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## Werner, Zhou selected to address classmates at commencement

BY DAVID HOLMQUIST

Unlike many other schools that give the valedictorians the podium at graduation, Craig High School holds auditions. Any senior who will participate in the commencement ceremony is able to audition.

The process is as follows: In mid-March, I assemble an application packet that includes an explanation of expectations for the speaker and his or her speech, a questionnaire to fill out, a rubric for the speech, and a few "how to" resources.

We post signs around the school and make announcements.

Interested seniors had to pick up a packet by the middle of April, and turn in a draft of their speech and completed questionnaire by the end

of April.

On May 17, a committee that included myself, Mrs. Hilbelink, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Kane, and the four senior class officers (Bru-



Jeremy Zhou and Sophia Werner were selected to speak at the Craig commencement, which will be held on Wednesday, June 7.

na Rubini, Abby Platts, Lexi Ganong, and Cole Scieszinski) listened to four speeches.

This year's applicants were Gabe Hanna, Kalli Metz-Wedel, Jeremy Zhou, and Sophia Werner.

Every speech was strong, and every one was an inspirational statement about what graduation means and about what possibilities await seniors. The committee had a difficult time deciding which speech to choose.

We went into auditions thinking that we might select two candidates. Mr. Phillips suggested

having a second student speaker in addition to the traditional one speaker since he plans for his remarks this year to be brief. "The ceremony is all about the kids," he said.

This is not unprecedented. In the past ten years, there have been two other occasions where two students gave speeches.

Sophia Werner's speech will inspire students to share their gratitude with their support system. It also conveys a message of unity, which is an important message for today's society.

Jeremy Zhou is a high energy young man whose speech will tell about his experiences of leaving China for a year in an American high school. I think it will inspire the audience to take chances in their life and to venture outside their comfort zone, just as Jeremy did in coming to Janesville.

I have been part of the commencement selection process for more than 10 years, and I enjoy hearing every audition.

I think that opening up auditions to any senior is one of the things that makes our school unique and special.

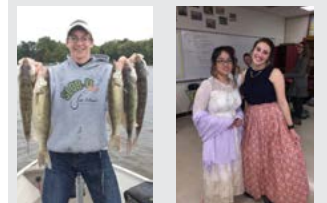
Everyone who auditioned this year did an excellent job. Every one is a credit to our school and is an outstanding individual.

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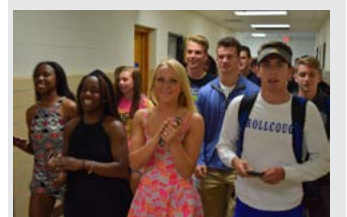
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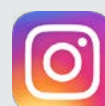
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## Advisory Board: Change and hope are the two facts of life

BY DAVID HOLMQUIST,  
CRITERION ADVISOR

We are at the end of another school year. Our freshmen have reached the end of their first year as high school students, and our seniors have reached the end of their high school careers.

Like every school year, the time passed too fast, and it had its own unique flavor.

The only truth about any school year is that it will be different from any other.

This year we welcomed dozens of students from China and other countries. We had lockdowns that led to school cancellations.

We enjoyed not one musical but two.

We had sports achievements, from record-breaking win totals by our softball team to record-breaking swims by Erin Donagan to 1000-point-barrier breaches by Santrell Peyton. We had state tournament appearances in tennis by Macy Maslonka and in wrestling by Keanu Benton.

Our school year also saw many changes.

Our school welcomed new staff members. We are also losing a few.

Our enrollment is increasing. We have forged partnerships with Blackhawk Tech and deepened our cooperation with Marshall Middle School.

Our principal and her husband have started a family.

Teachers have received their laptops as Craig becomes a one-to-one school.

Coach McCormick will move from the football field to the basketball court. Adam Bunderson will go from the football team's offensive coordinator to its head coach.

Changes have occurred at the national level as well. The presidential election was full of firsts: the first female nominee of a major party and the first candidate with no previous government or military experience.

Along with changes come challenges. President Donald Trump has been dogged by scandal and controversy, but his supporters remain firm.

Terrorists continue to threaten the world's peace and stability. The tragic and senseless deaths of 22 concertgoers in England remind us that the fight against terrorism is far from over. It may never be over.

But in all of this change and conflict, we can find hope. The job prospects for young people are better than they have been in a long time. Craig's recent job fair matched hundreds of students with employers looking for workers.

Our city of Janesville continues to rebound from losing the GM plant as new businesses open and our population continues to grow.

Young people are the reason for my optimism. More than other generations, today's teens and young adults care about the environment and about social justice. They embrace diversity

and respect differences. They care more about finding meaningful work and living meaningful lives than they do about chasing the almighty dollar.

Yes, the world is full of change and conflict, but this has always been the case.

What we need to do is live with hope for the future.

It is the reason that public education exists. Its goal is to give hope to children that the world is theirs to explore and master and that through education they can and will make their lives better.

It is the reason people like our principal adopt: they have hope for the future and faith that they will make a difference for their child.

It is the reason we have commencement. It is a sign that high school is not an end, but a beginning. It represents the first step to the future. It is built on a foundation of hope.

So, to our freshmen who have completed their first year of high school, I want you to realize that the rest of your high school careers will move fast, and that every year will have its excitements, its struggles, and its memorable moments.

To our seniors, I want you to know that our world awaits you. Despite its dysfunctions and its problems, it is still a beautiful home full of possibilities. I encourage you to do your part to make it a better place.

## Letter from the editors: A student teacher reflects on her time at Craig

BY KARA KARGARD,  
STUDENT TEACHER

As my time at Craig High School draws to close I find myself thinking about all of the wonderful experiences I have had as a student teacher.

This has been truly a wonderful opportunity; I have found two wonderful mentors in Mr. Holmquist and Mr. Proper. During my struggles they were always there with helpful advice and gave me the support I needed to succeed.

The students at Craig are truly wonderful.

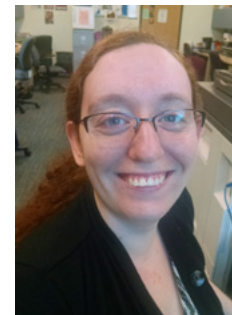
Over the past four months I have seen their dedication and passion for learning.

I have seen juniors push through the ACT, I watched the freshman and sophomores push through ASPIRE testing, and I have seen the seniors struggle to finish out the year.

Students at Craig do not let these difficulties stop them. and they continue forward with their schooling, always pushing themselves to be better.

My students continue to inspire me with their commitment to their education.

I love teaching at Craig. Both the students and staff are devoted to learning and I am truly sad that I will not be staying.



**Kara Kargard has been Mr. Holmquist's student teacher this semester. She has already graduated from UW-White-water, and in July she will move to Japan to teach English.**

As I begin say goodbye to Craig I also start to pack my bags (literally) and prepare myself for a new journey.

At the end of July I will leave the country and begin my new life in Japan as a JET (Japanese Exchange and Teaching) participant.

My dream for the future is to connect Japanese and American students and to build bridges between two different cultures. It is with a hopeful heart that I say goodbye to Craig and ready myself for

my next adventure.



*Do you have something to say? To get off your chest? An opinion to express? A suggestion to make? Don't be shy!*

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Yay for school being almost over!  
 Yay for everything being due.  
 Yay for the weather finally being nice!  
 Yay for the AC not working, some rooms don't even have windows.  
 Yay for June, it is almost summer!  
 Yay for the 21st, the days start getting shorter after that.

## YAYS AND NAYS

By CATHERINE ROE

Yay for no exams, it is so much less studying.  
 Yay for not getting exam week, it made the last days go so much faster.  
 Yay for the talent show!  
 Yay for Aidan Eno from the Criterion getting 3rd. Way to go everyone!  
 Yay for never having to write yays and nays again, I am definitely tired of

this one.  
 Yay for whoever does it next year, word of advice, split up the job!!!  
 Yay for seniors not getting off on June 2nd,  
 Yay for at least getting the 7th off.  
 Yay for seniors finally being done with high school  
 Yay for many of us having to pay for school now.  
 Yay for never being in these windowless classrooms again.  
 Yay for not seeing teachers either, they are some pretty cool people.  
 Yay for getting ready for college, so much to plan!  
 Yay for knowing there are a lot of people you will never see again.  
 Yay for graduation night, it will be a night to remember.  
 Yay for not being able to decorate our caps, that would have been fun.

## Craig Showcases its Talent



**MCs Were:** Michael Cullen, Cole Scieszinski, Cade Badertscher, & Alex Krueger



**Acts included:** Mac Ryan, Gabe Hanna, and Ben Kopnick | Jacob Walsh | Riley Ennoccanti and Geoffrey Janes | Megan Winger | Noah Berghammer | Sariyah Bryant | Zach Chamberlain | Ashley Henry | Grace Schmaling and Emily Reginold | Lily Anderson | Andrew Moore + band | Thais Wilkerson | Olivia Hulick and Karsyn Kobs | Aiden Eno | Hayley Partello and Ashley Myers | Hailey Peterson | Parker Rundquist | Lauren Zaharias and Everett Washington | Lauren Sherman | Lexi Ganong

## JERRY'S WORLD: Thank you for the wonderful experience, Janesville Craig High School

BY JERRY WANG

I think about the first day I came here, and going from a Chinese boy who knows nothing about this place, to loving Craig High school. Going from a poor English speaker and a bad English writer, to a student that can speak a little english, and can use English to describe his mind in words. Jerry has been Craig for one year, but he grows up in a different country.

So, this is my last time to write Jerry's World.

Firstly, I have got to say thank you to my newspaper teacher, David Holmquist.

If I had not met him, I wouldn't be able to share my stories with everyone monthly, and I couldn't let everyone in Craig know that there is a Chinese exchange student named Jerry. I appreciate Mr. Holmquist for giving me this chance to build my own column, and I really appreciate when he checks my articles and gives valuable editing suggestions for my words and sentences.

I did not get similar suggestions when I was in China, let alone with such useful words. I must say thank you to Mr. Holmquist first.

Secondly, I want to be grateful to Mark Lajiness.

Mr. Lajiness is a really nice teacher. I remember in the first semester, I had three classes he taught. You would never feel bored in his classes because of his humor and compelling projections, especially in Acting class.

I had lots of fun with my classmates about acting out some characters from movies or some parts of our lives. I made lots of friends in Mr. Lajiness's class and I will not forget them, because they were the first foreign friends I made, in my first very year in America.

Third, I want to say sorry to my history teacher, Michael Miller.

