

# Mustang Monitor

## Senior Edition

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### *Helen Joyce, Valedictorian*

Helen will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she will study business. She wants to pursue a career in marketing and sees herself living somewhere warm in ten years. Helen was the student ambassador to the D231 board of education as well as President of National Honor Society, Co-President of Student Government, Secretary of Future Business Leaders of America, Scholastic Bowl, Mathletes, Professional ABC, Principals Advisory Committee, Snowball Group Leader and Student Leadership. Her favorite moments in school were the football games and especially homecoming weeks. The Mustang community was like a second family which always supported her. Finally, her most influential teacher was Mr. Mikulskis because, "I had him freshman and senior year and he really wants his students to reach their fullest potential. His guidance has made me a much better writer and disciplined student in general"

### *Leo Cassidy Co-Salutatorian*

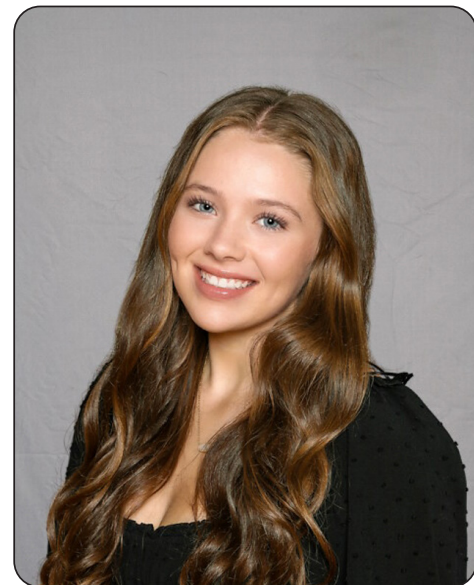
Leo will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He is a recipient of the illustrious Chick Evans caddy scholarship. He plans to study sports management. His eventual career will involve him working at a sports agency where in ten years he will be an agent serving the highest branded sports

figures in the industry. Leo was involved in varsity golf, FBLA, NHS, Leadership club and EPTV. His favorite memory was "winning conference with the golf team junior and senior year. Leo is going to miss most the communal and familial feeling of the school. His most influential teacher was Mrs. Allgaier because

"she taught me for two years and pushed me to be my best student while creating a connection between student and teacher."



### *Nicole Reynolds Co-Salutatorian*



Nicole will be attending Roosevelt University in downtown Chicago and plans to study Forensic Accounting. Equally, she sees herself being a forensic accountant down the road and living in the city. Nicole was involved in varsity Softball all four years as well as FBLA, Mathletes and NHS. Her favorite memory comes

from "being a part of the softball team. It has given me a group of girls that I've really grown close with, as well as taught me many life lessons to be both a better player and person." She is going to miss the tight-knit aspect of the school and community because they have mostly grown up together from a young age.

Her most influential teacher was Mr. Knapik because he "radiates a kind and welcoming energy, and provides his students with patience and dedication."

## *Check out the rest of the Top Ten Percent!*

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# Top 10% - Class of 2023

**Christopher Bennett** will be attending Moraine Valley Community College in the fall where in two years will transfer to a four year university. He will be studying computer science and eventually wants to become a software engineer working remotely allowing him to travel the world. In his time here, he



was involved in varsity Bowling and National Honor Society. His favorite memory was “during my junior year when I worked and competed with our bowling team towards state. The amount of teamwork which developed during that time was truly remarkable,

and I will always treasure the memories and friendships that I formed.” He is going to miss most the sense of community which made each day special. His most influential teacher was Mr. Masterson. Despite it only being his first year here, Chris had him for two classes and “he played a significant role in my personal and academic growth. There was never a dull moment - whether discussing technical topics or debating a technical issue, he always challenged me to think critically.”

