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# Schooley's in session

A new positive outlook from the brightest teacher there is.

A wife, daughter, sister, aunt, teacher, and student. These are words that describe Ashley Schooley-Hammen. However, she describes herself as passionate, fun and understanding. She has many important roles in the school. Examples would include being a teacher for many different subjects under the Family Consumer Science and Health umbrella in a addition to coaching the bowling team. The roles don't have to be exactly visible like how she lifts up her student's spirit with a smile and a classroom full of kindness.

She knows how to brighten up the place with her smile.

"My first impression of Ms. Schooley was a good one. My first ever class with her was at the beginning of the year she was super nice and still is. She always has a welcoming smile on her face greeting kids at the door," junior Hunter Horn said.

She knew from a young age that teaching was in her future.

"I have wanted to be a teacher since I was seven. The only big plans that changed was my college choice. UNI is one of the best teaching schools but did not have FCS education," Schooley-Hammen said.

It was a teacher that inspired her to keep going.

"My FCS teacher is named Debb Kent. She understood that I was going through a lot outside of school. She never let me get off the right path.

She truly believed in me and taught me how to be an adult. She inspired me to do the same with my students," Schooley-Hammen said.

Schooley-Hammen understands how difficult growing up can be.

"I have gone through many traumas growing up. It was hard to make decisions that kept me on the right path, and I lost a lot of friends along the way," Schooley-Hammen said.

That is why she works hard to make her room a safe place.

"Her room is a strong mix of creativity combined with collaborative energy that gives students a push to work together even in stressful lab days," sophomore Hadiya Curry said.

She makes the class enjoyable for her students with her brightness.

"The thing I enjoy most about her class is the cooking and Schooley's humor. I know that if I ever need a safe place, her classroom is always open," Horn said.

Plus, her class brings out the

fun in her students.

"We are always creating things whether it's with art or the food in general. Another thing I had enjoyed in Mrs. Schooley's class was getting to try food with our groups and critiquing our skill to get better," Curry said.



**"MY GOAL FOR TEACHING IS TO CHALLENGE MY STUDENTS TO BE THE BEST THAT THEY CAN BE WHILE ALSO SHOWING THEM FAILING IS A PART OF LIFE."**

**- ASHLEY SCHOOLEY-HAMMEN**



# The Football King

Senior Ian King wins big with a prestigious award

Senior Ian King has been a starting football player since his freshman year. Playing football since he was a kid finally paid off in the form of winning the Smith-Thornton award.

**Q: How long have you been a football player?**

A: Since fifth grade.

**Q: What does it feel like to win the Smith-Thornton award?**

A: It just felt good to have a lot of hard work over the years pay off.

**Q: What is your favorite memory from football?**

A: Our overtime win against Ottumwa my freshman year with Grier.

**Q: Do you plan to continue to play football after high school?**

A: If I get an offer from a good academic school I will.

**Q: What is something Evans taught you that made this year different than previous years?**

A: It takes what it takes.



**Q: How did you manage to keep a 4.1 GPA and be a starting wide receiver and safety?**

A: Surrounding myself around the right people and realizing it takes what it takes and it's really not that hard when you genuinely want to.

**Q: What is something you would change about this year?**

A: I would have put in more work over the off season than I did.

**Q: Lastly, what is one piece of advice to others who want to win the Smith-Thornton award?**

A: Find a balance between sports and school and be yourself. It's STUDENT athlete. Student first. IT TAKES WHAT IT TAKES.

# What is your favorite winter holiday?

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As winter is coming to a close - hopefully soon - the Challenger staff wanted to know: What does a holiday mean to each ordinary person? What is the significance of certain holidays?

