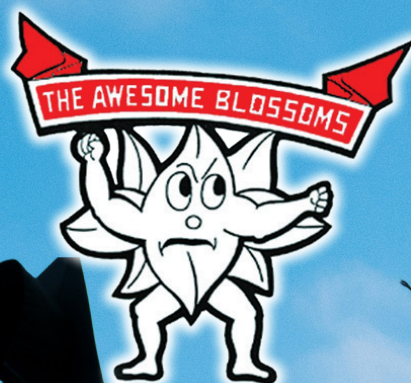




BLOOMING PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023

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MUELLER LEARNING TO NAVIGATE 'WITHOUT MY BEST FRIEND'

BY KAY FATE STAFF WRITER

Dakota Mueller is cool having one of her hardest months ever.

It's the season of "lasts" for the Blooming Prairie High School senior: Her last prom, her last band concert, her last day of classes before graduation.

But it was a "first" that, as she put it, "really twists your heart."

It was Dakota's first Mother's Day without her mom, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Dec. 26. She was just 45.

"I speak with (school social worker) Mrs. Romeo weekly," Mueller said, "because it's hard. It's really, really hard. She wasn't just my mom; she was my best friend."

Her mother was also very healthy; an ICU nurse, she loved doing benefit walks, races and kayaking.

Dakota and her younger brother now live with their maternal grandparents in Hollandale.

"I'll always be sad," she said, "but some days, I just sob. Last night was my final band concert; I was sobbing like a baby. Or the Minnesota Honor Society (ceremony); I see all these kids with their parents, and I'm just like..."

Even as she grieves, Mueller recognizes the good things.

"I do have support," she said. "My mom's work friends, her nurse buddies, were her best friends. They showed up at the band concert. I was so happy to see them."

They called themselves "The Galena Girls," and they've taken Mueller under their collective wings.

Those same friends have provided the decorations for her graduation party.

There's some comfort in knowing how special her mother was to others, she said.

"Her friends call her 'a unicorn among the donkeys,'" a phrase her mother coined.

"Her patients have missed her, too," Mueller said. There's a memorial to her in the ICU where she worked.

And there are signs, she said softly.

"I think I see her sometimes. If I can show you..." she said, scrolling through her phone.

Mueller landed on a photo of what she called a "bubble-gum-pink" flower.

"We see these flowers growing right by the house," she said, "and it's weird, because she'd always put bright pink flowers at the cemetery every Memorial Day."

Some of those flowers went to the gravesite of a man her mother knew from childhood, a man who slipped her a pink peppermint every week at church.

"She often said, 'I want to be buried next to him.' So that's where we'll bury her," Mueller said.

It's heartbreaking to listen to a young woman describe



DAKOTA MUELLER, WHO WILL GRADUATE WITH THE BLOOMING PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023, SMILES IN A SENIOR PHOTO. THE SWEATER SHE IS WEARING BELONGED TO HER MOTHER, WHO DIED UNEXPECTEDLY IN DECEMBER.

"I'll always be sad, but some days, I just sob."

DAKOTA MUELLER
COPING WITH MOM'S DEATH

her mother's urn, hand-turned by a neighbor – "teal, her favorite color, with a dragonfly. She always said she'd come back as a dragonfly..." – but it's cathartic, Mueller said.

"I know a lot of people shut down, but I know she wouldn't be happy with that," she said.

So on that first Mother's Day without her, Mueller made reservations at her mother's favorite Mexican restaurant, so she could celebrate with her extended family. She kept it a surprise for her brother.

"His face was just perfect" when he saw the family, she said. "Being together, somewhere that my mom loved, it was hard. But it was good."

Mueller's mother graduated from Blooming Prairie in 1996 and became a registered nurse as a young mom.

Dakota attended Hollandale Christian School through

eighth grade before enrolling at BPHS.

"My first day of high school was a disaster," she said, smiling. "I didn't know how to work my locker, so I was late to every class. I sat in the wrong class ... then I missed the bus home."

In the four years since, she's maintained good grades, made more friends and most recently, picked up a couple of awards: The Alice Myers Memorial Scholarship and the Katie Nelson Kindness Scholarship.

"I still don't think I deserved that," Mueller said of the Katie Nelson award. "I don't. I just try to help out where I can."

She participates in food drives, coat drives and the Hand to Hand Club at the high school, which is active in community events.

That trait, too, came from her mother.

"She was very generous; she always had a heart for helping others," Mueller said. "She gave me the best advice ever, and was always there for me."

They both played the trumpet, and loved the musical "Hamilton."

"But our very favorite was the 'The Greatest Showman.' When it came on the radio, she'd just blast it, and we'd be singing and dancing like crazy people," Mueller said. "Now, it brings tears to my eyes."

She played "Hallelujah" on the trumpet for her mother's funeral; the Galena Girls spoke, each wearing a large sunhat, a nod to their friend's ever-present sun protection.

