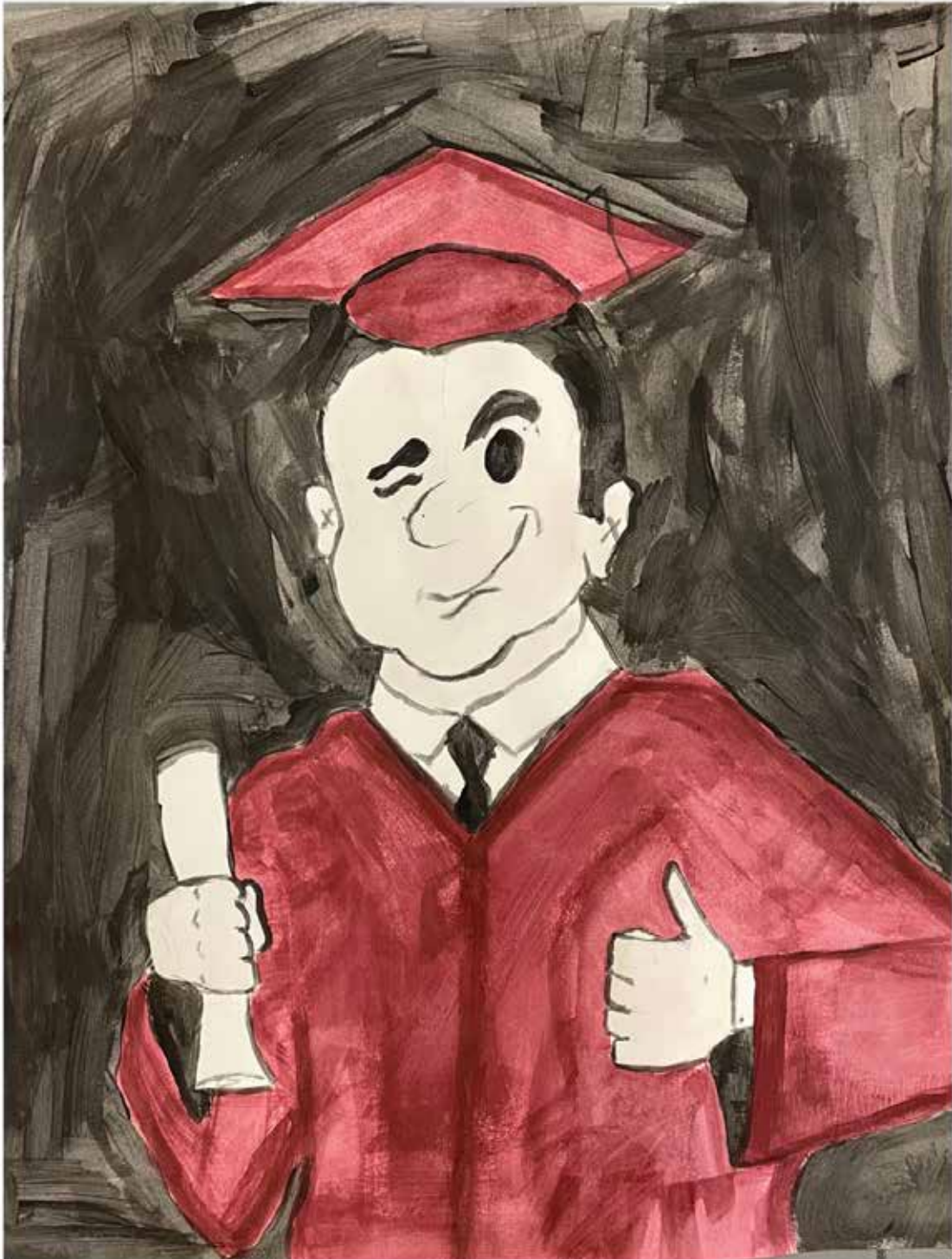


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**Congratulations, Graduates!**

# URBANA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CLASS OF 2024

## ABIGAIL ADAMS

“The only impossible journey is the one you never begin” - Anthony Robbins. My younger self would have never believed me now if I had told her what I have accomplished in just four short years. I have experienced significant growth and gained a profound appreciation for interpersonal connections. I want to thank the people who have supported me and helped me reach the goals I once thought to be impossible. I am so lucky for the opportunities I have been given and the people I have met who have become my support system. I am proud to say I participated in track and field all four years of high school as a shot put and discus thrower. I would like to thank my coaches and friends who helped me become the best thrower and teammate I could be. Track and field was one of my favorite parts of high school; it is where I met some of the most important people in my life. During my time in high school, I achieved a college degree in phlebotomy from Edison State Community College. To do so, I completed many CCP classes and eight weeks of internships at Springfield



CompuNet; I learned more in those mere eight weeks than I have for many years of my life. The people I met and the stories I heard in my time at CompuNet will stay with me for the rest of my life. This time and experience will also aid me in my journey to becoming a labor and delivery nurse. I am excited to say I plan to go to Wright State University this fall to join their nursing program. Goodbye and good luck, Class of 2024; thank you for making my time at UHS treasured. Remember, there are no limits to your possibilities!

