. Watch out! -Hannah Simerly



...get a girlfriend. -Vincent Cammarata



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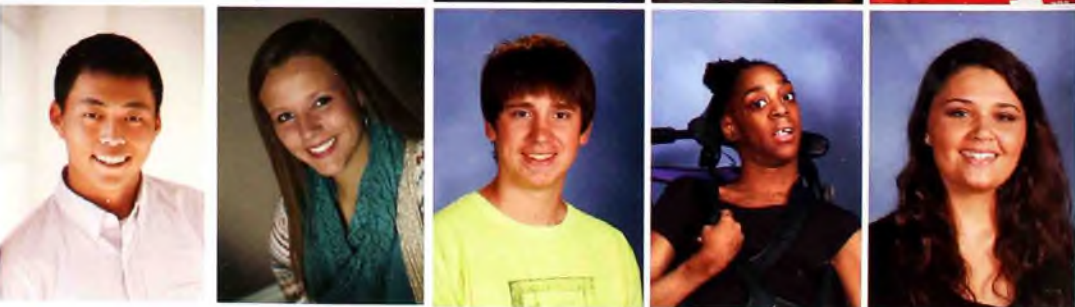
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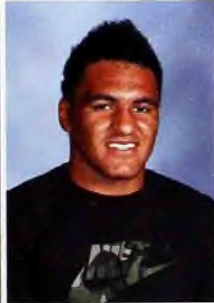




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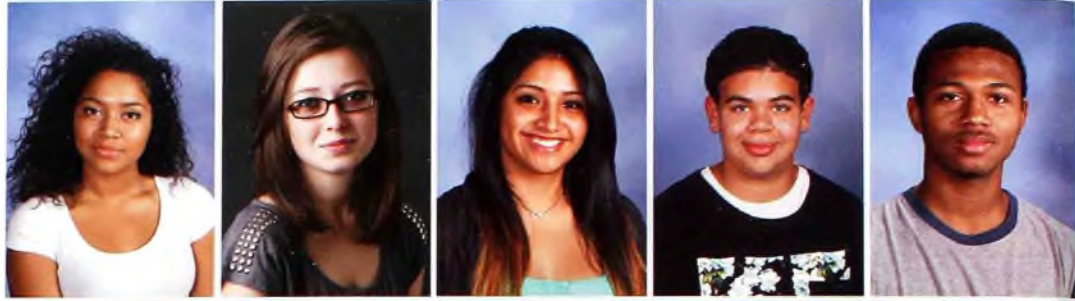


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 Kelsea Townsend
 Guadalupe Trejo Balderras
 Jalen Turner
 Melvin Tyree



Chad Ummel
 Paul Umshler
 Fernando Vargas
 Luiz Vasquez
 Adam Vergin



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 Lauren Vinston
 Caleb Wade
 Brandon Warde
 Jessica Ware



Jacob Warner
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 Mariana Watkins
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Max Weiner
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 Pamela White
 Tyler White





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 Nicole Yablonski
 Gabriella Yabut



Shawn Yost
 Hasanain Yousuf
 Aaron Zandt
 Trevor Zank
 Jose Zarate



Lauren Zesiger
 Justice Zimmerman
 Zane Zimmerman
 Malik Zollicoffer



Senior Superlatives

Dynamic Duo's (Girls): Kathryn Hollenbeck and Sussan Moussavi

Dymanic Duo's (Boys): Dillon Hanson-Ahumada and Kolton Butcher

Best Laugh: Matthew Robbins and Callie Johnson

Kid at Heart: Nathan Lorenzen and Ronni Jackson

Most Unforgettable: Tyler Lob and Leona Dunn

Manly Man/ Girly Girl: Malik Thompson and Kylie Cappellano

Coollest Wheels: Noah Johnson and Sussan Moussavi

Be President: Ryan Stungis and Sarah Hunter

Best Dressed: David Hawkins and Hailee Nelson-O'Neal

Be a Millionaire: Jacob Warner and Melissa Newkirk

Win a Nobel Prize: Henry Harrison and Megan Browning

Be a Teacher: Quinn Brandt and Kinsey Munderloh

Mr. Nice Guy/ Miss Congeniality: Joseph Ingram and Trinity Allen

Best Personality: Zane Zimmerman and Courtney Haggart

Win an Oscar: Nicole Yablonski and Connor Christenham

Most Optimistic: Zachary Luppen and Hannah Simerly

Be in the Olympics: Joshua Holcomb and Lauren Houston

New Beginnings

Burke finds a new location to hold the graduation ceremony

Surrounded by a sea of black gowns, you looked around at all the familiar faces you'd come to know so well the past four years. You slowly approached the stage, your heart pounding.

The Civic Auditorium had been used for Burke's graduation ceremonies for almost 10 years. However, there was a turn of events this year when word was received that the Civic would be closing.

A location needed to be found that was big enough to comfortably fit Burke's large student population along with their families. The first location choice was University of Nebraska at Omaha. Fortunately, they accepted, but there was a catch.

The only stadium they had that would fit Burke's ceremony would not be finished by the time the class of 2015 was due to graduate. So, they found a temporary location for the ceremony to be held at for 2015 only, the Mid-America Center.

"We're still working on some things," assistant principal Jason Williams said. "I'd say I'm indifferent, because I was so used to the Civic, but the new location is very simplistic, so it's ideal for organizing this because, of course, it's not a permanent fix."

The seniors, their minds engulfed with fantasies of the new places and experiences their adult life would bring them, just didn't have room to worry about the ceremony location.

When the parents were informed, they were all equally

as understanding of the situation. Parents and students were appreciative of the fact that this year, Student Transportation of America was helping give students rides if they couldn't make it or couldn't get a ride to the ceremony.

"I'm pleasantly surprised the community isn't upset that we're spending the school's money in a different place. They have all been very supportive of the ceremony being held in Council Bluffs instead of Omaha," Williams said.

The seniors finished up their final high school classes eagerly. Some were excited and some were scared to death. Some had their future planned out already and some hadn't the slightest idea.

"Everyone is so excited to graduate all throughout high school, so the anticipation just builds and builds as time goes by," senior Kaya Weyer said. "But when the time comes where graduation is actually a couple weeks away, it hits you, and it's such an overwhelming feeling."

Every senior had memories of the Burke High School they took with them. They may not miss the crowded hallways, but they'd smile when they thought about all the people they had come to know throughout the years.

"For the most part, the senior class this year gets along pretty well," senior Jessica Ware said. "I'm really excited for what the future is going to bring for me, but I'll never forget the friendships I've built over the past four years."

Story by **Molly Shanahan**

Design by **Ronni Jackson**



Final Speech Valedictorian Jacob Warner makes a speech to the 2015 graduating class. Warner planned to attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and study computer science. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Picture Time Catherine Mischo walks off stage and shakes Dean Dania Freudenburg's hand as she gets ready to walk around the corner to get a picture with her diploma. Mischo was involved in volleyball and DECA during her senior year. Photo by Lucia Juarez

The Real Deal After the ceremony Alexandra Gill picks up her diploma from counselor Brianna Vander Vorst. Gill was involved in sports throughout high school such as varsity track and basketball. Photo by Lucia Juarez

Walking the Stage Antonio Donovan receives his diploma from Dr. Deborah Frison. Students in this graduating class received 9.3 million dollars in scholarships. Photo by Lucia Juarez



Juniors

Team On Three Junior powderpuff players put their hands in to break the huddle after instruction from their coaches, junior Broderick Buck, Jackson Abramom, Cameron Brewer The junior powderpuff team fought hard but lost to the senior girls by a score of 7-0. Photo by Haylee Cate



We knew we were going nowhere but up from here. Officially upperclassmen, we had to lay down a path for others to follow. We'd become experts at navigating our way through the challenges of high school. This was the year we ran into the most traffic. This was the year we were given problems and forced to figure them out. This was the year important decisions were made and important events occurred. Preparing to take Acuity, NESAs, and the ACT we learned to dodge

stress. We are now prepared to take on any obstacle that gets in our way. We had our share of excitement this year too. We went to our first prom, had the opportunity to join clubs like DECA and travel, and we've hit the road to visit colleges. We knew the journey was almost over, and we began racing towards the finish line.

Narrative by Leona Dunn



Anna Abbott
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 Israel Aguilar-Flores
 Amanda Albeck
 Natalie Albracht



Olivia Aldana
 Carlena Alford
 Luke Andersen
 Joseph Anderson
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 Hallie Anliker
 Madison Arandus



Maxwell Arnold
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 Sergio Arreguin
 Adam Bachorski
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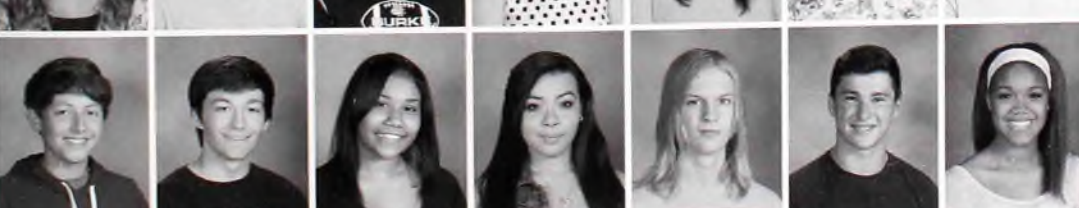
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 Cory Boucher-Russell
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Kimberly Boyes
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 Nichole Brady
 Sierra Brckhage
 Ethan Bravo
 Cameron Brewer



Dylan Brezack
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 Taylor Brown
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Rodney Buford
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 Corey Burt
 Alec Busselman
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 Sidney Butler
 Mika Caplan



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 Rod Christenham
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 Claire Clifford
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 Crissa Cokes
 Gage Connelly
 Kelli Cool



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 Sydney Courcier
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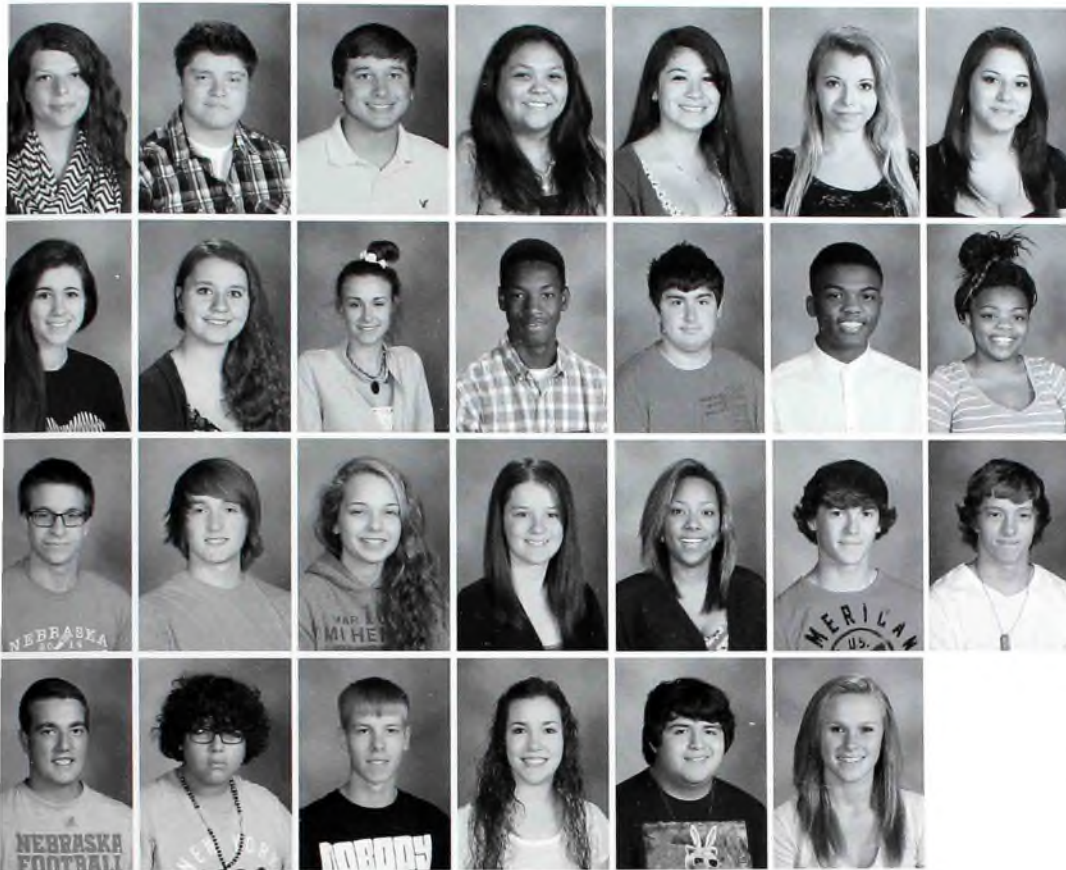


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 Enrique Del Rio Lopez
 Karlo Gabrielle Dela Cruz





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 Jake Derby
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 Melissa Diaz
 Ana Diaz-Orozco
 Skylar Dickey
 Ivana Dinaro

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 Sarah Drake
 Carma Draney
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 Samuel Ellett-Hanson
 Breanna Embree
 Katryna Evans
 Tatyana Evans
 Tanner Felner
 William Ferguson

Connor Ferrin
 Jesus Fierros
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 Kevin Flores-Garcia
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What song best describes your life? →



"Nobody's Perfect by Hannah Montana because it makes me feel happy."
 -Victoria Pease

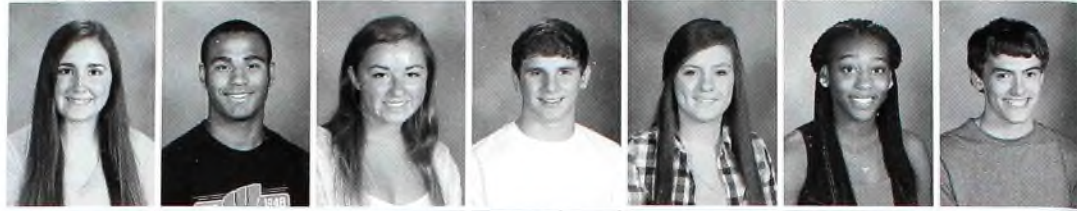


"If Winter Ends by Bright Eyes because I really enjoy their music." – Ashton Doukas

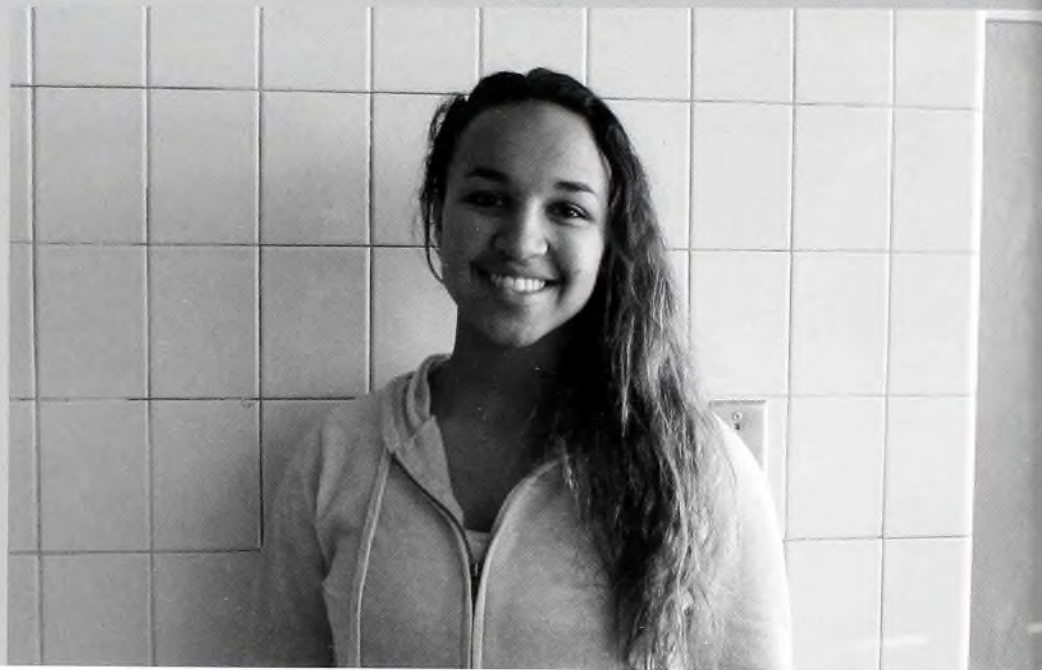


"Bad Romance by Lady Gaga. Her songs are always so creative." –Ammar Norain

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 Connor Fox
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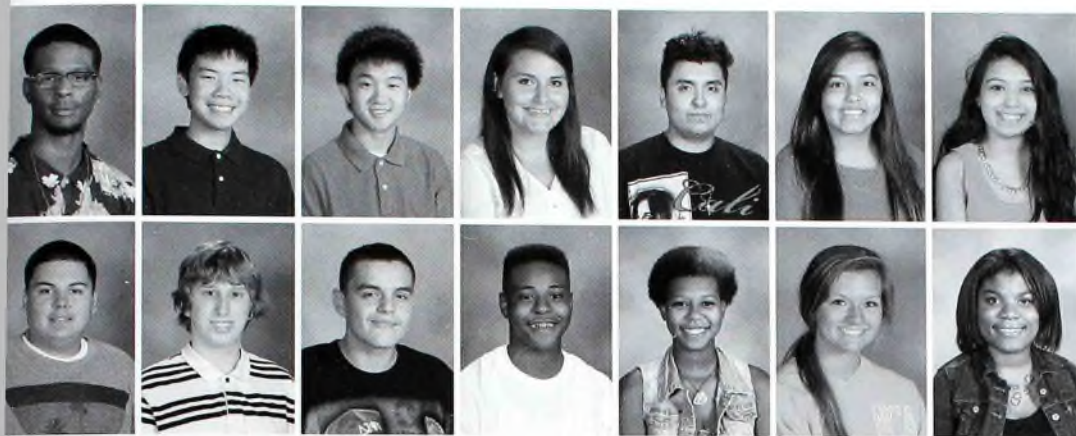


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 Eilda Galvez
 Paola Garatti
 Ricardo Garcia-Abrego
 Benedicto Garcia-Sanchez



Dustin Garner
 Benjamin Garvis
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 Karen Gaytan
 Brandon Gerhardt
 Laura Geschwender
 Connor Gill





Tevon Gollida
Joseph Gombold
Samuel Gombold
Monica Gomez
Rafael Gomez
Jaqueline Gonzalez
Maria Gonzalez

Daniel Gonzalez-Jimenez
Aaron Gorcos
Rojelio Grajeda
Tre'von Green
Jacinda Greene
Jenna Greenhagen
Daejanae Griffy

Marching to the beat

Junior takes on a big responsibility

Being the drum major was the biggest responsibility of marching band. They were the leader of the band, the one the band members looked to for direction.

