

# Maroon & White

“For a better Tennessee High”

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## Honoring the Class of 2022

By Maroon & White Seniors

The Maroon & White Senior Edition is dedicated to the Class of 2022 and all the people who helped make their success here today possible.

When we entered Tennessee High in the fall of 2018, we were the smallest freshman class to grace these halls this millenia. Now, as we walk through The Stone Castle for one of the last times, we have much to reflect on. We bonded over the freshman struggle to finish Personal Finance Edgenuity in one year as we looked for the inconspicuous fourth floor. We loved TikTok so much that Mrs. Kirk integrated it into Homecoming and the Energy Bus. We petitioned to save the ceiling tiles, joined Rachel's Challenge, and navigated the best thing to ever happen to us: Zoom. We managed to maintain lasting bonds and continue to grow as a class, even though COVID disrupted our high school experience.

We made friends with people based on common interests rather than sticking with people in our grade. We bounced between “normal” high school and online high school.

We valued empathy and kindness. We knew the pain of loss, and looked for ways to bring hope and joy into the world.

As seniors, we boast the first graduating class of the Viking



University. We also enjoy a variety of post-secondary options other than the university path, including enlisting in the US Army and TCAT.

The Class of 2022 is a diverse group of individuals, and despite the challenge of defining ourselves as a single entity, we value self-expression.

In this issue, we reflect on the past, celebrate our present accomplishments, and predict what tomorrow might bring. We hope you enjoy reading about the broad range of achievements and personalities represented in the truly remarkable Class of 2022.

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## Parting Wisdom from Principal Kirk

Dear THS Class of 2022 Graduates,

Wow! The time has come, and you are about to embark on a new, exciting journey. Thirteen years of hard work have paid off, and you are now ready to move on to technical school, college, the military, or the work force. You are prepared to do amazing things!

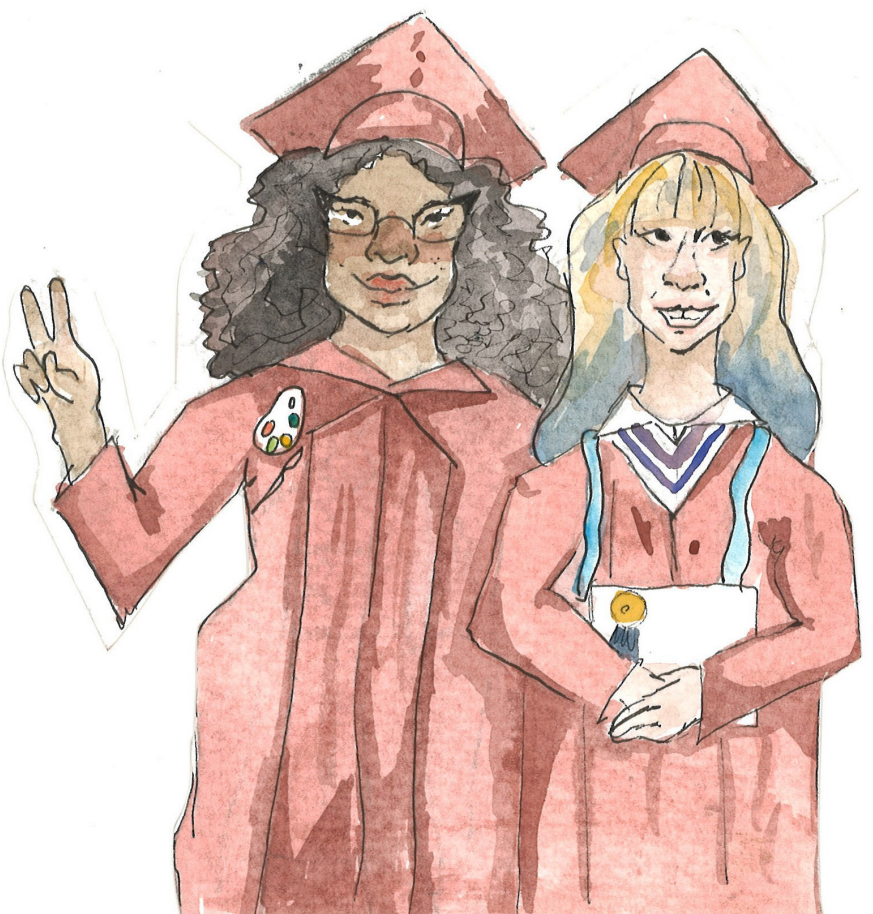
You have been presented with many challenges but have been resilient in overcoming each of them. You have shown grace, patience, flexibility, and kindness during the past four years while facing adversity, tragedy, and defeat. I am so proud of the grit, tenacity, and perseverance that lives in each of you.

Always be generous and grateful while following your heart. As you continue to face struggles, defeats, disappointments, and losses, please remember that you are only as strong as your struggles. In the words of Yvonne Pierre, “Use what you've been

through as fuel, believe in yourself, and be unstoppable.”

It is my hope that you leave Tennessee High School with great memories, lifelong friendships, and amazing stories to tell. Follow your dreams, never settle for less than your best, and work hard to get the most out of life. Always remember to BE KIND!

We Are Tennessee High!  
Best Wishes and Lots of Love,  
Kim Kirk



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## Mai Closet: The Final Edition

By Danica Mai



Hey THS! I usually use this column to give out “fashion advice,” but in reality, I believe you should wear what makes you the most comfortable and confident. Coincidentally, one of the ways that I gained confidence in my ideas and my fashion was through being a part of the Maroon and White. When I first walked on campus, I was a scared freshman going into a pit of the unknown. I was going from a class of 8 to a class of over 200, and the uniform I wore for the past 8 years vanished. To cling onto some sort of normalcy, I wore the same outfit everyday: a Notre Dame hoodie, black leggings, and a gray pair of Adidas.

The first time I attempted layering clothes, I felt embarrassed, like I was a child playing dress up. But when I walked into the Maroon and White room, I received heaps of compliments

from our staff, and my confidence soared. Similarly, when I wrote “You’re Overrated, Harry Potter,” I was terrified to criticize the merits of such a well-loved series. But senior staff encouraged my analysis of the work, complimenting my interpretation as refreshing. Again, I gained pride, but this time in my writing voice. Even through the difficulties of Covid and quarantine, I found time to dream about the more daring outfits I might wear, or what I would do if I were ever editor of the paper. By the time I came back to school, my wardrobe had grown, and so had my confidence. My progression throughout highschool culminated in being dubbed “Best Dressed” in the yearbook and landing the honor of Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper. Just as the Maroon and White staff inspired me and supported me through high school, I had the chance to give back great experiences to the new staff, all while dressing in a way that feels authentic to me.

As I end my high school career today, I would like to thank my friends and family for their love and support. I would also like to thank Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Whitson for guiding me through my highschool years. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Story for being a great advisor, a loving teacher, and an all around amazing person. To anyone who picked up any edition of this newspaper, thank you. And to all the Maroon and White staff, it has been a great honor to be your editor. Danica out!

## A Family, Not A Staff

By Rachel Kent

Being one of the two youngest in the Maroon and White staff my sophomore year to being a part of the leadership my senior year, was a bittersweet and gradual change. Getting to be present for each semester and seeing all the changes Mrs. Story would make as the new advisor was a memorable experience. Losing the official Maroon and White room was a strange change, but Mrs. Story’s room quickly became home for diversely artistic creators.

A family, that is what we are, not a staff. Every semester is different but by the second month of the semester, we have become family all over again. One of the major factors in us connecting at an unusually fast rate, is our Friday parties. From a Godfather theme to Covid theme to a murder mystery dinner themed party, alot of interesting happenings have ocured. Through all of those, we became closer and easier to work with during article collaboration.

Now that it is my time to walk across the short stage that bridges the gap from my current reality to my new

reality, I think of what I have to leave behind. Articles forever confined in Tennessee’s oldest school newspaper. A signature on a wall. Most importantly, the best advisor who never failed to create a safe family environment. I am grateful for my time being a part of the Maroon and White family and wish to see nothing but the best and creative issues produced for the years to come.