## PAIGE ARNETT

As my senior year comes to a close, I am thankful for the memories that Urbana High School has provided me over the past four years. Throughout my time here, one of the things I put most of my time into was soccer. From freshman to senior year, I was fortunate to start varsity soccer. Throughout my soccer career, I broke two school records and gained life-long memories. My junior year I was able to break the seasonal assist record, and my senior year I broke the career assist record for girls soccer. Along with soccer, I have participated in Climber Singers, PBIS, DECA, track, musical, and NHS. These organizations have given me the best high school experience, and I am grateful to have been a part of them, but the one I have enjoyed most is DECA. DECA has given me real life learning opportunities such as public speaking and project management skills. By giving my best effort to DECA, I have been able to attend the CDC State competition twice, where my partner and I have placed third in Ohio in 2023 and fourth place in 2024. I am deeply grateful for the impact DECA has made on me. Whether it



was school or sports, I know I could not have done it without the support from my family, friends, and coaches. They have all pushed me to be my best, and I do not know where I would be without them. I would like to thank my parents for always being there to support me no matter what and my siblings for always having my back when I needed them, especially my sisters. I definitely would not be the person I am today without them. It will be sad to leave UHS behind, but I am thankful that I will be starting a new chapter and attending Clark State to major in nursing.

## GEORGE BENDER

High school is fun. I was one of the few who were lucky to realize this early on. In high school, I was able to go on trips that would normally empty my paychecks and spend time with people I wish I got to know forever. It was because of classes like DECA and FFA that I was able to experience things in school that I will be lucky to get to do moving forward. Some complain about Urbana, but I just consider them to be ungrateful. There are always schools that have it worse, where students do not get the opportunities that we do. Originally, I came from an undesirable area, so I feel blessed to have been able to turn my life around in this school. I thank my parents for that as well; they took me in at a time when I felt content, but when I should have wanted more. Lastly, I would like to thank my friends for opening my eyes in more ways than



one and for being influences that I can be proud of. Without them, I would not have been lucky enough to take risks and join things I did not seem to like before. I hope that everyone alive today seeks great futures and forgiveness from the Lord.

## AIDEN BRADSHAW

Hi, I am Aiden Bradshaw. I live with my mother Janelle Bradshaw and my little brother Carter Bradshaw. I am a senior here at UHS, and something I will always remember is how welcoming it is. My favorite classes are history and science. I have played football, basketball, baseball, and track in my four years of high school. Through these sports, I have learned the value of teamwork, hard work, determination, and many others. I am a conference-champion in football along with being All-Conference my junior and senior year. I also received All-Ohio in football. Additionally, I was asked to play down in the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl in Tampa Bay, Florida. That weekend was an amazing experience. I also was asked to play in the North-South All-Star game in Massillon Ohio. In basketball, I am a back-to-back-to-back conference-champion. I was honored with All-Conference my junior and senior year, and I was asked to play in all-star games for basketball as well. Some hobbies include playing video games, drawing, lifting weights, hiking, camping, and



fishing. My future plans are to attend Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, to receive my masters in education. I will also continue my athletic career playing football at Heidelberg University. Goodbye and thank you to my friends and family for having my back and pushing me to be the best I can be. I would like to thank all the younger kids who look up to me through sports, and I hope I was a positive figure you guys could look up to. I would also like to thank my teachers for helping me throughout my high school career, specifically Mrs. deNijs for pushing me academically in English this year.



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**AUGUST BUNDY**

Hello, my name is August Bundy, and I am a senior at Urbana City High School. As a senior, my days are numbered, so I want to share my fondest memories. Walking through Urbana City High School's doors for the first time was thrilling and terrifying. I thought about calling my mom so many times, but inevitably, I pushed myself. I found friends and peers with similar interests who encouraged me to be the best person I could be. Yes, that is the Climber's motto. I began to see Urbana City Schools as a haven for learning. Eventually, I did a sport, swimming, my junior year. Although the water was freezing, and the competition was hard, I developed a kinship with my peers. Beyond sports, I was elated to sit in a class with my favorite teachers. These teachers were undoubtedly my biggest inspirations: Mr. Schelle, Ms. Westernman, and Mrs. deNijs. My inspirations pushed me to be a better student academically, which



led to me joining NHS. Since the start of my senior year, I learned that all good things come to an end, but the memories live on forever. I plan to major in criminal justice and minor in forensic analysis at Wright State University in the fall. I would like to thank my parents, my siblings, and my inspirations for pushing me to be the best person I could possibly be these last four years.