This year junior Justis Starks joined Sarah Hobson as drum majors for Burke's marching band. In spring 2014, she tried out for the role. She had to complete a resume, conduct the band, and "wow" the directors.

"I wanted to become a drum major because I wanted to step up and show my leadership skills," Starks said.

Being a drum major could be a stressful job because they had to lead the entire band and were responsible for the outcome of each perfor-

mance. The drum majors and the band also built up trust and expectations for each other. Starks took advice from fellow band members and they created responsibilities and standards for her as a drum major. Starks also held her band members to certain expectations such as being prepared and knowing their music.

Together the drum majors and band prepared their show for competition. Without Starks' guidance, the band would not be able to perform their songs correctly and in unison.

Story by Holly Crawford



Da'Vion Grigsby
Kalie Grosse
Sean Gruhn
Katelyn Grund
Vincent Guinn
Reginald Gunter
Jeremiah Gurciullo

Joanna Gurney
Tanya Gutierrez
Carson Guy
Jessica Hack
Sean Haith
Monika Hald
Amanda Happer

If you were stranded on a desert island what would you bring?



"My flute so when I get sad I can play 2013's marching band show." – Elizabeth Walker

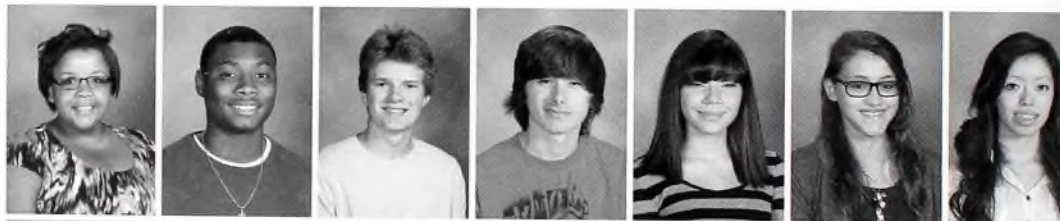


"I'd probably bring sheet music so I could entertain myself." -Salem Owens



"I'd take a satellite phone so I could call someone." –William Boseman

Ayriana Hardnett
Isaiah Harris
Dylan Hasenpflug
Michael Heger
Alisson Hernandez
Carolina Hernandez
Yaribeth Hernandez



Grace Herrmann
Kassie Hicks
Azealia Hill
Kaitlyn Hodges
Mariah Hollis
Daniel Holm
Tabitha Holmes



Brianne Hood
Martin Hooi
Carly Hope
Paige Horn
Randi Horn
Ronnie Houston
Candy Howard



Tanay Hso
Sadie Hudson
Shaye Huffmann
Elizabeth Hugo
Maritza Ibarra
Brandon Idelman
Cameron Irwin





Emmanuel Issounga
Molly Jackson
Brandon Jaime
Cheyenne Jaramillo
Jordan Jarecke
Elijah Johnson
Elyssia Johnson



Emily Johnson
Justin Johnson
Nicole Johnson
Trace Johnson
Tre'von Johnson
Cassandra Jones
Chyenne Jones



Graham Jones
Mary Jones
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Patrick Jordan
Lucia Juarez
Thalia Juarez
Madison Judkins



Ju-Ho Jung
Tenley Kahl
Henry Kallhoff
Agness Kanunde
Elijah Kaufman
Joy Kayode
Autumn Kelfer



Cardai Kellum
Lance Kelly
Cassandra Kenedy
Alistair Kennedy-Rheiner
Jonathan Kent
Kelsey Keres
Miranda Kiley



Seth Kilgore
Ally Kimnach
Lauren Kirshenbaum
Richard Klaczynsky
Jacob Klein
Mason Knaub
Ella Knight



Emily Kort
Lauren Krauth
Monica Kumar
Jacob Kussman
Myles Lacy
Macayla Laher
Alexi Ledwich



Jordan Leger
Lucas Leinen
Madelyn Lemrick
Abbie-Lin Leonard
Megan Leonard
Shelbi Liebsack
D'Angelo Limones

Noah Loux
 Anthony Lowry
 Rebecca Lush
 Anh Ly
 Juan Maclel
 Denyse Maclel-Jimenez
 Joaquin Madruga-Waldo



Nyanpanda Malwal
 Walter Mantler
 Trevor Marten
 James Martin
 Andrew Martinez
 Ed-Sama Martinez
 Jordan Mastrocesare



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 My-Lon Mayfield
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 Ryan McFarland
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 Austin McKenna
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 Hannah Miller



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 Elizabeth Nietzel
 Makenna Nighswonger
 Micheal Nigro
 Jared Noetzel



Head Start

Juniors take AP classes to get ready for the future

Junior year had often been looked at as the most crucial year for preparing for college. It was the last full year colleges saw on student's transcripts when they applied. It also consisted of a lot of important state tests and more opportunity with dual enrollment and AP courses.

"I chose to take five AP courses this year because I wanted to be challenged. These classes will benefit me in my future because I'll have such advanced knowledge," Lauren Kirshenbaum said.

Burke offered a wide range AP courses. Many juniors chose to get a head start on their college credits by enrolling in some of these classes and taking the AP tests that went along with them at the end of the year.

"It's an amazing opportunity for students to get college credit," AP World History teacher

Abbey McNair said.

Dual enrollment in these classes was mainly through UNO, but Metro and Nebraska Wesleyan also offered some dual enrollment courses to Burke students. By dual enrolling, students were paying to guarantee college credit, whereas students who chose to solely take the AP test may have to score a four or a five to get credit.

"It really gave me more of a college environment that will probably help me in the future," Zach Nguyen said. "I learned not to be lazy."

Throughout the course of the year, AP classes were rigorous and full of college level information. They required hard work, dedication, and time management.

Story by Sarah Taylor



Reading Time
Junior Maxwell Arnold reads the newspaper in Abbey McNair's AP World History Class for Silent Sustained Reading. Students were taking break from learning about Japan.
Photo by Tamia Chatmon

Ammar Norain
 Dylan Nordell
 Karsyn Norton
 James O'Connell
 Kyle Ohde
 Dean Okereke
 Gunnar Olafson



Zavier Oliver
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 Kathryn Ortgies
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 Salem Owens
 Sidney Parizek
 Bennett Parker



Hannah Pearson
 Victoria Pease
 Mary Pedersen
 Christopher Peklo
 Byron Perez
 Sarah Perron
 Kaitlin Perrotto



Alec Petersen
 Alexa Petri
 Ruby Petrick
 Samuel Pettes
 Monica Pettit
 William Phillips
 Jacob Pietrzak



Ian Pigman
 Cody Pitman
 Brandon Plambeck
 Colton Pool
 Jaron Powell
 Ashley Prazan
 Nicholas Price



Patrick Pursell
 Abigail Quebedeaux
 Alexis Queen-Christensen
 Ian Reames-Zimmerman
 Candace Reddick
 Devin Render
 Alexis Renteria



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 Brenna Reusink
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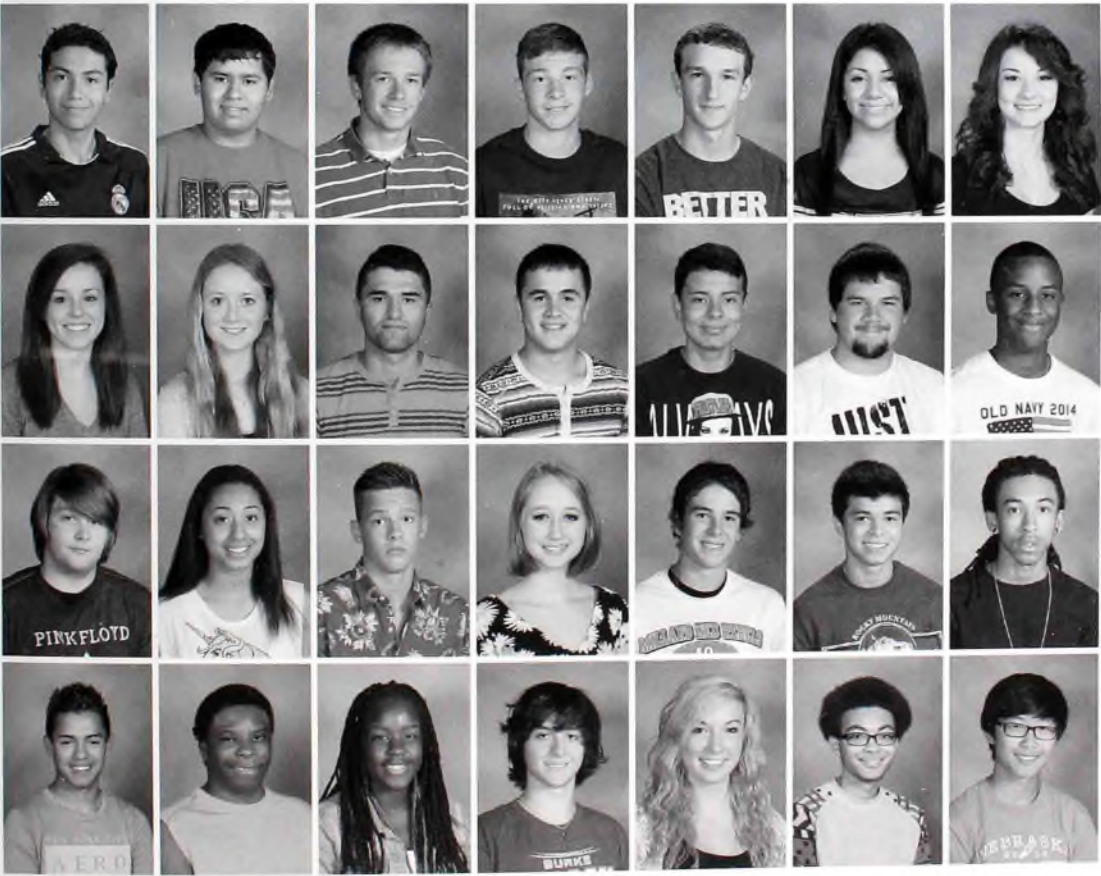
What do you spend your paycheck on?



"Clothes and school stuff because I like to get new things." -Kaitlyn Hodges

"Fast Food because hamburgers are my favorite food." -Kahlil Foster

"Gas and clothes at Pacsun. I work there so I get a great discount." -Tyrell Cerveny



Bryan Rodriguez
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Bailey Rose
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Briana Running

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Sophomores

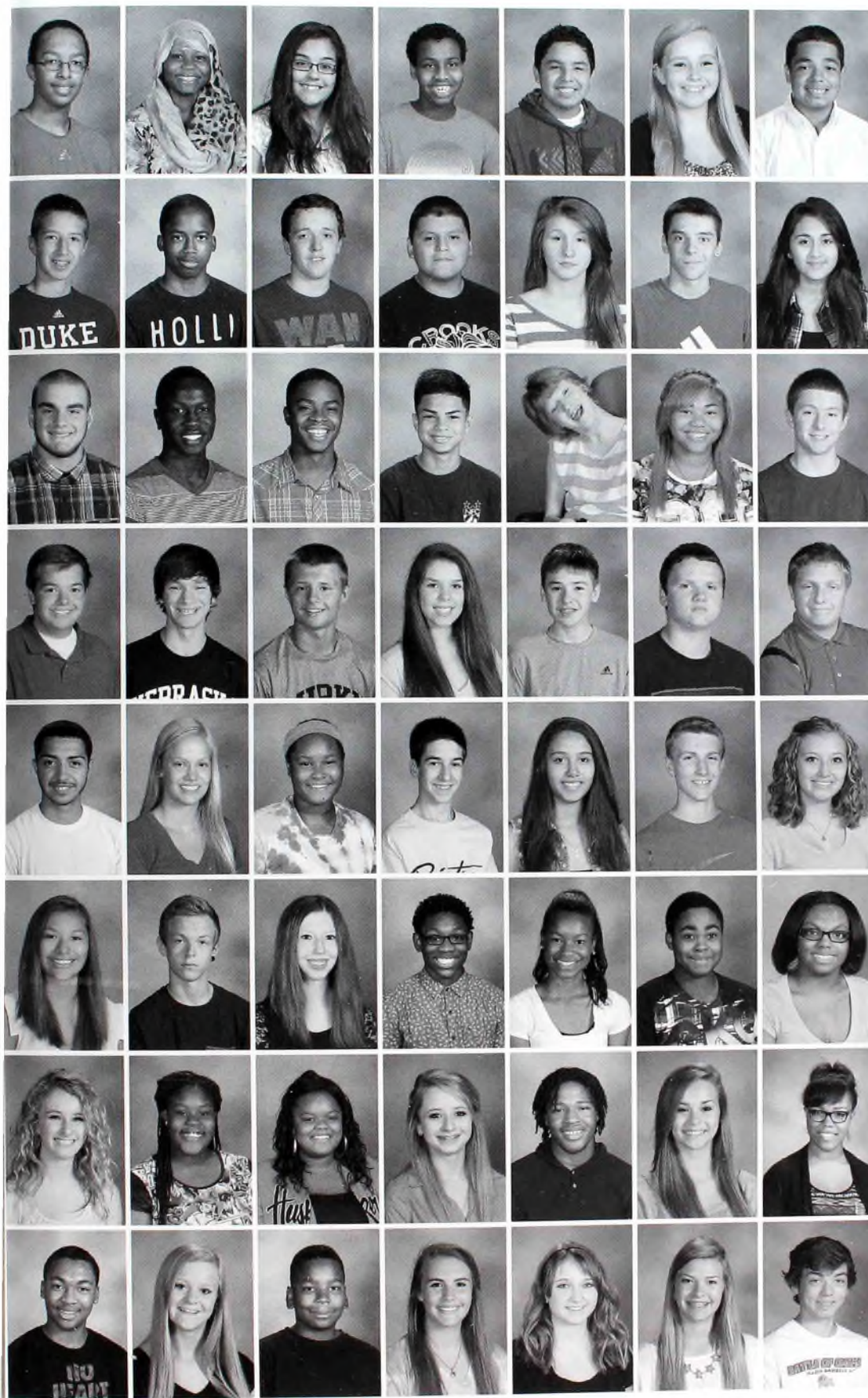
On Wednesdays We Eat Apples
Sophomores Kathryn King, Nicole McLaughlin, Mariah Laher, Haley Bonge, Madison Murphy, and Jaimelynn Jefferis stay health by eating apples during their lunch block.
Photo By Nicole Simanek



We were lost and confused trying to find what direction to take, but this year we set a path. Our second year had its bumps in the road, but we began to smooth things out. We reached a point where we began to choose which direction we'd go academically. Testing out different classes and figuring out which courses were right for us was something we were able to do. Trying to find out the difference between fitting in

and standing out, we discovered our likes and dislikes. We began excelling in sports, academics, socially, and more. We were the ones going in circles this year, everyone's path's merging, but we've begun trying to find a way to separate them again and have started to go in the direction best for us.