## To My 4lifers

By Ruth Rose

Looking back on the beginning of my freshmen year four long years ago, I can’t help but wish I would have joined Maroon and White then. It’s a class that effortlessly combines all grade levels for a more diverse, non-biased staff. Mrs. Story suggested I join and because I already knew how much I loved her, I did so without hesitation. I quickly began collaborating with the different members and grew a love for what soon became the perfect ending to my days. I think what I love most about Maroon and White is the trust, respect, and encouragement we give to each other. With all the hardships we have faced this year, this was crucial for our staff.

I will miss it all: the Friday parties, our constant discourse over the world around us, passing out papers to hundreds of sleepy teenagers, watching terrifically terrible films, laughing until our ribs ache, eating delicious homemade treats, the list goes on and on. And though they were few, I can’t help but know I’ll miss the less fortunate times too: last-second writing and editing, the stress of an unfinished layout, discouragement

and lack of ideas, and articles written in memory of the ones we have lost. Our class worked incredibly hard together to create something that will last forever, not in spite of, but because of the hurdles we had to jump. Even though I’m sad to leave it behind, I’m confident in the staff that remains. They were able to make me feel comfortable sharing who I am without fear of judgement. I am forever grateful to Mrs. Story, who has constantly been understanding and encouraging to all her students, as well as the lovely journalists and creative thinkers I get to call my friends.



## An Accidental Editor

By Sophia Detrick



I stumbled into Maroon and White, honestly, by accident. My peer tutoring class had fallen through because of Covid and I had to pick a fourth period out of a very small list. I picked Maroon and White. And thank God I did.

I was terrified. I was about to go into a class with people I didn’t really know, in a class entirely about creative freedom, and all completely online. However, my worries were for nothing as I was met with only compassion and warmth from the staff at the time. I instantly loved writing during that time because there was no pressure to try to create something that appealed to everyone. Even if there was only a small amount of the Maroon and White readers that actually read any of my articles, I was okay with that because I got to produce something I

was proud of. I’ll never forget writing twin articles with Lucy Paulson about my disgust of Hallmark movies or when I came up with an amazing Vikings Vocalize title, “Eggnog or Eggnot”, during a Christmas themed issue. It was so exciting to see that this staff would produce something so important to high school journalism.

At the start of this school year, I was given the opportunity to become the Layout Editor for the Maroon and White. While I was slightly terrified at the prospect that a big chunk of the production of the newspaper solely fell on me, I was excited to open up this new door of responsibility and further my creative ability. I was taught an unbelievable amount of patience, time-management, and responsibility. It almost felt like I was creating this new world that I could constantly change and refurbish as I pleased.

While I may have not been in Maroon and White the longest out of everyone, my memories of Mrs. Story, the friendships I’ve built, and stories I’ve poured my soul into are going to last a lifetime. Maroon and White has meant a lot to me in my three semesters. Everyone always puts their entire being into creating these papers for the community to read and enjoy, and my satisfaction with these people is unmatched. So, to everyone who has ever picked up a copy of the Maroon and White, my classmates, and Mrs. Story, I thank you for the time we’ve spent together and allowing me to be myself.

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## Not Everyone Can Be a Valedictorian

By Kaeman Wilcox

Today, the Stone Castle is full of soon-to-be alumni sporting gowns and nervous smiles, but what isn't visible are the achievements behind each individual graduate. Every graduate has overcome incredible challenges unique to themselves. At this crucial moment, it's necessary to understand that not every success can be defined by awards or even words. There is courage in the pursuit of unacknowledged successes and even in falling short of one's ambitions.

Tennessee High is a home to those still discovering themselves, and it is for those who dare to remain undefined after graduation. It is home to brave people who have always known what

they wanted to do with their lives and brave individualists whose merit lies in spiting the norm, despite adversity. Today, we say congratulations to everyone who held a job and kept their grades under control; they are incredible for finding balance and learning to prioritize the things they value. We say congratulations, not only to those with outstanding academic prowess, but to the great artists who've left more than their literal mark at THS. In the same breath, we congratulate the students that have developed a passion for skilled labor and take great pride in what they can create. We appreciate those who have stood by their beliefs in the face of all

challenges, and those who light up our school with their kindness.

Everyone walking across the stage today has a long and difficult road behind them, and likely one ahead. Tennessee High has been changed in some way or another by every graduate; just as every graduate has been changed by Tennessee High, for better or for worse. Today is a day to remember that no matter what each graduate has been through, they are now moving on to the next stage of their lives. No matter where they plan on going next, they are standing here today, and that's something to celebrate.

## The History of The Stone Castle

By Harper Robinette

The Municipal Stadium, or The Stone Castle as many of us know it, was built in 1937 by the Public Works Administration. During this time, the Great Depression had deprived many from their jobs and left the economy ruined. Under President Roosevelt's New Deal program, the Stone Castle would be built along with many other projects throughout the nation. A WPA branch helped kick off the construction. Someone came up with the idea to build a castle as a football stadium. The idea stuck and the project was a go. Limestone from nearby Beaver Creek was collected and used to construct the stadium. It took several years to complete the stadium; it was built and finished up between the years 1934 and 1937.

The first game played in The Municipal Stadium was Tennessee High vs Science Hill High of Johnson City on October 8, 1936. There was a dedication ceremony and parade held prior to the football game to celebrate. At the time, the stadium also held the home games for Virginia High as well as King, Slater, Douglas,

and other high schools in the Bristol Tennessee and Virginia area. The stadium was run by the city for many years until it was finally turned over to the school system. The project originally cost \$34,000 and was paid for mostly by the government. However, it was renovated in 1986 which cost \$500,000, 49 years after it was originally built. It holds approximately 8,000 people and is still used today, nearly a decade away from being 100 years old.

The Stone Castle has been recognized in several different ways, considering it is a unique design that is quite different from many other stadiums. The Medieval Gothic style of architecture has become very distinct and notable with its arched entries, twenty foot notched walls, and corner towers. Due to this unique example of Norman architecture, the Municipal Stadium was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. The Tennessee High community is very proud to be home to such a special project.



## Staff Shoutouts

**BOY'S SOCCER SENIORS:** I will miss Micah Hyskell's attempt at doing the griddy. Jonah Gassiot, I'm glad you can now lift a water jug without spilling it. Ayoub Hrirou, even though I can pronounce your name correctly I still want to call you arugula. Colin Huff, there will never be a better Huff, but Huff Jr. should be proud. Zach Richards, I'm glad that i gave you the nickname Glock, because now on an application when you have to put if you have ever been called by a different alias you will have to put Glock. Kevin Garcia-Mancera,, you're that man, the myth, the legend, but your jokes are terrible. Keep being the guy we all know and love! Matt

Cardoso, never start passing the ball -- unless it's a crucial moment, then give it up. But seriously, I know you're going to make us all proud one day! Much love! Danica Mai, It doesn't matter that you're not on the boy's soccer team. I still don't know how to take being called domesticated, but you're still my favorite Mai.-Coach Snyder

**MAROON & WHITE SENIORS:** Danica, your energy, spunk, leadership, and creativity have led us to publish an impressive seven issues, including our first 12-page issue. I am grateful for your kindness towards me and love you loads. Rachel, you have

increased our social media presence and upped our ad sales--and have done so with cheerfulness, character, and impeccable reliability. Thank you for sticking with me the past three years! Sophia, you are the layout queen, and your standards of excellence for yourself have elevated the quality of our newspaper. I'm always surprised by your talent and wisdom and will miss rolling the chair over to talk with you. Ruth, you can write and draw just about anything. You jumped into the leadership role and faithfully filled in where we needed you. <3 Sheany, your reviews, articles on important social issues, bilingual articles, and recipes were always brilliant! Lucy, you own

the movie review. Nyla, thank you for your digital artwork innovations! Keona, your quiet presence and intelligent observation never failed to produce a thoughtful article. Preston, you are a passionate conversationalist and good photographer. Kaeman, your beautiful writing and painting bring light and humanity everything you make. Scarlette, you amaze me with your ability to write three articles in a day and go home and bake homemade Swedish Lussekatters—I have so much love and gratitude for each of you. ~“Instructions for living a life. Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.” – Mary Oliver, -Mrs. Story

## Miles Finch: A Mission of Faith

By Danica Mai

Miles Finch stands at the Tri-Cities Airport as he watches his older brother Corbin leave for his religious mission in California. He waves his brother off as he will not be able to see him for the coming years. As he stares at the plane soaring across the sky, Miles contemplates what the future holds for him.