**Katherine Beyer** will be attending Illinois State University Bloomington to study Construction Management wherein she wants to stay in this field and specifically sees herself as a construction manager upon completing her undergraduate studies and eventually moving into the city. Katherine was heavily involved in



Track, Cross Country, Athletic Leadership Council, Science Olympiad, Student Government, NHS and Backstage and Building Crew. Her favorite memory was during her sophomore year cross country season when “we were able to run

on the state course at Detwiler Park in Peoria for sectionals on Halloween.” She is going to miss the small school feeling, and she feels fortunate because it opened up educational and athletic opportunities for her. Her most impactful teacher was Mr. Mikulskis because she was “constantly challenged in his class, but he found great pride in seeing his students succeed and always attempted to make class fun!”

**Sarah Beyer** will also be attending Illinois State University Bloomington to study computer science. She eventually wants to have a career in this realm being on the tech side of things in the city living her life to the fullest. Sarah was involved in Swim, Track and Field, Science Olympiad, NHS,



Student Government, Backstage and Building Crew and Athletic Leadership Council. Her favorite memories were all of the team bonding on the swim team as well as “going

to sectionals my freshman year.” She is mostly going to miss the smaller size of the school which allowed her to get to know her classmates extremely well over the last four years. Her most influential teacher was now retired Mr. Enstrom because of “his passion for teaching, and all of his weird and fun stories he would incorporate into the history lessons during class my sophomore year.”

**Emma Bik** will be attending the University of Louisville where she will also be a student-athlete on the rowing team. She plans to study Sports Administration and sees her-



self being an athletic director or managing a college team within ten years time. In her time here, she was involved in Varsity Volleyball and NHS. Her favorite memory

was “winning regionals two years in a row for volleyball.” Above all else, she is going to miss going to football games. She staunchly believes in not being afraid to try new things to stepping out of your comfort zone. Finally, her most influential teacher was Mr. Zimmerman because “he helped me realize that I want to pursue a career in sports.”

**Julianna Black** will be attending Moraine Valley Community College with the intent of studying Psychology. In two short years, she will be transferring university. She wants to pursue a career as a psychiatrist and ten years from now wants to be practicing medicine as



a resident absent of any student debt and making BIG money while also helping her patients. Heavily involved, she took part in Student Leadership, Student Government, Prom Committee, Newspaper, Year-

book, Concert and Marching Band, Soccer, Basketball, Service Club and Culinary Arts Club. She is going to miss the comfort of feeling known in a small community by her teachers coaches and classmates. Her favorite memory was “during homecoming tug o’ war when her class/team got dragged along the turg after slipping. Her most impactful teacher was Mr. Mikulskis because his standards for his AP students and his expectation for us “to do great things and be thinkers of the world who will create change and see past all the deception of others.”

**Karalyn Burke** will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She will be studying Business Finance with the hopes of finding herself in Investment Bank-



ing. In the short while, she wants to complete undergraduate studies and immediately be running and expanding her current small business. She

was involved in Volleyball, Track, FBLA, Student Government, Student Leadership, Principal Advisory Council, NHS and Professional ABC. Her favorite memory from her time were all of the football and basketball games as well as each Homecoming week. She is most going to miss being around her bestfriends and the environment of the school. Her most influential teacher was Mr. Pasek because he “always brightened my day.”



# Top 10% - Class of 2023

**Seven Chandler** Seven will be attending Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. They have the intent of studying English with the plans of having a career in writing



scripts and plots for video games. Regardless of where they are at in ten years, they at least want to have eight cats. In

high school, their involvement was wood club and musicals. Their best lesson received from the last four years was “not everything is fair, but focus on yourself to succeed.” The most impactful teacher was Mr. Knapik because “he reminded me of home.”

**Kailen Curran** will be attending Purdue University West Lafayette. He plans to study Biology and hopes to pursue this field in the near future as a college graduate acquiring a good job in some sort of medical field. In high



school, he was involved in Student Government, Scholastic Bowl, Student Leadership, Science Olympiad and NHS. His favorite memory was being

elected to Homecoming Court his Junior Year. He is going to miss the people because “high school ending means I won’t be able to see all the friends I made nearly as much.” As well, Mr. Knapik was his most influential teacher because “he always made class interesting and is a teacher who I feel comfortable talking with.”