You know my history class is in the first period and I really hate History.

Not only American History, but also history about China.

When I was in China, if there was a history class in next period, most of the time, I would put my head into my hands and sleep. I am a super lazy guy and I don't always want to wake up in the morning.

Often I will be late to class by like 5 minutes. Sometimes I will go to school at 9:00, because then I'll just miss history class. Hopefully, Mr. Miller will not be mad at me. I am super quiet in history class because I am a little afraid of Mr. Miller, so usually I don't want to talk to him. Also, I almost never see him smiling in class. I maybe saw him smile like three or four times in this whole year.

Altogether, he is still a good, dedicated, and responsible teacher.

There is not enough room for me to say thank you to as many teachers as I want. All the teachers who taught me

this year are remarkable, and have been very beneficial to me and my favorite people. I don't know about other teachers, but I am sure they are just as great.

"What's up?" That's a phrase Mr. McCormick taught me, in my first Personal Finance class.

I was going to ask a question about how to log in to Google Classroom, and Mr. McCormick just said,

"What's up?" I was confused because I had not yet asked anything, and he just said to me, "What is up?" At first, I wondered, "Is there something on my head? Or was it just that my English pronunciation was so bad?"

Now I know what that phrase means.

I had lots of fun with the students, teachers, and host families here. All of you brought me happiness, and allowed me to really love Janesville. I want to give some additional appreciation to Kevin Miller for guiding my study habits here at Craig. If I had decided to go some place else, I do not believe I could've had nearly as fantastic a senior year as I had here.

Thank you!





**Michelle Arenas**

Hanging out with friends and fun times in classes. I will miss teachers at Craig.

**Rian Arreazola**

Snow days and double lunches

**Sydney Aruta**

Practicing and competing with the forensics team is one of the most memorable parts of high school for me.

**Chloe Attalla**

My acting class and AP drawing class

**Cade Badertscher**

Chirping Parker kids at the baseball games

**Hayley Barwick**

My fondest memory is when a dog came into my environmental science class

**Lexi Becker**

Naked Man

**Claire Bever**

Homecoming week and making new friends in classes

**Jack Blomgren**

Winning state in 2015 for baseball and senior prom was fun.

**Bryn Bock**

Pepper Spray Day & cap and gowns

**James Bordwell**

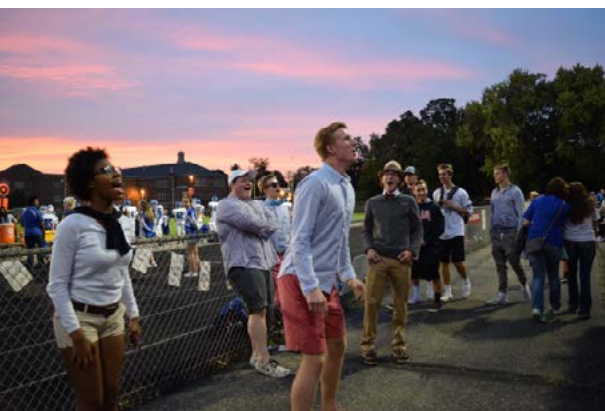
Mr. Ward's existential snaps, Mr. Elsen playing that He-Man video at full volume during passing time, political debates in Mrs. Kane's drawing classes, doing superhero recreation of Julius Caesar, and making a really bad calculus movie parody for Mr. Budrow.

**Jack Bostedt**

Going out to eat for lunch

**Audrey Bouland**

Maybe not the fondest memory but most memorable moment was lawn chairing while tumbling dur-



ing a free throw at a basketball game.

**Cierra Boutelle**

One of my fondest memories at CHS is swimming for all 4-years, typing and road rally. I have met life-long friends through swim and for that I am thankful.

**Jenna Brandt**

Participating in sports and attending sporting events

**Joe Brennan**

Wasting my time

**Jenna Broege**

All of the Homecoming weeks throughout my four year have been the most memorable for me.

**Matt Brunhoefer**

Hanging out with all my friends on the band Florida trip

**Alyssa Buggs**

Meeting amazing friends and having nice teachers

**Chris Cabelka**

The last day of school every year

**DeVaunte Cartwright**

Link Crew Convention was my highlight. I had a blast with all Link Crew leaders and it will be a day I never forget.

**Zachary Chamberlain**

Making new friends and getting fans for rapping

**Casey Chen**

My fondest memories are joining forensics and receiving many awards throughout high school.



**Logan Christensen**

Sporting events/playing in sports games and senior prom

**Ambar Cornelio**

Pepper Spray Incident

**Alex Cottrell**

Western Civ with Mrs. Nickel, AP Psych with Mr. Ward. Talent show auditions (2 time uncrowned champ, they just couldn't compete).

**Nick Cropp**

Making new friends and watching/playing sports

**Rachael Cunningham**

Sitting in a classroom with Daniel Eberdt, the French kid, and Mr. McCoy for 8 hours

**Taylee Dabson**

Leaving

**Lucas Dahlberg**

My favorite memories are mostly comprised



of track as well as being a guide for JSOL. I love the outdoors and working with people, seeing their excitement and smiles.

**Dylan Dawkins**

The Craig band trip to Florida

**Mya Day**

I liked attending games and going to musicals.

**Makenzie De War**

Taking my best friend to prom 2 years in a row and all my time in the auto shop

**Cam DeWitt**

Being stuck in choir all day with Mr. Miller when we had the day long lockdown

**Michael Doely**

Hanging out with friends and meeting new people, sports

**Travis Duffy**

Going on the senior band trip to Florida, taking a school trip to Europe, and teaching a workshop on technology in the classroom at a summit in Davos, Switzerland

**Spencer Easton**

Decorating for prom

**Daniel Eberdt**

Pepper Spray

**Jenn Eddings**

Going out to lunch with friends and French class--we were all close or at least comfortable around each other

**Biontina Emini**

Nothing

**Brennen Elgas**

Making the basketball team freshman year

**Jason Ennis**

Kicking it with my boys





**Riley Ennocenti**

Joining the music department, participating in mixed choir, a capella choir, show choir, musicals, solo and ensemble, and Tri-M. It has helped me to determine what I want to do with my life.

**Hailee Fain**

Making new friends and learning new things

**Marty Forbeck**

Finishing AP testing weeks. Best feeling in the world.

**Landrey Foss**

Mr. Ulrich being a boss

**Emily Fredricks**

Going to the sports games

**Chloe Fry**

I loved that I met so many new, great people in my time here.

**Lexi Ganong**

musicals, friends

**Madison Garvin**

My fondest memory of Craig High School is Homecoming Week. As a member of student council, I had the opportunity to help plan and run the events of Homecoming Week. I got to decorate the hallways, pick themes, and organize the assembly.

**Jacob Gestrich**

Senior prom (wearing crazy suits) and going to and competing in sporting events

**Hannah Gray**

During my senior year, a random collection of people turned out to be a really good group of friends. We call ourselves the Dream Gene because we have genetics together.

**Jillian Groth**

Soccer, pepper spray incident, senior skip day, Homecoming Week, senior year 2K17

**Emma Halverson**

Playing for the volleyball team for four years

**Hannah Halverson**

Playing softball and getting so close to those girls

**Madie Handrow**

My favorite thing is the senior pep assembly for

Homecoming. I really loved doing the event with the hula hoop; it was a lot of fun.

**Gabe Hanna**

Hanging out with friends at musical/show choir practices and competitions, campaigning for Class and Student Council President

**Chloe Hargarten**

Meeting some of my closest friends

**Thyme Heath-Lovell**

My fondest memories of high school was Homecoming Week every year It was always so much fun and made everyone excited for the rest of the school year!

**Emily Heilman**

That time it got spicy in the Cougar Commons

**Lexi Hoium**

Being on the golf and forensics team with all of my friends

**Olivia Hulick**



When because of pepper spray they shut us in the classroom for 3 hours

**Grace Leja-Robiason**

The library....

**Charles Murillo**

Making eye contact with Mr. Phillips as I roller-bladed while riding a scooter down senior hall

**Urmila Lunenburg**

Meeting new friends

**Nick Lynch**

Basketball/football games, after dance parties, soft lock-downs, Europe school trip

**Bradley Mainock**

Spring Break '17

**Justin Malloy**

Football on Friday nights under the lights at Monterey

**Sonya Manriquez**

Prom

**Austin May**

The last day of every year!

**Sara Mentz**

Roasting all of my teachers on the daily (fire emoji).

**Kalli Metz Wedel**

Pepper Spray Day

**Max Miller**

Being a part of the 2014 varsity football team. Making it to the playoffs was a great feeling.

**Jessica Minter**

The musicals I have taken part in with my best friends.



Sporting events and dances

**Julia Humphrey**

Meeting new friends and going to football games and school dances

**Tabitha Jacobson**

Some awesome teachers

**Nick Kaufman**

Pepper spray, Jakabowski, the people

**Jake Kealy**

Sporting events and Homecoming assemblies

**Tiffany Kempton**

My fondest times will be enjoying times with my friends and taking part of the Homecoming Week festivities during the school day.

**Nicholas Knaub**

Coming back and beating junior year

**Austin Kraus**

Winning 2015 State Championship and Craig/Parker games

**Tyler Kulas**

Playing hockey in front of all my friends

**Kamil Kumiega**





**Andrew Moore**

Spending long nights on the porch talking about feelings with Jacob Wiele

**Kelsey Moyer**

Roasting in AP Lit

**Sarena Multon**

Getting almost all A's this year

**Charles Murillo**

Making eye contact with Mr. Phillips as I rollerbladed while riding a scooter down senior hall.

**Ashley Myers**

Being on the Varsity Pom Squad, Pep Assemblies, and Craig/Parker games

**Jake Negus**

My fondest memories from my time at Craig High School are from sports and other activities. Being on the varsity basketball team for four years, I developed many relationships and memories that will last a lifetime. Also, taking part in activities such as DECA are memorable; State DECA was a very fun time.

**Nataleigh Netemeyer**

I don't have a really fond memory yet. Graduation will probably be my fondest.

**Bryce Neumueller**

My fondest memory is going to be just all the chicks

**Linh Nguyen**

I would say at the beginning of the year, I was like a freshman student. Everything was new, everything seemed fun. I was so excited to immerse myself to explore and study in here.

**Samantha Norby**

I enjoyed a lot of my classes and teachers over the

years. The physics department is, as always, a crazy but fun area where experiments turn into a party. The English teachers are all pretty great; seeing how they are nerds themselves makes class a lot of fun.