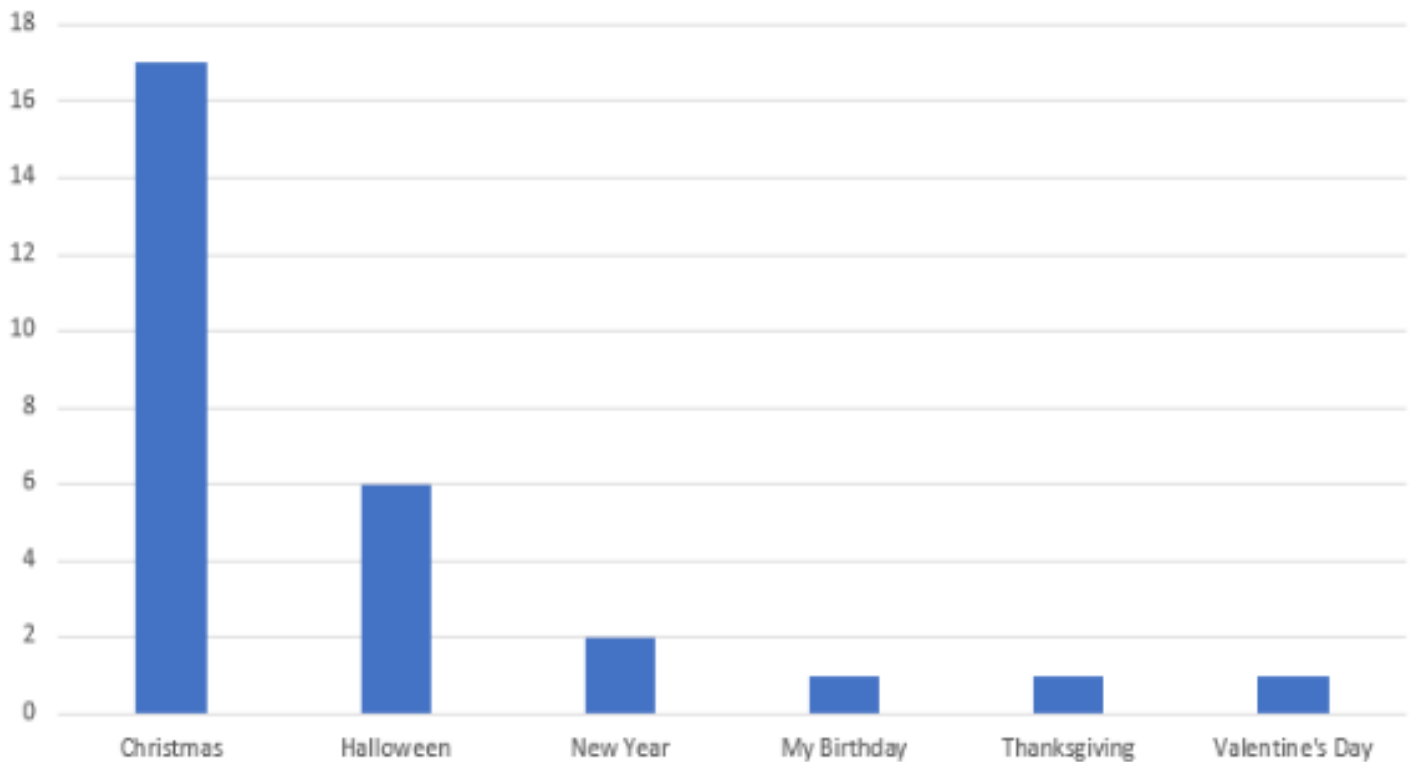
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People love celebrating the winter holidays with their families or with friends. I asked some students to tell me about their favorite holiday and what they do on that day.

Many students chose Christmas as their favorite winter holiday. Others have mentioned Thanksgiving, and while I enjoy Christmas as well, I believe Thanksgiving belongs in the fall. Valentine's Day was the only holiday mentioned, and sophomore Jonathan Franco-Martinez chose it as his favorite. He gave the wonderful reasoning that, "Although it technically isn't a holiday, I like it because at least one person will remember you and tell you how special you are."

Senior Tanner Reel provided another reply that I really liked; he is a member of the newspaper crew, but I genuinely appreciate his response. He enjoys Thanksgiving because of the significant value it holds for him and because he gets to spend time with his family. Since he doesn't often get to spend time with his entire family, which is something that he values.

## Holidays



EVERY CHRISTMAS, SENIOR JORDYN STEPHEN'S FAMILY VISITS AND THEY HAVE A BIG DINNER. AT THE END OF THE DAY, EVERYONE GATHERS AROUND TO OPEN GIFTS. EVERYONE BRINGS THEIR OWN UNIQUE SNACKS AND MEALS. SHE ASSOCIATES CHRISTMAS WITH SPENDING TIME WITH LOVED ONES AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE BY GIVING GIFTS. "I FEEL LIKE THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS IS TO JUST SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND ENJOY OUR LOVED ONE'S COMPANY." SHE BELIEVES THAT CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH TRADITIONS, LIKE SEEING LIGHTS AND EXCHANGING GIFTS MAKES PEOPLE FEEL JOYFUL.

Row Labels	Count of Holiday
Christmas	17
Halloween	6
New Year	2
My Birthday	1
Thanksgiving	1
Valentine's Day	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>28</b>



*Drawing by Stevie Kurth*

# Delightful

Art teacher Danielle Baugh, who teaches drawing and painting, 3D design and photography, gives her suggestions on whether to draw on paper or digitally.

**Q: Should you start with paper or digital when drawing?**

**A:** I think paper; it is more accessible to everyone

**Q: What is a good starting point for drawing?**

**A:** Start with shape and forms and adding value. A basic still life is a great way to start, and easy things to draw are basic shapes, fruit, vases, simple objects

**Q: What supplies are good for beginners?**

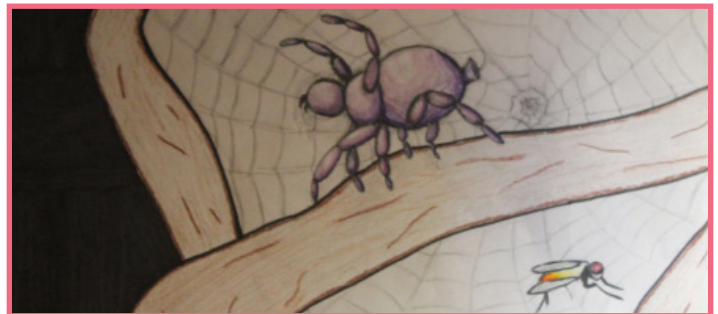
**A:** Pencil, eraser, and paper

**Q: What did you start with when you started to draw?**

**A:** Pencil, sketch pad, and some colored pencils.

**Q: Would you buy a drawing pad to draw digitally?**

**A:** It is always something I wanted to learn how to do, I just need to find time to work and play with a digital drawing pad



*Photo courtesy of Kirah Mayhew*

Breaking down the debate of drawing on paper or digitally with what the Web says.