**Katharine Downey-McGurk** will be attending Saint Mary’s College of Notre Dame in South Bend Indiana. She plans to pursue Early Childhood Psychology. She knows she is in for the long haul with school and envisions herself



still in school in the near future or at least starting her career working with children. She was involved with Student Leadership, Student Govern-

ment, Service Club, Snowball, Volleyball, NHS and Scholastic Bowl. Her favorite memories were all of the home football games and she is going to miss most the community and environment EP has to offer. In her time here, her most influential teacher was Mr. Enstrom because “he really pushed all of his students to work harder and her helped with my work ethic in AP classes and beyond.”

**Lily Gagner** Lily will be attending Western Illinois University in Macomb. At the onset, she plans to major in accounting. She eventually



wants to attend law-school and in ten years time, sees herself as a young practicing attorney. In high school, she was involved in

Student Government, Science Olympiad, Cross Country and Track and Field. Her favorite memory was when she participated in the pie eating contest. She believes the best advice to pass down is the importance of time management. The most impactful teacher was Dr. Dunneback because “he taught life lessons about finance’s right and wrongs.”

**Jamia Head** will be attending New York University. She has ambitions to study Music Business at their world-renowned program. Eventually, she hopes



to become an entertainment manager and sees herself working in this field a decade from now. These past years, she was involved in Color Guard, International

Club, Theatre, Unaccompanied Minors, Madrigals, SADD, Principal’s Advisory Council, NHS, Choir and Scholastic Bowl. Her favorite memory was when she and the rest of the band had to march during a storm at a home football game. She is going to miss the music department the most and her most influential teacher was Mrs. Kazin because, “she has always been an amazing teacher who is always willing to share her knowledge and selflessness.”

**Kaitlyn Higgins** will be attending Moraine Valley Community College with the intent of pursuing Nursing. She ultimately wants to become a trav-



el nurse and wants to leave Illinois and have a home base in Colorado. The type of nurse she wants to become is either ER or PEDS. She was involved in

NHS, Choir and Science Olympiad. Her favorite memory was the 2022 Disney trip and she is going to miss the teachers due to their huge impact on her experience the last four years - motivating her in a plethora of different ways. Her most influential teacher was Mr. Knapik because he is “extremely motivating to his students and others and truly wants his students to succeed in high school and will help them in every way he can so they’re able to.”



# Top 10% - Class of 2023

**Jacqueline Jones** will be attending the University of California Berkeley as a Regents' Scholar and Chancellor's Scholar. She intends on studying Applied Mathematics and is invested in earning her PhD in the same field. She plans on



pursuing this, but also sees herself possibly dipping her toes in stand-up comedy and acting. She was involved in Mathletes, Scholastic Bowl, Leadership/Snowball, Student Government, Science Olympiad,

Softball and NHS. She is going to miss her teachers and junior friends Sam Ricks, Abbey Mrskos and Nathan Branigan. Her most influential teacher was Mr. Kovacs because he "pushed me to be a better person and student. He provoked my thinking in a way a teacher never has before, and always supported me. Also Mr. Knapik because I appreciated his positive and humorous attitude."

**Aniya Martin** will be attending Howard University in Washington D.C. She has the intent of studying nursing starting next year. She has a longer term aspiration of becoming a pediatrician



and hopes to be finishing residency in the next ten years, as well as married and a homeowner.

Aniya was involved in Cheerleading and Volleyball in her time at EPCHS.

Her most memorable memory was

"freshman year when I had the most fun sitting at lunch with friends, going to games and cheering." She is going to miss many things about school including being a counselor's aid. Her most influential teacher was Dr. Thomas because "he was very helpful and always knew how to have fun. He always had on the newest kicks so we were best friends who were sneaker heads!"

**David Ortiz** Will be attending University of Illinois at Chicago where he will be studying Computer Science. He wants to become a software engineer and eventually wants to work for



himself living out his days and providing for his family. He was involved in Chess, Scholastic Bowl, Mathletes, Winter Guard, Game Club and NHS.

He is going to miss most traveling with the chess team for his last year at state. His most influential teacher was Mr. Smith because he "helped me out in a lot of ways throughout my years in high school whether it was coaching chess, coaching scholastic bowl or helping me finish out my senior year as a teacher in math."