**Lexie Olson**

Agustin Barajas hitting the whip on stage at Class of 2015 graduation

**Paige Olson**

Pepper spray day, marketing classes, and friends

**Benjamin Olvera**

I got to know the soccer team of Craig soccer, and I enjoyed working out after school; I enjoy the indoor soccer I-Block at Craig as well.

**Eduardo Pacheco**

I would have to say that my high school soccer experiences was the highlight of my time at Craig High School.

**Olivia Palmer**

Definitely the classes with Mrs. Kane and Ms. Ekblad

**Hayley Partello**

My fondest memories come from Poms. I loved the Parker vs. Craig games and the pep assemblies I got to perform at.

**Ramon Patino**

The fondest memories would have to be goofing off with my friends on the soccer team.

**Morgan Pech**

Friday Night Lights

**Kaity Peloquin**

My fondest memories at Craig was going to football games with my friends.

**Ethan Perkins**

Sports

**Hailey Peterson**

Fun times in show choir and musicals

**Sam Pierson**

All the friends and memories I've made through sports

Washington seminar trip for AP Gov

**Cordelia Regenold**

Participating in clubs and getting to experience new people and things

**Marisa Richards**

Getting ready for all the dances with my friends and meeting new people and making friends

**Gray Riemer**

Turning off projectors with my phone sophomore year, football games, after dance parties, DECA, pepper spray, soft lockdowns, Greece & Italy trip

**Josh Rivera**

Playing Baritone saxophone in my band, The Killers; JV wrestling with my Milton



girlfriend Jake Wiele (eye emoji)

**Catherine Roe**

Participating in the honor wall ceremony and papering Vander Zee with Guy Fieri

**Madeline Rotzoll**

The band trip to Florida

**Bruna Rubini**

I enjoyed all of the school dances, as well as football games!

**Joshua Ruch**

IDK

**Morgan Ruosch**

Chicago senior skip day and naked man

**Alexei Sapozhnikov**

I had a great time in sports and academics. My favorite class is Physics and favorite sport is Tennis. I have a lot of memories.

**Spencer Saunders**

Meeting new people

**Savanna Schaitel**

3:28 every day makes me unbelievably happy.

**Travis Schleisner**

Homemade pepper spray, ice storms, Joseph Jakubowski

**Megan Schroeder**

Playing badminton with my

friends in gym class

**Kennedy Schuenke**

Being captain of the soccer team and getting captain of the soccer team and getting ready for the school dances

**Shantae Schumacher**

Meeting new people & being involved in sports. Also being at the football & basketball games in the student section

**Mike Scieszinski**

Ice storm with no cancellation

**Claudia Sheldon**

Homecoming week! Getting to see everyone dressed up is a lot of fun!





**Marco Silva**

My fondest memory of CHS are staying inside for lunch with my friends and sitting at our table every day for the whole year. I've made some good memories at those tables.

**Alyssa Soliday**

Beng in cheerleading (games & competitions), marching band during football season, going out to lunch with friends, senior year all together (great friends & great memories), Prom 2017!

**Mystika Sors**  
My fondest memories have to be doing goofy antics with friends in numerous

classes. Also, being entertained by some eccentric teachers.

**Shannon Stearns**

Spending time with friends

**Gustave Strandberg**

My fondest memories at Craig are far and many; but the most memorable are of all the unique and diverse teachers, staff, and students that I've had the fortune to meet on my journey at Craig. Whether directly or indirectly, these people have made all the

difference in molding me into the person I am today; additionally, I'd like to thank Mr. Phillips especially for everything he has done for me!

**Ben Taylor**

Sick Days

**Tyler Tek**

Sports and finishing each grade with graduation

**Leah Thornton**

Just spending time with my friends!

**Joseph Tighe**

When I am about to leave.

**Alejandra Torres**

My fondest memories are those spent with friends. I enjoyed each Homecoming Week along with Homecoming dance. Later in junior and senior year, I attended Prom with a group of my closest friends. Craig High School has instilled in me a sense of dedication, hard-work, and commitment that I can use during my years at Concordia University.

**Triston Van Brocklin**

Playing and traveling with the band (especially the trip to Orlando)

**Brenden Vultaggio**

All the friends I made in sports and class

**Jack Wagner**

Bluebirds hockey

**Savannah Wagner**

My fondest memories are memories with my friends at Poms.

**R'reona Walker**

Passing all my classes

**Emily Wangerin**

My fondest memories are all the times I spent with my best friends.

**Everett Washington**

Band trip to Florida

**Sophie Werner**

Meeting the friends and supervisors who have made significant impacts on my life through the activities I was lucky enough to participate in; soccer, show choir, international club, zero robotics, basketball,

swim, and honors society. As well as the incredible experiences I had; International Leadership Summit abroad, New York City, Branson, and Chicago Trips, Tim Cullen Government Internship, and having opportunity to take such a large volume of AP courses.

**Joey Wescott**

Being in auto class and doing some crazy stuff

**Caleb White**

Being pepper sprayed in the Commons



**Audrey Williams**

When they tried to make us wear our IDs everywhere. The pepper spray. Bonding time during lockdowns. This school was wild and I'll never forget it.

**Yicheng (Katherine) Yuan**

My fondest memories are doing clean up at the sculpture garden and being the clock keeper of girl's basketball games in middle school.



**Jeremy Zhou**

The people here are very nice. I'm able to try lots of different sports.

**Peter Zhu**

Open gym to play basketball

**Carly Zigler**

My fondest memories of Craig High School will always be the week of Homecoming





## State-bound athletes take their walk



Craig's state-bound athletes get their Walk to State on Wednesday, May 31.

Junior Kade Salemi (above left) advanced as an individual to the WIAA boys' state golf meet, which will be held at University Ridge in Madison on Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 7.

The state track meet takes place at UW-La Crosse on June 2 and 3.

Track athletes that have qualified for state:

- Boys 4x800 Relay: Aaron Levenson, Blake McCann, Joe Cooper, Nate Farrell, Mitch Lorenz, Zander Arena
- Girls 4x800 Relay: Ivy White, Ellie Lorenz, Madison Schultz, Grace Meister, Peyton



- Sippy, Gabby Petruzzello
- Girls 4x100 Relay: Amy Groshan, De'Ja Calvin, Shantae Schumacher, Kyla Gates, Hailey Kind, Sarah Naatz
- Girls 1600: Peyton Sippy

- Girls 3200: Peyton Sippy
- Boys 800: Nate Farrell
- Boys 200: Alijah Jones
- Boys Pole Vault: Lucas Dahlberg

Photos by David Holmquist

## Spring athletes fill all-conference rosters

Craig's student athletes were well represented among those receiving Big 8 all conference honors and those winning championships.

### Baseball - Big 8 Conference Champs

- Jacob Campbell (11) - 1st team catcher, Big 8 Conference CO-player of The Year
- Evan Spry (12) - 1st team infield
- Jack Blomgren (12) - 1st team infield
- Luke Malmanger (11) - 1st team infield
- Austin Kraus (12) - 1st team outfield
- Mitchell Woelfle (10) - 1st team pitcher
- Dan Blomgren (10) - 2nd team infield
- Caleb White (12) - Honorable Mention Outfield
- Victor Herbst - Big 8 Coach of the Year

### Softball - Big 8 Conference Co-Champs

- Jenna Brandt (12) - 1st team pitcher, Big 8 Conference Player of The Year
- Hannah Halverson (12) - 2nd team infield
- Morgan Oren (11) - 2nd team outfield
- Jessica Filter (11) - 2nd infield
- Kennedy Cox (11) - 2nd team catcher
- Taylor Salmon (10) - Honorable Mention

### Girls' Soccer

- Abby Membrino (9) - 1st Team Midfielder
- Hannah Dunlavy (9) - 1st Team Defender
- Greta Hanthorn (10) - Honorable Mention
- Kaitlyn Shanks (10) - Honorable Mention
- Blaize Butler (11) - Honorable Mention
- Kennedy Scheunke (12) - Honorable Mention
- Brooke Parkhurst (9) - Honorable Mention
- Sarah Gregg (9) - Honorable Mention

### Track & Field

- Nate Farrell (12) - Big 8 Conference Champion in 800m
- Peyton Sippy (11) - Big 8 Conference Champion in 1600m and 3200m

### Boys' Golf

- Nick Kaufman (12), Janesville Craig - Honorable Mention

## Boys tennis prides its hard work and reflects on season

BY AIDAN ENO

Boys Tennis ended for everyone but Evan Bitter (11) and Christian Voskuil (12) on May 23.

Bitter and Voskuil, the Varsity 1 doubles team, advanced past subsectionals to automatically play in sectionals.

The winners of subsectionals advance to sectionals, and the winners of

sectionals advance to state.

The rest of the Boys Varsity Tennis team lost their matches on May 23, and were thus eliminated. Voskuil and Bitter, however, played on May 25.

"Hard work is key, and we worked hard this season. I would even say that we worked really hard," said Voskuil, when asked about his and Bitter's bye.

They played at Nielson

Tennis Stadium in Madison, on May 25, against the Madison East 1 doubles.

They were 1-1 against the East team, and the winner of that match would continue.

"Tennis is just as much a physical game as it is a mental game," said Bitter.

"I think when players walk onto the court they kind of mentally size each other up, and whoever

seems biggest, mentally of course, almost always wins. The problem is that we had already sized each other up this season, twice, which is why the match was so close."

Voskuil and Bitter lost, in a close 4-6, 4-6 match, ending their season and their time as a doubles team.

"It was amazing. The stuff of dreams," said Voskuil, when asked about his sea-

son with Bitter.

"There were ups and downs, as there always are, but at the end of the day, it's all about hitting that ball over the net. And hit the ball over we did. I wouldn't trade that in for all the diamonds in the ocean."

Bitter will play next year, but likely as the 1 singles, and Voskuil will likely play club throughout college.



# In Review: *Invisible Man* - The Audiobook

BY MARTY FORBECK

A book! I finished some actual literature for once! Well, an audiobook anyway. Close enough. A print copy is available at the Hedberg library.

To radically oversimplify the book's message, *Invisible Man* is a book about how it is very nearly impossible to be an African-American person in America and retain your self-efficacy.

Ralph Ellison published his magnum opus back in 1952, but in a lot of ways it feels like it was written last year.

The police shooting of an unarmed black man features prominently. At every turn there is someone waiting to ignore or deny the protagonist's humanity, make him invisible.

The book itself denies him even a name, arguing that it doesn't matter. History has already forgotten our hero.