**Q: What are good starting items to draw?**

**A:** Starting with simple shapes. You should think about the entire form in order to represent a three-dimensional object in two dimensions.

**“YOU’RE NOT JUST DRAWING WHAT YOU SEE IN FRONT OF YOU. YOU’RE DRAWING THE OTHER SIDE AS WELL,” ARTIST LUCAS ELLIOT SAID.**

**Q: What type of paper is the best for drawing?**

**A:** In general, fine point tools like pens, markers, and pencils (colored or graphite) work best with smoother materials, while coarser grained media like charcoal require paper with more tooth (rougher paper). Draw on acid-free paper if you intend to save anything you create for a long time.

**Q: Should you start with paper or digital when drawing?**

**A:** Try drawing first by paper; it is the better of the two options. You can only do it on a computer if you have knowledge of sketch drawing principles and other things. Some illustrations must first be drawn on paper before being converted into final digital graphics.



# Drawing

Describing the advantages and disadvantages of drawing digitally and on paper



**Q: How much is a simple drawing pad?**

**A:** The Wacom Intuos is considered to be the best drawing tablet for beginners. Drawing tablets are a terrific way to make your creative work digital from the beginning. The Intuos gives the most control and precision for the least amount of money, and it is simple to install on Windows and Mac OS.

**Q: What drawing app is the best to use?**

**A:** No matter if you're using the iPad Pro and an Apple Pencil, the Galaxy Note and its S Pen, or a third-party stylus with your current smartphone, the greatest drawing applications for mobile devices can make all the difference when it comes to producing a work of art. Astropad Studio, Pixelmator, Autodesk Sketchbook, Adobe Photoshop Sketch, Adobe Illustrator Draw, Ibis Paint X, Adobe Fresco, Artflow, and Procreate are some of the software programs we provide.

**Q: What is easy to draw digitally?**

**A:** Draw what's in front of you. No matter what you do, your act of trying to capture what's in front of you will help.

**EDITORIAL ARTIST CHRIS KINDRED SAID. "EVERY SINGLE BIT OF EFFORT COUNTS. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS WASTED EFFORT IN DRAWING."**



*Photo courtesy of Kirah Mayhew*

Students looking for a reliable graphics tablet might consider The “One by Wacom,” which is the company’s least expensive entry-level alternative. The 6-by-3.7-inch textured sketching surface offers the feel of paper and is simple to set up, allowing for a smooth transition from analog to digital.

# Speech And Debate! What Is It Exactly?

Hyena or fire ants as a pet, chocolate or vanilla, or even serious things like wars and global problems. These are all things that you could debate or speak about in speech and debate.

Speech and debate is an extracurricular almost all schools have but are not taken advantage of and should be. Speech and debate can help a few things such as public speaking, researching, and socializing.

Public speaking is a big part of speech and debate because every time you talk it's in front of people. Research skills help reinforce your speeches or

cases in categories such as public forum, congressional debate, or mixed exempt. Finally, it helps you connect and socialize more by meeting so many people, it's easier to get along with others that compete because you see them so often and you have similar interests like speech and debate.

"Debate has been a great experience. I've definitely seen a lot of actual benefits in my day-to-day life, in writing for actual classes, the way I organize myself, and how I manage my time. It's been a lot of fun and even though it can be stressful, once you push through and get the hang of it, it's very rewarding," junior Carmela Davidson said.

Another skill that can be learned through speech and debate is in depth thinking on topics you may not think about often, expanding your perspective and learning on more topics.

"One unique thing about debate is that students prepare and argue BOTH sides of a Congress bill or Public Forum resolution. Flexible thinking and thinking on your feet are essential for every career and a key issue in our society currently," speech and debate coach Aymi Paradise-Flores said.

In speech and debate, there are different categories you can compete in and some of the most popular are public forum, congressional debate, and speech events such as spontaneous speaking or mixed exempt.

"I would recommend public forum even though it can be intimidating at first. It is simple and you can have a lot of fun. You can also learn a lot from every

team you go against," sophomore Gavin Houchins-McCallum said.

Congressional debate is another highly recommended category that is just as beneficial as public forum.

"I'd definitely recommend it to anyone who wants to do speech and debate but is scared of how intimidating going up against someone else

is. In congress we often work together to come up with dockets and make sure everyone gets a chance to speak, and there's not a ton of back and forth attacking each other like public forum," Davidson said.

While both categories are competitive and only one person or team can win, almost all the people who participate in those categories are polite, helpful and fun to be around.

During competitions there are multiple schools from all over the district and outside of the district so it can be overwhelming, but it's not as overwhelming when you have a feeling of comfort being around others you know.

"I love all the Des Moines speech and debate kids. We might be five different teams, but we always support each other and love hanging out with each

**"Don't worry about how good you are, do what you enjoy, and you can progress over time," Houchins-McCallum said.**



other,” Roosevelt junior Claire Badio said.