Story by Leona Dunn



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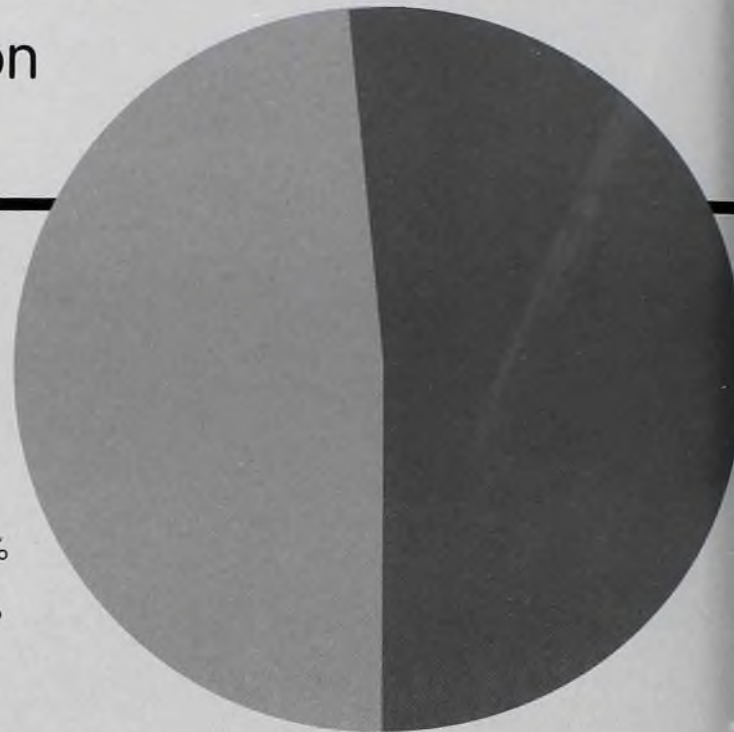
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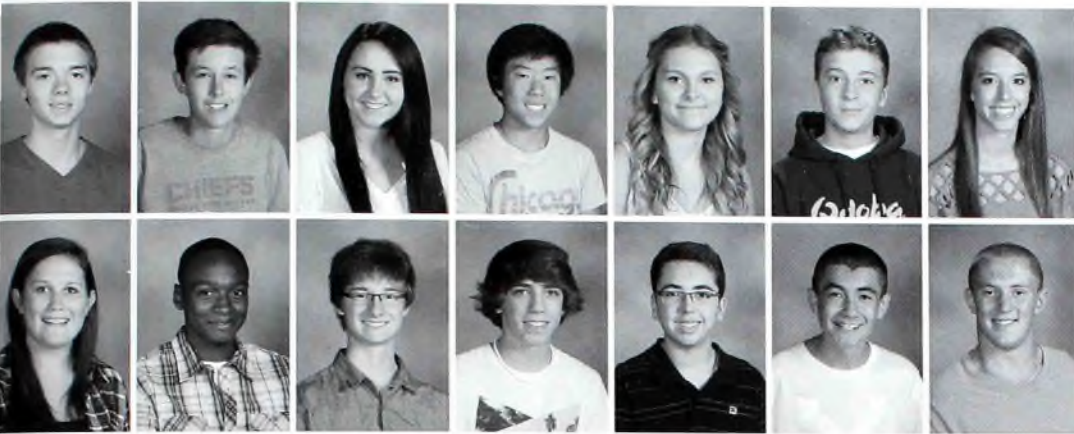
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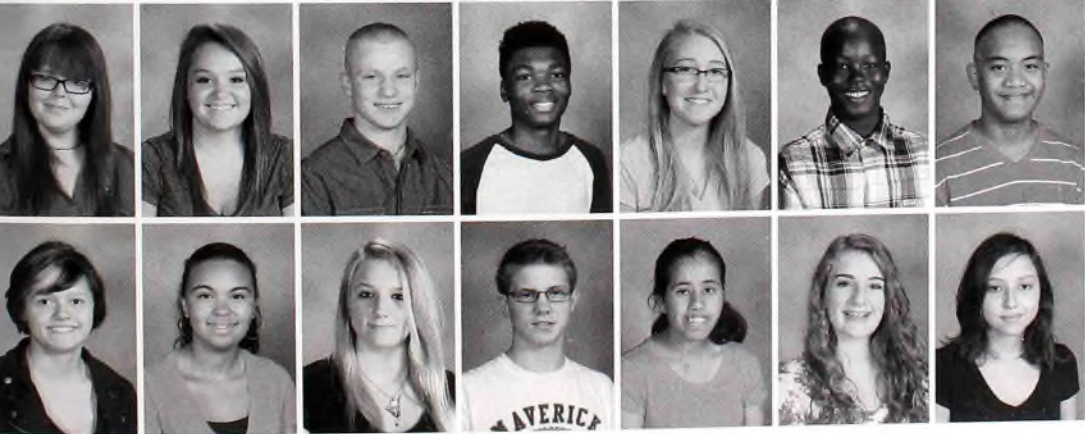
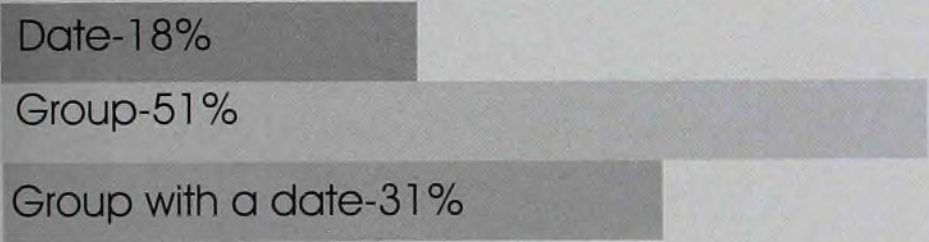
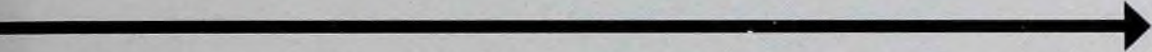




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 Xander Cox
 Holly Crawford

Sierra Creckiy
 Jordan Cronland
 Keenan Croteau
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 Jesse Cruz
 Kegan Cullen
 Tyler Cunningham

Do you prefer to go to school dances with a date or group?



Chelsea Curry-Cleveland
 Megan Curtis
 Nicholas Curtis
 Lionel D'Almeida
 Isabelle Danielson
 Dap Dap
 Melvin Darr

Jazmin Dejesus
 Brittany Demby
 Erikah Dew
 Levi Dewitt
 Shreejana Dhakal
 Olivia Diamond
 Nancy Diaz Soria

Behind the Wheel

Sophomores turn 16 and get their licenses

Sixteen is an age that every teenager looked forward to because it brought one of the biggest high school perks, being able to drive. Most people turned 16 during their sophomore year, which means that most sophomores got their license and a car. Getting this perk and responsibility brought mostly enjoyable things.

"I love getting to leave and go places without needing a ride. It's nice getting to have complete freedom across Omaha," sophomore William Mallett said.

There were lots of good things that came with driving that sophomores got to experience including getting their first jobs. This helped them be able to pay for the gas in their cars. Not many students paid attention to gas prices until they had their own cars and had to worry about buy-

ing gas.

"The worst thing about driving is definitely having to pay for gas, even when it's at low prices," Mallett said.

Even though paying for gas hurt their wallets, sophomores were happy to be able to start going wherever they wanted without having to catch a ride.

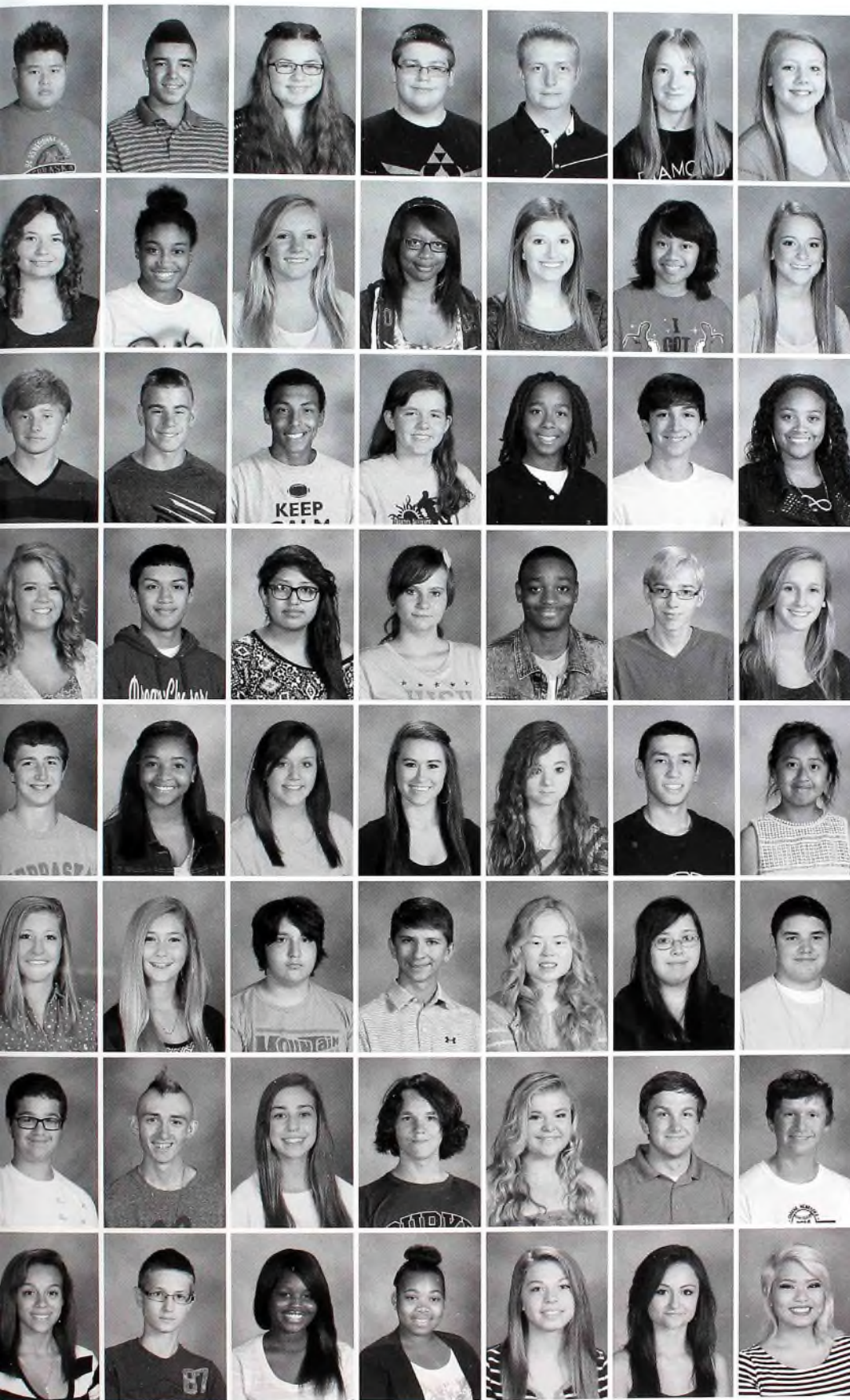
"The nicest thing about being able to drive is that I don't have to wait on anyone to go anywhere," sophomore Kate Webber said.

Sophomores enjoyed the freedom their 16th birthdays brought them and looked forward to being able to make more memories throughout the rest of high school.

Story by Taylor Stern

New Wheels Sophomore Shea Lundgren poses next to her first car, a Jeep Wrangler. Like many sophomores, Lundgren found freedom as an independent driver.
Photo by Taylor Stern





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Destiny Du'Laney
Riley Duke
Jennifer Dunn
Amy Eckstrom
Shallo-Mar Edgar
Hayley Egenes

Maxwell Eggerling
Gage Eggum
Alec Ellis
Julia Ellis
Camren Engram
Holden Fager
Alexis Faulkner-King

Alexis Felten
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Jessica Flores-Santiago
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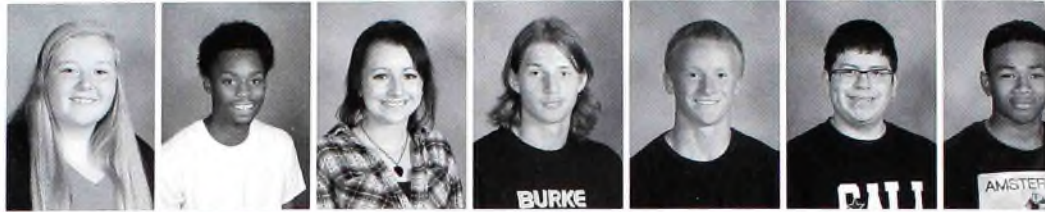
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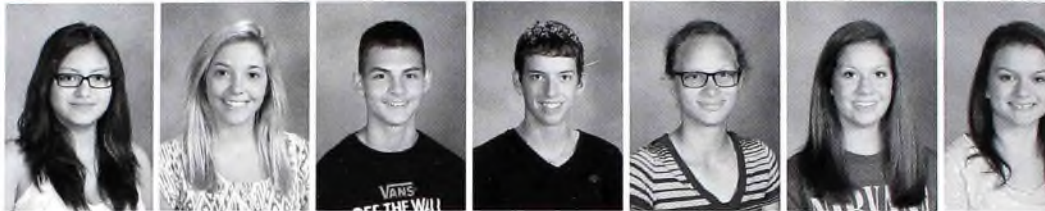
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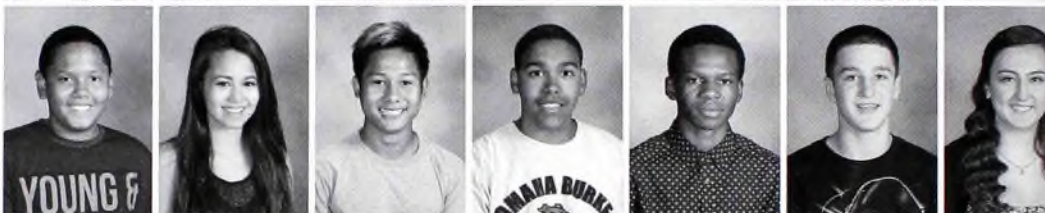
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 Rachel Hockfeld
 Joelle Hoffschneider



Lucas Holmes
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 Jerrod Hysten
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Isaiah Jefferson
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 Jonathon Jezewski
 Natalie Jimenez
 Jeffrey Jimerson



Brendan Johanning
 Emily Johnsen
 Chance Johnson
 Dillon Johnson
 Kai-Di Johnson
 Neiosha Johnson
 Nicole Johnson



Austin Jones
 Samuel Jones
 Latronda Jordan
 Curtis Judie
 Hailey Judkins
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 Kristi Keller
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 Michael Kennedy
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What do you like to watch on Netflix?



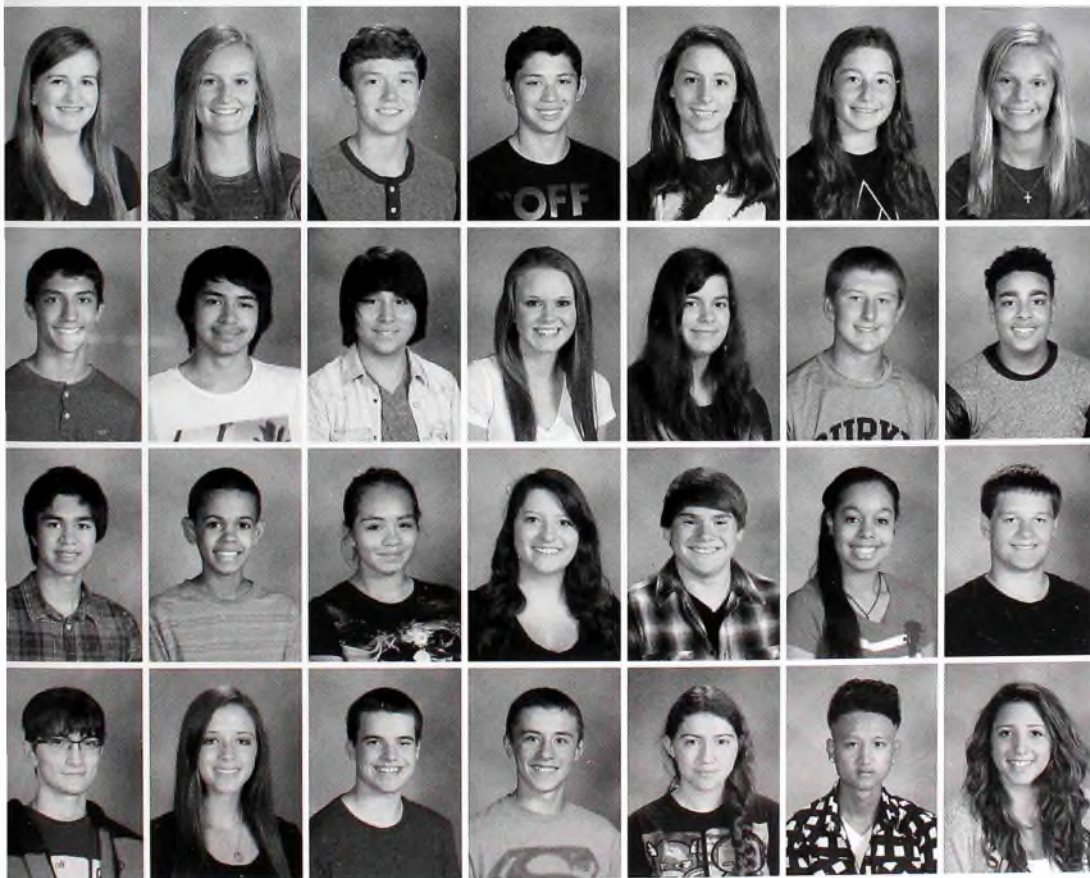
"Blue Mountain State because its a funny look at college sports and the college lifestyle." -Jacob Re



"Grey's Anatomy because after you watch one episode you get hooked and keep watching it." -Chelsea Zepeda



"American Horror Story. I like it because it is very entertaining and it keeps me on my toes." -Nolan Nelson



Kathryn King
Sydney Kirkpatrick
Samuel Kline
Jacob Kracht
Isabel Kratville
Madison Krezenski
Mariah Laher

Cameron Langfeldt
Emmanuel Lara
Marc Larios-Galindo
Kenzie Lathrum
Karina Lazo
Ty Ledger
Anthony Leflore

McGuire Leitig
Dallon Lemon
Natalia Leon
Emily Leonard
Dyllan Lewis
Destiney Lindsey
Trent Liston

John Livermore
Breanna Livingston
Jackson Livingston
Jacob Livingston
Hannah Lofshutt
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Marisa Lopez

Skye Lowther
 Alex Lucas
 Shea Lundgren
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 Shelby Luppen
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 Makayla Maddox
 Lisardo Maldonado-Perez
 William Mallett
 Jeffrey Maloof



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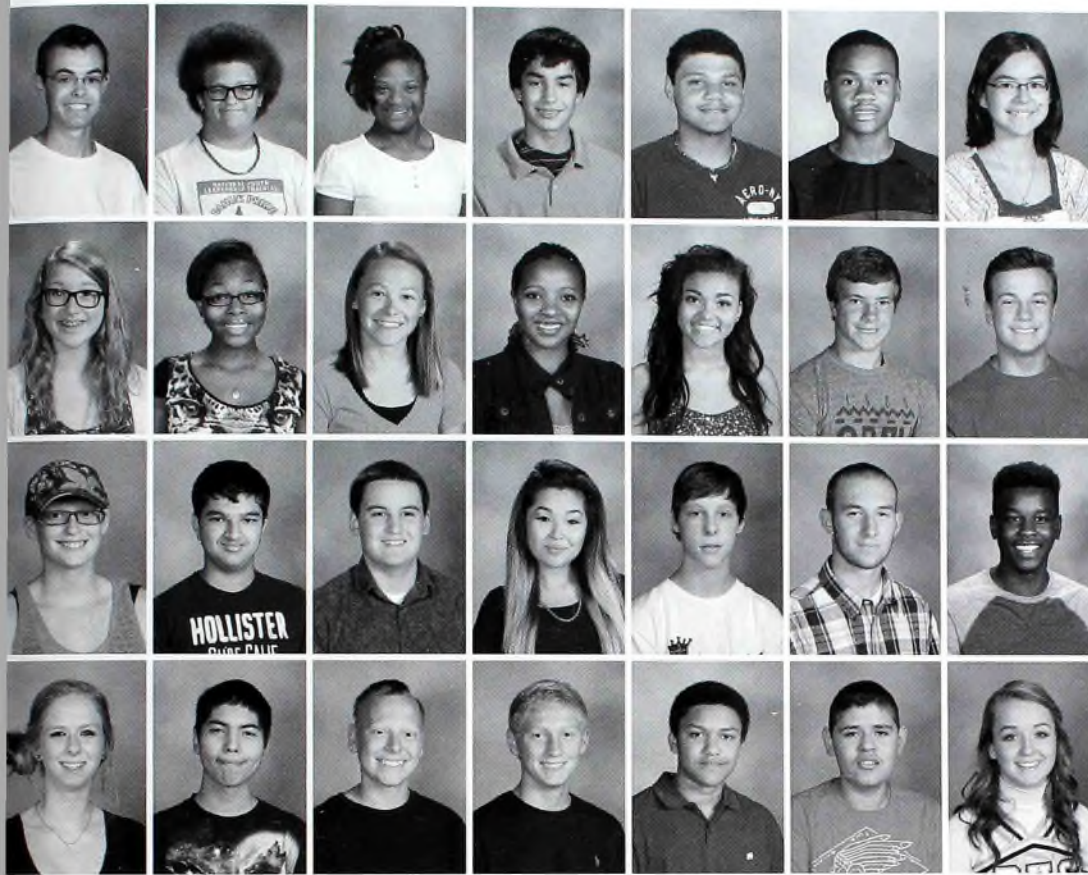


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 Isaac Moran
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 Nigel Nelson
 Nolan Nelson

Rosemary Nelson
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 Steven Nevarez
 Vivian Nguyen
 James Nichol Roland
 Cory Nieland
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Lindsey Nore
 Israel Nunez
 Michael O'Brien
 Cole O'Connor
 Zayne Oliver
 Gustavo Olmedo
 Olivia Olson

What celebrity would play you in a movie?