But other authors have said all that before. TaNehisi Coates is a good, more recent one. Proving it wouldn't take up anywhere near the totality of *Invisible Man's* 500+ pages.

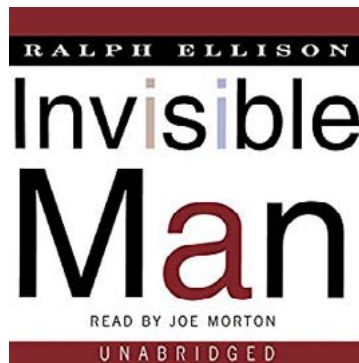
What distinguishes the book, more than anything, is how it addresses possible ways to fix or alleviate the problem. Mostly in the context of how none of the ones available in 1952 didn't work.

In some ways the book is very *Odyssey*-esque. The protagonist jumps from his childhood home, to segregated black college, to a run down bar, to a factory, to a club in Harlem, to an insane asylum, back to Harlem again, then away again, then back a second time, and finally into the metaphysical underground of all New York.

All these places contain people which offer him answers

as to how to retain his humanity, and none of their answers are perfect.

The dean of his college believes all black people should



model all their behavior on successful whites. Unionized factory workers, paranoid, immediately reject him as a scab. The civil rights group he joins ultimately proves desperate enough let the district the hero manages, Harlem, fall to black nationalist rioting so that they

can use the incident as propaganda to help their movement on a wider scale.

In terms of social commentary the book offers far more comprehensive social critique than it does planning, taking down the other ideas rather than proposing its own, but that's kinda the point. There's no single good way to fight for social justice, and there are lot of very bad ones on top of that.

As a country we certainly got more uncomplicatedly ethical unions and civil rights groups pretty shortly after '52, but the message of finding your own way through the political problems of the world remain resonant for a lot of people, and there isn't many a better place to find it than here.

As a last note: if it is at all possible, get the Audiobook.

I'm normally not one for promoting audiobooks. Most take away from the imagination a bit and keep listeners from hearing the work in their own voice. That is not the case here.

The reader, Joe Morton, manages to play the part of dozens of different characters and make them all sound completely unique over an 18+ hour run.

Ellison's rambling, run-on style proves prime material for an audio reading, and Morton never misses an opportunity to emphasize an old line into a new context, such as the ones in which the narrator describes himself as a, "disembodied voice."

Fantastic prose and audio don't always come together. If you have the time, don't miss this.

## Departing teachers speak of Craig's impact

Three teachers are known to be departing from Craig this year: Kurt Westenberger, Nicole Behrens, and Denise Wimann. Mr. Westenberger and Mrs. Wimann are retiring, and Mrs. Behrens is entering into a new teaching job in lands far sunnier than these. Their impact on this school and its students has been incalculable, but it has impacted them as well. These are their final statements on their time here at Craig.



*as successful at Craig but went on to to very fulfilling lives later. It's taught me that anyone can succeed if they believe they can do it. I've seen it happen again and again. I thank the teaching staff and the entire support staff for helping make my time at Craig something I will always treasure."*

*"I've truly enjoyed my time at Craig High School. I've taught a lot of amazing students over the years. Many were successful here, taking advantage of the many opportunities Craig has to offer. I've been teaching long enough to see others that weren't*



*"Craig will always hold a special place in my heart because it's where I began my teaching career. I've worked with some amazing coworkers and have been lucky enough to have fun, enthusiastic, and awesome students. Thanks for the great memories, CHS!"*



*"I was telling my husband last night that the one thing I'm going to miss is the students. I enjoy this age group a lot, and I've learned just as much from them as they have from me."*



# Circles of Support: The Rising Class of 2020

BY NICOLE HILBELINK, ENGLISH TEACHER AND CIRCLES ADVISOR

The Circles of Support Class of 2020 has been busy as the school year draws to a close. Here is an overview of what the students have been doing!

On Thursday, May 4th, two students from the class of 2020 (along with students from the classes of 2019 and 2018) talked about their Identity projects at the Circles of Support Summit in Madison, Wis. Jazmine Perez and Lauren Glissendorf stood in front of Circles of Support advisors, sponsors, and supporters to talk about their experiences with Circles.

On Thursday, May 11th, a group of

29 students travelled to Indian Trails Boy Scout Camp for a day of team building and presentations. The students participated in activities such as Elbow Tag, Minesweeper, Magic Carpet, and a hula hoop challenge. Interested students were also given the opportunity to climb the rock wall. Advisors Ms. Slotten and Mrs. Shucha also climbed the wall and rang the bell! After lunch, students shared their identity projects with the group, which allowed them to practice for the Showcase on Monday, May 15th. The students then had some time for a bit of exploration of the camp.

On Monday, May 15th, the Circles of Support Class of 2020 held their Identity Showcase. Many students set up displays of posters, scrap-

books, food, pinatas, photography, and other creative expressions of self. The projects were set up in a gallery walk for visitors to enjoy. Then, there were presentations in the small auditorium.

Axel Pelayo-Onofre emceed the event and Sariyah Bryant sang a song with great meaning for her.

Jazmine Perez rewrote some lyrics and sang "7 Years," which expressed some of her own life experiences. Julia Wittman told about an important dessert that represents her pride in her Guatemalan heritage.

Lanita Sanders Edwards described (and acted out) a meal of great importance to her family: extreme spaghetti, garlic bread with cheese and pepperoni, and fried chicken.

Giana Mecollari shared her identity

cube, which included images and details about the important people and activities in her life. Planeta Gashi shared her photography, which included images of what is important in her life.

Lauren Glissendorf presented her scrapbook, which included writing and images related to her identity.

Other students shared their projects in the gallery walk and shared their stories with the people who walked through. The students were Maria Banuelos Pacheco, Trajia Brand, Ig-zandra del Camino Bonillo, Haylie Douang, Axel Pelayo-Onofre, Kevin Sanchez-Vizcaya, and Litzzy Torres

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding efforts, and thank you to all members of Circles of Support for their participation!

## Circles of Support Bond at Camp Indian Trails



# Hi-Tech Tour: Game design students visit Raven Studios

BY GUEST COLUMNIST  
MATTHEW SOSSO

Walking into the actual building was a bit surreal. The front desk looked more like a hotel lobby than what I expect a triple-A title studio would, although I'm not entirely sure what I expected.

Imagine your favorite movie or book, and now you're next to the director or author.

That's what it felt like when we were quickly ushered into a conference room and told that the Head of Design was going to speak with us later in the presentation. But until, and for a bit after, he showed up we were presented with a slide show and given a little Q & A in between slides and subject matters.

That was the extent of the actual Raven Studios tour.

Many of my fellow students expressed their displeasure with the longevity and lack of a physical tour (on the bus of course). However, I was grateful for so much as an opportunity to enter the building, let alone speak with the head of design, who, I might add, took time off from an incredibly important project just to speak with us.

I do hope that future students of the Game Design course take the class with the seriousness it deserves as precursor to how the modern tech and entertainment industries operate.

What I don't think many of them will understand is that a majority of industry professionals work long hours and get little time with family.

That being said, I'm sure that with less than six months to launch on their latest project, it makes sense they wouldn't want an unpredictable group of teenagers getting access to inside information and the inner workings of company it-

self in first hand detail.

After the presentation we were scheduled for a half hour lunch followed by a college tour. I found the tour to be a helpful look into what sorts of skills are needed for a videogame to be developed for market. During our time at the college, we discovered what a motion capture, or mocap, studio looked like.

The one at the campus studio is only one of four in Wisconsin. We were paraded through various sound recording booths, video editing studios, and even a green screen room.

When I think of companies like RoosterTeeth and Team Four Star, I never imagine myself being surrounded by the same sorts of equipment as them, but that day I was.

I, as well as my fellow Craig students, caught a glimpse of what's behind not just developing games but all types of media be it video, podcast, song, photography, or eBook.

As someone who cares little about seeing where "Call of Duty" is made and a lot about learning the industry, I found it an enlightening experience, though I cannot and dare not speak for the entirety of my fellow Craig students.

Raven Software is located in Middleton, Wis. Visit their website at <http://www.ravensoftware.com/>

About the company (from their website): "Founded in 1990 by brothers Brian and Steve Raffel, Raven Software has gone from a five-person company with a dream of creating a role-playing game for the Amiga, to the developer of numerous award-winning games and best-selling titles, including Hexen, Star Wars Jedi Knight II: Jedi Outcast, Marvel: Ultimate Alliance, and most recently being a major contributor to the Call of Duty® franchise."



Photo submitted by Jason Marin  
Students in Mr. Marin's game design class stop for a picture before heading into Raven Studios in Middleton, Wis.

## Helen Forbeck: Principal for a day

BY KEN FORBECK

Last month there was a "Principal for the Day" raffle that was run by the global scholars club.

The winner of the raffle was Helen Forbeck (9) and she chose to claim her prize on Thursday, May 18th.

She won a photo shoot in the principal chair and an order of pizza for lunch, which she shared with her friends and four siblings.

Her attendance was cleared for the day so she could go observe any class she wanted.

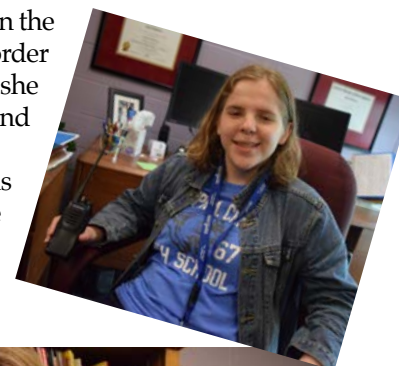


Photo by David Holmquist  
Principal for the Day Helen Forbeck (9) sits at the Dr. Bjoin's desk while Mrs. Trish Jones, the principal's secretary, goes over some documents with her. "What I enjoyed the most was walking around with my brother Ken taking pictures for the newspaper."