People may be intimidated by the thought of speech and debate but it’s something that you shouldn’t be afraid of. It may be a little difficult at first but so are most things, you just have to keep improving as you go.

“I’d tell anyone who wants to try speech and debate to just do it, there’s so much variety and the teams always helping each other and working together to have as much fun as possible. Even if you don’t think you’re good at speaking or debating, you can definitely get better with speech and debate,” Davidson said.



Photo of Hoover debate team, photo from @hooverhuskies01 on instagram



Part of Hoover debate team, photo from @hooverspeechanddebate on Instagram

## What Are Popular Types Of Debate?

### Speech!

Speech categories are very popular among the students. Two of the more popular ones are spontaneous speaking and mixed exempt. Spontaneous speaking is where you get three prompts that can be anything and you choose one. Once you choose, you get three minutes to prep then five minutes to do a speech on your topic. This is helpful to people new to speech and debate by getting them ready to speak in public and on their feet. Mixed exempt is similar to spontaneous speaking, but you are given a prompt. After you have 30 minutes with internet access to gather enough resources and information, you make a seven-minute speech on the topic.

### Congress!

In congressional debate, the competitors are given a list of laws/bills to research prior to the tournament. At the tournament, they begin by giving three-minute speeches on the bills along with one to two minutes of questioning. They go back and forth between the affirmative and negation sides of the bills or laws. They also get to vote on the bills or laws depending on whether they are on the affirmative or negation side, then they move on to the next. They usually get through about six to eight bills for competition.

### Public Forum!

In public forum, you are in a team of two and you go up against another team of two. You debate the same topic for about a month and then it switches to a different one. Each team has a speaker one and speaker two, speaker one reads off a script to start and then second speaker rebuttals against the other team’s speech and it goes back and forth. The format is first speech given, questioning, rebuttal, questioning, summary, and ends with final focus. The way to win is to convince your judge that your case outweighs the opponent’s case. “I would recommend public forum even though it can be intimidating at first. It is simple and you can have a lot of fun. You can also learn a lot from every team you go against,” sophomore Gavin Houchins-McCallum said.

# Hooverhenge

Uncovering the mysteries and secrets of Hoover one room at a time.

There are many mysteries around the world, even our small community at Hoover has a few. Should we uncover them?

There are many things around the world we don't understand, which is why we call some of these mysteries wonders. Some of these wonders are still being explored and new things are discovered about them every day. We could possibly have one of our own too.

“Some of the ones I know off the top of my head are the Egyptian pyramids, and Taj Mahal,” junior Alex Reyes said.

But what defines a wonder? Is it something we ponder, and explore, or is it something we will never know?

“Wonders could be divided in two different ways, either as something that gives you the feeling of astonishment and makes you question what you are looking at in a positive manner. Or a feeling that



Photo courtesy of goodfreephotos.com  
The Roman colosseum



Photo courtesy of: Tanner Reel  
Hoover courtyard behind art classes

makes you question how the object or place you question works,” Reyes said.

It's no small secret that our architecture could be better, even some of the staff believe it could be a little more exciting.

“Roosevelt has cool architecture; however, Hoover doesn't have much of anything,” art teacher Danielle Baugh said.

Surprisingly though, Hoover has been able to hold onto its secrets and one of these is a courtyard behind our art classes. They receive minimal use and almost nobody knows about them

“I haven't been in that space before, nor have I used it for artistic purposes.

I believe this will only remain as part of a mystery if no one uses the space to their advantage. I hope the space can be something that will encourage and



enlighten students for the better,” junior Linda Van Sui Dim said.

But with great enthusiasm, some people are taking advantage of it by using it to display works of art and sculptures.

“Our former coordinator had a grant from this company that came in that put stepping stones and redid all that. Sometimes I take my photography class out there,” Baugh said.

This shows how students are slowly taking advantage with the resources given to them and they are learning new ways to use this space and hoping to use this as well.

“I believe that we should use the space for students that can probably use the outside area for meetings, mental health breaks, etc. This would benefit all students. Whereas teachers can benefit it by using it for meetings as well,” Van Sui Dim said.

Who knew the possibilities for something so small could be so numerous? The more we learn about the school, the more we can appreciate the beauty of it, either academically or physically. We can just take it one room at a time.

## WONDERS OF THE WORLD?

1. Taj Mahal - India
2. Colosseum - Italy
3. Chichen Itza - Mexico
4. Machu Picchu - Peru
5. Christ the Redeemer - Brazil
6. Bagan Temple and pagodas - Myanmar
7. Easter Island Statues, Peru



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Stonehenge

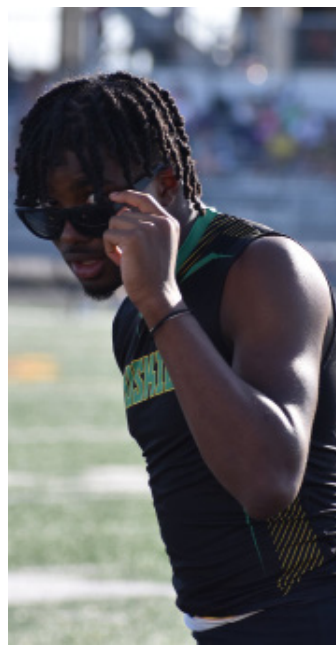




BY: KIM KARNGA, (SHE/HER), MANAGING EDITOR

# One Last Ride

With every finished chapter holds a new one on the other side. Graduation is creeping up, and a new life is yet to unfold.