"Justin Timberlake because he has always been my idol." -Tyler Bailey



"Halle Berry because she is a great actress and I look up to her." -Destiny Richardson



"Drake because I love his music. I've been listening to him since he first starting rapping." -Davon Ross

If you found \$100, what would you spend it on?



"I would donate to a cause for not fracking the Earth."
-Samantha Simpson



"I would buy tickets to see Lorde. I would love to see the concert."
-Thaknguan Pal



"New track supplies for the upcoming season."
- Nadia Williams

Diana Opara
Treyton Opocensky
Samuel Ortgies
Victor Ortiz
Alex Otero
Tyler Overgaard
Manuel Pacheco



Thaknguan Pal
Eliu Paopao
Emma Parizek
Bailey Parsons
Carlisti Patman
William Paulson
Jesse Peirman



Gregory Petersen
Brandhi Plummer-Williams
Joshua Polack
Quintan Polito
Amijae Ponder
Kelli Posthuma
Josue Pozo



Samuel Pratt
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Sarah Ptacek
Alondra Ramirez
Jonathan Ramirez
Siara Ramos-Martinez
Jared Rasmussen





Sophomore State Champ

Nia Station wins girls' golf state title

Every high school athlete has had a goal to win state. However, not every athlete achieved that goal. Even fewer athletes can say they won a state title as a sophomore. Sophomore Nia Station achieved her goal when she took first place at the Girls' Golf State Championship in 2014.

"I was pretty excited when I won state. I wanted it really bad from last year because I got second," Station said.

Station placed second at state her freshman year which made her even more determined. Winning state didn't change the fact that Station strived to get better. She began golfing at age four, and she has continued to work and improve since.

"I practice every day after school until at least 6 or 6:30. I'm also taking lessons at the Omaha Country Club in their new facility. They have

a lot of new technology where I can see things like the spin rate and landing angle of the ball and it helps me a lot," Station said.

Besides her golfing achievements, Station has also been recognized for her academic achievements. She received the Academic All-State Award for the fall of 2014 season from the Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association.

"I don't really like being in the spotlight, but my dad always tells me to stay humble. I just keep practicing and saying everything with a smile," Station said.

Station planned to continue practicing even after her achievements this year. For her last two years of high school, she hoped to continue excelling at golf.

Story by Taylor Stern

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 Donovan Reavill
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 Regan Reimer



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 Miguel Reyes
 Chandra Rich
 Deshaun Richardson
 Destiny Richardson
 Hayden Ridley
 Ricardo Rivera



Miguel Rivera-Rivera
 Zachary Robbins
 Izabelle Robbins-Bolter
 Moriah Roberts
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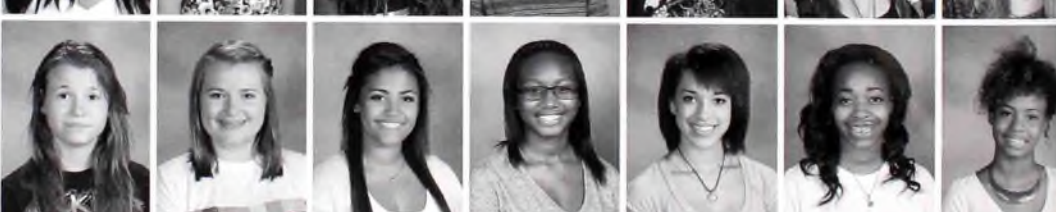
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 Brooke Schmidt
 Trevor Schmidt
 Shelby Schneider



Sianna Schulze
 Tearani Scott
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 Anthony Shaddy
 Gavin Shelton
 Quinlan Sibbitt
 Reed Sibbitt



Whitney Siepker
 Nicole Simanek
 Samantha Simpson
 Lelanie Singleton-Sealy
 Autumn Smith
 Darl'Anna Smith
 Kataira Smith



Tarynn Smith
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 Brooklyn Solatka
 Amanda Sommer
 Juanita Spencer
 David Spongberg
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What are you most looking forward to about being an upperclassman next year?



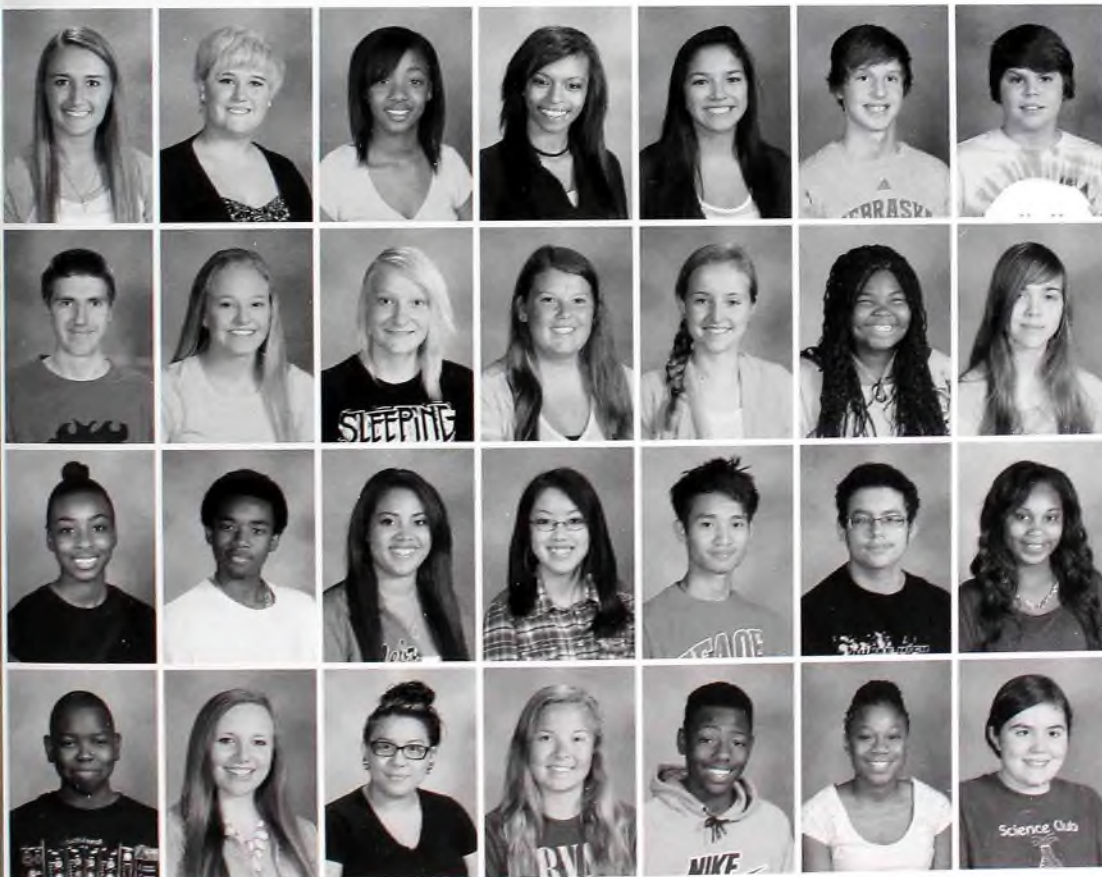
"Meeting new teachers, making new friends, and keeping good grades."
-Jackson Moritz



"Being one year closer to graduating. I'm excited to go to college."
-Kelli Posthuma



"More AP classes. I like taking AP classes because they offer a challenge."
-Maxwell Eggerling



Taylor Stern
Madison Stevens
de'Nacia Stewart
Maleeka Stoker
Clarissa Streitenberger
Benjamin Stutheit
Jacob Stuva

Cole Sudduth
Nicole Svevad
Angel Svoboda
Alexis Swanson
Emily Swanson
Bianca Swift
Hannah Switzer

Lauryn Tate
Tyrese Taylor
Tanasha Temple
Fern Thaisethawatkul
Ser Thar
Fuego Thomsen Castillo
Tiara Thornton

Deng Thurbill
Shelby Tietz
Leticia Tlatenchi
Theresa Todd
Tony Toney
Taj'Maree Townsell
Rosemary Travis

Who is someone you're always excited to see?



"My grandma because she is so sweet and caring."
- Jackson Livingston



"My friends because they make me laugh and I have fun with them."
- Luis Martinez



"My besties because we always have fun together!"
- Destiney Chitrodom

Tre' Trebilcock
Sydney Trench
Miguel Trotter
Ezekiel Turnbull
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Angela Tyler
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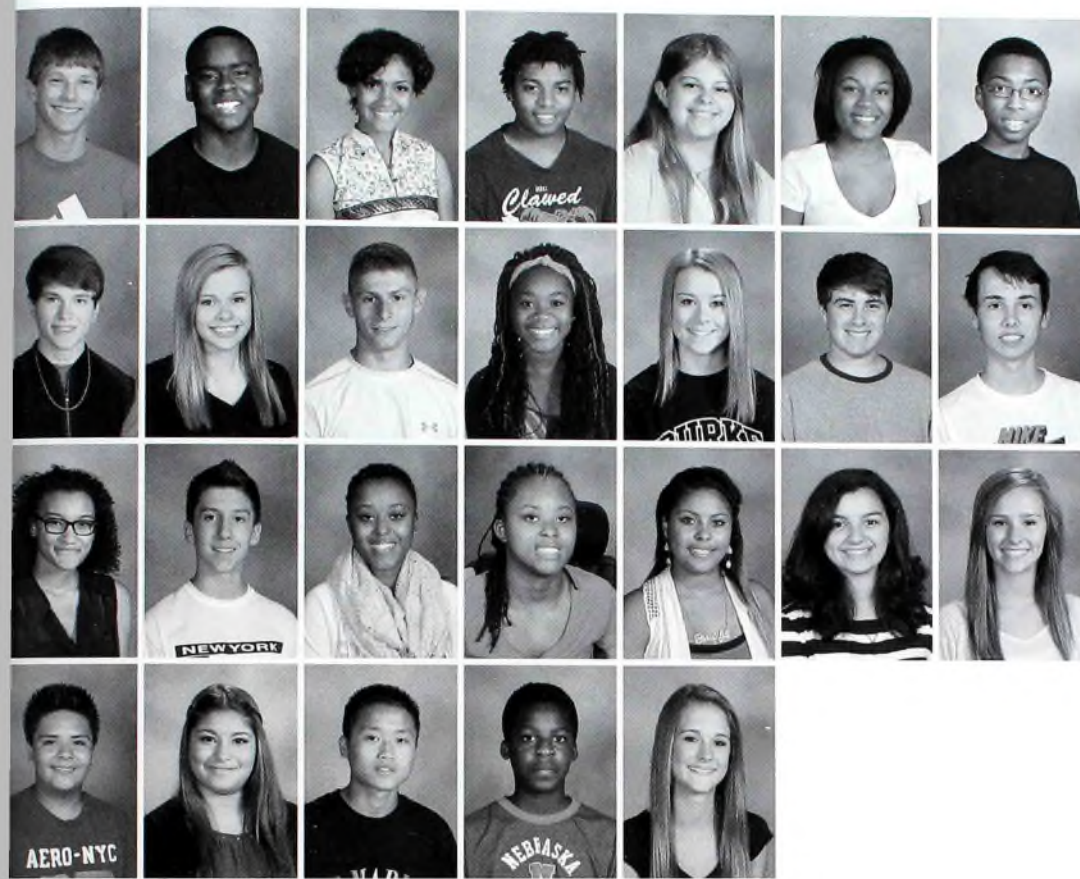


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Quincy Wagner
Sawyer Wakefield
Adrian Walter
Jada Warner
Kyra Washington



Colby Watkins
Taylor Weatherall
Kate Webber
Taylor Weesner
Alexis Weilenman
Davon Wells-Ross
Bailey West





John West
Shannon West-Jordan
Belle White
Kamron White
Kaylin White
Savoni White
Jamal Whitelaw

Benjamin Wiehe
Kennedy Wieland
Nathaniel Wiggins
Nadia Williams
Brooke Willour
Christian Wismont
Dylan Withers

Alyssa Wright
Anthony Wunderlich
Jalisa Wynn
Janisa Wynn
Justice Wynne
Aya Yousuf
Alyssa Yunker

George Zamarripa-Olivas
Chelsea Zepeda
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Andrea Ziska

What do you do on snow days?



"Go sledding with my friends and spending time together."- Riley Duke



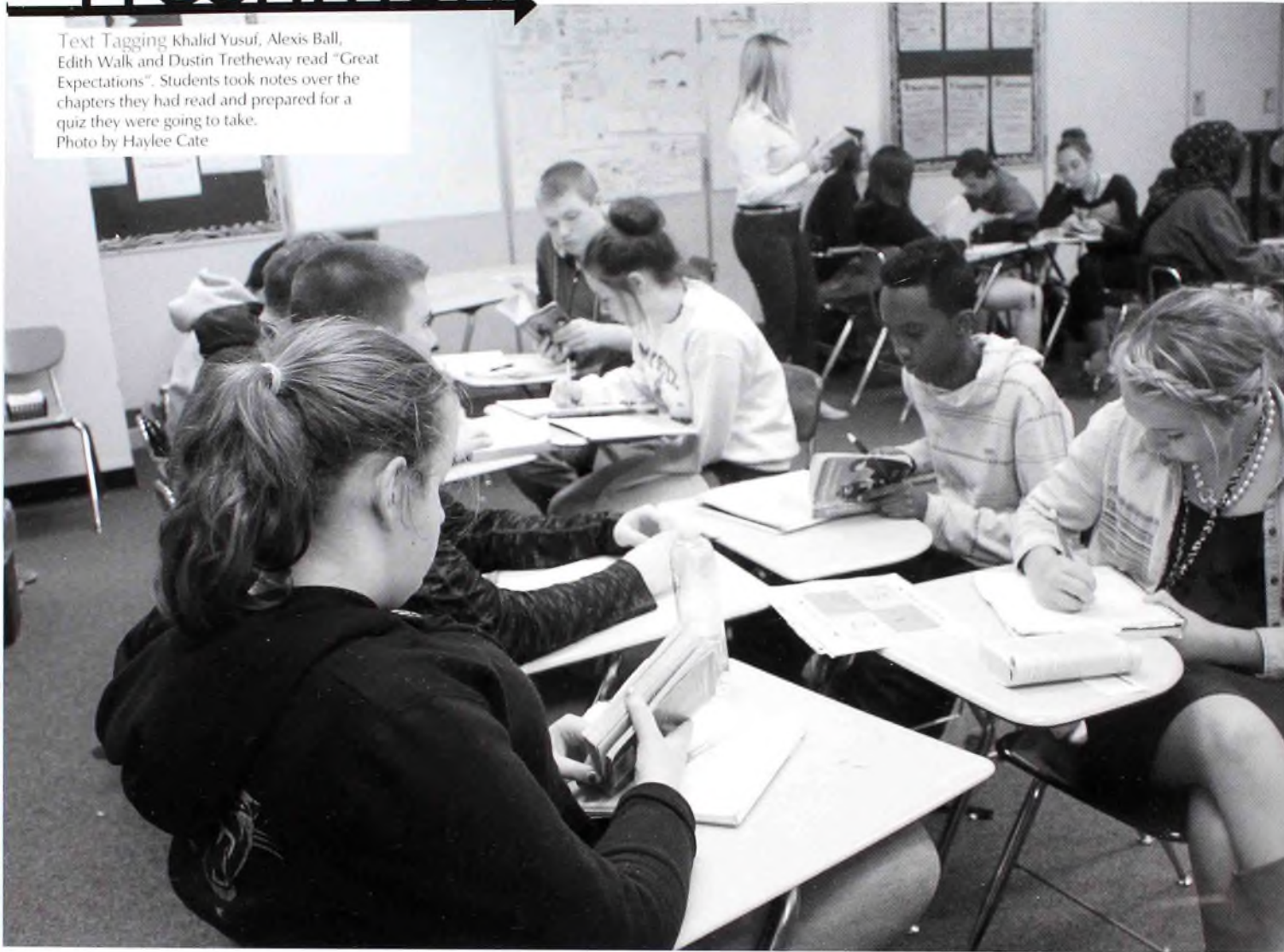
"Absolutely nothing because I get worn out during the school day."- Samuel Jones