**LILY CANIZO**

High school is one of the biggest experiences in your lifetime. I have been at Urbana City schools all my life, and it is truly amazing how we all watched each other grow up. We all experienced it together. I remember being in third grade and counting how many more years until graduation, and now it is right at my fingertips. The memories the school holds are one of the things that make it unique. I have met many amazing students and staff from Urbana, and it is crazy how fast time flew by. I would like to thank Mr. Sapp for being one of the best teachers here. Even though he is a band teacher, he understood all of his students on a personal level and never let anyone down. I would also like to thank Mrs. Heiminger and Mrs. Evans for always being there when I was stressed or upset. Urbana High School would just be another chapter in my life without them, but they made it extraordinary. After high school, I am going to Clark State for two years to get my undergraduate classes; then, I want to



get into a good college for sonography. Hopefully, going that route, I would have to pay less money to do my dream job. I want to thank everyone who came into my life and showed me that it would be okay. Everyone taught me valuable life lessons like patience and perseverance, and I hope to watch all my peers strive after high school. Thank you to Urbana City Schools for making these last four years memorable. I will miss it.

**REGAN BUNN**

Hello! I am Regan Bunn. As I reflect on my high school career, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the lessons and experiences that have shaped me into the person I am today. However, it is the last two years at Ohio Hi-Point within the Education Academy that truly stand out. My involvement in FCCLA has been integral to my personal growth. Through FCCLA, I found a supportive community where I am encouraged to step out of my comfort zone and believe in myself. It taught me the importance of leadership, teamwork, and service to others. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to Ms. Walls. She has shown unwavering support and belief in me, even during the toughest of times. She has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement, and I am truly grateful for her guidance. She made me dream big, and she was always there to push me when I needed a little motivation. I want to express my appreciation to my dad. His unwavering belief in my abilities has been the driving force behind my success. He taught me to persevere in



the face of adversity and to never lose sight of who I truly am, no matter how difficult the journey may seem. As I go onto the next chapter of my life, I carry with me the lessons and memories of the past four years. I am confident that the values instilled in me during my time at Urbana High School and Ohio Hi-Point will continue to guide me as I pursue my dreams and aspirations at BGSU majoring in social work. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this incredible journey.

**ABIGAIL CARACANAS**

Urbana City Schools is a place a lot of students should go to. During my years at Urbana High School, I have learned to take every opportunity available because you never know what the outcome or future will be. My time at Urbana Schools was a great experience. None of the teachers wanted their students to fail, and they encouraged their students to keep trying. I would like to give a huge thank you to Mr. Sever and Mr. Grigsby for helping me through the good and bad times of my four years of being at Urbana High School. Mr. Sever and Mr. Grigsby gave me motivation to keep trying when all I wanted to do was give up. Thank you, Mrs. Evans, for letting me rant any time I needed to. I would like to thank my family for encouraging me to keep going through the hard times I had. I want to thank all of my teachers for always believing in me and helping with everything I needed. My favorite class



was art. The art teacher, Mrs. Simpson, is a very great teacher. She looks after her students and encourages them to keep trying. Urbana Schools is a good place to make new friends. My hobbies and interests are training dogs and letting dogs have a second chance at life. I would like to thank all the teachers for the time they gave to their students.



**JOHN CHAMBERS**

I did not want to believe those who said, "School will fly by!" but now I do. The time it lasted was enjoyable at UHS, even though I was not always in attendance. I know this might sound cheesy, but seeing the people I have grown up with change into GROWN ADULTS is crazy to me. The time went so fast, but I am so thankful for the memories and people that went along with it. For my future, I hope to see some of the people here. Still, my big plan is to be as fashionable as ever and attend Kent State with a major in fashion merchandising with the ability to design clothes. I am just thinking about the people who have made me laugh the most and the people who have encouraged me the most. I have to say the person who encouraged me the most was Mrs. Simpson, the amazing art teacher here at UHS. I have to give thanks because I would not have been



accepted into the amazing college of Kent State. Mrs. Simpson was the one who believed in me and followed me through my process of finding what career I wanted to pursue. Without her, I would still be lost. I have had an amazing time here at UHS these past four years. They flew by, but boy am I thankful.