**Kennedy Shelby** will be attending Howard University in Washington DC next fall. She plans are to study Biology with the angle of pre-medical track.



For her career, she ultimately wants to be a pediatrician and in ten years hopes to be finishing her residency working at a hospital as a pediatrician. She was

involved in SADD, Principal's Advisory Council and Culinary Arts Club. She is going to miss the paninis the most at school, her favorite memory was when Mr. Knapik danced during anatomy in a lesson to show the movement of different bones. He is also her most impactful teacher because "he encouraged me to challenge myself academically so that I can be prepared for what I'll be doing in college."

**Noah Valdez** Will be attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to study Software Development. He wants to take on complex projects



and responsibilities. He wants to lead, design and implement software solutions and guidance. Equally, he wants to be a visionary pushing boundaries

of software development and advancements in the field. He was involved in Chess, Cross Country, Snowball, NHS and Mathletes. He is going to miss his teachers and the vibrant personalities. His most influential teacher was Mr. Masterson because "he always has a way to connect with students whether jokes or having a smile on his face. He helped me with many programs as a teacher but collaborator tackling problems together. Finally, he helped me realize what I want to pursue and I have an unwavering appreciation for him for doing that."

**James Visser** will be attending Moraine Valley Community College. He will be acquiring his general ed requirements out of the way and eventually pivot into a



four year university where he will find himself studying finance. Ultimately, he wants to be a financial advisor and in ten years he hopes he will be building his portfolio and

maybe even in private equity. During his time at EPCHS, he was involved in varsity golf, baseball and NHS. His favorite memories were largely the sporting events and is going to miss the communal aspect of the school the most. His parting words encourage people to expand their network as it all about who you know. His most influential teachers were Mr. Pasek and Mr. Carey because they are "both all around great teachers and people who have simply made my life better. I look forward to seeing them every day."



# Mustang Future Plans

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## **Bradley University**

-Canaan McCadd  
-Ashley Strohoff

## **Calumet College of St. Joseph**

-Chloe Reed  
-Kristen Smith

## **Carthage College**

- Bryanna Jackson

## **Coe College**

- Cierra Holloway

## **Columbia University - Chicago**

- Elliot Douglas

## **Concordia University - Chicago**

- Alejandro Munoz

## **Cornell College**

-Seven Chandler

## **Depaul University**

- Kenny Bledsoe  
-Anaya Jackson

## **Eastern Illinois University**

- Olivia Doran  
- Nathan Fernandez  
- Amber McClain

## **East West University**

- Lisbeth Pineda

## **Elmhurst University**

- Carmela Woods

## **Howard University**

- Aniya Martin  
-Kameron Oden  
-Kennedy Shelby

## **Illinois State University**

- Katherine Beyer  
-Sarah Beyer  
-Mikaela Bolden  
-Marlon Bonilla  
-Trinity Carr  
-Yael Martinez  
-Darion Saygo  
-Johnatthan Whiteside

## **Iowa State University**

- Jacob Nardo  
-Abby Rech

## **Indiana South Bend University**

- Joanna Suddereth

## **Jackson State University**

- Jared Taylor  
- Morgan Wright

## **Loyola University**

- Morgan Ellis

## **Marquette University**

- Maggie Tracy

## **Moraine Valley Community College**

-Grace Allison-Plewa  
-John Angone  
-Eliana Balfour  
-Christopher Bennett  
-Bhatti Humza  
-Julianna Black  
-Thomas Byrnes  
-Azra Caledron  
-Nitzie Ceja  
-Mekhi Coleman  
-Max Corona  
-Chris Cruz-Castillo  
-Giovanni Ebler  
-Taylor Evans  
-Grace Ewert  
-Brendan Farell  
-Mariah Franklin  
-Viviana Frrr  
-Ethan Garcia