Mueller and her mother also shared a love of reading; her mom was in drama at BPHS, while Dakota participated in the one-act play.

She plans to attend Riverland Community College in Austin, then transfer to a four-year college. Her goals is to teach high school English.

"This may sound sappy, but I like to motivate people," she said. "I like to focus on one of my mom's favorite quotes. 'Fate whispers to the warrior: You cannot handle the storm. The warrior whispers back: I am the storm.'"

She hopes people realize that "even if the worst thing happens, you can slowly heal and recover.

"I feel like Mom helps me in her own little ways," Mueller continued. "At prom, my brother said, 'don't come home without a TV.' And I actually won a TV."

She also finds comfort in a necklace that holds three birthstones: Hers, her mother's and her brother's.

"I wear it constantly," she said. "I miss her, and I like to keep her with me. It brings me a sense of comfort."

Mueller said she was grateful to share her story.

"It'll never be the same," she said, "but I'm trying to live the life my mom would want me to live."



Olivia Anderson



Hosea Baker



Lilyanna Bakken



PARENTS: GLEE AND TERRY BAKER

FUTURE PLANS: WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK

FAVORITE TEACHER: KURT FOSTER

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: LEAVING BUT ALSO CROSS COUNTRY

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN:

DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT SCHOOL. JUST FOCUS ON YOUR INTERESTS, HOBBIES, OR WHATEVER YOU LIKE TO DO. OBVIOUSLY DO YOUR HOMEWORK, BUT FOCUS ON YOURSELF.

FAVORITE FOOD: FAJITA BURRITO

FAVORITE MOVIE: JOHN WICK 1-4

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING MY DREAM JOB WITH MY PLANNED MAJOR.

PARENTS: ARYANNA KREUTTER AND COLT BAKKEN

FUTURE PLANS: GETTING MY BACHELOR'S IN NURSING AND THEN GOING TO BE A FLIGHT NURSE.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: VOLLEYBALL, FCCLA & NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. DEKOK

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY:

WHEN WE HAD TEAM DINNERS IN VOLLEYBALL BECAUSE OF ALL THE JOKES AND LAUGHS WE HAD.

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE. MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR WORK DONE AND STILL MAKE TIME WITH FRIENDS.

FAVORITE FOOD: MASHED POTATOES

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE BENCHWARMERS

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING AS A FLIGHT NURSE AND LIVING ON A FARM

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FAVORITE TEACHER: BRUNS & FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: HOMECOMING WEEK
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: TRAVEL

FAVORITE FOOD: SUSHI & PASTA

FAVORITE MOVIE: INSIDIOUS

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: VISITING BLOOMING PRAIRIE AGAIN

Ethan Brandt



PARENTS: MICHELLE AND ROBERT WHITING
FUTURE PLANS: RIVERLAND FOR GENERALS
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: BASEBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, BASKETBALL, THEATER & CHAMBER CHOIR
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. NESETH
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: WHEN IT WAS CANCER AWARENESS DAY, AND

SOMEONE STEPPED ON MY ARM AND SNAPPED IT.

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS. DON'T LET PEOPLE PUSH YOU TO DO THINGS THEY WANT YOU TO DO.

FAVORITE FOOD: MARKETPLACE CUPCAKES IN WELLS, MN

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: IN A STABLE LIVING SITUATION AND NOT IN DEBT.

Natalie Brandt



PARENTS: MICHELLE AND ROBERT WHITING
FUTURE PLANS: WORK A LOT
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CHAMBER CHOIR
FAVORITE TEACHER: SLACK, FOSTER, MR. JACKSON & OELKERS
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: WHEN I GOT MY ONE AND ONLY DETENTION FOR CALLING MY BROTHER A BAD NAME.

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DO YOUR WORK... IF NOT, YOU WILL REGRET IT.

FAVORITE FOOD: TACOS & CHOCOLATE MILK

FAVORITE MOVIE: BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: I HAVE NO CLUE – I'LL HAVE A DOG AND CAT.

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FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: THROWING BREAD AT THE WINDOW AND HAVING TO CLEAN IT AFTER.
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-

CLASSMEN: DON'T PROCRASTINATE YOUR SCHOOL WORK.

FAVORITE FOOD: TACOS

FAVORITE MOVIE: 365 DAYS

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: HAVING A FAMILY, LIVING IN A HOME, BEING MARRIED AND HAVING A JOB AS A SOCIAL WORKER.