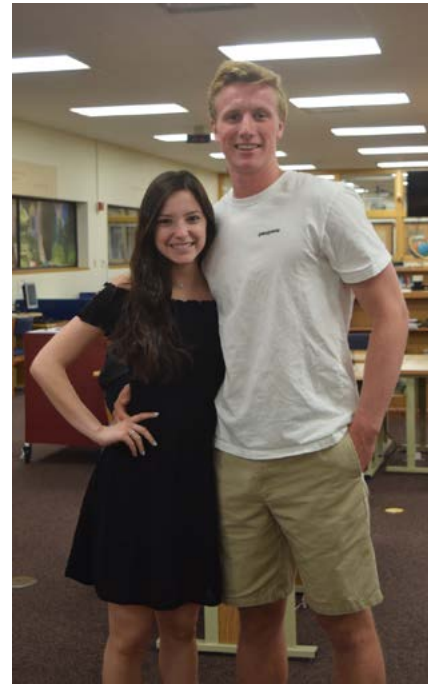
## Best Eyes



Jenna Broege and Joe Brennan

## Most likely to Shave Their Own Eyebrows

Hailey Kind and Alex Bogan



## Best Dressed

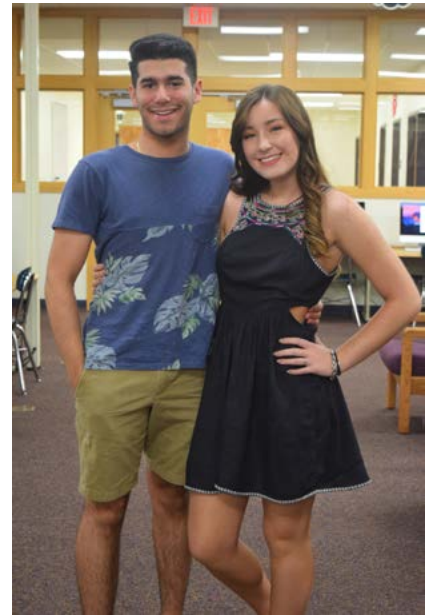
Jack Bostedt and Olivia Hullick



## Most likely to Cure Cancer



Lexi Ganong and Gabe Hanna



Jake Negus and Sophie Werner



## Most Gullible

Joe Cooper and Kaity Peloquin



## Most School Spirit

Bruna Rubini and Nick Lynch



## Most likely to Be on Reality T.V.

Jillian Groth and Alex Cottrell



## Most likely to Star in a Movie

Photos and page design by Shannon Stearns and Leah Thornton

## Most Motivational

Left: Marty Forebeck and Hannah Malec

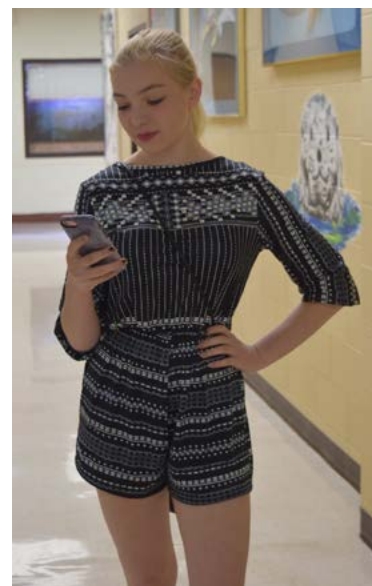


Right: Audrey Bouland and Hunter Little

## Most Technologically Advanced



Lauren Zaharias



## Most Likely To Own a Pet Dragon

Samantha Norby and Evertt Washington



## Most likely to Trip at Graduation

Left: Marty Forebeck and Hannah Malec



Right: Audrey Bouland and Hunter Little

**Michelle Arenas**

I am going to U-Rock for 2 years and then transferring to a bigger university. I want to either be in the medical field or I was looking into vet school.

**Rian Arreazola**

Play college baseball

**Sydney Aruta**

I plan on attending UW-Whitewater and majoring in psychology and working with veterans who suffer from PTSD and their families

**Chloe Attalla**

I'm going to design clothes. Probably other things too.

**Cade Badertscher**

We'll see

**Hayley Barwick**

I plan to go to UW Madison and figure out what to do for the rest of my life.

**Lexi Becker**

Cosmetology school

**Claire Bever**

I plan on going to Marquette University and pursuing a career in the medical field.

**Jack Blomgren**

Attend the University of Michigan on a baseball scholarship

**Bryn Bock**

Go to college and then fulfill my dream of becoming a cosmetologist in Chicago.

**James Bordwell**

I plan to study creative writing and psychology in college and enter a field involving one or more of these subjects.

**Jack Bostedt**

Play junior hockey

**Audrey Boulard**

I plan on attending UWL for a year and transferring to Madison so that I can attend their business school. The rest of my life I plan on staying humble and motivated so that I can achieve my goals. I believe my life will be spent focusing on a job that I love and bettering myself, family, and the community where I live.

**Cierra Boutelle**

My plan after graduation is to go to Ripon College to study physical therapy and psychology

**Jenna Brandt**

I am planning on going to UW-LaCrosse and studying radiation therapy.

**Joe Brennen**

Goin' everywhere

**Jenna Broege**

I am attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison next year to major in Dairy Science, and hopefully get a job in dairy or agricultural promotion as a career.

**Matt Brunhoefer**

Going to U-Rock to figure stuff out

**Alyssa Buggs**

I plan on going to college and to help and or foster animals

**Chris Cabelka**

Marine Corps

**DeVaunte Cartwright**

Go on to college and hopefully get a good career out of it.

**Zachary Chamberlain**

Going to Blackhawk Tech and UW to be a dental hygienist

**Casey Chen**

I am going to attend UW Madison and hopefully attend the school of business and get a job after college.

**Logan Christensen**

Attend UW Whitewater for 4 years and get a business degree

**Ambar Cornelio**

Attend UW-Madison for Art History and Spanish

**Alex Cottrell**

I'm going to be a District Attorney. I'm also gonna go on "Survivor" and win.

**Nick Cropp**

Get a bachelor's degree in business management

**Rachael Cunningham**

I don't know, I want to be a flight medic but I hate people so I don't know how that's going to work...

**Taylee Dabson**

Attend UW-Green Bay for physical therapy

**Lucas Dahlberg**

Go to Whitewater and do track there while starting a degree to be a physical therapist

**Dylan Dawkins**

Joining the Marines, going to college, then becoming an of-

ficer

**Mya Day**

After high school I plan on taking a gap year and then attending a four year college to become a social worker.

**Morgan DeCook**

UW-Whitewater

**Makenzie Dewar**

I am joining the United States Marine Corps

**Camille Dewitt**

Go to college and move to Washington state, get married and have kids

**Michael Doely**

Marine Corps

**Travis Duffy**

Attend MSOE for major in information technology

**Spencer Easton**

College

**Daniel Eberdt**

College

**Jenn Eddings**

Go to college, get a degree, live life happily/hopefully travel and start a family (but not in WI)

**Brennen Elgas**

Go to college and MMI (Madison Media Institute)

**Biontina Emini**

Going to my country

**Jason Ennis**

Enlisting

**Riley Ennocenti**

I plan to attend Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in the fall of 2017. There I will major in music education or music theatre, and minor in a different area (of right now I do not yet know).

**Hailee Fain**

Work on my future books

**Marty Forebeck**

Going to UW Madison next year, undecided major & career

**Landrey Foss**

I'll be attending UW-Milwaukee for college.

**Emily Fredricks**

Going to college for a dental assisting

**Chloe Fry**

I plan to go to Rhode Island College to get my bachelor in Nursing Science!

**Lexi Ganong**

Attending Texas State Uni-

versity, being a performer

**Madison Garvin**

I will be attending the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, where I will major in government. After graduating from there, I will serve for at least five years.

**Jacob Gestrich**

I am going to UW-Green Bay. I plan on getting a business degree and going into sports marketing.

**Hannah Gray**

I am going to Iowa State University to major in the field of design. Hopefully that works out.

**Violet Grinder**

I'm going to U-Rock then transferring to UW-Whitewater to major in forensic psychology. After college, I'm going into law enforcement.

**Jillian Groth**

College and become an FBI agent or detective

**Emma Halverson**

I would like to live in Madison for a couple of years and then move out to Colorado and get married and have two or four kids.

**Hannah Halverson**

I plan on going to Luther College and then on to study physical therapy.

**Madie Handrow**

Well, I will be attending Madison college for Vet tech. I will move somewhere warm.

**Gabe Hanna**

Going to Eau-Claire, following a Pre-Med track, with a music minor

**Chloe Hargarten**

I plan to attend UW-Whitewater and major in elementary education.

**Thyme Heath-Lovell**

I will be attending UW-Milwaukee and studying to get a bachelor's degree.

**Emily Heilman**

Bees?

**Lexi Hoium**

UW-Whitewater for Elementary Education

**Olivia Hulick**

U-Rock for my generals and UW Madison to get a nursing

degree. My end goal is to become a nurse practitioner.

**Julia Humphrey**

I'll be attending UW-Eau Claire and plan on majoring in health care administration

**Tabitha Jacobson**

Work, maybe go to college

**Graham Judson**

Military service, beyond that, no idea

**Nick Kaufman**

Go to UW-Madison and study engineering or business

**Jake Kealy**

Attend U-Rock for 2 years to get generals then transfer into a 4 year school to get a business/marketing degree

**Tiffany Kempton**

After graduation I will be attending UW- Rock County next fall.

**Nicholas Knaub**

Going to college

**Austin Kraus**

Play baseball at Edgewood College and major in business

**Tyler Kulas**

Go to college and get a job

**Kamil Kumiega**

Go to college and after that find a good job

**Macy Kyle**

Leave town... Move far away...

**Margareetmarie Laplaca**

I am moving out of state and doing hair, makeup, and music.

**Grace Leja-Robinson**

My plans are to major in history at UW-Oshkosh

**Urmila Lunenburg**

To go into childhood education.

**Nick Lynch**

Attending Edgewood college to pursue a career in business

**Bradley Mainock**

Heading to U-rock to get an associates degree, then moving up to a big university to possible study genetics or law

**Justin Malloy**

Attending UW-Platteville and from there, eventually the FBI

**Sonya Manriquez**

Working this summer, then college in the fall and will go from there.

**Andrew Moore**

Have new emotional experiences and talk about them with Jacob Wiele

**Kelsey Moyer**

College and what Sarah Mentz said

**Sarena Multon**

My plans are to go to college and get a degree in business. Then go for something art related.

**Charles Murillo**

Graduate from Marquette in biomedical sciences and then attend medical school

**Ashley Myers**

After high school I plan to go to UW-Eau Claire to study nursing. I hope to eventually become a neonatal nurse.

**Jake Negus**

My plan for after graduation is to attend Edgewood College and play basketball. I am planning on majoring in business with a concentration in marketing or finance with the intent of getting my master's degree. After I graduate college, I will see where my path takes me.

**Nataleigh Netemeyer**

I plan to attend UW-Whitewater this fall and to get a degree in business. After attending Whitewater for four years I plan on attending UW-Madison to earn a law degree. Someday I would like to become a corporate lawyer.