"Bake with my neighbor because I love spending time with her."- Alexis Swanson

Freshmen

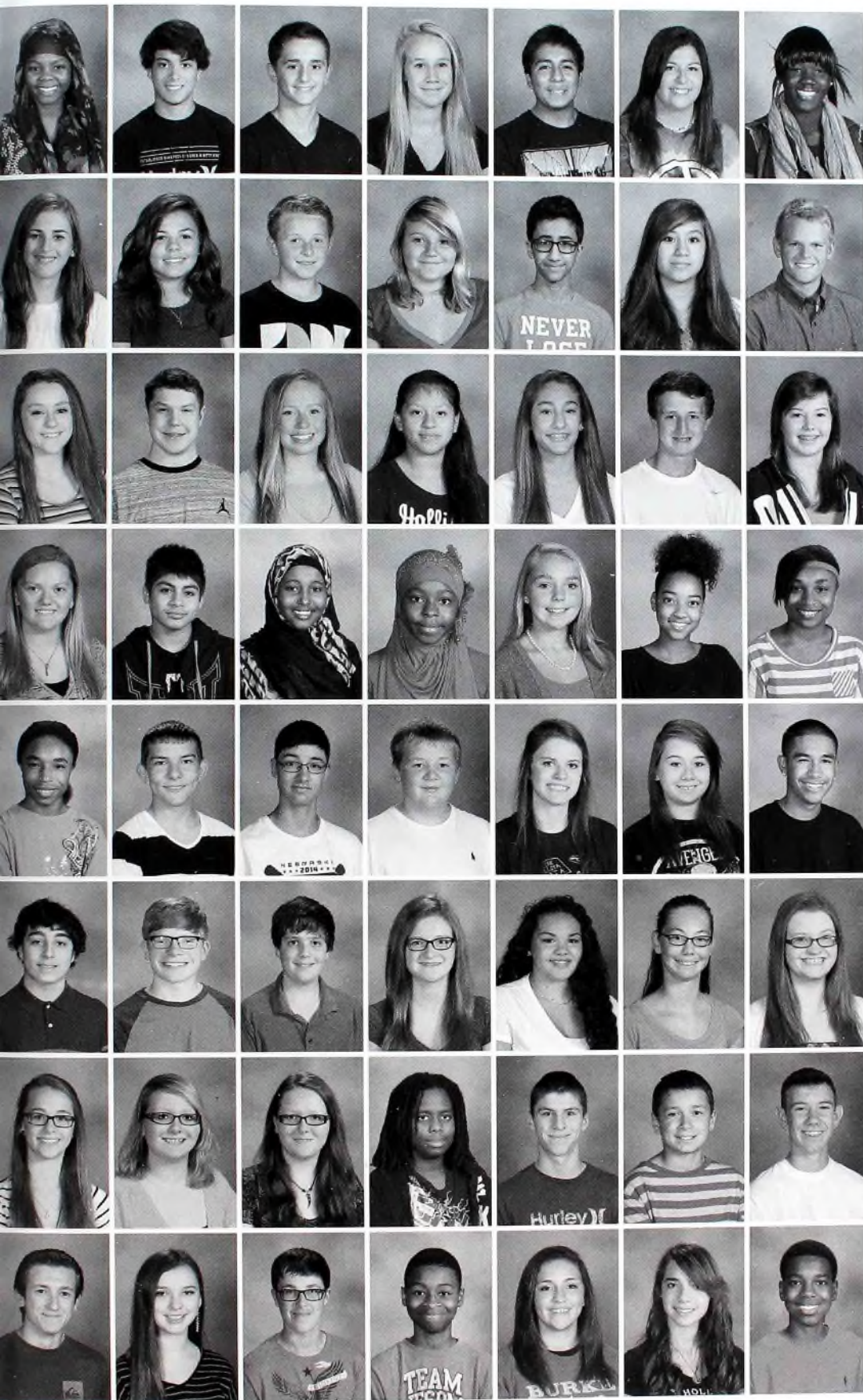
Text Tagging Khalid Yusuf, Alexis Ball, Edith Walk and Dustin Trethewey read "Great Expectations". Students took notes over the chapters they had read and prepared for a quiz they were going to take.
Photo by Haylee Cate



Going to high school was a big step, but we made it. Even though we probably got lost the first couple of weeks heading to class, we found our way through the first year in a big, new school. We stayed focused and learned how to handle all the challenges high school brought. We've met new friends, taken new classes, and we've been through new experiences. Our first Homecoming, first Friday night football game, first pep rally, and much more helped us begin

our journeys in a fun way. We've found role models throughout our school and have followed in their footsteps. This year helped us get ready to navigate our way through the next three years. We have learned what we can do and what we don't want to do. We have traveled together and hope we continue on the right direction.

Narrative by Leona Dunn



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Colton Abramo
Eduard Ademi
Brianna Agilar
Carlos Aguilar-Ramirez
Hannah Ahl
Maria Akech

Payton Alber
Justice Alioth
Nicholas Allen
Samantha Allen
Basil Alrebh
Rebecca Anaya
John Andersen

Alexis Anderson
Jordan Anderson
Morgan Anderson
Jennifer Angel-Becerril
Regan Anguiano
Nathan Anliker
Karalynne Antaya

Ashlynn Artzer
Abel Avalos
Khadro Awale
Najmo Aweys
Alexis Ball
Jordan Barfield
Jarvic'a Basden

Jarvis Basden
Jacob Baty
Joshua Bayly
Mason Beaverson
Brooke Becher
Andrea Beller
Daniel Beltran-Gonzalez

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Carl Bieber
Eric Bierle
Emily Bigelow
Angel Bills
Elia Biros
Erin Bokowski

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Abram Braimah
Matthew Brakhage
Ethan Brandt
Michael Bridgeford

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Angelina Brown
Cassie Brown
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Leah Brown
Jaydon Bruett
McKrae Bruner
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Brandon Buder



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Jonathon Bundy
Chrystopher Burbine
Breanna Burries
Mason Bush
Justin Buss
Kyle Butcher



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Saira Cardona
Darby Carlin



Nicole Carreon
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James Casassa
Angelina Castaneda
Kayci Channita
Samuel Chaplain
Nicholas Chapman



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Katelynn Cheung
Jairissia Choy-Porter
Carly Christensen
Hayley Christensen
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Garrett Clark



Molly Clark
Justin Clark-Wagner
Isabelle Cloud
Kaelynn Coate
Cameron Coleman
Joseph Coleman
Amber Collins



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Stormie Conn
Cardell Conner
Grace Conrad
Jayden Conrad
Xavier Cook
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Andrew Corzine
Ethan Cottrell
Ay'Onna Crawford
Alexis Crawley
Thomas Creigh
Samantha Croft
Haley Crosbie





Dream Big

Freshman makes Varsity Basketball Team and plans for greater things to come

Freshman Junub Char has been watching his two favorite basketball teams, Arizona University and the Boston Celtics, on TV since he was a little boy. Growing up, he would play basketball with his family, friends, or anyone that could. In 6th grade, when the opportunity arose to try out for the basketball team, he knew he had nothing to lose.

During his middle school years, he improved practice by practice. Being 6'2", his height was a huge advantage considering his position of point guard. So, when he came to Burke he was ready to show the coaches what he could do. They had never heard of him, but were pleasantly surprised with his abilities. Char was ecstatic to learn that he landed a spot on varsity.

"At first, I was expecting to make JV because

I wasn't as physically strong as I wanted to be. Since then, my strength has improved a lot." Char said.

He is looking forward to playing basketball the following three years of high school and beyond. He loves his teammates, his coaches, and mostly the game itself. He dreams of playing for the teams he grew up watching and admiring.

"Playing for Arizona in a few years would be a dream come true," Char said. "I do believe that if I keep working hard, I can achieve that."

Story by Molly Shanahan

Hannah Curran
 Brandon Curtis
 Sara Curtis
 Anna Dak
 John Davison
 Christopher Day
 Grace Day



Goldie DeBoer
 Felicia DeLong-Berry
 Cameryn DeBery
 MarKeshia Devers
 Haylee Dew
 Joshua Dickey
 Katrina Dienstbier



Keenan Dimmock
 Cubwa Divine
 Joel Dixon-Clark
 Nyaruot Doboal
 Morgan Dodge
 Julia Doll
 Daythan Drinkard



Cade Dungan
 Cole Durant
 Austin Edgerton
 Zachary Edmunds
 Waciwinyan Edwards
 Madison Ellis
 Billy Joe Engelhart



Brandon English
 Evelyn English
 Hailey Enriquez
 Leslie Espericueta
 Aleksandr Evans
 Najma Farah
 Amonda' Felix



Jeanette Felix
 George Ferguson
 Jess Ferguson
 Megan Ferrin
 Nathan Fiala
 Madison Figgins
 Owen Finn



Julien Fitzgerald
 Tony Flowers
 Justas Forcier
 Cade Forman
 Norelys Franco-Dominguez
 Paige Frigyes
 Jacob Frisbie



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 Victor Galvan
 Kayla Galvez
 Yessenia Garcia



What Emoji do you use most? (100 Freshman surveyed)



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Thomas Goff

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Gavin Grabill
Cayleah Green
Malaysia Griffin
Markese Griffy

Michael Gryzen
Giovanni Guillen
Katherine Gundersen
Matice Gunter
Tyson Gunter
Jason Gutierrez
Cameron Hatley

Ali Haith
Jasmyn Hall
Javon Hall
Nicholas Hall
Cassady Hansen
William Harbage
Alfred Harrington

Kassidy Hart
 Haley Hassa
 Cha'Darius Haywood
 Mohamad Hazim
 Kaitlyn Heinsen-Cisneros
 Ariez Henry
 Bryan Hernandez



Jazmyn Hernandez
 Julian Hernandez
 Vienay Hernandez
 Yahaira Hernandez-Quinones
 Nathan Herrera
 Ashley Hickman
 Quintin Hill



Hailey Hoegren
 Alexander Hofer
 Shelby Holliman
 Nathaniel Holm
 Christopher Honz
 Mya Howard
 Hannah Howatt



Eh Htoo
 Conner Huber
 Cheyenne Hudgins
 Dylan Humble
 Roderick Hurst
 Grace Huston
 Paxton Hutton



Samantha Ingwersen
 Chika Izuegbunam
 Lawrence Jackson
 Evan Jaixen
 Jariatou Jallow
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 Luis Javier-Bravo



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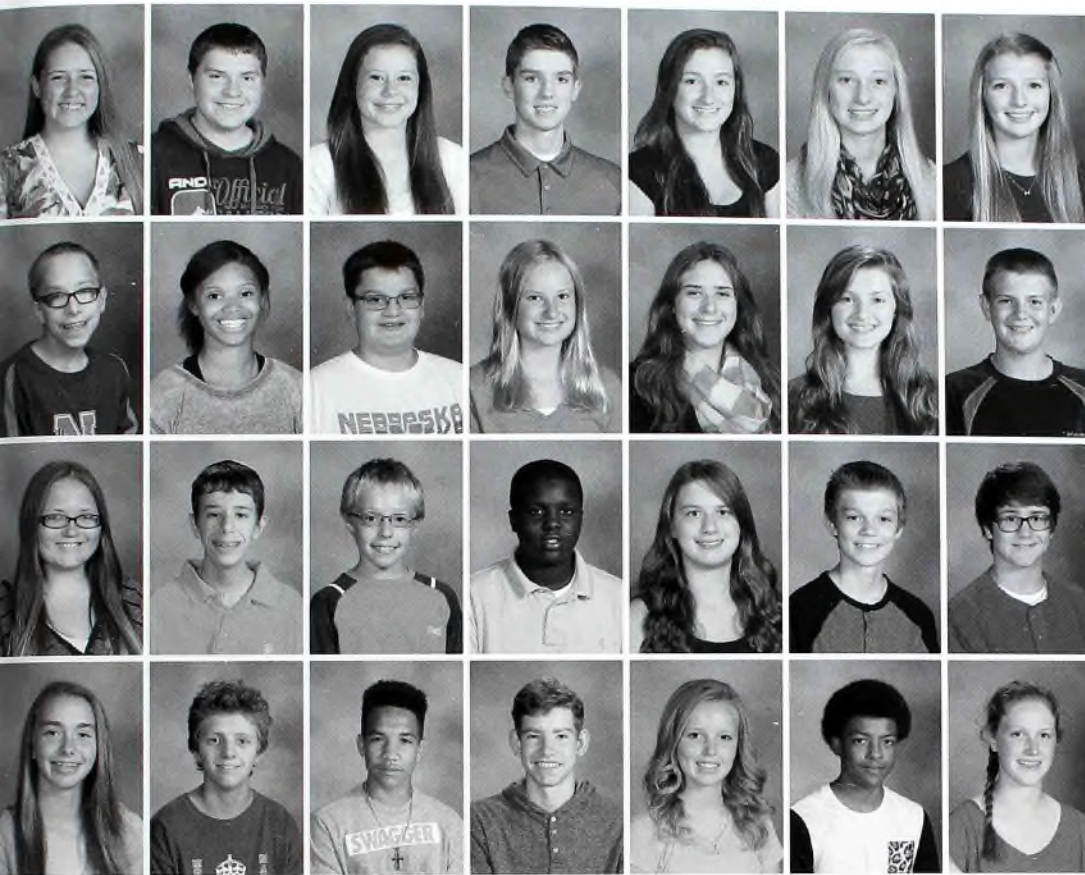


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 Muteba Kanunde
 Dominick Kass
 Michael Kawamoto
 Alexander Keats
 Dezerea Keeran





Dusty Keever
Cody Keifer
Sydney Kelley
Adam Kelly
Elizabeth Keres
Emma Kerns
Megan Kerns

Joshua Kiichler
Eternity King
Christopher Kirchoff
Kathleen Kirshenbaum
Rachel Kohls
Jessica Krauth
Tanner Krayneski

Destiny Krueger
Joshua Kurtzman
Kalab Lair
Loah Lam
Angela Lane-Jacobs
Brendan Lapour
Aidan Larsen

Kurgan Larsen
Cole Lasovich
James Lathan
Isaac Lawrence
Brooke Lawson
Tychicus Lea
Anna Leahy

What have you learned about Burke that you didn't know before?



"You can get college credits in certain classes"
- Ellie Johnson



"Burke showed me high school is nothing like it is in the movies" - Jessica Krauth



"High school isn't as hard as my middle school teachers said it was going to be" - Grace Rath



"It is super crowded" - Alondra Tran Class

Playing it Right Freshmen Mia Nelson and Kaya Mallett play a card game in FACTS class. The card game was a non-verbal activity in business teacher Benjamin Ryan's class.



Learning the FACTS

Freshman class teaches students beneficial information for years to come

Have you ever wished that there was a class you could've taken that would have helped you throughout high school? At Burke there was. One class that was mandatory to graduate was (FACTS); Freshmen Academic Career Technology Skills.

"FACTS was a really beneficial class. I think the stuff I learned in there will really help me for the harder classes I'll be taking next year," freshman Zachary Love said.

This year long class was split into two portions, one semester was in the computer lab and the other was in the classroom. It taught freshmen how to adjust high school, including better ways to take notes, such as in the Cornell format. In the lab they learned how to use Microsoft Excel,

PowerPoint, and other Microsoft Office Programs. They used business and design programs, filled out a college application, and even learned how to study for the ACT.

"After taking FACTS I now know so many important things like how to study better and how to be successful later after high school. I think that's a cool thing," freshman Julien Johnson said.

Teachers noticed that FACTS students continued to progress. Due to the benefits, Burke planned on keeping FACTS as a mandatory class for years to come.

Story by Taylor Weesner



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 Michael Lee
 Thomas Leehy
 Makayla Leiting
 Nathan Lenz
 Tasheonna Lewis-Kent
 Camden Lincoln



Gabriel Lingle
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 Wilmer Lopez-Talavera
 Emily Lorenz
 Nicholas Loth
 Zachary Love



Gabrielle Lowther
 Nicholas Lundy
 Grace Luong
 Brian Ly
 Jaden Maharjan
 Kaya Mallett
 Ramatou Mama



Alyse Manley
 Sean Marr
 Cristian Martinez
 Dewayne Mattas
 Tray-Kaisa Mayfield-Holmes
 Maurice McCurry
 Sheldon McDaniel



Connor McElderry
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 Anthony Menicucci
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 McKinley Miller
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 Shemar Nutt
 Sean Nutting
 Shannon O'Connor
 Eliezer Ocampo



Bernard Odjidja
 Austin Oetter
 Jesus Olivar
 Seth Olson
 Nolan Opheim
 Marissa Orlando
 Adam Ovenden



Mariah Packett
 Christian Padilla
 Taylor Paige
 Nyajuak Pal
 Kurnith Path
 Anastasia Peetzke
 Megan Peklo



Drake Penkava
 Fernanda Perez
 Cole Perkins
 Isaac Peters
 Mason Petersen
 Parker Petersen
 Jordan Phipps



Cedrick Pierce
 Kierra Plunkett
 Natalia Pommier-Sabori
 Molly Ptacek
 Chang Kuoth Puol
 Benjamin Raffel
 Hannah Rainey



Nathan Ramirez
 Tylia Ramos
 Soleil Ramsey
 Grace Rath
 Courtney Ray
 Nathan Rech
 Rylee Reggio



Max Reilly
 Kayleen Render
 Andrew Rheiner
 Jay Leesha Rice
 Katherine Richards
 Phillip Richards
 Deaira Richey





The Playlist of Dreams

Freshman musician achieves his music goals

The crowd went wild as Phillip played the last note of his performance on stage at one of his band's local gigs. Freshman Phillip Richards was already in a very successful local Omaha band, Lux Revival, at the age of 15.