-Jalynn Gardner  
-E'Khiah Gipson  
-Allie Gilkis  
-Mateo Gomez  
-Andrea Gramajo  
-Kaylah Griffin  
-Tyler Harris  
-Riley Hayes  
-Kaitlyn Higgins  
-Aiden Huerta  
-Katherine Jaramillo  
-Isabel Jimenez  
-Teah Jones  
-Kennedy Donovan  
-Leo Lesauskis  
-Delilah Lopez  
-Olivia Mankowski  
-Paul Martinez  
-Joseph Mays  
-Zander Morgan  
-Deyvion Nichols  
-Alexa Padilla  
-Joseph Quinn  
-Gabriel Rendine  
-Kiomari Rodriguez  
-Evelyn Rodriguez  
-Crispin Rodriguez-Soto  
-Luke Schneider  
-Marissa Sepulveda  
-Alyssa Sieoff  
-Destiny Silverman  
-Jonathan Solis  
-Julian Summers  
-Lily Tushowski  
-Abigail Villanova  
-Ayden Villareal  
-James Visser  
-Grace Ward  
-King-Caleb Ward  
-Isaiah Washington

## **Morehouse College**

-Byron Johnson

## **Northern Illinois University**

-Leah Grundy  
-Khavani Norris



# Mustang Future Plans

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## **New York University**

-Jamia Head

## **North Park University**

-Dora Cihocki  
-Harold Measner

## **Purdue University**

-Kailen Curran  
-Pal Patel

## **Purdue University Northwest**

-Elliana Balderrama  
-Cal Reardon

## **Roosevelt University**

-Nicole Reynolds  
-Malik St. Clair

## **Saint Xavier University**

-Jake Aldape  
-Ashely Bastian  
-Julius Collins  
-Boussoura Diallo  
-Emma Gabrys  
-Marco Gonzalez  
-Aidan Harling  
-Madison Kazmierowicz  
-Paul Lieske  
-Aleksandr Okal  
-Drew Ragsdale  
-Neydelin Rodriguez  
-Luke Rosso  
-Asael Rubalcava

## **Saint Louis University**

- Lily Strand

## **Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame**

-Katie Downey-McGurk

## **Southern Illinois - Carbondale**

-Leland Rodriguez

## **Spring Hill College**

-Charley Burns

## **Tennessee State University**

-Laila Griffin  
-Layla Williams

## **Texas Southern University**

-Madison Morgan

## **Trinity Christian College**

-Sean Higgins

## **Tuskegee University**

-Gabrielle Smith

## **University of California - Berkeley**

-Jackie Jones

## **University of Colorado - Colorado Springs**

- Audrey Bobel

## **University of Illinois - Chicago**

-Jack Byrnes  
-Quiniaya Foley  
-Aaliyah Lopez  
-Brooklyn Mercado  
-David Ortiz  
-Rosario Ramirez  
-Daniel McKendrick

## **University of Illinois**

-Karalyn Burke  
-Leo Cassidy  
-Noah Flores  
-Asia Lane  
-Noah Valdez

## **University of Kansas**

-Jack Donnelly

## **University of Louisville**

-Emma Bik

## **University of Missouri - Columbia**

-Nuala Rabbitte

## **University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill**

-Helen Joyce

## **University of Tennessee - Martin**

- Madison Chandler

## **University of Wisconsin - Madison**

-Vivianna Madrigal

## **University of Wisconsin - Whitewater**

-Grace Leonard

## **Western Illinois University**

-Lily Gagner  
-Carlene Jackson  
-Nolan Rinearson



# Mustang Future Plans

## Trade/Vocational/Workforce

|                           |                       |                    |                    |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| -Belen Aleman             | - London Craig        | - Patrick Haythorn | - Tyler O'Neal     | -Luis Sanchez-Leon    |
| -Starla Alvarado          | -Evan D'Aguano        | -Kaitlyn Higgins   | -DeCharles Owens   | -Michelle Sansone     |
| -Daniel Amaro             | -Cassandra Esparaza   | -Austin Hohman     | -Ernesto Palacios  | -Shawn Sisto          |
| -Neila Avila-Reyes        | -Paul Flores          | -Nathan Johnson    | -Frankie Plunkett  | -Skylar Slepicka      |
| -Armani /barraza          | -Abraham Flores-Roman | -Caleb Kulovitz    | -Kierra Rance      | -Marco Tavarez-Munoz  |
| -Kimberly Bautista-Huerta | -Jillian Foley        | - Keith Maciaszek  | -Anthony Rodriguez | -Giovanni Torres      |
| -Lionel Bell              | -John Garcia          | -Max Manso         | -Andy Rodriguez    | -Tyshawn Tousant-Gill |
| -Joel Cadenas             | -Lorenzo Garcia       | -Kylan Moore       | -Axel Rubalcava    | -Tyler Turnbow        |
| -Ta'Kerion Cooper         | -Emiliyon Hallmon     | -Ahmad Moore       | -Zach Russell      | -Mateo Vela           |
| -Vincent Colon            | -Nathan Haugabook     | -Isaiah Mosley     | -Cinthia Saldana   | - Jakob White         |
| -Marcus Williams          |                       |                    |                    |                       |