Miles is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, better known as the Mormon Church. His religion has been a part of his life since the day he was born. He and his 6 siblings grew up in the Mormon Church and have been active members within the community. However, Miles did not feel more “passionately” about his religion until a couple of years ago.

Through the example set by his older brother Corbin, as well as guidance from his spiritual leaders, Miles began planning to go on a mission. Although the paperwork was extensive, Miles completed it all with his family’s and church community’s support. He sent in a request to go somewhere south; however, the church chose for him to go to Ontario, Canada.

For the next 2 years, Miles will be serving the Mormon Church by helping out with services and working to guide people towards God. After his mission, he plans on attending Brigham-Young University, a private college in Utah sponsored by the Mormon Church.

As Miles suits up to battle the bitter cold of Canada, we wish him the safest travels and the best of luck on his spiritual journey!



## Amelia Teri Goes Musical

By Halle Mullins



In second grade, a young Amelia Teri sat in awe while watching the THS Madrigals perform during their annual elementary school tour. She made a vow then that one day she would be a Madrigals member too. She later dedicated her high school years to working hard to achieve that goal.

Amelia has participated in various THS choirs for seven semesters and

can proudly say that she has not only accomplished her goal of being a part of Madrigals but has also discovered her true passion in life.

Though Amelia always enjoyed learning and participating in music, she realized its true impact when Covid-19 stopped her from being able to sing. She says, “I realized how much music meant to me when Covid hit, and I was not singing with my friends anymore. When we finally got back to in-person learning, I knew that I did not want to ever stop making music again.”

This experience led her to realize what she truly wanted to do. “That’s when I decided I wanted to be a music major and make a career out of my greatest passion.” And she is doing just that. Amelia is planning to attend college at Milligan University to major in music education. Her goal is to become a music teacher to inspire future generations of passionate singers. She hopes to inspire that same awe that she once felt while watching the Madrigals perform. We are confident she can do so and wish her the best of luck!

## Nysaiah Foote Turns His Dreams into Reality

By Avery Hommel

Senior Nysaiah Foote is a football player at Tennessee High who signed to University of the Cumberland’s on February 2nd, 2022. He plans to double major in education and ministry as well as play football. Playing college football has always been a dream of his. Nysaiah started playing at 3 years old and immediately fell in love with the sport.

Over the past 14 years of playing, Coach Mays was one of his biggest role models along with his grandfather, Squeaky, who also coaches at Tennessee High. Coach Mays was his first football coach and taught him the

game and showed him the love that comes out of it. Mays has taught him the importance of hard work on and off the field. His biggest supporters are his parents, who have consistently bought his gear and taken him to and from practices. All of these people helped Nysaiah gain the confidence to turn his dream into his reality.

One of his majors is in education, with his goal being to teach advanced PE. Nysaiah wants to make an impact on other kids in the way that Coach Mays has to him. Along with Coach Mays, Mrs. DeClercq has been someone Nysaiah can talk to about anything

since sophomore year. Teachers like Mays and DeClercq inspire him to share his gift with the next generation. Nysaiah’s other major is in ministry. His youth minister Steve Kinder has played a huge role in his life since his freshman year. The Foote family goes to church every Wednesday and he has always been close with God. Nysaiah was recently baptized on March 27th, 2022. Over the past couple months, he has really felt his connection with God growing. His baptism was what convinced him that youth ministry was his calling. As Nysaiah pursues his passions, we wish him success and safety.



## Eliza Rowe: Off The Stage and Into The Future

By Ruth Rose



Athletic and intelligent, Eliza Rowe has been an ongoing team member for THS volleyball all four years of high school. Not only is she a Beta Club member, but Eliza has also proven her strong leadership skills in her commitment to being a student ambassador. She plans to major in graphic design and minor in digital media at East Tennessee State University this upcoming Fall.

With both parents being artists, Eliza’s skills come without surprise. She has grown up surrounded by art and has always enjoyed it. Although,

her sophomore year she considered doing physical therapy, her love for art pulled through. Even with second guessing, Eliza admits that she wants to “do something with art later in life because it will make [her] happier”.

Her main goals going into college are to improve her skills and learn new things. One thing she really hopes to learn is the world of digital art, which she has not yet pursued. For those considering a major in graphic design Eliza advises you to “do something you enjoy”.

Setting aside the worries most face about money, she insists that it is important not to “make yourself do something just because of money or other people telling you you’re not going to make money.” Going into a field that is often shamed and belittled can be scary, but making it in the art field is far from impossible. Eliza has all the determination and dexterity she needs to succeed.

We wish her the best of luck as she embarks on her art-filled adventures at ETSU!

# Justice Musser: A Big Brother To All

By Rachel Kent

A big brother is a man who assumes the role of an older brother by providing guidance or protection. Senior Justice Musser is well practiced in the big brother persona, not only because of his literal role as an older brother to ten year-old John David, but also because of the example that he sets in both sports and academics to other Tennessee High students. During the day, Justice's energy is spent challenging himself in honors, AP, Yearbook, and dual enrollment classes. His afternoons are spent conditioning, practicing, scrimmaging, or playing in a game. Despite his busy schedule, however, Justice still makes time for his little brother. Whether it is simply being with him or helping him with his passion, baseball, Justice has always been there for John, who he believes is a "highly intelligent" young man and all around great person. From a young age, Justice was involved in sports. He began with soccer, and has played flag football, football, baseball, and basketball. He established his sole focus and ambitious attitude on football on June

1st, 2020. He works hard and believes that "you must do something everyday to make yourself 1% better." Justice was scouted for his position as a "tackle" football player, and did his best to find a school that fit his athletic capabilities and academics. Since he was a strong competitor in both departments, he was able to have options on where he would pursue his college degree. His persistence and determination played a large role in reaching the application deadlines, such as being given a week to complete his Princeton application. Once offered a position as a Tiger, Justice was all in. He worked diligently on providing his best for the Princeton admissions office. After visiting the New Jersey campus, Justice knew he made the right decision because of it being "very lively" and welcoming. "It was like Hogwarts Up there," he said. Being eight hours away from home and family will be a big change, but it is not one Justice shies away from. He takes comfort in the fact that he and his little brother can still talk over the phone. And he knows that he will

treasure the time he does get to spend with his family when the opportunity arises. Growth causes means for change and

tough decisions, but as Justice would say "Commit to your craft." We wish him luck as he commits to a world of change and excitement.



## Kristy Ramsey: An Early Graduate

By Nathaniel Morefield

You might have seen Kristy Ramsey this semester at Jersey Mike's, working as an assistant manager. Last semester however, you might have seen her in the halls of our school. There were numerous reasons that factored into her decision to graduate early. She had made the necessary decision to move past some of the toxic friendships that left her with few friends and a lack of motivation. That, combined with the distance learning for part of her junior year making it so difficult to connect with her peers, convinced her that she needed an early out.

Kristy searched left and right for a career path she was sure of. She wanted to be a cosmetologist for as long as she could remember but decided to reevaluate whether that was best for her. She said that she talked at length with multiple THS faculty members to help her make this important decision. After much contemplation, she decided to be a school guidance counselor, just like the ones who had been helping her during this time. Despite her original plan not to attend college, Kristy will be at Northeast State starting in the fall.

Kristy's advice to graduating seniors is admirable. She says that "some students may not know what they want to do after high school and that's

perfectly fine! You have more time to figure it out. It's never too late! . . . You're almost done! We've survived through a pandemic, being online with low motivation, and experiencing the pain and heartache of the great losses we've had. Overall, I think we need to thank ourselves for pushing through when times were tough. We are stronger than we thought and more capable of anything we want to do in our lives. We got this!" We wish her luck as she continues to pursue her education.