After Phillip met two of his best friends through the Millard School of Rock, they decided to start a band. Phillip played the bass alongside his band members, Junior John Staples and Austin Brazda. The group played at many venues including Dr. Jack's, Chrome Lounge, and the Slowdown. They made around \$160 per show which they spent on instruments, sound supplies, and producing a new CD called S.O.

"It took a lot of effort to make it to where we are now with our band, but it was all worth it,"

Richards said.

Phillip planned on pursuing his musical career with his two band members for years following high school. They also hoped to attend musical festivals at the SXSW in Texas and Milwaukee in the summer of 2015.

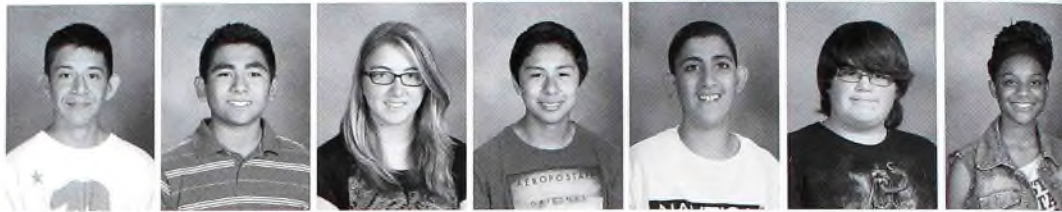
"This is all an amazing experience and I have met the coolest people. I never thought just a couple buddies and I just doing what we love would make it this far," Richards said. "Getting recognized by producers and being invited to big music festivals is crazy. I guess dreams really do come true."

Story by Taylor Weesner

Jermaine Roach
 Hayden Robbins
 Jayden Roberts
 Emanuel Rodriguez
 Emily Rodriguez
 Erick Rodriguez
 Tyler Rogerz



Edgar Romero
 Diego Rosillo-Roman
 Alyson Rutledge-Clarke
 Luis Salazar Chavez
 Nour Salman
 Joseph Sampson
 Dominique Sanders



Rainier Rafael Sarreal
 Jacob Sautter
 Carissa Schaben
 Devon Schmidt
 Trae Schmielau
 Zane Schnitker
 Emma Schroder



Natalie Schuman
 Baylee Schutt
 Jakob Schwarzenbach
 Ashley Scott
 Lindsey Seidel
 Morgan Seybold
 Mia Sherlock



Hunter Silvey
 Kara Simonsen
 Tristen Sims
 Austin Slegl
 Corey Smith
 Dejion Smith
 Kaitlyn Smith



Megan Smith
 Tinasia Smith
 Emilie Sothman
 Last-Noe Soudi
 Jordan Speer
 Payton Stalder
 Kelly Staples



Da'Veontae Stark
 Emily Starkey
 Dallas Strasser
 Jesse Stuart
 Zachary Tatem
 Maya Taylor
 Daizyana Terrell



Trinity Thomas
 Nicholas Tibbels
 Ryan Tiemann
 Erick Toche-Hernandez
 Elisa Torres
 Alondra Tran Class
 Dustin Trettheway



What is one rule you would change if you were the principal?



"I would change the no phone rule because listening to music while you're doing homework and finding information with your cell phone actually helps some people learn" –Emily Troxel



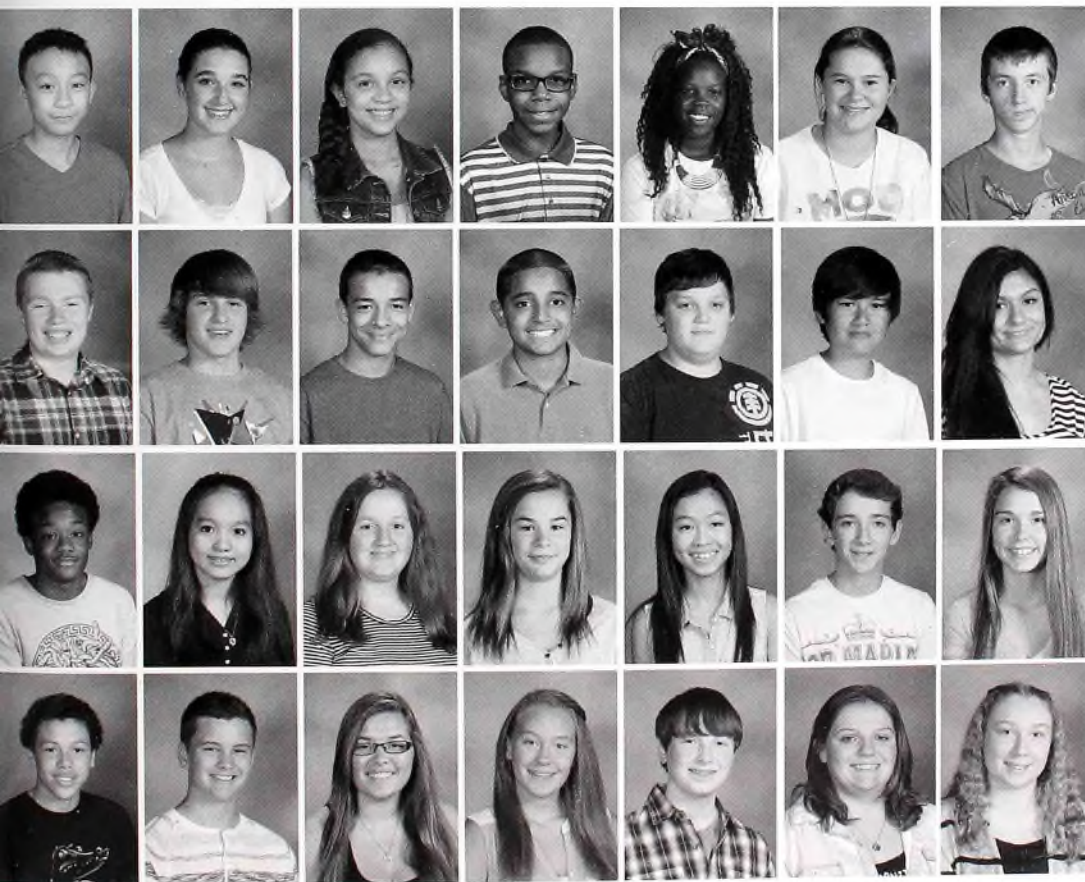
"We need new desks in every classroom because the chairs are extremely uncomfortable" –Julia Doll



"I would change the tardy system, it is not necessary to call parents if you're even a minute late to first block" –Hannah Howatt



"I'd let all grades have open campus during lunch, not everyone likes school lunches." –Mason Beaverson



Kenny Trinh
Emily Troxel
Naomi Turner
de'Jovanni Turner
Nyanpal Tut
Malarie Umble
Andrew Umshler

Jacob Uryasz
Jordan Valentine
Nickalous Vallejos
Lionel Valles
Austin Van Roekel
Martin Vandenberg
Kimberly Vazquez-Romo

Jayvonn Vinson
Patrice Remy Lou Virata
Edith Walk
Sierra Walker
Yu Wang
Christopher Ward
Maggie Washer

Marcus Washington
Hunter Waugh
Mekenzie Weilenman
Emily Wheeler
Jacob Whelan
Hope White
Brooke Wichert

One Record at a Time

Swimmer makes it to state his freshman year

He started his legacy at Burke High School setting a record for the fastest time in the 100 fly event; and it was only his freshman year.

In 7th grade, Hayden Robbin's friends who swam told him he should try it out. Ever since then, he's been captivated by the sport.

Participating in the butterfly, 50 free, and 100 free events, Robbins had to work diligently. Every single day after school he went to the pool and practiced.

"The best way to improve your performance in meets is repetition," Robbins said. "As long as you're in the water swimming every day, you're going to be improving."

All of his effort in practice showed during meets. Whether it was a dual, which was two schools going head-to-head, or an invite, which consisted of the Varsity teams from every school, he gave his all.

"I actually broke the Burke freshman record for 100 fly this season. My time was 59.56 seconds. I'm still really proud of myself," Robbins

said.

However, that wasn't his only good meet of the season. He had been doing well since the season began. So, when State started being mentioned he was confident in himself.

When his parents received the e-mail from his coach listing who all was chosen, he was pleased to see his predictions were correct.

"I think state is going to go really well," Robbins said. "I'm going to be doing a relay, so I'm not the only one contributing, but I'm really excited and confident about it."

Robbins planned to continue swimming throughout his life. He dreamt of swimming in Grand Prix meets, which were professional, high-level swimming, and possibly in the Olympics. There was still a lot of time for improvement, but judging by everything he had already achieved, there was no reason to believe he wouldn't achieve those dreams.

Story by Molly Shanahan





John Wiley
Antonio Williams
LaKeysha Williams
Shedrick Williams
Maliyah Williams-Phillips
Peyton Wilmer
Quentin Wilson

Ahsna Win
Jawlonia Winrow
Payton Witkowski
Jordyn Wolfe
Stacy Wood
Tyler Wooten
Katherine Worden

Parker Worthington
Aaron Wright
Matthew Wright
Destiney Wynne
Vineeth Yacham
Joshua Yang
Jamel Young

Khalid Yusuf
Alan Zamora
Magnus Zesiger
Isabelle de la Vega

What was the hardest part about adjusting from middle school to high school?



"I'm in honors classes, so being put in classes with a lot of upperclassmen was hard." -Justice Alioth



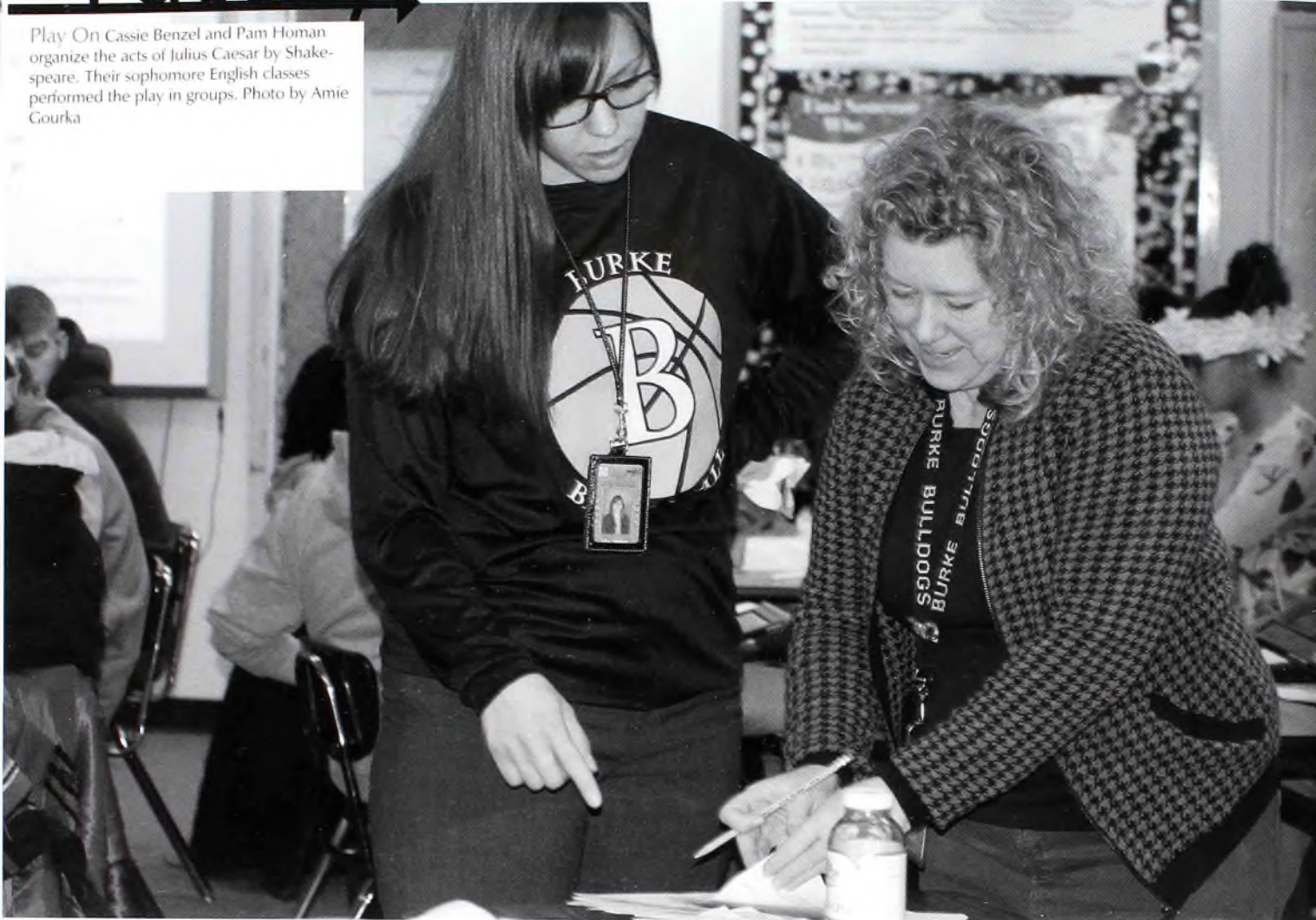
"Getting used to being around so many different types of people." -Malarie Umble



"How many people there are, and how crowded it gets." -Eric Toche

Faculty

Play On Cassie Benzel and Pam Homan organize the acts of Julius Caesar by Shakespeare. Their sophomore English classes performed the play in groups. Photo by Amie Gourka

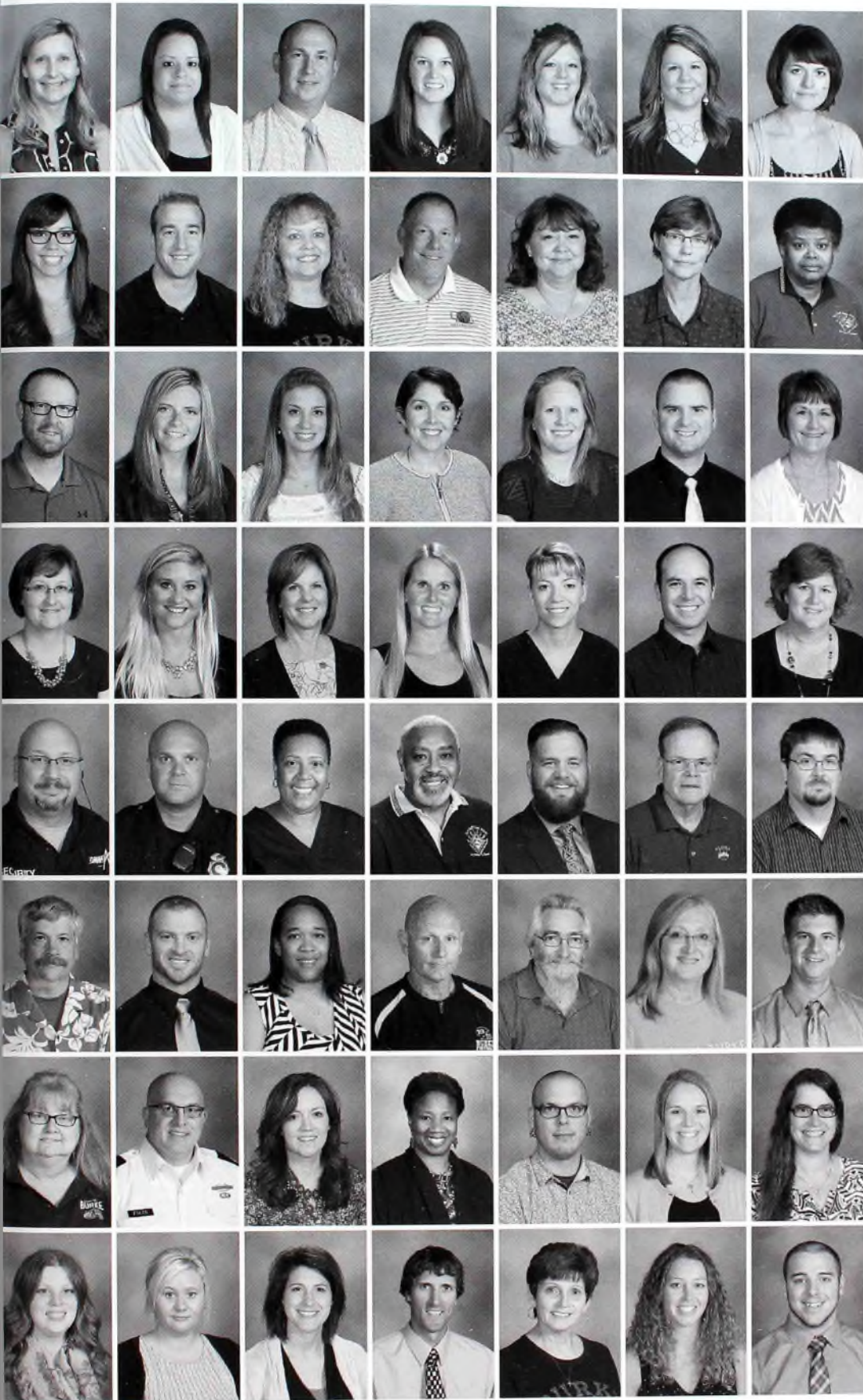


The faculty was there to guide us through the year. The administration kept us in line, making sure we were following the right path. Our teachers were with us throughout the entire journey. They put some obstacles in our path, such as tough tests and challenging projects, but they did it to better us as students. The faculty members came to Burke each day, setting out to do the best job they could. As we navigated through the halls of Burke we saw a variety of helpful staff members.