Growing up can be stressful and scary. It can be bittersweet or even relieving for some. Overall, it's a drastic change for everyone and there is no better way to start a new stage of life other than reflecting and appreciating the current stage you will soon leave behind. The seniors look back on their favorite moments and memories throughout their four years spent at this school.

Life itself is a gem to be remembered, from birth, your first steps, every first day of school, and the big one - high school graduation. The education process is extremely long and making it through all 12 years is an accomplishment that should be important. Seniors have held a warm spot in our hearts as they leave us soon and start on their own journeys. There is no better way to appreciate than to reminisce, which is the reason the seniors have gathered to discuss their favorite memories, choices, and even regrets throughout the school year.

While roaming the halls of the school, I was given the opportunity to speak to several seniors. A series of questions were asked to them, one of which being, what do you plan to do after high school?

"I plan to attend Kirkwood Community College and then transfer to UNI or Drake to study mathematics education," Annika Delyjah said.

"I plan on attending either University of Iowa or Morehouse in order to become an anesthesiologist," Tae'shaun Presswood stated.

"After high school, I plan to go to DMACC for two years and then transfer to Iowa State University and major in psychology with a minor in fashion," Ruth Benjamin explained.

To no surprise, when the seniors were asked what they looked forward to the most, the most popular answer consisted of graduation. Students such as Benjamin, Delyjah, and Presswood are involved in many extracurricular activities and go out of their way to involve themselves in many sports and clubs. Benjamin, Delyjah, and Presswood are in a combined number of approximately 13 clubs and sports. So, expectedly, graduation is an excitement on their radar. With that being said, answers did vary when seniors were asked, how do you want to be remembered by your school and classmates when you graduate?

"I want to be remembered as someone who took their education very seriously and someone who really cared about their education and peers," Alexia Jarrett said.

"I want to be remembered as someone who was very kind, outgoing, and the person you could come to if you need help," Ann Ataw said.

# Words of Wisdom from the Class of '23

“I want to be remembered as a funny, chill, and laid back person that likes to have fun and can be serious when it matters. Overall, just an educated young black man,” Josh Nichols stated.

Nichols, Ataw, and Jarrett are three seniors that have been viewed and identified as leaders in the school for years. They have showcased their determination and dedication to their school while holding their own and prioritizing respect amongst their peers and teachers. Building a platform is an incredible way to be remembered, as well as joining multiple clubs and sports. Delyjah, Presswood, Jarrett, Nichols, and Ataw are all prime examples of academic and extracurricular excellence within the school, so remembrance becomes so much easier. As the seniors speak out on how they would like to be remembered, the underclassmen have it set in stone on how they’re going to remember the seniors.

“Presswood will always be remembered by the school because he is one of the main leaders of his senior class. He is always on top of everything he does, and I just love the way that he is his own person. When he is somewhere he always knows how to make himself the center of attention because of the knowledge that he brings in the classroom. He is very smart and athletic,” junior Grace Gaye said.

“I had gym with Jarrett for one year, so she is a good friend of mine. She has always been there for me, and she helps me through hard moments. As far as Ann, she has always been nice to me and makes sure I am doing my best. She also humbles me,” junior Jordan Curry stated.

“The thing that I am going to remember most about Ruth is that she is kindhearted and is always ready to give. One time I told her how hungry I was, and she sent me 10 dollars to go get some food. I feel like she is a very kindhearted person,” junior Ashya Wade explained.

Seniors come and they go; it’s up to you to decide how you will be remembered by your peers and teachers. Nothing is more special than recognizing and appreciating students for the sole purpose that they were present and here.

**“Build bonds with your teachers. Talk to them because they are going to be the ones that really help you in the end.” - Tae’shaun Presswood**



**“Get more involved, it will make your high school experience fun. Go to class! Yes, go to class!” - Ruth Benjamin (Pictured left)**



**“Take your classes seriously. Join clubs and sports; just do something.” -Annika Delyjah**



**“Flunking and skipping all your classes does not make you cool. Go to class.” -Alexia Jarrett**



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# ONTO THE NEXT CHAPTER

January graduate says her farewells to high school leaving advice for students.

It's almost that time of year where the Class of 2023 leave the doors of high school. However, a few left our doors in January. They made this decision because they believed it's time for them to go fulfill the rest of their lives without having to worry about school. As they get ready to leave Hoover, they leave advice for students wanting to make the same decision as they did.

Senior Jordyn Stephen made this big decision because she knew she was ready to leave the doors of Hoover early and fulfill her time to saving money for her future.

"I knew graduating early was a good decision for me because I only needed two more credits and didn't want to spend all year in school if I didn't need to. I wanted to graduate early so I could give myself time to work and make money," Stephen said.

If you think this is a decision you want to take, the process of doing so is simple. Your counselors will always help you out and see if this decision is the right one for you.

"Talking to my counselor was really easy for me. Ms. Stribling has made sure I've had more than enough time to get my credits as well as helping me decide if it was really worth it or not," Stephen said.

