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WOODLAWN HIGH SCHOOL

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It's always a bittersweet time of the year: the Senior class of 2023 is bidding farewell to the place that they have called home for the last four years of their life. Like other high school students in recent history, this group's high school career has been nothing short of turbulent. Starting out their high school careers

seemed fine and they trooped on, all smiles and anxiety-ridden: their first semester included an adjustment to a new and terrifying place chock-full of

Looking Back MOVING FORWARD

By: Ben Garner

biology vocabulary writing, solving algebraic equations, learning the Spanish alphabet, and discovering the principles and elements of art. The second semester brought about something very new to everyone—a pandemic of unprecedented proportions. COVID-19's impact changed the way this group learned about and understood high school, ripping everything from its foundation. Control was taken by the pandemic and the class of 2023 forged their own sophomore and junior years. Normalcy finally came about when their senior year began and they savored every drop of high school life. They conquered, as evident in the graduation date set and the nervous jitters from the thought of walking through the gym one last time to take their diplomas and start the rest of their lives. These students held their heads up high and marched on, determined to show this virus and everything else in the world that they meant business, and they did just that. Now that this year is wrapping up, here comes their responsibility to create the next chapter. Several are going on further to advance their knowledge of the world and prepare for their future with new skills. Some are already building their life from the ground up. Others are still making the decision of what they are going to do for the rest of their lives. All are going to take charge of their lives and make the most of it. Nothing could stop them — not the one set of semester exams that they had to take, not Mr. Witzel's geometry class, and especially not a pandemic. They're unstoppable and they've proven just that to the world.



Cody Bauer
Ella Bequette
Colton Berk
Carson Burkett
Nolan Buttrum
Savannah Coffey
Lexi Crowell
Pedro Weiland
Benjamin Delayo
Ally Drake
Benton Garner
Carter Hayse
Evan Hefner
Jordan Hixenbaugh
Sarah King
Briley Kirgan
Jacy Knox
Blaise Lambert
Harold LeGrand
Leighton Malcolm
Trey Mason
Brooke McKay
Lillian McKinney
Joey Metcalf
Lowell Moore
Della Mullaney
Nate Myers
Quaid Odum
Sara Pfister
Hayden Rasch
Katie Repasky
Alison Ross
Gracie Shopinski
Angelina Smith
Colt Tinsley
Baleigh Todd
Kodie VanEckey
Avrin Wright
Wyatt Yates

Class of 2023

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By: Kalli Wheeler



In Memory of

Jaxon
Reid
Hays

MAY 10, 2005 - JULY 11, 2022

Jaxon,
We keep you
in our
memories
and in our
hearts until
we meet
again.

Class of 2023



Nothing about the high school career of this senior class has been easy. With COVID, their high school lives were far from normal, but some students have still continued to strive, even through the challenges. **Valedictorian Briley Kirgan** and **Salutatorian Carson Burkett** definitely overcame those obstacles.

Let's meet Briley Kirgan, Valedictorian. Achieving this honor is definitely no easy task. Kirgan says, "Being responsible and having good time management have definitely helped me achieve this goal." Kirgan has been heavily involved in extracurricular activities since day one. She is a member of Youth and Government, FBLA, Student Council, WHS Cheer, and is a class officer. For advice to future students trying to achieve this goal, she says, "Definitely get involved in as many things as possible. You won't regret it! Don't be discouraged when things get difficult." It's important to keep your goals in the forefront of your mindset. Next up is Salutatorian Carson Burkett, who is also heavily involved in school activities. He is an active member of the baseball and basketball teams and is also involved in FBLA and Student Council. It's hard to accomplish such a difficult task without some help. "My teachers really have helped me over the years," Burkett says. The high school years of these seniors have been anything but typical but when asked if he'd change anything about his high school career, Burkett said, "No, I wouldn't. I have no regrets."

Regardless of where these seniors finished in regards to their rank, they have all worked hard to make it through the unknown obstacles that were put before them. We're proud of all of our graduates of 2023 and wish them the best of luck!

By: Alli Downes

VAL/SAL
spotlight

SENIORS: READY TO GO? 81.8% 13.6% 4.5%	NO! WHS4EVA	By: Sophie Maddox	SENIORS: BEST CLASS TO TAKE?	ECONOMICS ACCOUNTING PHYSICS HIST. OF CONSPIRACIES MYTHOLOGY
	WAIT-THAT'S THIS YEAR?			
	HECKYEAH, GIRL-READY TO ADULT!			

DELLA MULLANEY: "I would have to say my favorite memory was when my zoology class got to go to the zoo with Mrs. Montgomery's art classes, and it was some of the new students' first time there and they loved it."

BRILEY KIRGAN: "Always enjoyed Student Council's yearly lock-in!"

QUAID ODUM: "My favorite memory was welding my keys together in Mr. Trill's room with the power outlet and my Chromebook charger, causing the breaker for his room to flip and it shut down the internet."

ALLY DRAKE: "Had fun dominating in volley tennis during P.E."

BROOKE MCKAY: "My favorite memories come with all the events and clubs Woodlawn has to offer. Some of my favorites have been the dances throughout the years and also events with FBLA and Student Council. My favorites are FBLA state leadership conference and the Student Council lock-in! Definitely going to miss all of the fun, social activities that I've got to experience the last four years!"

BEN GARNER: "Towards the end of my junior year last year, a few friends and I planned a special day so that we could spend a little more time with one of that year's foreign exchange students, Paolo, by taking him mini-golfing in Salem. It was a great time spent with others and a wonderful way to finish out that school year!"

AVRIN WRIGHT: "Watching and participating in homecoming games, playing Uno almost everyday during P.E. my Sophomore year, car rides with Youth and Government, and volley tennis."

By: Hayden Barton

SENIOR REWIND
favorite memories made through the years

One Last Lesson
A WORD OF ADVICE FROM HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

MRS. HODGE: "This is your moment! Own it!"

MRS. OWENS: "See the world! Then, come back to Woodlawn and make it an even better place!"

MRS. MONTGOMERY: "The greater the danger for most of us lies not in our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark." - Michelangelo

MRS. SCOTT: "Make yourself a top priority! The future is in your hands. Moving forward, you control your destiny and you will have to have your own back. Make sure to do what is best for yourself, and not anyone else."

MRS. HARRIS: "Thank you for doing your part to make our school better, for making us laugh, and for being your amazing selves!"

MRS. JOHNSTON: "Get out of your comfort zone and try new things!"

MRS. SUSAN DECKER: "Don't be late to work! That is far worse than just a tardy slip from the office."

MS. BERRY: "Keep believing in yourself and surround yourself with people who believe in you!"

By: Jase Burkett