## Viking U Graduates

By Alex Akard

On May 7, Tennessee High seniors Lily Rosser, Owen Ferguson, and Paxton Odum graduated from college. Through dual enrollment, they were able to earn their associates degree before completing high school. Next year, they plan to enter college as juniors.

Senior Lily Rosser says she chose dual enrollment because she "wanted a challenge and to try something new." Dual enrollment has provided her the chance to skip basic classes and dive into what she is interested in when she starts college. She plans to major in psychology at Auburn University. In the future, she wants to open her own private practice as a mental health therapist.

Owen Ferguson chose dual enrollment to further engage his mind. Dual

Enrollment has given him a head start in college. He plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and major in medical laboratory sciences. In the future, he hopes to become a cytotechnician and work with cell diseases.

Paxton Odum started dual enrollment to increase the difficulty of online classes in the pandemic. Dual enrollment has helped improve both his writing and time management skills. He plans to continue his education at the University of Georgia and major in Computer Science. In the future, he wishes to combine technology and finance.

We wish our Viking U graduates luck as they continue their college education!



## Honoring A Family Legacy

By Scarlett Farrey

If it is so honorable to enlist in the military, how come so few people do? One senior at Tennessee High, Jackson Brittenham is taking on the challenge of enlisting in the Army after graduation. When asked why he chose to enlist he said, "I really want to serve my country, and also to make my family proud." It was Jackson's family that first inspired him to serve his country. Jackson's father and uncle were in the Army and another one of his uncles served in the Navy. "I have wanted to join the Army since the 3rd grade." Joining the Army is something that has been a life-long goal for Jackson, and he will finally get to achieve it after he graduates. Jackson plans on being an infantryman, for "as long as [his] body will let [him]". Jackson is extremely optimistic about his future in the Army, "I am really looking forward to learning valuable life lessons and to seeing the world." Congratulations Jackson, we are all thankful to you for being willing to serve your country.



## Shi's Going to MIT

By Caden Cartwright

She sat in the front of Mrs. James's class quietly, until she heard the dreaded calling of the teacher for her daily supplementary English class. She detested knowing she was the only student being pulled from her class to learn something everyone else already had.

Amy Shi was always reluctant towards her daily English classes during her first and second grade years. She strongly preferred math, a subject that did not require the reading of unfamiliar languages.

Born as a second-generation immigrant in Brooklyn, New York, Amy's formative years were split between the United States and China. Amy spent the first and second grades in Jingfeng, China with her aunt and younger sister, Alice, who Amy describes as her closest family due to their shared experiences. After returning to the United States, Amy was held back because of her limited English. Being pulled out of class a few times a week or more for two

years, Amy would be learning English while her classmates had recess or did fun activities. She describes her education as "unconventional" given the superfluous prolongment of her English enrichment classes. At some point, the classes seemed to "continually return to the basics" as Amy put it.

Now, Amy is in her senior year at Tennessee High, a CEO of the robotics team, the drum major of the band, a Graduate of Highest Distinction, and is soon going to MIT. Amy plans on double-majoring in computer and environmental sciences. Amy chose first to major in environmental science because "environmental issues affect us more than we realize, and they aren't ignorable." Amy feels she can help tackle these global concerns through computer science and math, as they "feel much more solvable that way." We are confident that Amy has persevered—and will continue to persevere—with dignity and grace against any barrier in her path.



## Olivia Matney: The Future Of Oncology

By Scarlett Farrey

The University of Tennessee Nursing Program is one of the most prestigious nursing programs nation-wide, and senior Olivia Matney got in. Throughout her highschool career, Olivia has been a HOSA member and has taken every Health Science class THS has to offer. She went to 3 state competitions with HOSA, placed in two of them, and even attended an international competition where she placed for Medical Innovations. Through her extensive list of HOSA achievements and with help from several Health Science teachers, such as Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Phillips, she has gained entry into the nationally recognized Nursing Program at the

University of Tennessee in Knoxville. "I honestly at one time considered being a doctor instead, but I would rather be a nurse so that I can have a closer relationship with my patients and their families," said Olivia. The UT Nursing Program has one of the highest NCLEX (nursing certification exam) passing rates in the country, as well as potentially valuable connections with the medical community. "I have worked for this opportunity all through highschool," Olivia said. Congratulations on realizing your dream Olivia. We are all so proud of you.



## Seth Duckett: A New Journey

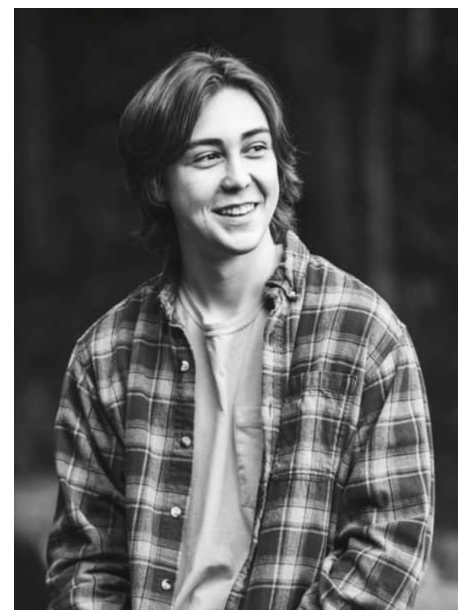
By Harper Robinette

Seth Duckett was born in Bristol, Tennessee and raised here his whole life. When it came time to enter Tennessee High, Seth was undecided about what his plans after high school would be, not knowing what he wanted his future to bring. It wasn't until one day during junior year when he took his first welding class that everything fell into place. Seth said, "As soon as I picked up welding, I knew I had to do it for the rest of my life." Since then, he has been welding every chance he gets, preparing for his future. Two days after graduation, Seth

Duckett will start his first course at TCAT for a year. After that, he will join the union. Seth will serve a four-year apprenticeship then top out to become a journeyman pipefitter. He will be traveling all over the nation. Seth is extremely excited and ready to start this next chapter in his life. As he stated, "I look forward to having a lack of repetitiveness in my life."

Seth is a third-generation welder who has been inspired by his father and grandfather to continue the legacy. However, Jeff Simcox, the welding instructor here at Tennessee High,

has also made a very large impact on Seth. He is a very knowledgeable and admirable individual who Seth looks up to. Terry Owens, Eric Trantum, and Gary Denton are some others that have affected Seth's future of welding. These individuals were patient with him and were willing to do all they could to pass on their knowledge. They were always there to support him and teach him along his journey. With his determination and passion, Seth Duckett's future is bright.



# “We’re outta here!”

Davis Akard: “Everyone has a chapter they don’t read out loud.”

Bailey Bechtold: “Kindness goes a long way. And it’s free!”

Brice Bolling: “Live, laugh, love” - Alexander Hamilton

Mary Bowling: “Be kind to all kind <3”

Cooper Bowman: “People with below a 1.6 GPA be like ‘No cap’. Yeah, no gown either.”

Jacob Bourne: “Why Not?”

Robin Boyd: “Now, let’s get one thing straight.. I’m not. :)”

Jackson Brittenham: “Kachow!”

Davis Campbell: “Education is important, but big biceps is more importanter.”

Gage Canady: “There are ants crawling under your skin.” -Gage Canady

Kenze Canter: “Hannah Montana said nobody’s perfect but here I am.”

Sarah Clever: “I’ve learn two things from High School, one you only live once why worry about it and two it’s not the end of the world no one cares.”

Alvaro Cobian: “I’m Huge.”

Shawn Costas: “The more things change, the more they stay the same”

Madison Curtin: “Success is not final; Failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.”

Sophia Detrick: “There are so many versions of myself I have yet to meet.” - Bella Hurlbut

Zoe Dowell: “Fairytales are more than true: Not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.”

Seth Duckett: “Lord have mercy on the working man.”

Scarlette Farrey: “Save your tears for the pillow.” - Abby Lee Miller

Keona Fielitz: “I’ll make it to the moon if I have to crawl” - RHCP

Jacey Ferguson: “Part of the journey is the end.”