Once you get to your junior year of high school

and start to think about graduating early, the process of doing so begins when you choose your classes for the upcoming year.

"Students need to talk to their counselor during their junior year when they are signing up for classes for the next year. They might be able to sign up for January grad at the beginning of their senior year, if their counselor can get them into the classes they need to graduate in the fall,"

school counselor Jan Stribling said.

If you're thinking about making this decision, but don't want to leave your friends behind, you still have the ability to participate in Hoover activities and still feel a part of the Hoover way.

"I'd say that if someone wanted to graduate early, they should. I was worried about not being able to go to prom, join activities or walking the stage with my friends but I will still be able to do all of that without the stress of school this

spring," Stephen said.

Congratulations to those students who graduated last semester. As they leave the doors of Hoover, they hope to leave with helpful advice to those students thinking about graduating early. Remember, this is a big decision to take so make sure to talk to your counselor your junior year to begin the process and fulfill the dreams you want to accomplish.



*Senior Jordyn Stephen*

# Fast Food Fun

Students share their favorite lunch spot around Hoover.

Lunch time is a time students enjoy the most, but students usually cannot decide where to go since we have different varieties of places around Hoover.

One thing to remember is that students only have 30 minutes to decide where to go and enjoy their meals.

The top place students visit is Chick-fil-A. The reason for this is because it is everyone's favorite place to go, and it is near Hoover. Chick-fil-A is known for their chicken and everyone loves their chicken nuggets.

"8ct Chick-fil-A nugget with Chick-fil-A and Polynesian sauce with fruit punch to drink is my go-to," senior Ashley Ramirez said.

If you do not want that, another recommendation is a salad.

"A cob salad with nuggets and a medium freshly brewed sweetened iced tea," sophomore KeLis Brown said.

If you are not feeling Chick-fil-A, another recommendation is Taco Johns.

"Taco john is cheap and it's near Hoover," sophomore Lucas Wood said.

If you do not know what order from there, the recommendation is still chicken nuggets.

"Potato oles, 10ct chicken nuggets with fries, ketchup and a medium Sprite," Wood said.

Students recommended some places that are not

within the 30 minutes like Crumble cookies.

"Crumble cookies have different flavors every week. One reason I go there is to try unfamiliar flavors. My favorite is the mint cookies," Brown said.

A student would not recommend Arby's due to the lack of taste in their food.

"Arby's food is too expensive, and the food looks bad and nasty but curly fries are top five," Wood said. Students also disliked KFC.

"It tastes nasty, and it make my stomach hurt. I

would not recommend it to anyone," Ramirez said.

A lot of people also said to avoid Burger King because their food doesn't taste good.

"I would not recommend Burger King because their fries are nasty and their sweet and sour is nasty," Brown said.

If you are interested in something else, some teachers suggest a famous Hawaiian dish called poke.

"I like Poke company because it's fresh and they have a ton of good options like a poke bowl with tuna and spicy mayo," social studies teacher Madeline Wagner said.



BY: LUCAS WOOD, (HE,HIM) STAFF

# RISING STAR

## ZE66Y

Ze66y is an upcoming music artist that is very talented and is most likely going to become a well known and big artist

Hundreds of thousands of plays on Spotify from singles. Thousands of followers on all platforms. Collaborations with other upcoming artists with hundreds of thousands of plays. These are just a few accomplishments for upcoming music artist Ze66y. An 18-year-old kid living in California chasing his dream of becoming a music artist. In July of 2020 on Spotify, he had 100 monthly listeners and around that time he had about six songs released. Now in May 2022, he has almost 220 thousand monthly listeners with almost 35 songs released from just him and many features.

I originally found Ze66y back on July 12, 2021. I found him from his song “LMK!” which is currently his biggest hit on Spotify with 2.5 million streams. His music has evolved over time as he has grown. His music used to be mainly his voice over the music in a calm flow. His voice was much louder than the beats he was singing on, so it made it a bit hard to hear the beat too. Now in his newer songs, his voice is more with the music rather than over it and his flow can be faster with a more aggressive tone.

For this reason, his music is unique because he can switch styles very easily. Since he can easily switch



*Photo of Ze66y performing at glitchfest during his set. Photo credit @Ze66y on Instagram*

styles in his songs, he grows his audience. The more variety he has, the more people may be appealed to his songs, making it so he has more listeners.

He makes songs that can be classified as sad and affect your feelings like the song “Bad Weather.” He can also make songs with a more aggressive flow and more upbeat songs like “Run!” or “2faces.” Or he can create songs that are both a sort of aggressive tone and about love like his song “LMK!” The genre of music he makes is a smaller genre named “aesthetic rap.” If you like when artists make a variety of types of music, I would say you might like his music.

He has made many songs with other people that have hundreds of thousands of plays. When I think of his features, the first things that pop into my mind are his songs with another artist named Bumboi. The first song that he did with him was a song named “Luna Llana,” which means full moon. It is a more aggressive song, but it is not overly fast. One of the main features of the song is it is on a Mexican-style beat. This song, since its release on July 7, 2021, has gained over 3 million streams on Spotify.