Morgan Camery



PARENTS: TOM AND MIRANDA CAMERY
FUTURE PLANS: NAVY
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: TRAP & BASEBALL
FAVORITE TEACHER: KURT FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: BEING DONE WITH SCHOOL.
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-

CLASSMEN: CHECK THE DATE ON THE MILK.
FAVORITE FOOD: STEAK
FAVORITE MOVIE: THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING

Jesse Alexander Cardenas



PARENTS: BEATRIZ AND GENARO CARDENAS
FUTURE PLANS: UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TWIN CITIES FOR SPORT MANAGEMENT
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: BASEBALL, CROSS COUNTRY & STUDENT COUNCIL
FAVORITE TEACHER: KURT FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: HOMECOMING WEEK 2022

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: ENJOY YOUR TIME AS A STUDENT, BUT DON'T LET IT BE YOUR WHOLE LIFE. LEAVE TIME ASIDE TO GO TO WORK AND RELAX AT HOME. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO EVERY SPORTS GAME. FOCUS ON YOU.

FAVORITE FOOD: BUFFALO WINGS

FAVORITE MOVIE: STAR WARS EPISODE III: REVENGE OF THE SITH

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING WITHIN PRO SPORTS – HOPEFULLY WITH THE TWINS.

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HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL, FFA, STUDENT COUNCIL & FCCLA
FAVORITE TEACHER: BRUNS AND THE HEN-

DRICKSONS

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: COUNTING THE AMOUNT OF TIMES MRS. BEFORT SAID "SO" IN ONE CLASS PERIOD.

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T MAKE SCHOOL YOUR WHOLE LIFE. MAKE SURE TO LIVE A LITTLE.

FAVORITE FOOD: SUSHI

FAVORITE MOVIE: ANY OF THE HANGOVER MOVIES

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: MAKING A LOT OF MONEY AS A LARGE ANIMAL VET

Cade Christianson



PARENTS: AARON AND JESSIE CHRISTIANSON
FUTURE PLANS: UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: FOOTBALL, WRESTLING & TRACK
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. RINKENBERGER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: MY SENIOR SPORT

SEASONS

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: STICK TO YOUR GUT.

FAVORITE FOOD: SEAFOOD

FAVORITE MOVIE: GAME OF THRONES TV SHOW

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: ON A BOAT.

Levi Dehtterder



PARENTS: MIKE AND ANGIE DEHTTERDER
FUTURE PLANS: DIESEL TECH AT RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: TRAP, FFA & BASEBALL
FAVORITE TEACHER: KURT FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: DRIVING MR. PAULY'S MOPED AROUND THE SCHOOL.

FAVORITE FOOD: FRIED CHICKEN

FAVORITE MOVIE: STEP BROTHERS

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HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: TRACK, BASEBALL, FOOTBALL & NHS
FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. THOMAS
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: MRS. THOMAS
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: SEND \$20 TO

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FAVORITE FOOD: FRIED CALAMARI
FAVORITE MOVIE: SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: IN A MIRROR

Elizabeth Nicole Pineda Espe



PARENTS: LISA ESPE AND GIBERT PINEDA
FUTURE PLANS: TO LIVE IN A NICE HOUSE WITH A HUGE BACKYARD TO SAVE AND TRAIN ABANDONED PITBULLS
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. PAULY
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: JUST SHOW UP AND GET IT DONE.
FAVORITE FOOD: EL MARIACHIS – PHILLY CHEESE-

STEAK BURRITO
FAVORITE MOVIE: BIRDS OF PRAY
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: I'M NOT SURE – THAT'S A LONG TIME.

Teresa Gonzales



PARENTS: NANCY AND RICHARD GONZALES
FUTURE PLANS: AIR-FORCE
FAVORITE TEACHER: SLACK & FLEMMING
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: WHEN MY SIBLING STOPPED COMING TO SCHOOL.
FAVORITE FOOD: MEXICAN
FAVORITE MOVIE: BLOOD IN BLOOD OUT

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: DOING DIESEL MECHANICS

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Presentation of Class: Chris Staloch, BP Superintendent

Presentation of Diplomas: John Worke, Mary Worke, Chris Staloch, Alison Mach, John Sunde and Jenny Thurnau The Best of Journey High School Band

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FUTURE PLANS: BECOME A TRAVEL NURSE

FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. SLACK & MR. FOSTER

BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-CLASSMEN: ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST AND NEVER GIVE UP.

FAVORITE FOOD: CHICKEN ALFREDO

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE CONJURING MOVIES

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: I SEE MYSELF LIVING MY DREAMS.

Hanna Hamersma



PARENTS: CHAD HAMERSMA AND LAURA COUGHLIN

FUTURE PLANS: GOING TO WASHINGTON AND BECOME A VET TECH

FAVORITE TEACHER: DEDINA & FOSTER

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: JUNIOR PICNIC

BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-CLASSMEN: TALK TO THE TEACHERS LIKE 'NORMAL' PEOPLE AND REACH OUT. THEY APPRECIATE IT.

FAVORITE FOOD: SLOPPY JOES

FAVORITE MOVIE: ANY AUSTIN POWERS MOVIE & SPACEBALLS

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: I DON'T CARE AS LONG AS I HAVE A BIG HOUSE AND A DONKEY.