Miles Finch: “Sometimes we can learn, study, and know, and sometimes we have to believe, trust, and hope.”

Emma Frye: “I spent 118,330 hours of my life for a piece of paper and a handshake.”

Colin Gallagher: “Try and fail, but never fail to try.” —Jared Leto

Jonah Gassiot: “(38°29’0.16 N 109°40’52.80 W) Moab, Utah”

Hailey Gentry: “Don’t shine so others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see Him.” -C. S. Lewis

Ian Haigler: “Live free, live fast, sing your song as you ride into the night.” - me

Jacob Hall: “Worrying is like paying a debt you don’t owe.” -Mark Twain

Dezi Hargrove: “Life is like an empty art studio, it’s worth depends on what you make out of it.”

Gabe Harris: “G-MONEY!!!!”

Kaci Honaker: “In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:6

Desaree Hudson: “0/10 do not recommend, will not be doing this again.”

Brandon Istfan: “You can’t move forward without saying goodbye to the past.”

Mickey Johnson II: “Chase your dreams, Live each day with no regrets, Make time for those you love, just like Country Singer Cody Johnson’s song says ‘Till You Can’t’”

Micah Kennedy: “Life is all around. Why you looking down.”

Rachel Kent: “Some things are more precious because they don’t last long” - Oscar Wilde, The Picture Of Dorian Gray

Laiken Lane: “Stay healthy, have fun with it, and embrace all the moments. Because anything can happen.”

Aurora Liles: “There’s a fine line between not listening and not caring. I like to think I walk that line every day of my life.”

Danica Mai: “The fact you exist means that there’s a long line of people that fell in love with someone that looks like you.”

Kayla Mann: “Success is not final; failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.” -Winston Churchill

Ian McRae: “0-60 in 3 seconds is fun... however, 60-0 in 3 seconds isn’t...”

Sammy Messimer: “They say school is full of life lessons, but all I learned was how to survive depression.”

Madison Mitchell: “How can a person know everything in ‘18 and nothing in ‘22?”

Grant Moore: “I spent 113,880 hours of my life for a paper and a handshake.”

Carson Mullins: “Hope I have this good of a mullet in 20 years.”

Justice Musser: “It ain’t about how hard you hit, it’s about how hard you get hit and keep moving forward.”

Mac Newport: “Not everyone has to like me. I can’t force y’all to have good taste.”

Catherine Oakley: “4 years of Kickstarts and Red Bulls, yet I still slept on a desk everyday.”

Angelina O’Conner: “There is nothing I would not do for those who are really my friends. I have no notion of loving people by halves, it is not my nature.” -Jane Austen

Paxton Odum: “Everything happens for a reason.”

Oliver Ondrak: “Risk is to reward as college is to success, not guaranteed.”

Devin Phelps: “Living in the moment, thinking about the future, and staying connected to the past; that’s what makes me feel whole.”

Hunter Phillips: “Not every day is going to offer us a chance to save somebody’s life, but every day offers us an opportunity to affect one.”

Delaney Powers: “I wanted to thank Socratic in this but mom wouldn’t let me. Jokes on her, you all got the gist.”

Kristy Ramsey: “Jeremiah 29:11”

Jenna Rhodes: “We didn’t know we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun.”

Ruth Rose: “I’m not a stranger, just strange.”

Mason Rosenbalm: “It doesn’t matter how rusty your bucket is as long as it will hold water.” - LS George

Mason Russell: “Focus on your mental health & general well being, grades aren’t everything.”

Maddie Sherfey: “nah.” - Rosa Parks, 1940 something

Beckham Schiesz: “I like cheese.”

Amy Shi: “Lololololol”

Dylan Short: “Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens.” -J.R.R Tolkien

Elexys Singletary: “Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.” -Dr. Seuss

Jacob S. Smith: “RIDIN’ BULLS PUNCHIN’ FOOLS”

Ben Sparks: “Quizlet”

Nyla Surbur: “Live, Laugh, Leave”

Enelisa Sutton: “You only live once? False. You live everyday. You only die once.” - Dwight Schrute

Emma Taylor: “You will never be able to experience everything. So, please, do poetic justice to your soul and simply experience yourself.” - Albert Camus

Dakota Teamer: “Lol”

Amelia Teri: “If you see someone without a smile, give ‘em one of yours!” - Dolly Parton

Allison Terry: “Whether it’s the best of times or the worst of times, it’s the only time we’ve got.” -Art Buchwald

Mackenzie Trantum: “My A’s turned to B’s and so did my grades, Good heavens.”

Jonathan Velasco: “Per aspera ad Astra”

Emily Vestal: “You can do anything in life you put your mind to!”

Eden Vickers: “I listen to The Weeknd more than I listen to my teachers”

Dillion Wampler: “Haters make you famous.”

RJ Wells: “Wow...trauma....”

Emma West: “I am ready to face any challenge that might be foolish enough to face me.” - Dwight Schrute

Hunter Whiles: “No such thing as a life that’s better than yours” - J. Cole

Kaeman Wilcox: “Imagining something is better than remembering something.” - John Irving, The World According to Garp

Preston Matthews: “Good luck.”

Abigail Woodring: “Strive to be better than you were yesterday.”

Davis Akard creates a cryptocurrency farm.  
 Gracie Almaroad opens her own business selling squishy toys.  
 Makenna Almaroad finally ends her DnD campaign.  
 Keith Ankers single handedly wrestles a family of bears.  
 Dakota Arnold produces the next big hip hop star.  
 Sophie Arnold swims across the Pacific Ocean.  
 Braxton Bailey finally squats 600 pounds.  
 Ellie Baker becomes the female heavy-weight champion of the world.  
 Ethan Ball gets into bodybuilding.  
 Bailey Bechtold builds animatronics for Disney.  
 Shon Belcher composes and performs his own percussion concert, but he plays all the instruments simultaneously.  
 Matthew Beres wins the award for "Most Polite Man in the Universe."  
 Noah Bishop starts the baseball league of the future, replacing bats with lightsabers.  
 Brayden Blevins tours America on his "Don't be the Dark Cloud" motivational speech tour.  
 Gabriella Blevins opens the first self-serve Hemp Dispensary.  
 Miles Bolden becomes the tech guy at THS.  
 Brice Bolling will go on to teach his favorite subject: statistics.  
 Jacob Bourne designs a way to make cars more efficient by using water instead of gas.  
 Destiny Bouton joins the cast of the Umbrella Academy.  
 Mary Bowling starts a nursing home, but it's only horses.  
 Cooper Bowman becomes the next big indie game developer.  
 Elizabeth Boyd finds a job she actually likes.  
 Robin Boyd becomes a character design professor at CALArts.  
 Brianna Branson becomes a professional cowgirl.  
 Reanne Briscoe becomes the most liked nurse and braids patients hair to lift their spirits.  
 Jackson Brittenham gets promoted to general in the US Army.  
 Emma Burnett becomes a U.S. Army General.  
 Davis Campbell coaches football at THS.  
 Gage Canady wins the rap battle against Tyler The Creator.  
 Gavin Canter goes on America's Got Talent for bird whistling.  
 Kenzie Canter returns to THS to become the next head cheerleading coach.  
 Matthew Cardoso becomes the greatest soccer player in history, leaving a greater legacy than Messi and Ronaldo.  
 Timmy Carrick gets to compete in the Olympic skating events.  
 Emily Carter opens a frog-themed art café, earning five michelin stars.  
 Daniel Chapdelaine coaches football at THS.  
 Sarah Clever adds a 13th truck to her