**KEEGAN CLAY**

Going to school in a small town was hard at first, but as I have matured and met more people, it has really grown on me. Before high school, I did not have a group that I hung out with. The first week of freshman year, I did not have anyone to sit with so I sat with August, Andrew, Krish, and George. Since then, I have gotten so close with all of them and made so many more friends and memories that I will never forget. The thing that meant the most to me in high school was winning prom prince my junior year. Going into high school, I would have never imagined winning anything like that. School was stressful at times, but I was always able to count on God to get me through it. The NIV version of Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope



and a future." Whenever times got tough, I always thought of this verse. I have never had to worry about not making it through because I always know God is with me. I am grateful for all of the teachers who helped me and most of all thankful for God helping me through this.

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## MAXWELL COBB

During my time at Urbana High, I have learned many different things and met many people who I am glad to call my friends. I played both soccer, where I led the CBC my senior year in saves and came close to the school record, and tennis for three years. Playing for Urbana gave me the opportunity to play alongside my peers and to further help me strive for excellence. I would like to thank my friends, starting with Levi, who would always make me feel welcomed and would never leave me out of plans. Ethan may have been late to the party, but we clicked instantly, and he would always have people leaving with a smile. Chandler, who I have known for as long as I can remember, would always be a great friend to be around and would always be one of the funniest people. Last, but not least, Jacob. Jacob has always been by my side no matter the situation, and we quickly became best friends and always



went on random adventures together no matter what time of the day it was. Jacob and I were able to tell each other everything, and I am glad we got to graduate together. Most importantly, I want to thank my mom, dad, grandma, and grandpa for always being by my side and supporting me all throughout my life. Without them, I would not be the person I am today.

## JONATHAN JOEL COLLINS

First, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to my dedicated teachers and school staff: Mr. Barger, my welding instructor, Mrs. Flatter, and Mrs. Carson for my long successful education. Your unwavering support and guidance have been my guiding star. To our families, your love and sacrifices have shaped us into the individuals we are today. Your belief in our dreams has been our strongest foundation. A special thank you to my parents, Chad and Loretta Collins, for being there and supporting my decision in my education, along with my siblings: Jay, Jordan, and Jazmine. I have attended Mac-A-Check Learning center since fourth grade. My teacher was Mrs. Terry, and she is really the person who changed everything for me. I broke my arm in gym class and was rushed to the Mary Rutan Hospital. She sat with me the whole time until my parents arrived. I must say it was the best decision to continue my education there; the bond I had with my teachers and classmates is something I will always remember. Freshman and sophomore year I bowled for the Urbana Boys Team. At first it was new. I never



talked to people, but the teammates I had were the best, and they worked with me until I was comfortable and able to be myself. Continuing my education junior and senior year as a half day student at Ohio Hi-Point taking Welding and Fabrications is the highlight of my high school memories, and being able to show my family through the years my growth and dedication to welding has brought us all closer than before. Thank you for the memories, the laughs, the ups and downs, but most importantly the bonds we have made.

## LOGAN DALE

Throughout my school career, there have been many things that have happened and that I have done. None of them have been more impactful than Mr. Klingler's advanced manufacturing classes. I joined it on a whim during my freshman year, expecting nothing. As we got through that year, I learned so much about the engineering process that I found what I want to do for my career. Every day we use his class to learn a lifelong skill or work to better ourselves with the skills he has provided. These skills are more trade-type work that the average student would never have been allowed to try. I have seen people change for the better because of his class, and I think I also changed thanks to him. There is one other teacher in the school who has impacted me as much as Mr. Klingler, and that has to be Mr. Sapp. There is no amount of words to describe how much Sapp helped me become who I am today. He let me take chances and try new things and get out of my comfort zone, and it helped. I went from being this shy dude freshman year who talked to no one, to Mr. Band



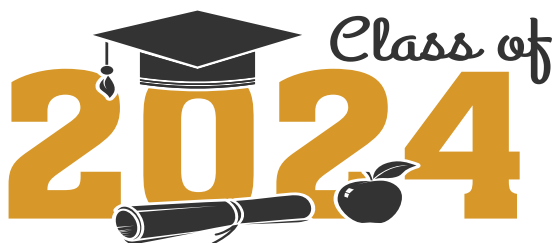
President who will call you out if you mess up. I do not think I could have done that without him. From his talks in his office to music theory shenanigans, he is an amazing teacher and an even better friend. I would like to end this by saying thank you to two of the most helpful people in the entire school, Mrs. Markin and, of course, Jazzy Jeff. Without them, the school would have fallen apart a long time ago. They are the concrete foundation that is this school, and I wish I could see who will step up to take Jazzy's place next year.