Abby Hefling



PARENTS: LONNA AND RYAN HEFLING

FUTURE PLANS: ATTEND MSU-MOORHEAD AND OBTAIN MY MASTER'S DEGREE IN SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND MINOR IN COACHING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: VOLLEYBALL & FOOTBALL STATISTICIAN
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. PETERSON

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: WINNING OUR SENIOR HOMECOMING VOLLEYBALL GAME AGAINST TRITON
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: TAKE THE TIME TO FORM QUALITY FRIENDSHIPS BECAUSE GOOD FRIENDS ARE IRREPLACEABLE.

FAVORITE FOOD: CHEESECAKE

FAVORITE MOVIE: TANGLED

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING AS SPEECH PATHOLOGIST AND A VOLLEYBALL COACH IN A GREAT SCHOOL SYSTEM. I WILL BE WELL TRAVELED AND WILL BE STAYING IN TOUCH WITH MY LIFE-LONG FRIENDS.

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HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: JUST FOR KIX DANCE
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: WHEN MY FRIEND GROUP LEFT THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR, WENT TO CULVER'S AND MADE

SOMEONE LET US BACK IN.

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: BRING FOOD FROM HOME.

FAVORITE FOOD: STEAK AND/OR PASTA

FAVORITE MOVIE: MATILDA

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: MARRIED AND WORKING.

Aidan Holmes



PARENTS: CASSIE HOLMES AND RYAN HERING
FUTURE PLANS: WORK
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: HAND IN HAND CLUB
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. RINK
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: WORK HARD AND STAY FOCUSED.
FAVORITE FOOD: LASAGNA
FAVORITE MOVIE: STAR WARS REVENGE OF THE

SITH

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: LIVING IN MY OWN HOUSE WITH MY OWN FAMILY AND WORKING A GOOD PAYING JOB.

Brittany Johnson



PARENTS: LARRY AND TAMMY JOHNSON
FUTURE PLANS: RADIOLOGY
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: MHS
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: DECORATING THE HALLWAYS & FIELD TRIPS
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: "IF YOU GOT A DREAM, CHASE IT, 'CAUSE

A DREAM WON'T CHASE YOU BACK." -CODY JOHNSON

FAVORITE FOOD: GENERAL CHICKEN

FAVORITE MOVIE: KNIVES OUT OR NOW CAN YOU SEE ME MOVIES

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: I SEE MYSELF IN MY CAREER AS A RADIOLOGIST. I CAN SEE MYSELF IN MY NEW HOME WITH PEOPLE I LOVE AND ANIMALS I LOVE. I CAN SEE MYSELF GETTING MARRIED AND HAVING KIDS. I WILL BE DONE WITH COLLEGE AND SETTLE DOWN A LITTLE AND BE COMFORTABLE IN MY JOB.

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Faith LaFontaine Johnson



PARENTS: RYAN AND TINA LAFONTAINE

FUTURE PLANS: JOIN COLLEGE, GET A PLACE
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: ONE ACT & HAND IN HAND

BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-CLASSMEN: TRY. DON'T BELIEVE YOU CAN DO THINGS WITHOUT TRYING. IT WILL END UP WORSE FOR YOU IN THE END.
FAVORITE FOOD: PIZZA

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE INCREDIBLES & AVENGERS INFINITY WAR

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: PRACTIC-
ING THERAPIST

Jenna Johnson



PARENTS: MIKE AND RITA JOHNSON

FUTURE PLANS: RIVER-
LAND FOR RADIOLOGY
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: FCCLA, FFA,
STUDENT COUNCIL,
SOFTBALL & MANAGING
BASKETBALL

FAVORITE TEACHER:
BRUNS & FOSTER
**FAVORITE SCHOOL MEM-
ORY:** WHEN I THOUGHT
SOMEONE STOLE MY

CAR ON HOMECOMING, BUT IT WAS JUST MY FAMILY
PRANKING ME. ALSO, SENIOR HOMECOMING AND
WEINERING PEOPLE'S HOUSES.

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T EAT
SCHOOL LUNCH.

FAVORITE FOOD: MAC & CHEESE

FAVORITE MOVIE: GOONIES

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: LIVING IN
THE COUNTRY WITH MY FAMILY. ALSO MAKING BANK.

Heidi Judy



PARENTS: Brenda and Luke
Judy

FUTURE PLANS: Undecided
FAVORITE TEACHER: Mr.
Pillar

**FAVORITE SCHOOL MEM-
ORY:** Going to the park in
elementary school

**BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-
CLASSMEN:** Don't rush
yourself.

FAVORITE FOOD: Mac &
cheese

FAVORITE MOVIE: Hunger

Games series

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: In a home
surrounded by plants and animals.