**Linh Nguyen**

I am going to college after high school and then transfer to medical school. I may or may not keep myself in Wisconsin.

**Samantha Norby**

I plan to attend UW La Crosse and major in physics. I would like to double major but have yet to decide what that would be.

**Lexie Olson**

Art major at UW-Madison

**Paige Olson**

Attending UW- Whitewater in hopes to major in marketing

**Benjamin Olvera**

I plan to attend a two-year college and transfer to a four-year college after graduation for the fall. I plan on working in the summer, and I want to continue training for soccer to play at UW-Whitewater.

**Eduardo Pacheco**

Attend UW-Whitewater

**Olivia Palmer**

Heading out to college. I'm planning on being a veterinarian.

**Hayley Partello**

I am going to UW-Eau Claire to continue my studies. I am going in undeclared, but am excited to figure out what interests me there!

**Ramon Patino**

I am enlisted in the Marine Corps and aspire to become a Recon Marine.

**Morgan Pech**

Paying off college debt

**Kaity Peloquin**

My plans for after graduation are to go to Carroll University and become a physical therapist.

**Ethan Perkins**

Probably working all my life

**Hailey Peterson**

I am going to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, hopefully traveling a lot, and finding a career that brings me a lot of joy!

**Sam Pierson**

Next year I'll be going to Edgewood to study nursing. Hopefully one day I'll work in obstetrics in a hospital.

**Max Rammer**

Go to UW-Madison then start a business with Alex Winter or Joey Spoden and become a rich boy.

**Cordelia Regenold**

Attending UW-Whitewater for art education

**Marisa Richards**

I'm just gonna wing it

**Gray Riemer**

To follow the way she goes

**Josh Rivera**

I'll be moving on to the Night Riots and varsity wrestling with my wife Jake Wiele

**Catherine Roe**

Go to college

**Madeline Rotzell**

Attend UW-Whitewater for an education degree

**Bruna Rubini**

I plan on going to a four year college and graduating, and then traveling the world with the ones I love.

**Joshua Ruch**

YOLO

**Morgan Ruosch**

College (social worker)

**Alexei Sapozhnikov**

I am a top student here, so I hope I will be able to get into a college.

**Spencer Saunders**

College = get good job

**Savanna Schaitel**

Live life. Kinda wing it. Honestly have no idea

**Travis Schleisner**

Attend college at Ripon after 4 years apply to PT school at Temple

**Lauren Schmitt**

UW-Whitewater

**Megan Schroeder**

I plan to go to Concordia University after graduating from Craig.

**Kennedy Schuenke**

Going to U-Rock and I'm not sure after that

**Shantae Schumacher**

Studying criminal justice at UW-Platteville

**Cole Scieszinski**

Leave Janesville

**Claudia Sheldon**

I plan on attending UW-Madison and majoring in genetics

**Marco Silva**

I'm planning to go to Black-Hawk Tech for the culinary program

**Alyssa Soliday**

I'm planning on majoring in

elementary education to become a teacher (smile emoji). I will be attending U-Rock and then transferring to a graduate school.

**Mystika Sors**

I'm going to UW-Madison to get a degree in either neurobiology or cognitive science and then attend grad school to further my education. I plan on helping people, expressing myself through writing, and having a big, warm family. :)

**Shannon Stearns**

I will be majoring in biochem at St. Norbert in the fall, and from there I plan on attending medical school in hopes of becoming a neonatal physician.

**Gustave Strandberg**

My plans are to either start at U-Rock, or to jump straight into my desired career and major: Graphic Design. Furthermore, if possible, I'm aiming to pursue two minors as well: Writing and Photography/Composing Music. Other than that, I simply wish to live a peaceful and happy life!

**Ben Taylor**

Going up to Madison, attending MATC for animation and then moving to Washington Seattle to start my own business

**Tyler Tek**

Go to college and major in international business. Also hopefully start a family and have my own house.

**Leah Thornton**

I'm going to Madison College for a dental hygiene career

**Joseph Tighe**

College, military, law enforcement

**Alejandra Torres**

I plan on attending Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin. I will be studying Pre-Med to begin my college

education in hopes moving on to Med school, and becoming a Physician's Assistant.

**Axel Valguad**

Go back to France and go to a French University

**Triston Van Brocklin**

Going to college and staying involved in music

**Brenden Vultaggio**

I want to go to college for EMT and firefighting

**Jack Wagner**

Go to UW Madison

**Savannah Wagner**

I will be attending Edgewood College in the fall and majoring in biology.

**R'reona Walker**

To become a CNA

**Emily Wangerin**

I will be attending UW-Madison in the fall and majoring in political science.

**Everett Washington**

Going to UW-Platteville

**Sophie Werner**

University of Washington (in Seattle) with a double major in Political Science and Computer Science. I'm going to be the President (hopefully).

**Joey Wescott**

Army, buy a house a nice car, build a few cars, boost an e36, and have a nice job and wifey.

**Caleb White**

EMT degree

**Audrey Williams**

I plan to attend Grand Canyon University in the fall.

**Yicheng (Catherine) Yuan**

I would like to go to UW-Madison.

**Jeremy Zhou**

Going to college

**Peter Zhu**

Enjoy my life and earn money

**Carly Zigler**

I plan to go to UW-Whitewater and would like to have a career in accounting.

**More seniors shared their memories of Craig and their plans for after high school (these were submitted after our other pages were laid out).**

**Kris Blackwell**  
Meeting such a diverse community

**Warren Buchanan**  
Leaving

**Alyssa Buggs**  
Meeting new friends

**Nate Farrell**  
\*Junior Homecoming  
\*Senior Prom  
\*So many great memories with cross country, track and wrestling  
\*Pink donut breakfast with Girl Lawton  
\*Getting to see Mama Farrell and Vogel daily to raid their fridge and snack drawer

**Will Fugate**  
The friends I've got

& signed my name

**Tanner Riley**  
Trippin'

**Kyle Walsh**  
When I spent the whole day with my first hour teacher Mrs. Hanson

**Logan White**  
Definitely my time spent in aerospace class with my teacher Andrew Udell along with my classmates

**Noah White**  
Not being here is probably my fondest time.

**Caleb Williams**  
When I went to the Craig cafeteria and got to smell the great food that they had to offer

# MEMORIES

**Randy Gitchel**  
Lunch

**Treyvon Grimes**  
Becoming Young Chocolate

**Morgan Holcomb**  
Being able to meet my best friend

**Tyler Huffar**  
Sitting in the school desk thinking about catching BIG PERCH

**Carlos Jimenez**  
Basketball season. Just being around those guys made my days way better they always kept a smile on my face. Also on game days the crowd would chant my nickname "Rico". haha that was pretty sweet

**Erik Lopez**  
I only had been here for 1 year, in short words I arrived at Craig High when I was a senior. But I would have liked a bit if I stayed here during my Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior years. I have enjoyed my time here with some of my friends, teachers and classmates. It was nice being at Craig High School.

**Mark Malone**  
When I put my hand on the wall

*Memories of students from Mr. Tillema's senior English class (they did not give their names):*

**Anonymous student 1**  
I made some new friends

**Anonymous student 2**  
Some of my favorite memories have been "Fallon Fridays" in Mr. Tillema's class, watching Treyvone Grimes get kicked out of the announcements for calling himself young chocolate, and listening to Mr. Masterson's dad-jokes. I loved going through the first three years and watching all of the senior pranks. I remember one year, the seniors filled sophomore and senior doors with cups full of water and then had a water gun fight outside. I've really loved the clubs I've been in, too. Link Crew has brought out more confidence and fun in me and I really feel a lot more comfortable interacting with everyone because of it. I also really, really enjoyed helping the freshman come in on their first day of high school.

**Kris Blackwell**  
Take a small break before college

**Warren Buchanan**  
Work or military

**Alyssa Buggs**  
To become a Pokemon trainer

**Nate Farrell**  
University of Nebraska to continue the running dream of cross country and track. #GBR

**Will Fugate**  
Going to U-Rock for two years then switch to Whitewater for my major in history to be a social studies teacher, and also to minor in criminal justice.

**Randy Gitchel**  
Tattoo artist

**Treyvon Grimes**  
Becoming a famous rapper and getting tons of cheese

**Morgan Holcomb**  
Work, work, work

**Tyler Huffar**  
Working hard at JF Ahern and getting in the boat and catching BIG PERCH

**Carlos Jimenez**  
Next Year I will attend U Rock to play basketball over there and possibly transfer somewhere after a year or two. I also would like to travel the world.

**Erik Lopez**  
Well I'm planning to go to Black Hawk Tech. College. Then study for the career I desire.

**Mark Malone**

To start my second job and stack money and work two jobs this summer and start college in the fall to become a pharm tech

**Tanner Riley**  
Go as far as this city will take me

**Kyle Walsh**  
Make cars fast and make good money without going to a university

**Logan White**  
I intend on serving my country and joining the United States Air Force

**Noah White**  
I'm gonna go wherever the bud takes me

**Caleb Williams**

# FUTURE PLANS

To make sure I don't make the same mistake once

*Future plans of students from Mr. Tillema's senior English class (they did not give their names):*

**Anonymous student 1**  
Going to my country

**Anonymous student 2**  
I am going to be taking a gap year off in between high school and college. During this time I will work hard and hopefully be accepted into a fall internship in Colorado or Montana with the SCA and work with people like the Save The Redwood League in order to do conservation projects.

## Seniors inspire elementary school students with graduation walk



**Photo by David Holmquist**  
*Seniors Abbie Potter (left) and Kiegan Redenius (right) were two seniors who performed a graduation walk for elementary-school students on Wednesday, May 31. Most seniors visited their elementary schools. Both Abbie and Kiegan attended Monroe. Abbie walked through her alma mater, but Kiegan was sent to elementary. "It was fun," said Abbie. "I hope it inspires the little kids to make it goal to graduate from high school."*

# Class of 2017 announces its top 20

**1. Sophia Werner**

Sophia is going to the University of Washington in Seattle to study Computer Science and Political Science. She has been involved with Spotlighters as Captain, National Honor Society as President, Spanish National Honor Society as Treasurer, the Zero Robotics Team, Science National Honor Society, Computer Club as President and International Club.

**1. Hayley Barwick**

Hayley is going to the University of Wisconsin Madison where she plans to study Psychology. Hayley has been the Vice-President of Key Club, Co-Captain of Freshman Girls Soccer and Co-Captain of JV Girls Soccer. Hayley is in National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

**1. McKenzie Blank**

McKenzie is going to Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois where she plans to study Biology and Chemistry. McKenzie has been the Captain of the Varsity Swim team, participated in Track and Field, and the Treasurer for Letterwomen's Club. She is also in Wind Ensemble, Engineering Club, Oceanography Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and Junior/Senior Internship. McKenzie was also a JSOL Guide and math tutor.