## United States Military

Carter Janes

Yael Martinez

Tyler Russell

Tyler Turnbow

## By The Numbers

*Total Scholarships Earned*

\$13,853,731

*Total Individual Scholarships*

280

*Students in the Senior Class*

217

*Number of Students who attended EP K-8*

79

*Illinois State Scholars*

17

*Presidents Education Award*

20

*IHSA Scholastic Achievement Awards*

58

**Class of 2023**



# Senior Wills

- I, Ashley Strothoff, do hereby leave Roland Johnson Jr to have the best school pride that I had for the school.
- I, Jacqueline Jones, do hereby leave Samantha Ricks the main position of annoying Kovacs, Nathan Brannigan my parking spot on Kedzie, and Abbey Mrskos my desire to play softball like we are little kids again.
- I, Neydelin Rodriguez, do hereby leave Juliana Bosch and Seyenna Billings to continue leading the clarinet section to success.
- I, Jack Donnelly, do hereby leave Meghan Easterhouse the position of Kiki's best friend and favorite.
- I, Crispin Rodriguez-Soto, do hereby leave Grady Elwood the position of team captain and my great pitching skills.
- I, Helen Joyce, do hereby leave Micky Joyce the position of head Joyce at EPCHS. Don't be too mean to our junior sister and especially our freshman brother.
- I, Canaan McCadd, do hereby leave the E-sports Mario Kart team my skills in DK Jungle, Rainbow Road and Music Park
- I, Ayden Villareal, do hereby leave Addison Villareal my confidence and me mental fortitude to get through the rest of high school.
- I, Bryanna Jackson, do hereby leave my enthusiasm to Miranda Adams
- I, Taylor Evans, do hereby leave Sofie Panatera my driving skills to get places on time and my dugout dancing skills.
- I, Patrick Haythorn, do hereby leave William Woods-Mackie the loud mouth spot on the bowling team, Isaiah Matthews the section leader spot of the baritone section and Diego Toledo the spot of drum major of our fabulous band.
- I, David Ortiz, do hereby leave Ceasar Ortiz my stash of Truffa Trophies hidden somewhere within the school grounds.
- I, Maggie Tracy, leave Michael Tracy to uphold my attendance record.
- I E'Khiah Gipson, do hereby leave Caden Howse my crocs.
- I, Julianna Black, do hereby leave Taylor Yeaman my big white Willy Wonka sunglasses and Xalani Mitchell in charge of the keep the flute section in check and up to standard.
- I, Kameron Oden do hereby leave Scott Westbrook, my amazing hand-eye coordination when playing video games in order to be the best Esports player in EP
- I, Crispin Soto do hereby leave Grady Elwood the position of Captain of the baseball team and the ace of the team.
- I, Malik St.Clair and I leave Sean mierkort and Michael Noel section leader for band.
- I, Neila Reyes, do hereby leave, the EP dance team, my love and support. I will miss you all and I hope both Varsity and JV make it to state.
- I, Nathan Fernandez, do hereby leave Luke Brady the position of team captain on the swim team and my bench in the swim locker room.
- I, Tyler Russell do hereby leave Diego Cruz, my rocket league skill for his upcoming Varsity year
- I, DECHARLES OWENS, do hereby leave TAZIYAH OWENS, slowly deteriorating and unfilled sketchbooks.
- I, John Garcia do hereby leave Oscar Morin my "MOTION" and the ability to chase the bag.