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EXERCISE SCIENCE AND
SPANISH WITH A MINOR IN
NUTRITION
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVI-
TIES:** VOLLEYBALL
FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS.
HENDRICKSON
**FAVORITE SCHOOL
MEMORY:** THE DIG PINK

VOLLEYBALL GAMES VERSUS TCU

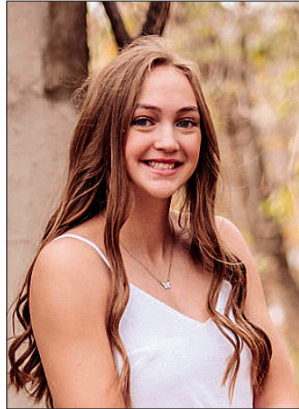
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T SWEAT
THE SMALL THINGS BECAUSE THEY REALLY WON'T
MATTER IN A COUPLE OF YEARS.

FAVORITE FOOD: CRUNCHWRAP SUPREME

FAVORITE MOVIE: EAT PRAY LOVE

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: I SEE
MYSELF LIVING ON THE BEACH SOMEWHERE WITH A
FULFILLING CAREER. I WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE LIVED
IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY FOR AT LEAST A COUPLE
OF YEARS.

Sierra Larson



PARENTS: JEFF AND TAM-
MY LARSON
FUTURE PLANS: UNIVER-
SITY OF NORTHWESTERN
TO MAJOR IN MARKETING
AND MINOR IN COMMUNI-
CATIONS
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVI-
TIES:** VOLLEYBALL
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR.
PETERSON
**FAVORITE SCHOOL MEM-
ORY:** WINNING AGAINST
MEDFORD IN VOLLEYBALL

SENIOR YEAR

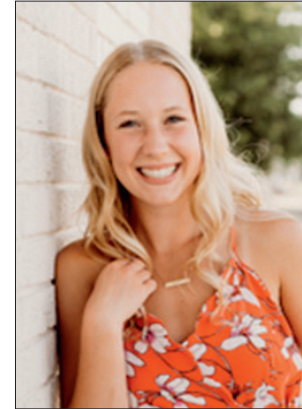
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T WAIT UN-
TIL LIFE ISN'T HARD ANYMORE BEFORE YOU DECIDE
TO BE HAPPY.

FAVORITE FOOD: CHICKEN

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE HANGOVER

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: HAVING
A MASTER'S DEGREE AND HOPEFULLY LIVING IN A
WARMER STATE WITH MY DOGS.

Madi Lea



PARENTS: KIM AND KENT
LEA
FUTURE PLANS: MINNE-
SOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
MANKATO FOR NURSING
**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVI-
TIES:** VOLLEYBALL, TRAP
SHOOTING & STUDENT
COUNCIL
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR.
PETERSON
**FAVORITE SCHOOL MEM-
ORY:** SENIOR HOMECOM-
ING WEEK

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: HAVE FUN AND
ENJOY EVERY MOMENT.

FAVORITE FOOD: ICE CREAM

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE HANGOVER

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING
AS A NURSE SOMEWHERE LOCALLY.

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Mikayla Martinez



PARENTS: JESSICA JENSEN AND ROSALIO MARTINEZ
FUTURE PLANS: UNSURE
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: ART CLUB
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. PILLER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: TOO MANY CHOICES
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE – MASTER OOGWAY

FAVORITE FOOD: STUFFED BELL PEPPERS

FAVORITE MOVIE: REPO! THE GENETIC OPERA & THE RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: UNSURE

Sam Michaud



PARENTS: TIMOTHY AND AMBER MICHAUD
FUTURE PLANS: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MATH
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK, BAND & ROBOTICS
FAVORITE TEACHER: GOOGLE CHROME
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DO NOT TAKE

SPANISH CLASS.

FAVORITE FOOD: PICKLES

FAVORITE MOVIE: WHIPLASH

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: ENSLAVED TO POST-CAPITALISM.

Ethan Marzolf



PARENTS: JAMI AND TRAVIS MARZOLF
FUTURE PLANS: TO BE ALIVE
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: FOOTBALL, TRACK, FFA, PIT BAND, ROBOTICS & TRAP
FAVORITE TEACHER: KURT FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: HOMECOMING WEEK 2022
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-

CLASSMEN: TAKE COLLEGE ENGLISH.

FAVORITE FOOD: BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP

FAVORITE MOVIE: ALIEN

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: PROBABLY IN AN IT JOB

Tyler Miller



PARENTS: COREY AND LAURA MILLER
FUTURE PLANS: OBTAIN THE BAG (MONEY)
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: BASEBALL
FAVORITE TEACHER: KURT FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: LEAVING
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T DRINK THE MILK.
WHERE YOU SEE YOUR-

SELF IN 20 YEARS: BEING A BILLIONAIRE.

Chloe McCarthy



PARENTS: SHAWN AND STEPHANIE MCCARTHY
FUTURE PLANS: BETHEL UNIVERSITY TO MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND RUN TRACK & FIELD
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CROSS COUNTRY, BASKETBALL, TRACK & FIELD & STUDENT COUNCIL
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. BRUNS & MR. PILLER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEM-

ORY: MY SENIOR YEAR HOMECOMING WEEK AND ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES WE DID. ALSO WHEN HAVEN AND I GOT OUR FIRST DETENTION.