If we got injured or sick along the way we

could visit our nurses. The security guards always made sure we were safe throughout our journey, while counselors were there to help us through tough decisions and situations. The janitors were there to clean up any messes we left in our paths, while teachers made sure our work wasn't a mess. Without our faculty setting a course for us, our trek through this year would've been much more difficult.

Narrative by Sarah Taylor



Rebecca Akins *Social Studies*
 Elizabeth Ambriz *World Language*
 Brian Anderson *Art*
 Claire Aylward *Mathematics*
 Melissa Baldwin *Special Education*
 Anne Beacom *Psychologist*
 Shelby Beck *Art*

Cassie Benzel *Special Education*
 Drew Berg *Special Education*
 Nyla Bodfield *Nutrition Services*
 Wesley Boehm *Physical Education*
 Barbara Boltinghouse *Social Studies*
 Maryann Boscardin *Special Education*
 Gloria Bowie *Nutrition Services*

Nicholas Bratt *English*
 Emili Brosnan *Dean of Students*
 Jennifer Brown *Science*
 Kristi Bryant *English*
 Kay Burbach *Science*
 David Burgan *Curriculum Specialist*
 Nancy Burkhardt *FCS*

Andrea Burton *FCS*
 Amanda Busboom *English*
 Mary Caputo *Business*
 Erin Carder *Mathematics*
 Natasha Carrizales *Nutrition Services*
 Javier Castellote *Interpreter*
 Ellen Chuda *World Language*

Jay Cieciorka *Security*
 Bobby Clark *Resource Officer*
 Chrissy Clough *Nutrition Services*
 James Conner *Nutrition Services*
 Jay Dalton *Business*
 David Daughton *ESL*
 Duncan Davidson *Mathematics*

William Deardoff *Social Studies*
 Dustin Deterding *Dean of Students*
 Monica Dixon *Social Studies*
 Jerry Donahue *Special Education*
 Martin Elias *Nurse Aid*
 Frances Finn *Paraprofessional*
 Benjamin Fleck *Business*

Pam Fletemeyer *Computer Technician*
 Brian Folts *JROTC*
 Dania Freudenburg *Dean of Students*
 Dr. Deborah Frison *Principal*
 Daniel Gathman *English*
 Ally Gilin *Business*
 Kimberly Goeverf *Mathematics*

Nicole Goff *FCS*
 Amie Gourka *Journalism*
 Amy Grate *Interpreter*
 Daniel Gray *Science*
 Lucille Greer *Secretary*
 Alexia Grefe *English*
 Dillon Grossman *Student Teacher*

What is the worst excuse you've gotten from a student for not turning in their homework?



"I left it in the back of my buddy's pick up then it rained" – Greg Oxley



"I witnessed my neighbor hit a cat with a car and I was so sad I couldn't do my homework" –Jamie Honke



"You never told us it was due" –Jay Dalton

John Guhl *JROTC*
Benjamin Hamilton *World Language*
Deann Hanisch *Art*
Danielle Helzer *English*
Nathan Helzer *Music*
Scott Hodges *Physical Education*
Marnell Holm *Science*



Mary Beth Holmes *Nurse*
Pamela Homan *English*
Jamie Honke *World Language*
Christie Hopkins *Student Teacher*
Tasha Horn *World Language*
Sharon Hostler *Mathematics*
Randall Howard *Social Studies*



Ryan Hoy *CAD*
Thomas Jackson *Special Education*
Lynette Jedlicka *Interpreter*
Gretchen Jensen *Interpreter*
Wei Jia *World Language*
Sandy Johnson *Nutrition Services*
Jessica Jolkowski *Mathematics*



Beauty Jones *Nutrition Services*
Javier Juarez *World Language*
Kimberly Kafonek *Special Education*
Kristopher Kahlandt *English*
Memory Kamhaka *World Language*
Lisa Kostens *Special Education*
Jennifer Kaweck *English*





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 Kyan Kingston *Guidance*
 David Kittle *Security*
 Robin Knudtson *Special Education*
 Kevin Kobs *Physical Education*
 Josie Korh *Nutrition Services*
 Cheryl Koziol *Librarian*



Stephanie Kros *Guidance*
 Joy Kusler *Curriculum Specialist*
 Alison Lane *Science*
 Gaye Lannan *Assistant Principal*
 Leann Larreau *Physical Education*
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Aaron McBride *Social Studies*
 Landon McCormick *Guidance*
 Cory McCune *Librarian*
 Abbey McNair *Social Studies*
 Judy McNew *Secretary*
 Judith Messerschmidt *Science*
 Chad Meyer *Special Education*



Laurie Mille *Paraprofessional*
 Judy Mikesch *Nutrition Services*
 Megan Miller *Interpreter*
 Sarah Miller *Interpreter*
 Michael Mingo *Business*
 Emily Mokrycki *Drama*
 Jamie Moran *Student Teacher*



Patricia Mazee *Security*
 Rachel Mulcler *Mathematics*
 Holly Murphy *English*
 Ryan Murtaugh *Physical Education*
 Constance Navratil *Special Education*
 Cuong Nguyen *Art*
 Nichole Niebur *Business*



Tyson Novotny *Mathematics*
 Loretta Ohnemus *Mathematics*
 Page Osborne *Social Studies*
 Greg Oxley *Business*
 Margaret Pass *Guidance*
 Chad Price *Curriculum Specialist*
 Jeffrey Pulverenti *Mathematics*



Amy Purdy *Special Education*
 Judy Radcliff *ESL Paraprofessional*
 Anthony Razor *Social Studies*
 Jennifer Razor *English*
 Maricela Regan *Guidance*
 Nadine Reyes *FCS*
 Kristin Riggie *Interpreter*

Kyle Rohrig *Assistant Principal*
 Anita Ross *Nutrition Services*
 Jennifer Rotherham *World Language*
 Benjamin Ryan *Business*
 Patrick Ryan *Social Studies*
 Megan Sak *Social Studies*
 Heather Sargent *Science*



Andrew Schatzberg *Industrial Tech*
 Derrick Schmidt *Business*
 Carla Schroder *Physical Education*
 Elizabeth Seckman *Science*
 Jason Kenyan *Industrial Tech*
 Kenyon Sharp *English*
 Teresa Shea *Treasurer*



Ryan Sherlock *English*
 Jason Shupp *Industrial Tech*
 Tyler Siecke *Business*
 Brooke Sieff *Science*
 Beth Siffig *World Language*
 Hope Smejkal *Guidance*
 Blair Sommerfeld *World Language*



Kathleen Soukup *Nutrition Services*
 Greg Spangler *Student Teacher*
 Nicholas Spath *Music*
 Stacie Clark *Special Education*
 Rebecca Stauffer *Secretary*
 Maureen Stinebaugh *Special Education*
 Shaun Stockton *IT*



Lee Stover *Science*
 Lindsey Stover *Guidance*
 Jeffrey Sturgeon *ssc*
 Justine Sullivan *Physical Education*
 Josette Taylor *Guidance*
 Nathan Terbeest *Dean of Students*
 Patrick Tessmer *Mathematics*



Thanh Thanh *Custodian*
 Jean Tiemann *Paraprofessional*
 Mattie Traphagan *Paraprofessional*
 Sarah Tripp *World Language*
 Mary Ullery *Mathematics*
 Georgia Urey *Paraprofessional*
 Connie Vail *Secretary*



Rebecca Vair *Science*
 Brianna Vander Vorst *Guidance*
 Ashley Vandeventer *Science*
 LeeAnn Vaughan *Science*
 Lise Wagner *English*
 Matthew Wagner *Security*
 Darrell Walla *Special Education*



Deborah Ward *English*
 Darci Watkins *Secretary*
 Anne Wattles *ssc*
 Courtney Williams *Student Teacher*
 Jason Williams *Assistant Principal*
 Mary Wixson-Mass *Interpreter*
 Angela Wolfe *English*





Patrick Woodman *Social Studies*
Charles Wright *Music*
Paul Zulkosky *School Support Liason*

If you weren't a teacher, what would your career be?



"A parole officer"-Nadine Reyes



"Astronaut"- Derrick Schmidt



"A sailor or a pastor"- William Deardoff



"Stay at home mom because I love kids"-Nichole Niebur



"I would be a journalist"- Anthony Razor



"I would be a museum curator "- Barbara Boltinghouse

Food Drive Senior Grace Gombold, junior Ibanna Uribe and sophomore Nadia Williams collect cans from teacher's rooms for the Student Council food drive. Photo by Amie Gourka



Clubs

Waiting in an empty classroom anticipating the first official meeting to begin. Texting your friends reminders, hoping they'll come ready and on time. These agendas had nothing to do with geometry and government. These were the decisions we made for ourselves as we mapped out our own schedules.

We watched our teachers turn into our club sponsors as we strolled past the vend-

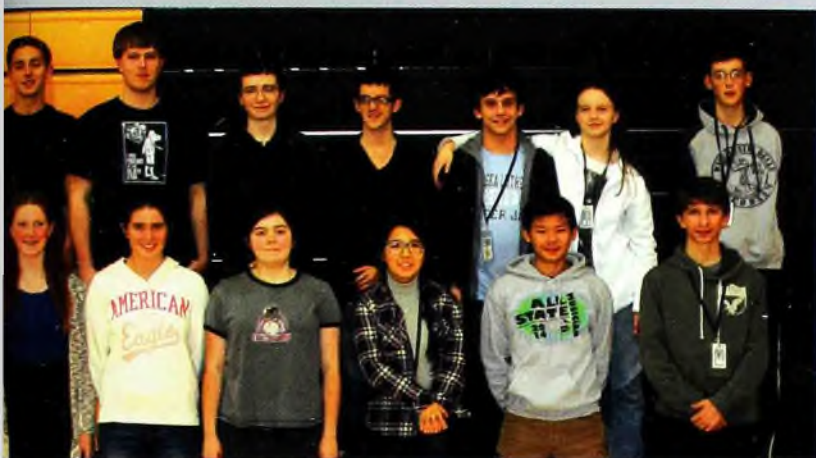
ing machines that were now available to use. These were the times where we came together as a club, a unit of individuals that were all heading in the same direction.

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Art Club

Roster: Sponsor Cuong Nguyen, Nicole Johnson, Lauren Becher, Ameri Grace Haorei, Andi Zhang, Sponsor Shelby Beck, Courtney Cresto, Courtney Wells, Ashley Wells, Fern Thaisethawatkul, Jennifer Dunn, Taylor Paige, Hannah Holcomb, Rose McCaffrey, Mason Petersen, Brianna Wells, McGuire Leitig, Benjamin Wiehe, Robert Sinclair, Dominique Channita



Science Club

First Row: Anna Leahy, Teagan Grabher, Rosemary Travis, Andi Zhang, Kai-Di Johnson, Ethan Goetzinger; Second Row: Samuel Pratt, Walter Mantler, Quinn Brandt, Malachi Jenson, Nicholas Tibbels, Danielle Tibbels, Luke Keller



SNHS

First Row: Jessica Grimmond, Taylor Bodfield, Hannah Holcomb, Mariah Laher, Kathryn King, Bailey Parsons, Brooke Schmidt, Sydney Kirkpatrick, Angelika Bull, Joy Kayode, Giovanna Garcia; Second Row: Julia Ellis, Melanie Valderrábano, Dillon Hanson-Ahumada, Sussan Moussavi, Kathryn Hollenbeck, Abbie-Lin Leonard, Melissa Newkirk, Brooke Mott; Third Row: Graham Jones, Aaron Gorcos, Jared Noetzel, Trinity Allen, Skyler Ryan



Senior Senate

First Row: Nayomi Jayasekara, Taylor Bodfield, Tsehaynesh Chidey, Rae Johnson, Hannah Simerly, Gabriella Yabut, Megan Didulo; Second Row: Brendan Larsen, Jacob Warner, Henry Harrison, Jessica Beck, Zachary Luppen, Ryan Stungis; Not Pictured: Grace Gombold, Kara Grassau, Courtney Haggart, Lauren Houston, Sarah Hunter, Emily Loeffelman, Stephanie Meehan, Melissa Newkirk, Sponsors Deborah Ward and Nancy Burkhart



Student Council

Roster: Naomi Turner, Abigail Bierle, Aidan Larsen, Allison Mills, Anna Gombold, Anne Ryschon, Ashton Doukas, Aya Yousef, Bailey Parsons, Benjamin Raffel, Bianca Swift, Brooke Mott, Brooke Schmidt, Daniel Tran, Destiny Jordan, Dillon Hanson-Ahumada, Edith Walk, Emily Kort, Emily Miller, Erin Johnson, Fern Thaisethawatkul, Gabriella Yabut, Gav Siebrass, Grace Gombold, Grace Macke, Gregory Keen, Hyun Ah Chor, Ibanna Uribe, Jacob Warner, Jariatou Jallow, Jared Noetzel, Jared Polac, Jean Gnonlonfoun, Yu Wang, Jessica Hack, Joseph Gombold, Jordan W deman, Joy Kayode, Julia Doll, Justis Starks, Kaden Nichols, Kaia Musgi, Kathryn King, Kinsey Munderloh, Kolton Butcher, Agness Kanunde, Leo Dunn, Linh Dinh, Megan Browning, Melanie Valderrabano

Student Council

Helping the Bulldog Community

Burke Student Council worked hard year round to make the Burke Community better as whole. Members went to meetings every week and found ways to help with all the events that happened at Burke. Sometimes, Student Council members stayed long hours after school and on the weekend to help with events like Open House or to decorate for events. Each member had more than one committee they had to help with that Student Council supported. Fall Decorating, Spring Decorating, the Winter Social, the Canned Food Drive, decorating for Homecoming and Prom, the Valentine Social, Relay for Life, TEDX, etc., were all Student Council events. These students were committed and hardworking; they stayed dedicated to the club each day.

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Contributing to a Cause
Seniors Brook Mott and Sarah Bridgeford prepare for the canned food drive.



Winter Wonderland
Seniors Zachary Luppen and Brendan Larson decorate the cafeteria with snowflakes. Student Council sponsored several similar activities.





Creative Writing Club

First Row: Sponsor Kristi Bryant, Katelyn Jenkins, Taylor Bodfield, Abigail Bierle and Sponsor Jennifer Razor; Second Row: Erin Johnson, Katherine Richards, Ana Murdock, and Fern Thaisetthawatkul; Third Row: Tsehaynesh Ghidey, Serenity Bryce, Evangeline Mantler and William Paulson



FEA

First Row: Hannah Miller, Hayley Egenes, Tyler Bailey, Lauren Kirshenbaum, Cassandra Kenedy; Second Row: Tierra Tiller, Mollie Deaver, Marissa Orlando, Megan Peklo, Sarah Drake, Grace Gombold, Nicole McLaughlin, Brenna Micek, Kelsey Townsend; Third Row: Sponsor Nancy Burkhardt, Samantha Haifaas, Kinsey Munderloh, Lauren Houston, Molly Jackson, Stephanie Mattas, Ivey Drake, Alexis Swanson, Shelby Schneider, Nicole Simanek, Vivian Nguyen, Taylor Weesner, Haley Ramm, Sponsor Nadine Reyes



Drama Club

First Row: Benjamin Adams, Jack Lammers, Madison Murphy, Emma Parizek, Elizabeth Friend, Mika Caplan, Talon Ramsey, Christopher Boarts, Noah Loux, Richard Clegg; Second Row: Katie Cisneros, Micheal Nigro, Soleil Ramsey, Jariatou Jallow, Grace Luong, Allyson Rutledge-Clarke, Xander Cox, Sean McArdle, Emily Bradshaw, Leah Brown, Cody Merrill, Riley Mayne, Nadia Willaims, Jaimelin Jefferis, Dionicio Gaspar-Francisco, Brandon Luong, Carly Christensen, Amanda Albeck, Whitney Merrill, Sponsor Emily Mokrycki; Third Row: Cassidy Hansen, Darby Carlin, Ella Knight, Soeili Ramsey, Evelyn English, Olivia Diamond, Carlos Aguilar, Sara Bradshaw, Tony Flowers, Corlisiti Patman, Destiny Jordan, Tamario Brooks, Emily Troxel, Allison Mills, Evan Jaixen, Carl Bieber, Sarah Gierasch



Louder Than a Bomb

First Row: Sponsor Brittany Young, Ameri Haorei, Emily Tyrrell, Bianca Swift, Maria Mickles, Sponsor Pam Homan; Second Row: Brendan Godejohn, Madison Stevens, Zoran Demirovic, Evangeline Mantler, Matthew Pflug Not pictured: Fern Thaisetthawatkul, Amina Abdullahi

Project Peace

Project Peace was a diversity club that fought social injustice and tried to create a safe and friendly environment for the school. They hosted an annual Mix It Up day where students were encouraged to make new friends, spread the word, and paired up with GSA for the day of silence.

This club was proudly known to be student led, but they were assisted by a sponsor. Counselor Landon McCormick took on this role for the 2014-2015 school year. Project Peace had a direct tie to the Includivity Program which took certain kids to a four day diversity camp during the fall and a one day diversity workshop. They also

had Includivity interns, who were senior Leona Dunn and junior Abbie-Lin Leonard for the 2014-2015 school year.

They interacted with all OPS schools involved in the program, trying to find ways to break down the barriers in society. Senior President Kylie Cappellano and junior Vice President Abbie-Lin Leonard held meetings every Tuesday to get ready for the special events and found new ways to make Burke an atmosphere with no hate.

