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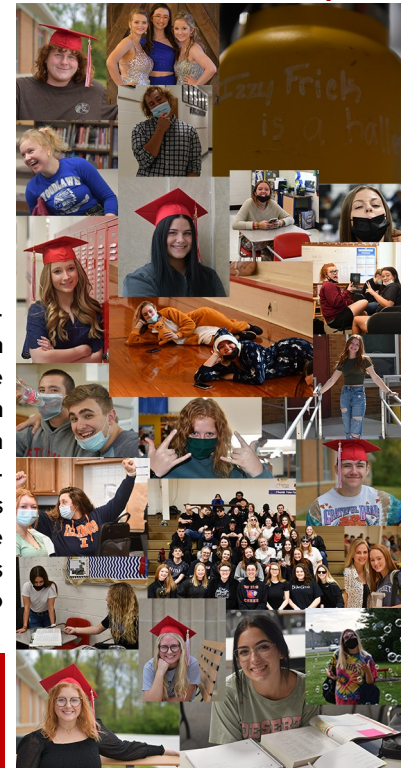
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SENIOR SPECIAL

CELEBRATING OUR 21-22 WHS GRADUATING SENIORS

What a long ride that this has been for everyone. From masks, quarantine, separation, and learning from home, this year's seniors have been through the works. Through all of their trials and tribulations, they have conquered and overcome every challenge set in front of them. This year, they graduate in a more normal fashion as restrictions that were set in place for the past few years has been lifted. So, students were able to walk down and pick up their diploma, watching each other with misty eyes as years of memories flash by with each step. Under any circumstances, high school is a meaningful journey. This year's class had a journey for the ages. This month's *Inside the Lawn* newsletter dedicates itself to the life and future of Woodlawn High School's Class of 2022. Let's go together as we walk down Memory Lane and Future Avenue, peeking into the lives that have and will be lived.

Best Wishes to the Class of 2022!



MANY MEMORIES
RECOUNTS OF YOUR WHS HISTORY

The seniors were asked what are some of their most "memorable memories." Here are some stories the seniors wanted to share:

RYAN PETERSEN: "Definitely the dress up days before school dances, Accounting class with Zoey Shields, Trashketball in Mr. Smith classes, hanging out before games, playing Heads Up with Mr. Smith in a train station before our trip to Chicago, and watching Mr. Helbig yell at kids."

CAITLEN ENGLAND: "Freshman year lip sync battle."

TAYLOR POORMAN: "I remember going to Tech Bytes for the first couple times and becoming good friends with some of the upper classmen in there."

SYDNEY BAILEY: "Being an FBLA officer and going to National Fall Leadership Conference my senior year."

AUMALIE MURDOCK: "Olivia Moser and I laughed so hard we cried during History of Conspiracies."

ALYSSA PEDTKE: "My favorite memory has to be when Sydney Bailey fell on Mr. Smith."

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ARE YOU READY TO LEAVE HIGH SCHOOL?



TOP FIVE CLASSES TO TAKE BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

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CURRENT EVENTS

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VAL/SAL SPOTLIGHT

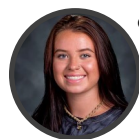
CELEBRATING OUR HIGHEST ACHIEVERS

Being great at academics is no easy feat, and it's even harder to say you're the best in your class. You have to work hard for the titles of valedictorian and salutatorian, and this year's students did just that. Valedictorians Eli Fauss and Reagan Webb and Salutatorian Sydney Bailey were successful in the endeavor of being top of their class.

High school tends to be an intimidating experience for incoming freshmen. Reagan Webb recalls, "I went into high school thinking that it was going to be much harder than it was, but I soon realized that I was capable of achieving a high ranking. They were some classes that were harder than others, but I knew that I could do anything I put my mind to." Other students have a different perspective because of familial connections to Woodlawn. Not only did Eli Fauss graduate valedictorian of WHS, two of his brothers received the same honor. High school is challenging, though. Fauss and Webb were aligned on the most difficult courses they took during their career highlighting Rend Lake's Calculus I, Ms. Rapp's English III, and Mr. Witzel's Physics. With the benefit of hindsight, Webb counsels a different approach. "I would probably put less pressure on myself to avoid the crippling anxiety I had. I would also make sure that I wouldn't let people's negative words hurt me as much as I did."



Our final student spotlight is Sydney Bailey, the class of 2022's salutatorian. Bailey had some significant life experiences that shaped her high school experience. Upon reflection, her journey was all worth it, "I wouldn't do anything differently if I had the opportunity to. I am very proud of who I am today. The advice I'd give to my lower classman self would be to stop caring what others think and be yourself." The Class of 2022 was quite impressive academically. Bailey felt that pressure as her career developed, "I had really high standards for myself as an incoming freshman. I knew I wanted to be at the top of my class and that I could reach that goal."



Regardless of class rank, this year's seniors have been through the ringer. Difficult situations have a way of revealing who you are. For these students and the Class of 2022, high school is a window into the soul. We couldn't be any more proud of every single one of those who are graduating this year. We wish you nothing but the best, and wish you could take us with you!

Written by: *Benton Garner*

- **MR. HELBIG:** "Wear sunscreen."
- **MRS. WITZEL:** "If you can travel before getting married and settling down, do it--study abroad, work a summer camp in another state, take a mission trip, go somewhere you've never been!"
- **MRS. WIGGINS:** "Be kind, strong, confident, and bold. Don't be afraid to stand out. Live life to the fullest."
- **MRS. HODGE:** "Be true to yourself!"
- **MR. SMITH:** "Always aim higher than you think. You might just achieve more than you think you can!"
- **MRS. OWENS:** "Be in the business of being nice."
- **MRS. SCOTT:** "Spend time with the ones you love or hold dearest, because you never know what tomorrow will bring. Also never hold grudges, they end up hurting you more."
- **MRS. MONTGOMERY:** "Don't compare yourself with others. Your purpose in life is different from theirs."
- **MRS. COALSON:** "You don't have to be perfect - just always try your best. Stay positive and make the best of every situation. Try not to sweat the small stuff... 10 years from now, it won't matter. Be kind - always."
- **MR. TRILL:** "Be honest with everyone, including yourself."

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