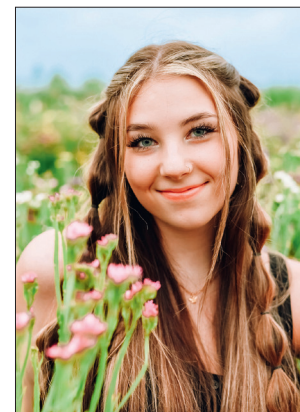
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T EAT THE SCHOOL LUNCH. JUST BRING YOUR OWN.

FAVORITE FOOD: ICE CREAM

FAVORITE MOVIE: UP

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: I SEE MYSELF AS A TEACHER AND COACH. I HOPE TO TRAVEL A LOT WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Trista Motl



PARENTS: DEBRA SEVERSON AND JOE MOTL
FUTURE PLANS: MOVING TO WA AND GO TO COLLEGE THERE
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. GIMBEL
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: THE JUNIOR PICNIC & END OF YEAR SPANISH CLASS
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: KEEP YOUR GPA HIGH AND TAKE COL-

LEGE CLASSES (IT'S WORTH IT!)

FAVORITE FOOD: MCDONALD'S FRENCH FRIES

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE DIRT

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: HOPEFULLY A BILLIONAIRE WITH A LOT OF CARS

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Dakota Rylie Mueller



PARENTS: ALLISON JEAN (BONNEMA) MUELLER AND JEFFERY ROY MUELLER
FUTURE PLANS: RIVERLAND FOR ENGLISH
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: ONE ACT, SPEECH, HAND IN HAND CLUB & JAZZ BAND
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. REISHUS
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: THE WHOLE COLORADO TRIP

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT – YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT ANOTHER PERSON IS GOING THROUGH.

FAVORITE FOOD: HOTDOG POTATO MASH

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE GREATEST SHOWMAN OR THE PRINCESS BRIDGE

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: PURSUING MY LOVE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, BEING AN ENGLISH TEACHER FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS AND POSSIBLY AN AUTHOR FOR FUN.

Kaylee Nirk



PARENTS: GREG AND JENNIFER NIRK
FUTURE PLANS: CRIMINAL JUSTICE
FAVORITE TEACHER: MS. AVERY
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: SNOW DAYS
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: NEVER GIVE UP.
FAVORITE FOOD: PARMESAN CHICKEN
FAVORITE MOVIE: HARRY

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: CONTINUE DOING VOLUNTEER WORK AND RESCUING ANIMALS.

Anna Pauly



PARENTS: DARREN AND ANGIE PAULY
FUTURE PLANS: DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY TO MAJOR IN EXERCISE SCIENCE AND PLAY BASKETBALL
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK, FCCLA & MHS
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. BRUNS & MR. GIMBEL
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: GYM CLASS

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: TO ALWAYS HAVE FUN BECAUSE IT GOES BY FAST.

FAVORITE FOOD: RICE BOWLS

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE HANGOVER

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: IN A BIG CITY MAKING BANK!

Sam Pirkel



PARENTS: DANIEL AND LAURA PIRKL
FUTURE PLANS: ATTENDING UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS IN PURSUIT OF A STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING PHD AND PLAYING FOOTBALL
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: FOOTBALL, WRESTLING, BASEBALL, TRAP SHOOTING, MUSICAL & STUDENT COUNCIL
FAVORITE TEACHER: KURT

FOSTER

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: WINNING STATE FOR FOOTBALL IN 2019 – THAT WHOLE SEASON WAS A BLAST.

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: CARE ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION.

FAVORITE FOOD: BREAKFAST PIZZA

FAVORITE MOVIE: TOMBSTONE

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: SOMEWHERE A COUPLE STATES AWAY, MOST LIKELY HUNTING OR FISHING.

Katie Quandt



PARENTS: MELISSA AND BRETT DELANEY AND JUSTIN QUANDT AND SHAY CONDIT
FUTURE PLANS: NURSING
FAVORITE TEACHER: MS. FLEMMING
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: JUNIOR PICNIC
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T PROCRASTINATE AND ASK FOR HELP.
FAVORITE FOOD: MAC &

CHEESE

FAVORITE MOVIE: ZOOTOPIA

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: IN A BIG HOUSE WITH LOTS OF DOGS.

Anna Reese



PARENTS: AMANDA AND JEREMI REESE
FUTURE PLANS: ATTEND RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR BUSINESS AND GET A REAL ESTATE LICENSE
FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. SCHILLER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: SENIOR HOMECOMING WEEK
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: ENJOY THE

BUSYNESS BECAUSE YOU'LL MISS IT.

FAVORITE FOOD: PASTA

FAVORITE MOVIE: GROWN UPS

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN REAL ESTATE WITH MY OWN BUSINESS AND HAVE A FAMILY.