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“ Diversity is about all of us and about us having to figure out how to walk through this world together. ”

Jacqueline Woodson



First Row: Sarah Coffin, Leona Dunn, Ryan Wilson, Leah Whaley, Connor Christenham;
Second Row: Destiny Richardson, Aariona Hagler, Abbie-Lin Leonard, Joy Kayode, Jennifer Dunn;
Third Row: Anye' Francisco, Rout Nhal, Hunter Silvey, Regan Anguiano, Moriah Roberts;
Fourth Row: Andersen Smith, Terrill McIntosh, Kenneth Merritt, Joshua Faya, Maurice Jones, Olivia Curbeam, Serenity Bryce



Newspaper Staff

First Row: Hannah Campin, Kaeleigh Furan, Sierra Roseby; Second Row: Salma Banda, Tyre Ford and Leona Dunn



German Club

First Row: Zoran Demirovic, Madison Krzyzanowski, Cheyenne Sweigard
 Second Row: Lauren Krauth, Brenna Micek, Corlisiti Patman
 Third Row: Sponsor Beth Sittig, Sierra Brakhage, Shelley Stubblefield, Cedrick Pierce



Lacrosse

First Row: Ryan Young, William Phillips, Colby Beaverson, Chad Ummel, Bradley Replogle, Caleb Schneider; Second Row: Tanner Damgaard, Coach Ummel, Angelo Donovan, Grant Fredrickson, Nigel Nelson, Patrick Rogers, Noah Loux, Coach Jacob Schneider; Third Row: Cameron Irwin, Gage Converse, Nicholas Mathey, Griffin Mingus, Mason Beaverson, Zavier Oliver; Fourth Row: Lance Kelly, Isaak Gaskin, David Robbins, Caleb Wade, Ian Belair



FBLA

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DECA

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DECA

DECA was a nationwide marketing club, which appeared across other countries around the world. Burke's chapter had four advisors including MaryAnn Caputo, Jay Dalton, Tyler Siecke, and Allyssa Gilin. The club prepared students for entrepreneurship and taught them marketing and leadership skills. Students went on many trips including one to Worlds of Fun, the Central Region Leadership conference in Minneapolis, and many other DECA related events throughout the school year. Students interested in business were able to get a taste of what it takes to create and run businesses through projects such as a school coffee shop called "Bulldogs Blends" which was a business seniors Amada Contreras, Kara Grassau, and Ronni Jackson created and ran for their semester project. This club allowed marketing students to take what they'd learned in class and apply it to competitions and events.

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I AM DECA
Seniors Catherine Mischo, Kylie Capellano, and Harper Lundgren pose with the famo Kat Williams, a singer from The Voice. Kat Williams sang at the Opening Ceremony of the Central Region Leadership Conference. Photo By Carly Williams

Poppin' Tags

Juniors Sarah Taylor, Danielle Showalter, and Alexa Petri spend a little time trying on some fun jackets on in the huge Urban Outfitters at Mall of America. "I've been there during the summer, but being over the holiday were really cool because of all the lights, and holiday décor," Taylor said.





Academic Decathlon

First Row: William Bozeman, Alexis Renteria, Zachary Luppen, Megan Browning, Henry Harrison; Second Row: Melissa Newkirk, Gabriella Yabut, Crystal Kwaw Essien, Jordan Johnson, Jacob Warner; Third Row: Trenton Cundall, Danielle Tibbels, Barbra Boltinghouse, Tyler Lob; Fourth Row: Daniel Tran, Walter Mantler, Salem Owens, Anne Ryschon, Jason Tiemann



Marching Band

Members: Nikolas Abt, Hannah Ahl, Erik Anderson, Ryan Berry, Aaron Borcyk, Richmond Brodd, Casy Cadena, Sean Carlson, Courtney Chambers, Samantha Conti, Cody Craig, Jordan Dand, Chelsea Curry-Cleveland, Katrina Dienstbier, Cole Dougherty, Preston Dumas, Maxwell Eggerling, Bradley Felten, Jonah Ferguson, Kahlil Foster, Johanna Gaspar-Francisco, G. Gaytan, Sarah Gierasch, Tehya Gifford, Ethan Goetzinger, Teagan Grabher, Gavin Grabill, Megan Grace, Ethan Gray, Jacinda Greene, Jessica Grimmond, John Grimmond, Johanna Hardnett, Henry Harrison, David Hawkins, Casey Hobbs, Sarah Hobson, Christina Hogberg, Hannah Howatt, Isaiah Jefferson, Britten Johnson, Julien Johnson, Kai-Di Johnson, Johnson, Cassandra Jones, Destiny Jordan, Travis Kahl, Michael Kawamoto, Gregory Keen, Luke Keller, Eternity King, Michael Klopp, Mason Knaub, Ella Knight, Emily Kort, Lauren Kish, Tanner Krayneski, Madison Krezenski, Destiny Krueger, Myles Lacy, Aidan Larsen, Brendan Larsen, Anna Leahy, Nathan Lenz, Natalia Leon, Noah Loux, Macayla Laher, Dani Lawton, Makayla Maddox, Cheyenne Mansfield, Rose McCaffrey, Angel McCall, Landon McClintock, Kaylee McIntyre, Nicole McLaughlin, Alexia Mickles, Emily Miller, Michael Miller, Michael Mrsny, Kaia Musgjerd, Kelsey Musgjerd, Jackson Moritz, Jared Noetzel, Karsyn Norton, Diana Opara, Salem Owens, William Paulson, Curteise Penney, Cedrick Penney, Jacob Pietrzak, Sam Pratt, Abigail Quebedeaux, Siara Ramos-Martinez, Nathan Rech, Jesse Reynolds, Phillip Richards, Galileo Rivera-Tobar, Emily Rodriguez, Edgar Romero, Christopher Rutledge-Clarke, Anne Samuel Ryschon, Devon Schmidt, Cameron Sherlock, Patricia Simandl, Christopher Smith, Justis Starks, Cole Sudduth, Bianca Swift, Kyle Stoffel, Luome Thichiot, Ryan Tiemann, Daniel Tran, Emily Tyrrell, Blair Thurman, Theresa Todd, Andrew Umshler, Paul Umshler, Avy'ona Upshaw-May, Keela VanGrinsven, Martin VanGrinsven, Elizabeth Walker, Jacob Warner, Haley Weber, Belle White, K'Lyn White, Kennedy Wieland, Cierra Wilson, Aaron Zandt, Cassandra Zbylut

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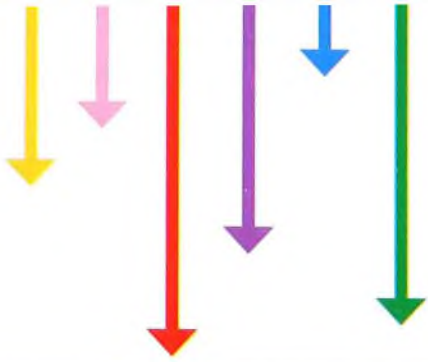


The last single file line we walked in high school was the graduation line. As we walked one by one onto the stage we turned to the audience and saw the faces of our friends, teachers, and most importantly, our families in the crowd.

The ones that watched us grow as we crawled, walked, danced, or ran our way through life so far. They were the same ones that had either removed or thrown obstacles in our path, but made sure that somehow, some way we made it to this moment.

Mothers, fathers, siblings, guardians, and relatives were there to support us and were there to remind us of how far we had come. They were the ones letting go and hoping that whatever direction we headed next was the right one.

Narrative by Leona Dunn



Tackling the Dance Floor Cheer captains Rachel McElderry, and Haley Phillipp coordinated a dance to perform with the senior football players at the Homecoming Pep Rally. Each of the 10 senior cheerleaders chose a senior football player to be their dance partner. "It was funny to watch the football players try to dance, a lot of them thought they were better at dancing than they really were, but it was very entertaining to dance with them and I wish I could do it again," Ronni Jackson said. Photo by Carly Williams



"Believe in yourself, not only in swimming, but in life itself. You always have to have fun. You have to have an open mind. If you're not enjoying it, don't do it. Life's too short." -Debbie Meyer

Our Sisters <3 Our Best Friends
RAH! RAH! SIS! BOOM BAH!!!

We love you... Bell and Kelli



Emma Robbins & Dana Posthuma

Emily, you are a beautiful, talented young lady and we are incredibly proud of you!! Believe in yourself and your future will be awesome!! We love you

"Believe in what your heart is saying; hear the melody that's playing. Believe in what you feel inside and give your dreams the wings to fly. You have everything you need, if you just believe!"

Mom, Dad, & Erika



Emily Lines

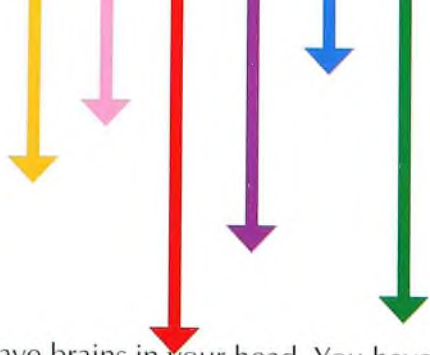
It is time for us to let you go so that you may achieve great things. We are very proud of who you are and all that you have accomplished. Always remember to keep your family close, work hard, have fun and make good choices. We love you so much!

Dad, Mom, Molly and Bobby (Isa, too)



Ronni Jackson





"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go. You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!" - Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go!

Remember, you have the power to shrink your dreams to fit reality or the power to stretch reality to fit your dreams. Dream big! You are a beautiful, incredible and talented young woman and we are so very proud of you.

With all our love, Mommy, Daddy and Arman

Andrew Ericson

It seems like yesterday you were just running around the house. We are so proud of you and that you have accomplished! You have turned into a fine, generous, and hearted young man that has a lot to offer this world. We are excited for our new adventure as you head to Highland to play baseball in college.

We can't wait to come to your games and continue to support you. As you make new friends, explore new adventures, and make big decisions, remember to be wise and smart. Remember that we are always here for you. We always believe in yourself! And keep your Faith. We are truly proud of your graduation day. We love you so very much.

Hugs & Kisses Mom, Dad, Ashley, and Addison



Brooke Mott Brooke, we are so proud of you and the beautiful young woman you have become. You have been strong, determined, caring, and confident since you were a little girl and we have no doubt you will leave your mark on this world. Congratulations on all your great accomplishments and we know you are just getting started. YOU GO GIRL!!

Love you always, Mom & Dad

Samantha Hafsaa



Samantha, our baby girl has grown up and made us very proud. You have a big heart and a beautiful smile that will bring happiness to all you meet in your lifetime. Have faith in God and know he is always watching over you. We couldn't be happier with all of the things you have accomplished throughout the years.

"As long as I'm living, my baby, you'll be."
Forever and Always, Mom and Dad

Garrett Campbell

Garrett, you have grown into such a talented, intelligent and handsome young man. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments. We wish you the best in everything you do! We will always be here for you.

We Love You, Mom and Dad



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -Eleanor Roosevelt

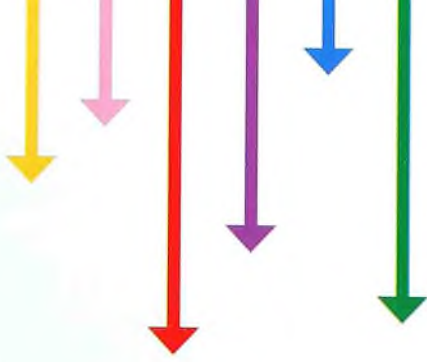
We are so proud of all you've accomplished and of the person you have become. Keep following your dreams. We are always right behind you. Love you so much!

Mom and Dad



Ashley Braddock





Harper Lundgren

When I was 5 -years- old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life." – John Lennon

Harper, we are so proud of you. We love you. Live life. Be happy.

Mom & Dad



Taylor Bodfield



Congratulations Taylor! Words cannot explain how proud we are of you. You have set goals and achieved them far above what we ever dreamed.

As you enter the next stage of your life, keep reaching for the stars and follow your dreams.

Love, Mom & Dad

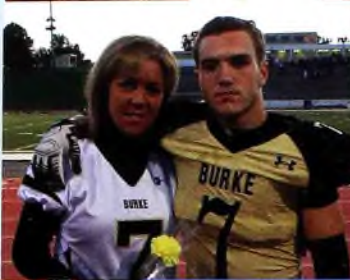
Melissa Newkirk



You're off to great places! Today is your Day! Your mountain is waiting, So get on your way!

-Dr. Seuss

Congratulations and good luck on the journey ahead!
Dad, Mom & Brett





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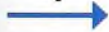
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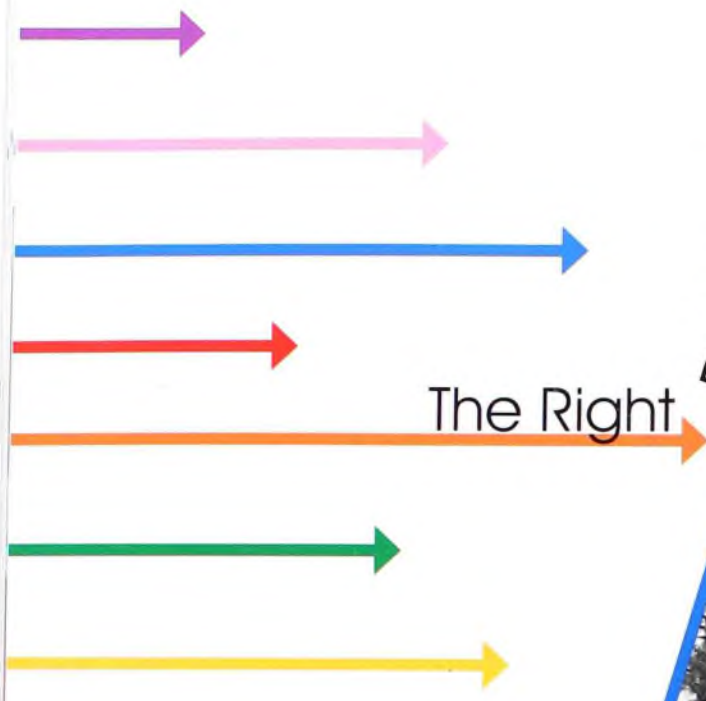


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The school year finally ended. We now had the green light to go and explore all the future opportunities open to us. For next year we would be looking forward to the new class and new principal, but most of us would also be looking back at the goals we had achieved and the mistakes we had made. We would be redirecting ourselves on to a better course of action. Moving on to the next pit stop of our lives, we would continue to chase our dreams, even if it we had to deviate from the path we had planned. No matter how many obstacles that get in our way we kept heading in the right direction.

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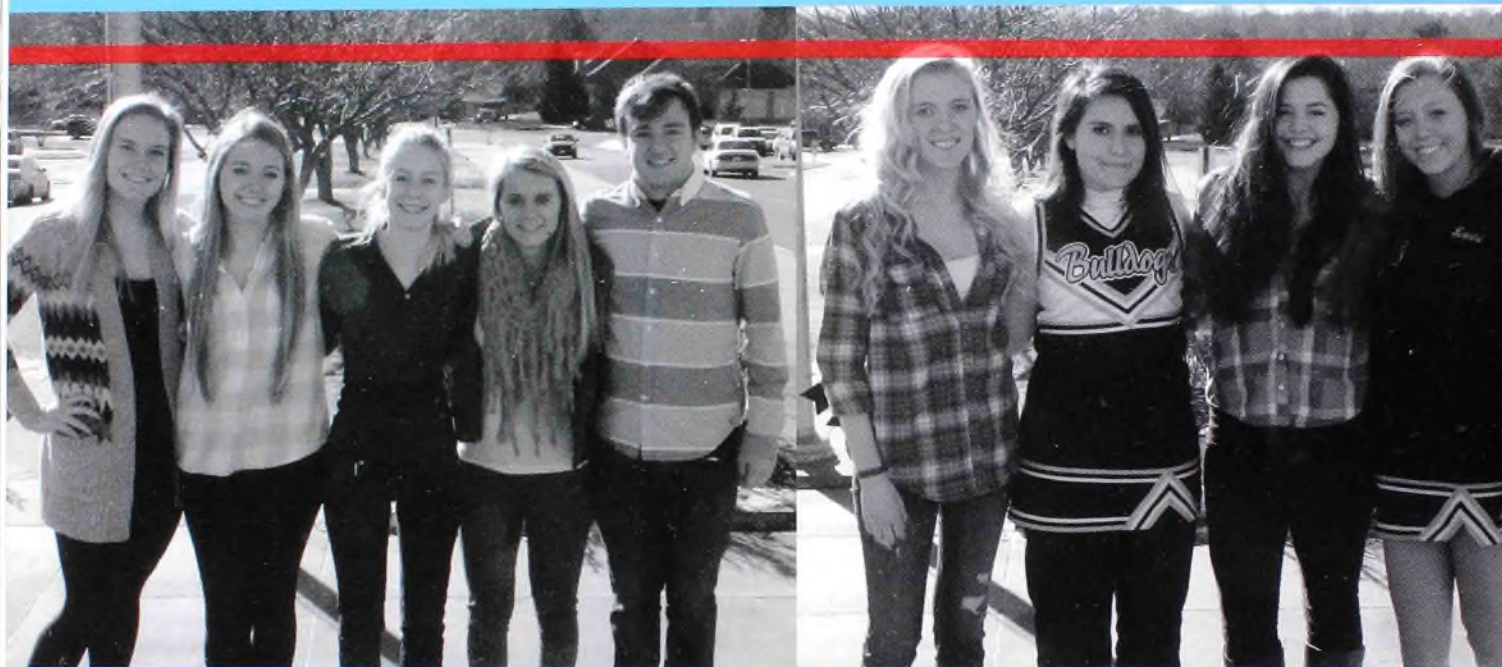
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the first year our staff was split into two class periods, yet we were able to come together and build one book. We chose the theme "Going the Right Direction" after brainstorming together. This theme reflects that our high school careers lay down the paths to the rest of our lives.

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