truck collection.  
 Alvaro Cobian lifts his way to the olympics.  
 Michael Collins genetically engineers a guinea pig/goat hybrid.  
 Gabe Cope posts environmental posts and inspiring quotes on his instagram story for a living.  
 Kara Cornett moves to Kyoto, Japan to become an animator for Kyoto Animation.  
 Shawn Costas becomes lead guitarist in Slayer revival band.  
 Luke Cottrill dunks on Shaq.  
 Alexis Cox goes on to run a tattoo/sandwich shop as a chef and an artist.  
 Jade Creed starts a revolution.  
 Garrett Cross actually attends his stat class in college.  
 Kylee Cross wins the Miss Universe pageant.  
 Kathryn Curtin becomes the first Gold Olympian for Beatstar.  
 Madison Curtin becomes the main sports therapist for the Princeton football team.  
 Elizabeth Daugherty becomes head of labor and delivery at a Cincinnati hospital.  
 Tia Delp becomes a legendary Chirstian music artist at age 19.  
 Sophia Detrick starts a campaign for world domination with her bearded dragon, Pablo.  
 Dominick Donohue eventually obtains the world record for longest hair at age 56, shortly before going bald.  
 Luke Doss becomes a bigger rap artist than Kanye West.  
 Zoe Dowell becomes a celebrity makeup artist.  
 Seth Duckett welds a 203 ft statue of John Travolta and displays it in Times Square.  
 Nikki Duncan becomes a coach at Nike's softball camp.  
 Gracie Eastridge is known as the "Animal Whisperer" at the animal hospital.  
 Kylie Edwards creates famous swimsuit line out of recycled materials.  
 Robbie Emelio will be working on a construction site in NYC.  
 Natalia Emery becomes a famous extreme dirt bike racer.  
 Fire Engleking voted most likely to open up a retro punk restaurant with a mosh pit.  
 Lorianne English marries a man whose last name is also a school subject.  
 Skylynn Everhart revolutionizes the mirror selfie using five mirrors at once.  
 Kenneth Falin becomes famous Nintendo video game engineer.  
 Scarlett Farray opens the first parrot café.  
 Jacey Ferguson after her first year of teaching is dubbed the Teacher of the Century.  
 Owen Ferguson becomes a martial arts sensei for children under 4 months old.  
 Grant Ferrel upgrades his current truck to a monster truck.  
 Keona Fielitz wins the US Open while blindfolded.  
 Miles Finch revolutionizes the

Mormon music scene with his trumpet.  
 Bethanie Fleenor becomes a vet for celebrity pets.  
 Ariana Floyd releases her first single and it's an instant Billboard top 100.  
 Nysaiah Foote becomes a pastor and his words reach the hearts of people all over the world.  
 Kennedy Ford becomes an assistant nurse to Dr. PimplePopper.  
 Abrey Fortner gets famous for streaming on twitch.  
 Emma Frye has 3 daughters that look like photocopied images of her.  
 Morgan Fuller attends every THS sporting event until the stone castle crumbles.  
 Colin Gallagher is the first winner of the International Tech Dec competition.  
 Kevin Garcia-Mancera kicks a soccer ball across the world.  
 Morgan Garrett does a mural in downtown Bristol that everyone takes pictures in front of.  
 Jonah Gassiot has his own art exhibit in the Museum of Modern Art.  
 Woodrow Gayewski catches a 50 lb bass.  
 Hailey Gentry owns a successful photography business that works closely with ESPN.  
 Keilan Gillespie becomes the first person to reach one billion subscribers on Youtube.  
 Anthony Gragg opens a jazz cafe that sells nothing but pie.  
 Jared Graham continues his dad's legacy in the art department at THS.  
 Christian Greene wins a world record for listening to music really loud without going deaf.  
 Zora Gross becomes intel agent for Oprah Winfrey.  
 Ian Haigler creates a children's book that teaches kids their alphabet letters but it's only the letter T.  
 Jacob Hall starts a multi-billion dollar boat business.  
 Jordan Hall becomes best friends with Tim McGraw  
 Lindsey Hall goes to the Olympics for gymnastics.  
 Dezy Hargrove most likely to play the drums for a Prince tribute band.  
 Isabelle Harmon becomes a crossfit trainer.  
 William Harper becomes a professional gamer.  
 Garberiel Harris legally changes his name to G-Money.  
 Gregory Harris becomes a MLB player.  
 Winifred Hendricks starts an eco-friendly, ethical rabbit farm.  
 Mathew Hess becomes a Tom Brady impersonator.  
 Gracie Hicks is a professional Netflix show reviewer.  
 Maurice Hill becomes the first world renowned pajama pants designer.  
 Anthony Hilliard wins the Guinness World Record of having the most pimped out car.  
 Nicholas Hitchcock finds out they have the filmmaking abilities of the Alfred Hitchcock  
 Lillian Holden heads the research

team that solves cancer.  
 Ally Holder hosts a show on HGTV.  
 Kaci Honaker becomes a dynamic teaching duo with her sister at THS.  
 Spencer Hopkins creates his own brand of apple juice.  
 Kadence Hoskins triple majors in college and graduates with honors.  
 Katherine Howren opens up her own doggy daycare.  
 Ayoub Hrirou owns a farm just to play farm simulator in real life.  
 Desaree Hudson opens Bristol's first jerk chicken restaurant, earning two Michelin Stars.  
 Shawna Hudson is the personal assistant to BTS.  
 Colin Huff gets on Barstool sports for wakeboarding.  
 Rachel Hutchins becomes the new owner of "The Virginian".  
 Micah Hyskall comes to own Supreme and produces only headbands.  
 Gavin Ingle welds spaceships for NASA.  
 Brandon Istfan finally chooses a dominant hand.  
 Shelby Jeffcoat becomes Kim Kardashian's personal makeup artist.  
 Mickey JohnsonJoseph welds the first useable League of Legends sword.  
 Steven Johnson goes to the NFL.  
 Alexa Jones becomes a well known mural artist in New York City.  
 Vanesa Jurado- Matinez goes on to create a line of world-famous fidget jewelry.  
 Sara Keene becomes an Agricultural scientist, forever solving food shortage problems.  
 Micah Kennedy becomes the poster boy for male history teachers who coaches a sport.  
 Nyla Kennedy finds out she is a descendent of the Kennedy family.  
 Rachel Kent writes an acclaimed series of romance novels.  
 Eli Kilby- becomes the new coach of the bulls basketball team.  
 Hanna Kirk- finds out through a 23andMe test that she's related to Kim Kirk.  
 Laiken Lane will win gold for the U.S. women's gymnastics team in her 80s.  
 Jacob Leonard- becomes the newest jeopardy champion.  
 Timothy Leonard becomes a published author.  
 Aurora Liles knits herself a self-driving car.  
 Johnny Love becomes wildly famous, but returns home to run the VIP.  
 Vivi Lu somehow becomes more sarcastic.  
 David Lunsford still sleeps through big tests.  
 Danica Mai becomes a motivational speaker against bullying.  
 Emily Mann goes D1 in men's golf.  
 Kayla Mann wins national award for kindness.  
 Byron Marshall completes his PhD in a year.  
 Devin Marshall' gets the world record rubix cube time.  
 Olivia Matney becomes an advocator for country music to become the national anthem.  
 Preston Matthews dies of tetanus.



Sammy Messimer creates a social platform to promote activism within highschools.

Maddie Mitchell is Pete Davidson's lawyer in his lawsuit against Kanye West.

Levon Montgomery gets drafted by the NFL in 2036.

Grant Moore takes over his grandfather's business and makes it a multi billion dollar corporation.

Carson Mullins creates the first mullet-safe bike helmet.

Donavan Mumpower runs a youth football group.

Mackenzie Musick opens a metal themed makeup studio.

Justice Musser graduates from Princeton and competes for Team USA for figure skating.

Rocky Neal becomes a professional boxer.

Mac Newport joins the Harlem Globetrotters and becomes a worldwide basketball trick icon.

Hailey Nitcznski becomes an avid softball supporter.

Angelina O'Connor opens her very own goat yoga studio.

Catherine Oakley opens up her own tattoo parlor.

Hagan Oakley goes on "My Strange Addiction" for eating worms.

Paxton Odum is the first person to ski down Mount Everest.

Alex Ondrak paints his whole house purple.

Kenzie Orfield goes on to play D1 softball and in the WPF.

Tessa Parks becomes head of the parks and recreation center.