Clare Rennie



PARENTS: AMANDA AND LUKE RENNIE
FUTURE PLANS: SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR AGRICULTURE EDUCATION
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: TRAP SHOOTING, TRACK & FIELD, FFA, FCCLA & VOLLEYBALL
FAVORITE TEACHER: RINK & BRUNS
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: GETTING LOCKED IN

RINK'S BACKROOM.

BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T PROCRASTINATE FINISHING SCHOLARSHIPS. YOUR MENTAL HEALTH WILL THANK YOU!

FAVORITE FOOD: WAFFLES

FAVORITE MOVIE: TANGLED

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: TRYING TO SURVIVE OFF A TEACHER'S SALARY WITH THREE CHILDREN.

Lucas Schammel



PARENTS: CRAIG AND MELISSA SCHAMMEL
FUTURE PLANS: GO TO RIVERLAND AND BE AN ELECTRICIAN
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: BASEBALL & TRAP SHOOTING
FAVORITE TEACHER: RYAN SLACK
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: WATCHING THE TWINS IN CLASS.
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-

CLASSMEN: GREAT THINGS TAKE TIME.

FAVORITE FOOD: BANANAS

FAVORITE MOVIE: THE OTHER GUYS

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING AS AN ELECTRICIAN

Alexander Riley



PARENTS: SHAWN AND MICHELLE RILEY
FUTURE PLANS: ATTEND COLLEGE AND RECEIVE MY DEGREE
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK & FOOTBALL
FAVORITE TEACHER: RYAN SLACK
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: LEAVING
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-CLASSMEN: TAKE COL-

LEGE ENGLISH

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: LIVING IN A NICE HOUSE AND BEING WELL OFF FINANCIALLY.

Joie Ruhter



PARENT: STEFANIE RUHTER
FUTURE PLANS: ALEXANDRIA TECHNICAL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR WELDING CERTIFICATES
FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. DEKOK
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: HANGING OUT WITH FRIEND GROUP.
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-CLASSMEN: HAVE FUN.

FAVORITE FOOD: RIBS

FAVORITE MOVIE: FAST & FURIOUS

WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: LIVING UP NORTH WITH A GOOD WELDING JOB.

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PARENTS: BRIAN AND MEGAN SCHLEICHER
FUTURE PLANS: COLLEGE FOR PRECISION AGRICULTURE
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: TRAP & FFA
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: DOING REVERSE DONUTS IN MY CAVALIER IN THE PARKING LOT.
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-

CLASSMEN: TAKE CLASSES THAT WILL HELP YOU IN THE FUTURE AND DON'T FOLLOW ALL THE RULES.
FAVORITE FOOD: GRILLED MEAT
FAVORITE MOVIE: STEP BROTHERS & TALLADEGA NIGHTS
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: MARRIED, KIDS, FARMING, NICE HOUSE AND LOTS OF FARM-LAND

Abby Smith



PARENTS: JARED AND KEREN SMITH
FUTURE PLANS: PSYCHOLOGY AT UMD
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CROSS COUNTRY, BASKETBALL, TRACK, BAND & STUDENT COUNCIL
FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. PARR & MR. BRUNS
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T PROCRASTINATE.

FAVORITE FOOD: MAC & CHEESE
FAVORITE MOVIE: PRINCESS BRIDE
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: TRAVELING HOPEFULLY

Sam Smith



PARENTS: JAKE AND LARA SMITH
FUTURE PLANS: BUSINESS
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL & TRACK
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. HENDRICKSON
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: FRIDAY NIGHTS
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T FALL BEHIND.

FAVORITE FOOD: FLAUTAS
FAVORITE MOVIE: MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: OWNING A BUSINESS.

Alexis Steckelberg



PARENTS: KARL AND TRICIA STECKELBERG
FUTURE PLANS: ATTEND SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY AND MAJOR IN ANIMAL SCIENCE WITH MINORS IN AGRONOMY AND AG COMMUNICATIONS
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: FFA, FCCLA, VOLLEYBALL, SOFTBALL, WRESTLING MANAGER & FOOTBALL STATISTICIAN

FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. KITTELSON
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: SENIOR YEAR HOME-COMING
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE AND PUSH YOURSELF. YOU ARE CAPABLE OF MORE THAN YOU THINK.
FAVORITE FOOD: SPAGHETTI
FAVORITE MOVIE: CHRISTMAS A LA MODE
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING WITH THE SWINE INDUSTRY AND RUNNING SOME SORT OF FARROW TO FINISH OPERATION.

Madelaine Stoen



PARENTS: RANDY AND AMY STOEN
FUTURE PLANS: ATTEND RIVERLAND/WINONA FOR RADIOLOGY AND THEN ATTEND THE MAYO CLINIC SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCE FOR RADIATION THERAPY
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: FFA, VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL & SOFTBALL
FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. DEKOK & MR. RINKEN-

BERGER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: EVERYTHING I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN WITH FFA.
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN BECAUSE IT WILL GO FAST.
FAVORITE FOOD: BARBECUE RIBS AND TATOR TOT HOTDISH
FAVORITE MOVIE: THE LONGEST RIDE
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING WITH ONCOLOGY PATIENTS AS A RADIATION THERAPIST AT MAYO CLINIC.