**1. Lexi Ganong**

Lexi is going to Texas State University to study Musical Theatre. She is the

President of Spanish Honor Society and the Senior Class Secretary for Student Council. Lexi has also been involved in Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honor Society, and the Fall and Spring Musicals.

**1. Chloe Hergarten**

Chloe is going to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to study Elementary Education. Chloe is in National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

**1. Jake Negus**

Jake is going to Edgewood College in Madison to study Business. Jake has been involved in DECA, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Letterman's Club and Boys' Basketball.

**1. Madison Schultz**

Madison is going to Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin where she will be a Pre-Medical major with a minor in Art. Madison is the Parliamentarian of National Honor Society, Vice President of French Honor Society, and the Secretary of Science National Honor Society. She is also in National Art Honor Society and Track and Field.

**8. Audrey Williams**

Audrey is going to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona where she will study Elementary Education or Psychology. Audrey is in Acapella Choir, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and Bee Club, on the Yearbook Committee and she is a JSOL Guide. Audrey is also the Captain

of Varsity Soccer.

**8. Samantha Pierson**

Samantha is going to Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin to study Nursing. She is in Letterwomen's Club, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and she was the Varsity Basketball Captain.

**8. Martin Forbeck**

Marty is going to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mary is the Editor-In-Chief of the Craig Criterion and was a Cross Country runner and a occasional member of Dr. Who Club.

**11. Catherine Roe**

Catherine is going to Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin where she will study Government and Economics. She is in Amnesty International, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, and French Honor Society. Catherine was the Captain of Varsity Golf, an editor of the Criterion and a speaker for the Honor Wall Ceremony.

**12. Nicholas Kaufman**

Nick is going to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he will study business. He participated in Varsity Golf, Varsity Soccer, DECA, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and Bee Club. Nick is also a JSOL guide and Manager of the Cougar Den.

**13. Viktorria Glissendorf**

Viktorria is going to the

University of Wisconsin-Madison to study Biology on a Pre-Med Track. She is the President of Leo Club, a PAWS Tutor, and a Sierra Club member. She is in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Science National Honor Society.

**14. James Bordwell**

James is going to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to study Creative Writing and Psychology. James is in Spanish Honor Society and volunteers for Beloit International Film.

**15. Alejandra Torres**

Alejandra is going to Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin to pursue the Pre-Medical program. She participated in Blue Ribbon of Promise, Girls' Tennis, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and she was a member of the National Ocean Science Bowl.

**16. Jack Wagner**

Jack is going to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he will study either Civil or Aerospace Engineering. Jack has been a part of the Janesville Bluebirds Hockey team, the Boys' Golf Team, National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society.

**17. Madeline Membrino**

Madeline is going to the University of Denver in Colorado to study Neuroscience. Maddie is in Varsity Showchoir, Forensics, Cross Country, Track, Musicals, Chamber Orchestra, National Honor Society,

Spanish National Honor Society, Tri-M and Amnesty International. She is also on the Spotlighters Student Board.

**18. Austin Kraus**

Austin is going to Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin where he will study business and also play baseball for Edgewood. Austin is the Captain of the Baseball team, a teacher aid for Mr. Herbst and plays CYO basketball.

**19. Kylie Sievers**

Kylie is going to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in Minneapolis to study International Studies and Spanish. Kylie is in Chamber Orchestra, Russian Club, National Art Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Tri-M, Science Honor Society and National Honor Society.

**20. Violet Grinder**

Violet is going to the University of Wisconsin-Rock County to study Forensic Psychology and Law Enforcement. She is the president of French Club and participates in Feminist Club and Teen Book Club. Violet is also in French National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and Tri-M.

**A special thank you to Mary Severin, student center secretary, for providing this information.**



## Octagon Club joins effort to clean park



*Photo by Dick Owen, submitted by Mike Knapton*

In April, a group of Octagon Club members did some community service at Janesville Optimist Park on Ruger and Wuthering Hills. As part of their service hour for club membership, they volunteered to clean up the park. Dick Owen, a member of the Wednesday Optimists, was there and took a picture of the Craig students. Pictured in front are Octagon member Gabe Hanna (12), Jenn Eddings (12), Madison Leggett (11), and Lexi Ganong (12). Behind them are Optimist Club members.

## Spanish 2 holds “Market Day”

**O**n Monday, May 8, Sra. Baier de Garcia’s students in her Spanish 2 classes held “Market Day.” Students sold goods in an open market and spoke only Spanish. Sra. Baier de Garcia answered a few questions about this annual tradition.

### What is “Market Day”?

This is the oral proficiency project for this particular unit in Spanish 2. Students apply the vocabulary and grammar from the unit as they buy and sell items from their classmates.

### What preparations do students make?

Students must learn how to use the vocabulary and grammar in meaningful contexts, they work with a partner to choose an item to sell. They create a poster with the name of their store, price in pesos, product list and descriptions and a slogan in Spanish. They also work to earn pesos in class, so they have money to spend at the market on our “Día del mercado.” Finally, students learn how to bargain, and what that means

and looks like at an open air market. They learn the importance of being able to walk away from a sale, only to have the vendor chase you down so that you may buy at your lowest price offered!

### What directions do students follow?

Students each take a turn to buy from their classmates for 15 minutes, and then sell for another 15 minutes. They must follow a script that they have memorized, that includes making a greeting, having small talk, asking to see something, discussing the item for sale and then bargaining! They learn to start high and always offer low!

### How do you feel it went?

Students had so much fun buying and selling from each other! They were able to stay speaking in Spanish for these specific periods of time and



**Photos by David Holmquist**  
Above, Sra. Baier de Garcia directs her students to begin market day, instructing them that they must speak only Spanish. Right, students prepare quesadillas for sale.



they are prepared to take their bargaining skills to a real open air market! This is an important life skill that they can put to use here going to garage sales, at a flea market or as they travel abroad. Students also developed creative business practices. As they sold out of their items, they went to other stalls to buy a large quantity of goods to resell at a higher price at their stand. It was so much fun for them to work together, speaking in Spanish! They also love when their teachers come and bargain with them in Spanish. This year, Mr. Boran-Ragotzy,

Mr. Holmquist and Ms. Grundahl visited some classes. They are always surprised to see their non-Spanish teachers able to converse and bargain with them in Spanish! We were lucky to have some AP Spanish students, Spanish 5 and Spanish 4 classes also visit our market!

**How long have your classes done this?**

My Spanish 2 classes have been doing this for the past 6 years.

### What goals does Market Day support for your curriculum?

As we are moving towards Oral Proficiency Based Standards, the goal is to produce

students who are able to speak in real-world and meaningful situations. The American Council on Teaching Foreign Languages calls these: World Readiness Standards and defines communication as: Communicate effectively in more than one language in order to function in a variety of situations and for multiple purposes, and Interpersonal Communication: Learners interact and negotiate meaning in spoken, signed, or written conversations to share information, reactions, feelings, and opinions.



You can also send us a postcard, available in the Student Center.

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*It has been a busy and successful year for Craig's music department, from its production of two musicals to playing at a Milwaukee Bucks pregame to concerts to its second-place finish in the FAME Nationals. Craig and its students were big winners of the recently announced Tommy Awards, which are Wisconsin's high school musical awards. "Into the Woods" was awarded "Outstanding Musical." Jessie Minter and Lexi Ganong were awarded "Outstanding Musical Performance." On June 10, the Craig cast will perform at the Overture Center. Also, from the summer school production, "Carousel," Lexi and Jessie were awarded "Outstanding Musical Performance" and Isaac Hanna was given the "Spirit Award."*



# How will you fill your dash?

BY GABE HANNA

“Love. Time. Death. These three abstractions connect every single human being on Earth. Life is about people. We are here, to connect.”

I quote the movie, *Collateral Beauty*, in an effort to show how we have all been connected.

We currently feel the minutes drifting away as we soon-to-be graduates wait to move our tassels to the opposite sides of our caps. Yet, I’m not going to stand up here, and speak to you about how long we’ve waited for this big moment.

Instead, let us take a journey back in time to where it all began.

Please, close your eyes. Go ahead, close them. Imagine your first day walking into our soon to be alma mater, Craig High School. Try to remember how you felt. Were you anxious? Scared? Excited? Perhaps, all of the above.

You walk into the gym. You sit down with the other (307?) students of the class of 2017. You were a lot smaller back then, weren’t you?

Most of us met for the first time. The next week, we started to acquire a mental map of this huge school we would soon call home.

Let’s press the fast forward button. Throughout the next four years, we become comfortable around one another. We acquired phone numbers and usernames.

Acquaintances become friends. We noticed our similarities, as well as our differences. We see those that need our

help, and we reach out a hand. We also extend our hand, in hope that someone will help us out.

Think about what you will be doing tomorrow.

What about the day after that? Four years from now? Ten? Notice, how you personally are changing the world

**“The Dash” regards the dash between the years on your tombstone. It is up to you to fill these countless years, your dash, with everything that you see meaningful.**

**Gabe Hanna**

in your very own way.

We all have different destinations in our lives. It is a given, different goals, and decisions to make.

Some of us may stay in our city of parks. Some may travel around the world. It’s surreal to think about, isn’t it? And still, we all have grounded our roots, in the same soil.

Please, open your eyes. Look around. Smile at the people sitting around you, as I leave you with these final words.

Appreciate and love those in your life, whether they are a part of the past, present, or your future.

Appreciate our friendships, and our Class of 2017 family. Those that pushed you to do your best, and the teachers that taught you to succeed. We are all each others mentors.

We learn from each other, while

learning from ourselves.

Do not waste time. Time is crucial, as it will be for the rest of our lives. We are all destined for great things, whatever it may be that you will pursue.

Now is the time, to prove to yourself that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. The only one you need to please in the end, is yourself.

I’ve spoken about love and time, but I haven’t spoken about death yet. As humans, we tend to see death as “the end of life here.” While that is true, do not let that worry you. Decide now, that you will act as if you are running out of time, attempting to escape death itself. Do what makes you happy. Live your life to the fullest, in every way, shape, or form that you see fit. Once again, help those that you can, for you may regret it in the future.

Poet Linda Ellis once wrote, “When your eulogy is being read, with your life’s actions to rehash; Would you be proud of the things they say, About how you spent your dash?” This excerpt from the poem, titled, “The Dash,” regards the dash between the years on your tombstone.