Ethan Patrick does a flip off of Niagara Falls and survives.

Jay Paul becomes highly sought-after makeup artist for BigHit entertainment.

Lucy Paulson dances for the Australian Ballet.

Reanna Peters becomes the most boujee soccer mom you've ever seen.

Devyn Phelps becomes tik tok famous.

Connor Phillips owns a Play-doh factory.

Hunter Phillips becomes an EMT as well as working as a part time firefighter.

Haley Pickel owns a pickle farm.

Hope Powers discovers the power of hope.

Delaney Powers starts a soccer league. Sophia Pynenberg opens a world class hair salon.

Logan Quales wins the world series for the Phillies.

Kristy Ramsey marries the love of her life, a twin named Dusty.

Misty Ramsey marries the love of her life, Dusty's twin brother, Rusty.

Sheany Regules-Lopez becomes a world-famous detective.

Christina Rehart becomes sole survivor of a Zombie Apocalypse

Nickolaus Reynolds finds out he is related to Ryan Reynolds.

Jenna Rhodes becomes a well known cheer coach and her athletes refer to her as Mama J.

Zach Richards hosts Dr. Zach, a Netflix reality series that surpasses the popularity of Dr. Phil.

Ethan Riffey sets a record for Tony award wins.

Zachary Rogers becomes the new Mister Rogers.

Perry Roller wins the Virginia Beach Nationals.

Ruth Rose writes a Nobel Prize winning book on her complete hatred for gushers.

Cali Rosenbalm creates a non-damaging hair bleaching process, revolutionizing the cosmetic industry.

Mason Rosenbalm runs the first UTK themed dairy farm, goes as far as to paint cows orange.

Lily Rosser hikes the whole Appalachian trail.

Eliza Rowe becomes a world renowned digital artist for portraits of cats.

Caroline Roy becomes a fashionista who layers more than 2000's disney stars.

Noah Rush makes beats for Atlantic Records.

Mason Russell finds his dream job.

Nicholas Russell gets his own Netflix

comedy show.

Connor Salyers owns a cat hotel.

Liam Santos becomes a stand-in for Dave Navarro on Ink Master.

Beckham Schiesz becomes the first samurai for the US National Guard.

Gavin Sennet becomes a star on Broadway.

Ricky Shaffer opens an Auto Zone-Food City hybrid.

Lydia Sharrow becomes a famous talk show/game show host.

Tyler Sheets becomes bassist for futuristic Metallica type band.

Maddie Sherfey starts a family of chickens and raises them as her kids.

Amy Shi becomes first president of the United Continents of Earth.

Dylan Short becomes the lead guitar player of a Lord of the Rings themed rock band.

Aaron Shurette becomes the personal pilot for the President of the US.

Madeline Simcox becomes the highest paid golf player in the world.

Dylan Sims becomes a boot scootin' cowboy.

Elexys Singletary becomes a world-renowned party girl, even tops Brittany Spears.

Grace Singleton wins the Boston Marathon at age 60.

Brittany Smith marries Kevin Mancera.

Jacob Nathan Smith becomes Bojangles CEO.

Jacob Scott Smith travels the country riding bulls.

Kadiya Smith becomes the most in-demand nail tech in Hollywood.

Kaleb Smith becomes a rapper and becomes rich.

Noah Smith hunts down Bigfoot.

Ben Sparks runs around the entire Earth 5 times without stopping.

Maranda Stophel became a famous Swedish Chef.

Sofia Stutso becomes a world renowned hair stylist with the top celebrities as clients.

Nyla Surber writes and produces her own one woman show which lasts 9 hours long.

Enelisa Sutton becomes a brilliant forensic scientist who solves infamous cold cases.

Emma Taylor travels around the world to give motivational speeches on kindness.

Dakota Teamer majors in every subject and wins "Best Notes" award.

Amelia Teri hosts a show that teaches music to kids around the world.

Allison Terry is forever the reigning champion as Mr. Cross's most sarcastic student.

Caitlyn Tester owns a Cracker Barrel.

Ethan Thompson wins The Price is Right.

Natalie Thomsen regularly gets black eyes at least once a month.

Matteline Tipton becomes an Instagram influencer for her cool style.

Makenzie Trantum becomes the new CEO of Pal's.

J.J. Trinidad becomes a motivational speaker whose TED Talk goes viral.

Jonathan Velasco is on the 310th season of Grey's Anatomy.

Emily Vestal opens a belly piercing emporium with Gavin Sennet.

Eden Vickers marries Abel Tesfaye.

Hannah Waldorf writes a poetry book that becomes an instant classic.

Dillinger Wampler creates a famous Youtube channel based on trolling strangers on the streets.

Carmen Webb opens a pizzeria with a wide variety of animatronics.

Samuel Weddington becomes a substitute teacher.

RJ Wells becomes CEO of Vineyard Vines.

Emma West moves to France and establishes her psychiatry career to help mentally ill mimes.

Hunter Whiles gets the "World's Best Dad" award every year.

Kaeman Wilcox writes several best-selling novels bought strictly for display, only to be acknowledged in the year 2250 for her literary merit.

Abigail Woodring goes in the Guinness World Records for deadlifting 1000 lbs.

## Staff Shoutouts Continued

**TO MY HOMEROOM:** I never hated you guys as much as you thought and I will miss you! -Mr. Cross

**SENIORS:** There are too many of you to name, but you know who you are that have in some way touched my heart over the years. I truly believe that every one of you will accomplish your dreams. When you hear the ugly crying from the teacher section-know that it's me. Go and conquer the world!!! - Mrs. Holden

**TOMYBELOVEDWATERMELON GANG:** What a joy it has been to be with you on your journey. All of you have brought something wonderful to my life, and I love each of you so much. You all are such a special group. Your love and commitment to

our team and to each other shows in every way possible. From day one, you all have set yourself apart; now, each of you will make your mark on your future. Thank you for giving me your very best every single day. Love, Mrs. V.

**SCIENCE BOWL SENIORS: KEONA, AMY, AND MILES:** Thanks for a great experience competing in the regional and Tennessee Science Bowl competitions this year. Your dedication is second-to-none. You all rock! Best Wishes! - Mr. Reece and Mrs. Bitteringer

**CLASS OF 2022 SENIORS:** Remember to be kind to one another. Remember to treat others with respect and dignity. Remember to find joy in

the every day things. Remember to laugh. To my homeroom class, I love you so much. I will miss you more than you can imagine. To my Theatre students, thank you. Thank you for bringing so much joy to my life each year. I love you, and I know that you will go and crush your dreams. Don't forget us little people. ~ "If you know what you want, then you go and you find it and you get it." -Into the Woods, -Mrs. Davis

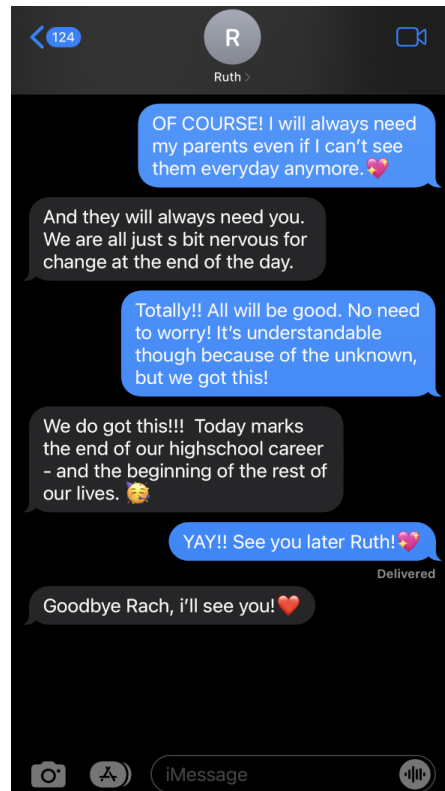
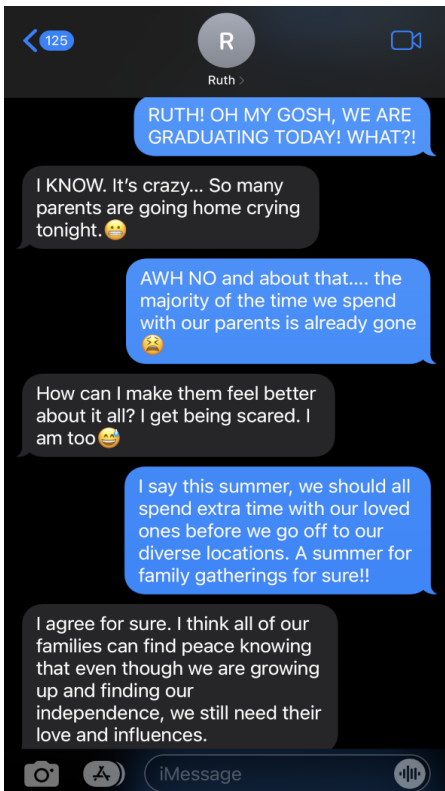
**BAND SENIORS:** Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and heart with the Mighty Viking Band the past four years! You have undoubtedly made a long-lasting impact on this group. Always cherish the memories and friends you made with this program. But most importantly,