Anna Suchanek



PARENT: JOE SUCHANEK
FUTURE PLANS: MASSAGE THERAPY COLLEGE
FAVORITE TEACHER: MS. DEDINA
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: HANNAH FALLING DOWN THE STAIRS AT PROM (SHE WAS OKAY).
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: NEVER STOP TRYING TO GET WHAT YOU WANT OUT OF LIFE.
FAVORITE FOOD: CHIPS

AHOY, REESE'S COOKIES
FAVORITE MOVIE: AUSTIN POWER'S GOLD MEMBER
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING BUT BEING ABLE TO LIVE HOW I WANT.



Anika Sunde



PARENTS: BEN AND MICHELLE SUNDE
FUTURE PLANS: GO TO UMD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: MHS – BLOOD LEADER
FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. OELKERS
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: ALL OF HOMECOMING WEEK EVENTS
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-

CLASSMEN: DO YOUR BEST TO NOT PROCRASTINATE.
FAVORITE FOOD: BUFFALO CHICKEN TOTS
FAVORITE MOVIE: OVERBOARD
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: WORKING AT A JOB I LOVE AND LIVING MY BEST LIFE.

Paul Sunde



PARENTS: JON AND ELLEN SUNDE
FUTURE PLANS: PLUMBER
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: FOOTBALL & FFA
FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. STEPHENSON
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: FRIDAY NIGHTS
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-
CLASSMEN: DON'T BE AFRAID OF LOSING.
FAVORITE FOOD: WALL-

EYE
FAVORITE MOVIE: JACKASS
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: OWNING A HOUSE.

Elliott Swenson



PARENTS: KERIE OLSON AND RICK SWENSON
FUTURE PLANS: RIVERLAND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: CROSS COUNTRY
FAVORITE TEACHER: RYAN SLACK
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: PLAYING DODGEBALL
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-
CLASSMEN: DO YOUR

HOMEWORK.
FAVORITE FOOD: GRILLED CHICKEN
FAVORITE MOVIE: GOOD WILL HUNTING
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: I SEE MYSELF ON THE MOWER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

Abby Thoreson



PARENTS: JOSH AND ANGIE THORESON
FUTURE PLANS: U OF M-MORRIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: ONE ACT, SPEECH, TRACK & FIELD & CROSS COUNTRY
FAVORITE TEACHER: MRS. NELSON (KINDERGARTEN)
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: CARDS AT LUNCH
BEST ADVICE TO UNDER-

CLASSMEN: GET GOOD GRADES – IT REALLY DOES HELP.
FAVORITE FOOD: COFFEE
FAVORITE MOVIE: THE PRINCESS BRIDE
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: HOPEFULLY LIVING IN EUROPE AND NOT IN DEBT.

Leah Thorson



PARENTS: JEFF AND AMY SCHIECK; TERRY HEITZINGER
FUTURE PLANS: COLLEGE FOR CROP & SOIL SCIENCE
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: JUST FOR KIX DANCE
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: GETTING A "FLAT TIRE" ON THE WAY BACK

FROM THE CARGILL FIELD TRIP.
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: TAKE AS MANY COLLEGE CLASSES AS YOU CAN DURING HIGH SCHOOL. MAKE SURE TO GIVE YOURSELF FREE TIME AND HAVE FUN.
FAVORITE FOOD: MEXICAN FOOD
FAVORITE MOVIE: STEP BROTHERS
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: MARRIED, STABLE JOB, KIDS AND NICE HOUSE WITH COWS

Madison Thurnau



PARENTS: JENNY AND KENNY THURNAU
FUTURE PLANS: ATTENDING RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN AUSTIN FOR TWO YEARS; OTHER TWO AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-DULUTH; MAJORING IN EXERCISE SCIENCE
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: TRACK & FIELD, VOLLEYBALL, ONE ACT, MUSICAL, FFA, SPEECH, STUDENT

COUNCIL, FCCLA & MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
FAVORITE TEACHER: MR. FOSTER
FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: TP'ING DURING HOMECOMING AND DRUG PARTY IN HOBAN'S CLASS
BEST ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN: DON'T EAT THE SCHOOL LUNCH. HANG OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
FAVORITE FOOD: ANYTHING PASTA OR MASHED POTATOES
FAVORITE MOVIE: 10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU
WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS: I SEE MYSELF LIVING IN DULUTH. I WILL BE A PHYSICAL THERAPIST WITH MY OWN CLINIC OR WORKING TOWARDS OWNING MY OWN CLINIC. I WILL BE MARRIED AND HAVE A COUPLE OF KIDS.