# Varsity Wall Inductees

Katherine Beyer



Cross Country, Track and Field

Sarah Beyer



Swim, Track and Field

Julianna Black



Basketball, Soccer

Charley Burns



Golf, Softball

Trinity Carr



Cheer, Track and Field

Dora Cihocki



Basketball, Softball, Volleyball

Taylor Evans



Basketball, Softball, Volleyball

Nathan Fernandez



Swim, Cross Country, Track and Field

Marco Gonzalez



Swim, Soccer, Track and Field

Isaiah Mosley



Basketball, Football, Track & Field, Wrestling

Asael Rubalcava



Baseball, Football, Wrestling

Axel Rubalcava



Baseball, Football, Wrestling

Luke Schneider



Cross Country, Soccer, Track & Field

Kristen Smith



Cross Country, Dance, Track & Field

Maggie Tracy



Basketball, Softball, Volleyball

Grace Ward



Basketball, Softball, Volleyball

Carmela Woods



Cheer, Cross Country, Track & Field, Wrestling

Varsity Wall inductees are student-athletes who have earned five or more varsity letters during their four years at Evergreen Park Community High School



The senior class of 2023 was polled to determine the results in the following categories.

# 2023 SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

## Best Friends



Laila Griffin



Layla Williams

## Best Friends



Abby Rech



Katie Downey-McGurk

## Best Couple



Julianna Black



Riley Hayes

## Most likely to Work at EP



John Whiteside

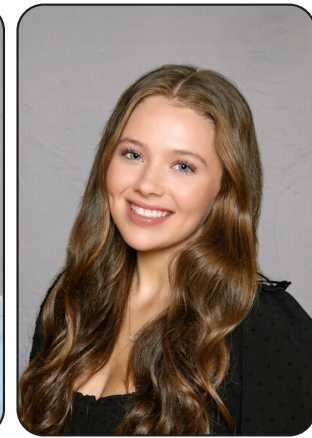


Jackie Jones

## Most likely to win a Nobel Peace Prize



Drew Ragsdale



Nicole Reynolds

## Most Mustang Pride

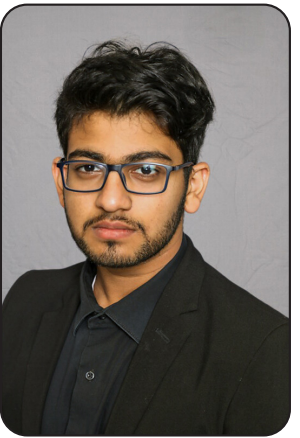


Jack Donnelly



Charley Burns

## Most Likely to be a Billionaire



Pal Patel



Helen Joyce

## Best Dressed



Lionel Bell



Destiny Silverman

## Best Laugh



Mekhi Coleman



Kristen Smith

## Most Athletic



Isaiah Mosley



Dora Cihocki

## Most Likely to be Internet Famous



Elliot Douglas



Aniya Martin

## Best Gamer



Canaan McCadd



Kameron Oden

**Evergreen Park Community High School, District 231**

**Superintendent:** Mr. Tom O'Malley

**Principal/Assistant Superintendent:** Mr. Bill Sanderson

**Assistant Principal/Director of Discipline:** Mr. Robert McCarthy; **Director of Curriculum:** Mrs. Deborah Schillo;

**Director of Student Services & Special Education:** Mrs. Julie Shellberg and Ms. Janet Berry; **Director of Facilities:** Mr. Terrence Masterson;

**Director of Athletics:** Mr. Jim Soldan; **Director of Activities:** Mrs. Amy Kazin

**Mustang Monitor Senior Section Staff**

Joseph Berko Jr., Dulce Medina-Meza, Alexia Lopez-Stout, Octavia Miller, Samantha Ricks, Jaylynn Kampstra, Rosebud Summers, Megan Klimowski