It is up to you to fill these countless years, your dash, with everything that you see meaningful.

It is our turn, to go out into the world, to make a difference, and pay it forward for future genera-



tions to come.

It has been an honor serving as your class president for three years, and your student council president for the past year.

I wish you all the best of luck, and remind you to please, stop every once and awhile, and notice the collateral beauty.

*The most difficult part of arranging and conducting graduation speech auditions is the decision for whom to choose.*

*Every year, the committee of Mrs. Hilbelink, our principals, the four senior class officers, and me hear outstanding speeches that would be ideal for the occasion.*

*The two speeches that were not selected, one by Gabe Hanna and the other by Kalli Metz-Wedel, are inspiring and meaningful statements, and I believe that they deserve a wider audience.*

*Gabe and Kalli graciously agreed to have the words of their speeches published for their teachers and classmates to read.*

*Thank you, Gabe and Kalli, for allowing the Criterion to publish your words.*

*Mr. David Holmquist*

# It’s time for us to live our own lives

BY KALLI METZ-WEDEL

Friends, family, staff, and finally the graduating class of 2017,

I never thought I would actually be giving a speech at my high school graduation, but here I am so might as well take advantage of it.

I could stand up here and reflect on the memories that we have made as a class, and explain to you that those memories are going to be with us all of our lives.

But, I am not going to do that, I am

going to leave you with three lessons instead.

As I stand here, my favorite phrase comes to mind, and it states “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself, each day has enough trouble of its’ own.”

Now, I cannot think of any other way to sum up my life. I have lived by this phrase every single day for as long as I can remember.

Whether I was dreading a major event of the next day, or something as simple as being nervous for the next

day’s test. It always got me to thinking that, each day does, in fact, have enough trouble of it’s own.

Maybe it’s gossip, or a bad grade, or a family issue, but every single day of our lives is going to present us with a challenge.

The real question is, are you going to let these challenges prohibit you from being great or are you going to face these challenges head on and pursue the



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## LIVES (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

path of greatness?

Whether you agree or disagree, I believe that everybody has the capability to live their lives by this phrase.

I believe that an everyday struggle that people have is trying to succeed while navigating the opinions of others, whether they be positive or negative.

Now, this is where the general population thinks they have a say, and where they think their opinions of you matter.

Well they are wrong, because they don't.

Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, once said, "Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice."

And most importantly, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition, they somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."

If you decide to take any bit of my speech into advice, I want it to be the fact that you are your own person, and this is your life.

If you want to go to college? Then go. If you don't want to go to college? Then don't.

If you want to be the president someday and decide you are going to start your campaigning tomorrow? Then do it, and the best of luck to you my friend.

My point is this is your life. Not your parents, not your friends, not

your boss, and certainly not anyone besides yourself. I have this fear that a large number of you are holding back from your dreams. You are playing it too safe. Now I want you all to sit and think about your future plans right now. Where you want to be with your life, where you want to live, and how much money you want to make.

Some of you may have it all figured out, and some of you may not.

For those of you who have it all figured out, congratulations, but do me a favor and make sure those plans are not so distinct. Make sure those plans are the path that you want to take, and not the dreams of someone else. Make sure you are following the path that leads you to what you love to do, and that you are doing it simply because you love it.

Now, to those who don't have it all figured out, in my personal opinion you are better off because you have your whole life ahead of you, and this allows you to try and experiment with new things.

It'll help you discover what you truly like and dislike.

Whether you have it figured out or not, Jerry Zucker, an American film producer and writer, stresses, "It's great to plan your future, just don't live there, because really nothing ever happens in the future. Whatever happens happens now, so live your life where the action is - now."

I couldn't agree with Zucker more. Everyone is so focused on getting to

where they think they need to be that no one is actually taking the time to enjoy their lives.

We graduate high school and then we are going to move on with the rest of our lives, and quite frankly the rest of our lives is a very long time. So do everything that you want to do.

You are going to succeed and you are going to fail. If you are going to fail, then fail big, because it is not worth failing if you don't take a risk. Tak-

ing risks can lead you to some of the greatest things in life.

"The only one who really ever pays attention to your mistakes is yourself, to everyone else they almost always go

unnoticed" (Zucker).

Do not spend your life letting your mistakes define you. They don't reflect poorly on who you are, everyone is allowed to fail.

If you let those failures define you, then you are not going to lead a happy life.

Mark Lewis, a professor and clinical psychologist, says, "The person who you're with most of your life is yourself and if you don't like yourself you're always with somebody you don't like."

So take pride in both your accomplishments and your mistakes, because no matter what, you are you. Everyone is allowed to have their struggles, and no one is going to criticize you because of them.

If they do, they do not deserve a roll in your life. Surround yourself with people who will support you during your struggles, not hinder you.

Earlier I reference several quotes from several individuals. I want you to know that I didn't reference these individuals because I can't speak for myself, because I can, I chose them because they all have one thing in common.

They once sat where you are sitting today. Those simple high school graduates pursued their dreams and moved on to become something great.

My point is that I want you to realize that the possibilities are endless and you can do whatever you set your mind to. So the three lessons of this speech are:

Don't let anyone else dictate your life besides yourself.

Don't let your mistakes define you.

Most importantly do not be afraid to pursue on the path of your dreams.

Now, I suppose you don't have to take any of this into heart, because what do I know, I am a seventeen year old at my high school graduation who so far has no idea what I want to do with my life.

I do know though, that I will be living it the way I want to with no fear and no regret.

I hope you can all do the same.

So, Class of 2017, I thank you for the memories, good and bad, for the lessons I have learned, and for the laughs that we all have shared.

I hope to see you all pursue on the path of your desires, and move on to become something truly magnificent.

**If you decide to take any bit of my speech into advice, I want it to be the fact that you are your own person, and this is your life.**

**Kalli Metz-Wedel**

## News in action: Television reporter visits introduction to journalism class



*Haweya Fadal, a television journalist who works for Channel 15 News in Madison (the NBC affiliate), visited Ms. Tucker's introduction to journalism class on May 11. Originally from Toronto, Canada, Ms. Fadal interned for NBC in Washington, D.C. before coming to Madison. She and Ms. Tucker met when Fadal covered the Stay Safe workshop. "I wanted students to see that journalism is a real career option," said Ms. Tucker. "Students learned about the less glamorous side of being on television and got a glimpse of the challenges and difficulties of being a TV news reporter. Haweya does it all. She finds stories, gathers information, writes copy, films and edits footage."*



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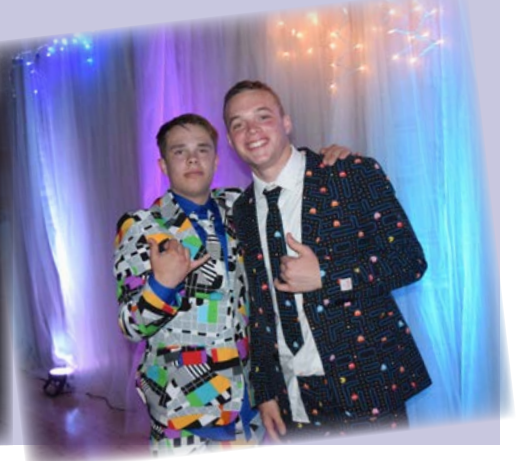


## *A Starry Night on Cloud 9*

*photos by David Holmquist*



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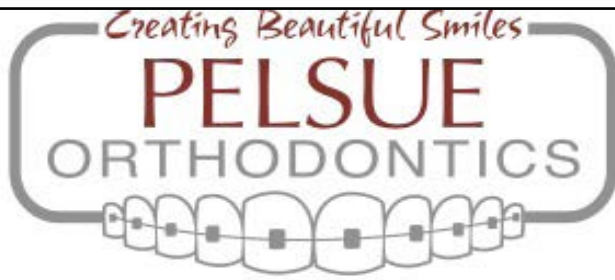




## *Students celebrate prom in style*

Jacob Ngobi and Karsyn Kobs (above) were named King and Queen of the 2017 Prom, which was held in the gymnasium on Saturday, May 6. Last Year's Prom King and Queen, Jake Negus and Olivia Hulick (below), handed off their crowns this year. About handing off her crown to Karsyn, Olivia said, "She is my best friend, so it was a really special experience! It's something I'll remember forever."





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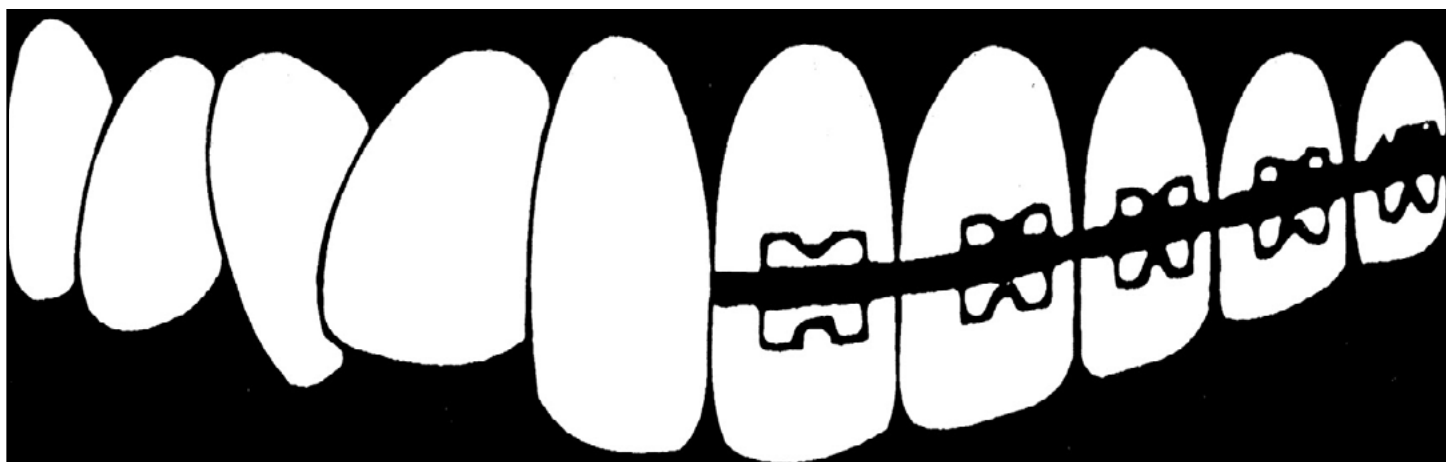
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