Another big song with Ze66y on the feature is one named “White Gold.” He made this song with an artist named Lil God Dan. It has a faster flow and they talk



*Picture of Ze66y's Spotify profile as of 2/22/23. Photo credit to Spotify*



about girls and their success. One of the main things they also talk about in the song is “White Gold” or jewelry in general that they have got from their success making music.

One of the latest songs that comes to mind when talking about features is “Bad Weather” with Ivri another musical artist who makes slower lofi kind of songs. This song is not aggressive at all; it is a slow-paced sad heartbreak type of song. It talks about his girl troubles and how one day he will feel better and there will be no more bad weather. Since the release of this song on April 9, 2022, it has generated 650 thousand plays on Spotify, making it a successful and big song for both artists involved.

My top three favorite songs from ze66y are his songs “Fool,” “Alone,” and “Don’t go to sleep.” They are all different in their ways. “Fool” is a love song about how he wants to give his love to a girl without looking like a fool. “Alone” is a song that he uses to talk about how he doesn’t want to be alone and walking by himself.

“Don’t go to sleep” is a relaxing heartbreak song about how he needs to let go because the one he texts doesn’t care about him anymore. When it was released, he told people on Instagram that they should make their profile pictures the same as the cover of the song that he released. The picture was of a Pokémon named Gengar and there were thousands of people with the picture sharing the song. An extra thing he did was Ze66y followed back anyone with the profile picture. It was a fun thing to interact with his fans and show that he cares about them.

If I had to rate Ze66y as an artist, I would give him an 8.5/10. I love how his style is constantly changing and he collaborates with all types of people who make similar music to him and different kind of music. I really like how interactive he is with his fans and how he always responds to fans on Instagram stories and is always positive. The last thing I really like is how he uses Tik Tok to spread his music. He also uses it to show snippets of upcoming songs, generating hype so people listen to more of his songs and follow his socials to keep up with releases. Currently, he has 140 thousand followers, 4.4 million likes, and his highest viewed video is 1.1 million views.

The biggest problem is the only songs he releases are singles. I feel like an album or EP could make his following grow even more and he could have a variety of songs on it because of how diverse his music style is. An album or EP could make things more exciting because it would be multiple songs at once making it so his library of songs grows more making it so it can appeal to more people.

## **Current Numbers for Ze66y**

- **“LMK!” is currently 2,700,000 streams on Spotify**
- **“Bad Weather” is currently at 650,000 streams on Spotify**
- **“2faces” is currently at 1,360,000 streams on Spotify**
- **“Luna Llena” is currently at 3,000,000 streams on Spotify**
- **“Fool” is currently at 3,600,000 streams on Spotify**
- **On Spotify, he has 28,000 followers**
- **On Tik Tok he has gained 140 thousand followers**
- **On Instagram he has gained 30 thousand followers**

Overall, I think that Ze66y is an underground rising star. Over the next year or so, I can see him growing even more because he dropped his newest song last month which is a song with another artist named Lames. The song is about lies and how the girl can call him whenever she wants if she needs him.

It is just a matter of time until he is a known name to most people who listen to rap/love songs. For being 18 years old, he is very talented and has shown he has the ability to switch genres/styles easily and his followers will go with him, and he will gain even more.

**“He is a rising star who is very talented; he has a long career in front of him and I can’t wait to see how far he goes.”**

# iPhone Vs.

The war on iPhone vs. Android has been waging for over a decade now. From better camera, operating system and features, which one is considered better?

iPhone. Androids. These devices have become increasingly engrained in our lives. And the age-old question still stands and as updates are pushed out, people continue to argue which is better - iPhone or an Android.

The iPhone since its invention in 2008 has always been loved by people for its features and for its premium value over its competitors at a high price.

“iPhone is a lot more popular than Android, but it is also a lot more expensive than it,” senior Sebastian Pearson said.

However, Android on the other hand is loved for its price range which makes it more affordable than iPhone.

“Android is cheaper than an iPhone because you don’t have to pay for applications, and the price range is bigger than iPhone,” senior Landon Hendricks said.

One of the biggest selling points of the iPhone is the premium aspect which means a price boost.

“I would recommend Android, but if you got money, I would recommend iPhone,” senior Michael Gardner said.



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## Spec for iPhone 14

The new 6.7-inch iPhone 14 Plus has the best battery life ever in an iPhone.

No major changes externally, but internally, there are updates that improve thermals.

The iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 Plus still sport the A15 Bionic chip, but it has an updated GPU.

iPhone 14 and iPhone 14 Plus have a new 12MP main camera with a larger sensor and larger pixel.





# Android

Another aspect of the Android that people love is that you don't need to get a new phone frequently to stay updated and get new features.

"Usually, you should get a new phone when the other one is broken. With Android, you don't need a new phone every year when they run the same," Hendricks said.

iPhone is also praised for its simplicity and how features are blended together rather than separate.

"iPhones are easier to use because they have less buttons that I don't have to worry about later on when I'm trying to do something on my phone," Gardner said.

One thing both phones excel at is being very compatible and lasting a long time; this means you don't always have to have the latest and greatest model.

"Get a new phone every two to three years; there is no point of getting a new phone when they all function the same," Gardner said.

However, it's not always the best when you get a phone that is too outdated.