**Mustang Monitor Advisors**

Mr. Michael Carey & Mr. Nick Codiamat



# 2023 SENIOR ADVICE TO UNDERCLASSMEN

- Never be afraid to try something new! - **Emma Bik**
- Get involved and participate in events. It may be cliché but it will prepare you for college and you also get to hang out with and make memories with friends. - **Canaan McCadd**
- Always live for yourself because only you have the power to change your story. The universe is secretly working in your favor. - **Morgan Ellis**
- The life you live is more important than the words you speak. Live your life for yourself, not anyone else - **Jack Donnelly**.
- Do your homework when you get it otherwise it'll stay missing forever. - **Bryanna Jackson**
- Never be too hard on yourself. Do not stress about your future because at the end of the day, school, trades, etc will always be there for you attend. Just live in the moment
- All the years that you have in high school make it the best years you would ever have. I believe in you. It's going to be hard but I know you can do it. - **Crispin Rodriguez-Soto**
- Take advantage of every single event and opportunity given to you no matter what grade you're in. Make as many memories as possible. - **Neydelin Rodriguez**
- Be sure to try new things, get involved within the community and never give up on yourself, even when things get tough.
- Don't dig a hole so deep you can't get yourself out of. Find a way to get through it.
- Work hard and stay on task
- Time really does fly, and no matter how much you believe it or not, it does. Take it day by day and enjoy the four years, as they'll be some of the best years of your life.
- This time truly does fly by so don't regret not doing something. Just go out and join a spot or club. Enjoy your last childhood years - **Grace Ward**
- Be you. It may take time, but you will find people who love you and appreciate you for who you are. - **Jackie Jones**
- Don't always wait to try something new. You might be nervous...just do it. - **Leland Rodriguez**
- The next four years will be tough but you can get through it if you try your best in school classes and get through every year like it is normal and do what you want for your dreams - **Ashley Strohoff**
- These four years are probably your best years yet do not waste any opportunities. Go to every dance, go to every school event, and be your best self - **Ayden Villarreal**
- No one else is going to push you to do work you need to do, no matter how hard or how badly you don't want to do it, but you. - **David Ortiz**
- Keep up with your work and do all activities and sports you can
- High school is a test, not necessarily an academic test but it tests what you are willing to do. Give your full effort and participate as much as you can because it will be all worth it in the end.
- Don't deny that you'll ever procrastinate. Accept that it will happen and have a plan B and C for when it does happen. - **Juliana Black**
- Time flies. Make sure you focus on yourself and what you want, not what other people want. - **Morgan Wright**
- No matter how hard things get you can push through it
- Work hard and stay on task.

# Senior Memories...

- Beating Oak Lawn at home for volleyball my senior year - Emma Bik
- My favorite memory is doing everything in high school: playing basketball, all the great teachers and the friends I made - Ashley Strohoff
- When I bowled a 290 and when we almost made state!
- Snowball, IDEA's with Mr. Kovacs and Mr. Knapik and beating everyone in Musical Chairs for Homecoming Week - Jackie Jones
- My favorite memory are ALL the memories in the music department - Neydelin Rodriguez
- All of the basketball games
- Every homecoming week - Jack Donnelly
- Making it to cross country sectionals my senior year despite having low numbers for the team the entire year.
- Junior and Senior year when the golf team won conference consecutive years.
- Playing baseball with all my friends since we were kids and meeting the people I met in school as well - Crispin Rodriguez-Soto
- Freshman year attending Snowball and staying in the cabins in the middle of winter. - Canaan McCadd
- When I finally became independent - Morgan Ellis
- Meeting my friends through Game Club and E-Sports - it was very fun! - Ayden Villareal
- Homecoming. I wish I could get ready all over again. - Bryanna Jackson
- Band competition, going to bowling tournaments and doing my first musical.
- Going to state for track my junior year or just being at meets in general. - Morgan Wright
- Working with all of my team and club members in my last year of traveling and competing with them

## *Class of 2023,*

*You made it! You were thrown into an inexplicable high school experience, but you all persevered and rose to the occasion. We hope you will stay curious and embrace a perpetual state of learning regardless of your endeavors. You control the conditions of your success and we know you will move mountains! On behalf of the Mustang Monitor, we wish you all the best.*

*Mr. Carey, Mr. Codiamat & Newspaper Staff.*