please go out and make the world a better place, if not through music, then with the skills you acquired when you were in the band. Always stay in touch and live your life with passion, enthusiasm, and integrity! With love, Mr. Semones

To all of the **SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS** that battled and persevered through what had to be the toughest season in Tennessee High School Football history: These guys were the team leaders of a team that experienced the loss of a beloved teammate and a beloved coach over a six day period. I'm very proud of all them and wish them all the very best. -Coach Chandler



## Spilling The Truth With Rachel and Ruth



## Shout-out to Dereck Shipley (The Bearded One) for his design help this year!

## Maroon & White Seniors Walk Into The Future

By Campbell Kent

future. Her favorite memory

Today eight of our beloved Maroon and White staff: Danica Mai, Keona Fielitz, Rachel Kent, Ruth Rose, Sophia Detrick, Preston Matthews, Scarlett Farrey, and Kaeman Wilcox will be walking across the stage to receive their well-deserved diplomas. Here's how they are going to impact the world in their own unique way.

**Danica Mai**, our head editor, plans to attend Auburn University for pre-med and wants to become a doctor. Her favorite memories from Maroon & White are the brainstorming days because she loves the team "coming together to form ideas." **Keona Fielitz** is going to attend Purdue University for engineering. She is looking forward to meeting new, diverse people and wishes to have internships around the world. **Rachel Kent**, our social media manager, is going to attend University of South Carolina majoring in hospitality and management. Her advice for upcoming Maroon and White staff is to "enjoy every moment because the minute you turn around, you find you are writing your graduating class senior issue." **Ruth Rose**, our co-editor, is going to attend East Tennessee State University in the honors program majoring in Art. She hopes to become an art teacher in her

from Maroon and White is watching the memorable movie, Velocipastor at a Friday party. **Sophia Detrick**, our layout manager, is going to attend Virginia Tech, majoring in microbiology. She is most excited to learn new things and strongly advises future Maroon and White staff to "turn in your photos."

**Preston Matthews** is still deciding where he wishes to attend but is going to major in business. His Advice for incoming Maroon & White staff is to talk to Mrs. Story. He believes that you can have "interesting conversations" with her. **Scarlette Farrey** is going to attend Austin Peay State University, majoring in special education and minoring in counseling. She is most excited for new perspectives after high school. **Kaeman Wilcox** is going to attend the University of Tennessee Knoxville, double majoring in speech therapy and english. She is most excited for the opportunities she will have at UTK. Her favorite memory from Maroon & White was the tea party she hosted with Scarlett.

By the end of the day, all of these amazing seniors will have graduated and are taking the next step into their future. We will miss you guys and we wish you all the best! Congratulations!



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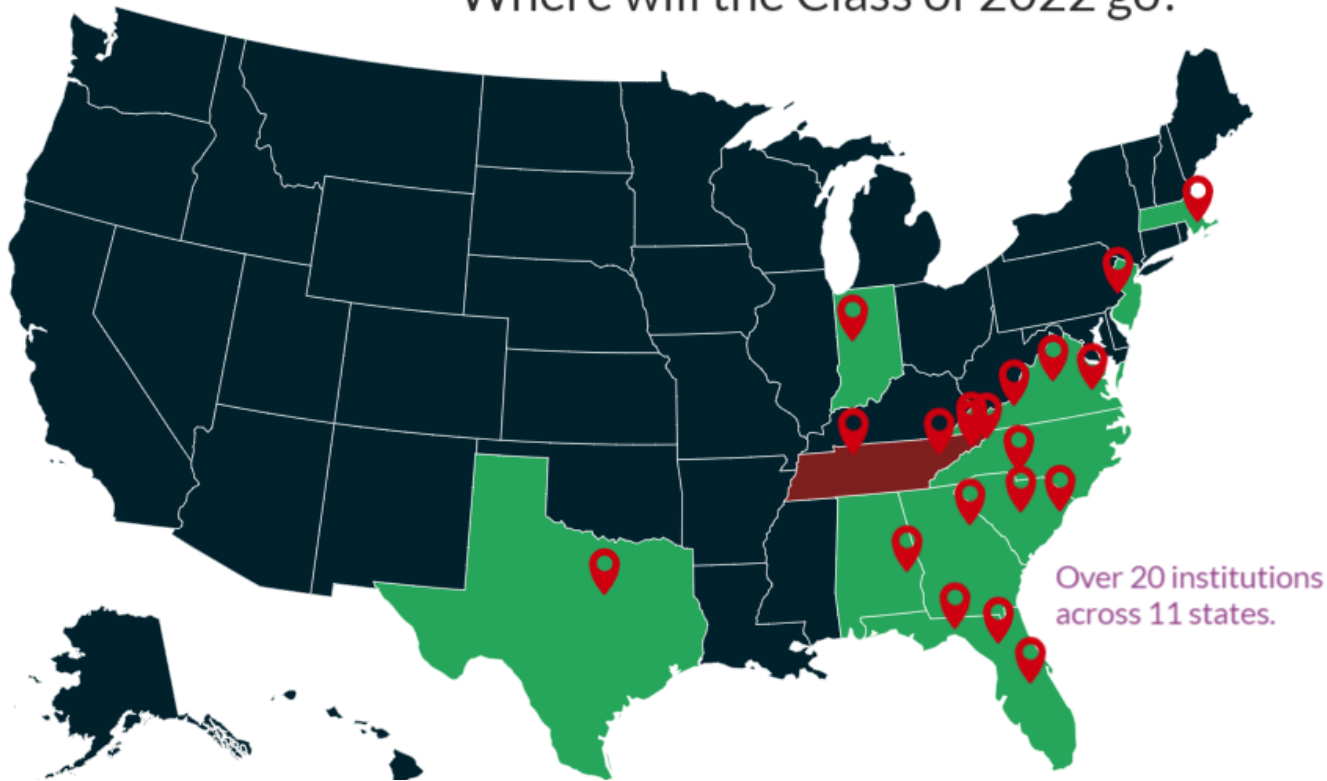


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Where will the Class of 2022 go?



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## Vikings Vocalize

“Seniors, what was your favorite memory from high school?”

By Molly Johnson and Caitlin Vining

**Abigail Woodring:**  
“I liked making a human pyramid in Mr. Snyder’s English class.”

**Micah Kennedy:**  
“The music club and Mr. Milnick’s math class freshman year (if you know, you know)”

**Amelia Teri:**  
“I loved all four years of choir, it’s been my favorite part of highschool.”

**Fire Marie:**  
“Mr. Quales had finished going over rules and asked if we would not throw anything. Right after, someone threw something and Mr. Quales went off.”

**Hagan Oakley:**  
“I really liked Mr. Davis’s class when he would send me journal prompts while we were out for covid and then send video responses back.”

**RJ Wells:**  
“The first time I ever got to play in band and conducting with Naomi Letson for the first time.”

## In Loving Memory



Tyler Allen Boggs

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Kinley Elizabeth Leonard

February 13, 2004 – March 6, 2022



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