"I wouldn't recommend something super old but the 14 is a good option if you have money," junior Brayden Patten said.

All in all, the war of iPhone and Android is something that will probably continue as the years go by as pricing, software, and appearances change. Maybe one day it will be iPhone or Android only.



Shot on Android.

*Courtesy of OpenAi*

## Specs for Android

iPhone-like gestures. Google introduced us to the iPhone like gestures with Android Pie

Boosted Privacy and New Permissions

Live Captions

Smart Reply

Focus Mode

Bubbles feature for multitasking

Compatibility with foldables



# ARTIFICIAL BRAINS

Artificial Intelligence over the last couple decades has evolved from solving basic equations to writing entire essays and stories in seconds.

On November 30, 2022 ChatGPT was launched as a prototype and since then ChatGPT has been used by millions of users to help them do work.

This tool has helped keep millions of people entertained by making it type out funny stories as well as helped students with the feature known for essay writing.

ChatGPT is mainly used by people to complete school or work assignments since it has a form of high intelligence. It can create essays about anything in seconds as long as you type in a subject or prompt.

While this can be beneficial for students around the world, it can also lead to many problems.

“I, like Stephen Hawkings, worry about AI. Over reliance on something can breed issues,” English teacher Nick Jackson said.

Over reliance can be a serious issue when talking about AI. As people use it more and more, they may only learn how to use AI and not learn how to use their brains for school work. The whole purpose of school is to help students learn and with AI, learning may not be as easy.

“People don’t put in the actual work when using AI so they don’t really learn. The only thing they learn is putting things into the AI,” an anonymous senior said.

AI can also have a large impact that’s beneficial for people.

“I use it to help rephrase my paragraphs when they don’t make sense to others,” an anonymous junior said.

## HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD USE AI LIKE CHATGPT?

**AS OF JANUARY 2023, CHATGPT  
HAD REACHED OVER 100 MILLION  
USERS. THIS WAS ACHIEVED IN ONLY  
TWO MONTHS AFTER ITS LAUNCH.  
QUILLBOT HAS 10 MILLION MONTHLY  
USERS.**

## PROS OF USING AI:

- Increased Efficiency
- Higher Accuracy In Things Resulting In Less Errors
- Cheaper To Use AI In Some Situations
- Better Decision Making

## CONS OF USING AI:

- AI REPLACES HUMANS CAUSING UNEMPLOYMENT
- TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS
- DIFFICULT TO MONITOR AND REGULATE AS IT EVOLVES
- LIMITED CREATIVITY



The biggest problem with AI is that it's being used to complete work in classes which is cheating.

"Students have often sought to copy and paste material from the internet instead of using their own brain. This is just the next logical step in cheating," Jackson said.

With AI being used, the program also evolves with them.

"Plagiarism, cheating and security risks are all bigger problems with AI advancing as much as it has so far, and it could get worse with time," an anonymous junior said.

AI doesn't only impact students and schools, it can also impact people in the outside world.

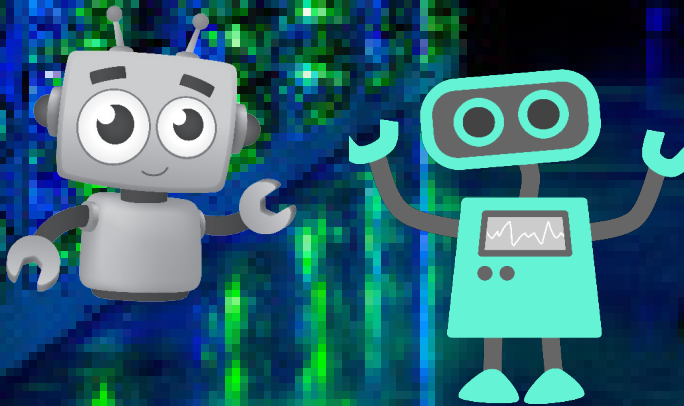
"The whole point of AI is to remove people from the equation, and I don't think that is healthy," Jackson said.

## **HOW ARE PEOPLE STOPPING AI USE?**

**PEOPLE HAVE STARTED CREATING OTHER WEBSITES THAT FOCUS ON STOPPING AI USE ON ASSIGNMENTS AND WORK. FOR EXAMPLE, GPTZERO CAN DETECT ANY AI USE ON WRITING. IT CAN DETECT CHATGPT AND EVEN QUILLBOT.**

## **BUT CAN THEY REALLY STOP AI FROM BEING USED?**

**EVEN THOUGH GPTZERO EXISTS, PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY MADE WAYS TO GET AROUND IT. GPTINF WAS MADE DAYS AFTER GPTZERO. IT'S SPECIFICALLY USED TO BE UNDETECTABLE BY GPTZERO. AS DETECTION EVOLVES, THE AI PROGRAM EVOLVES ALONG WITH IT.**



**"JUST USE YOUR OWN BRAIN. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE IN SCHOOL: TO DEVELOP THAT LUMP OF GREY AND WHITE MATTER BETWEEN YOUR EARS. USE IT," JACKSON SAID**



# Winter Activities

Girls Basketball Winter Assembly



Speech And Debate



Boys Basketball



Girls and Boys Bowling