## RYLIE DANIELS

These past four years at UHS have flown by. When I started as a freshman, it was the year of COVID. It was not how I pictured my freshman year, but we all persevered and are here today. I have made so many wonderful memories at UHS. I played volleyball my first two years, but then switched to golf where I served as captain my senior year. I am also the vice president of our National Honor Society. I was a homecoming finalist my junior year and on homecoming court my senior year. In addition, I was a prom server and on the prom planning committee, involved in PBIS, participated in the musical for three years, served on student council, played in the powderpuff football games, was in Climber Singers, helped with the CBC Cup, and was an athletic office aide. I also went to Costa Rica with our Spanish class in 2023. Thank you, Senora, for making that trip so fun! My favorite accomplishment was receiving First-Team CBC for ladies golf my senior year. My favorite high school memories involve the student section at games, especially when our football team beat Graham. I would like to thank all of my teachers at Urbana for making me a better person; Mr. Pack for encouraging me to play



volleyball; Mr. Myers for making me the golfer I am today; Mr Hower and Mrs. Thomas for making fourth period fun – no matter what you say, you'll miss us; Mr. Sever and Mr. Grigsby for putting up with our shenanigans; and Mrs. Leonard for helping me get through life. Also, Bizz, for always encouraging me to do my best, and I could not have gotten through high school without my "circle of friends" – I have made so many memories that I will cherish for a lifetime. Next year, I will attend OSU, majoring in radiologic sciences and therapy/ultrasound. While I look forward to what the next chapter brings, UHS will always have a piece of my heart.





**JALANIDAVIS**

For the past four years, I always thought high school would take forever to finish until it was time to walk down the hill for graduation. I have created numerous memories and close friendships throughout my four years at Urbana High School. During my time here, I have participated in softball for three years with amazing coaches who helped me progress through the years. I participated in golf and basketball in my junior year. Thank you to Coaches Fain, Dolby, Myers, Mounce, and Donahoe for pushing me beyond my limits and showing me that I can achieve more than I ever thought possible and for spending hours of your own free time working with me. I want to thank my parents Kenisha and Harold for always being there for me, guiding me through high school, and supporting me at every single game. I am truly grateful to have you as my parents. Growing up, I watched my mother study for nursing



school for hours on end, while she was also teaching me everything I needed to know and what to expect in the medical field. From the time I was four, I knew every bone in the body. I am one step closer to being able to pursue my career in nursing. After high school, I plan to go to Wright State University to major in nursing and obtain my certification in psychiatric nursing.

**DRAKE DIXON**

In many ways, I have been very lucky throughout my life. I have had the same group of friends all the way through elementary school to middle school and even now in my senior year of high school. One reason we became friends is because at a young age, we started playing sports together and that started a bond between us. Now that we are in high school, some of us have stopped playing the sports we played at a young age and tried different ones, but we never started to turn on each other and are still pretty close. Throughout your high school years, you will have to make a lot of big decisions that could change the way your future goes. Coming in as a freshman, I did not realize how different high school is from junior high. You really needed to focus up and be on top of your studies. Freshmen need to take freshman year very seriously because it



is the first year when your grades really matter so your transcripts are good. If your transcript and GPA are good, then you can get into better colleges if that is what you want to do after high school. Take it seriously. Enjoy every moment throughout high school because it goes by really fast.

**JOSH DEERE**

My time at Urbana High School flew by. You think that the year will go slowly, but in all reality, time flew by. I once was a freshman, and now I am a senior in high school. I want to thank all of the people who helped me reach my goal and helped me throughout my entire time in high school. I want to thank Mrs. deNijs for helping me throughout English 12; she helped me reach a goal I never once thought was possible. I also want to thank my mom and dad because they have never given up on me and always pushed me through my limits when I thought I would never be able to graduate. My time at Urbana High School was great. I met really



great people and teachers. I just want to say again thank you to everyone for everything they have done for me.



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**WILL DONAHOE**

Urbana High School has been a place where I have created many memories. I have spent most of my high school career on a field, court, or diamond. Through sports, I have built many friendships and memories that I will cherish forever. I have had a few individual awards, but the team awards, such as three CBC basketball titles and one CBC football title, are the most important to me because they were with my teammates that I can call family. I have also enjoyed my time being bass section leader of the choir, being involved in NHS, being a part of PBIS, and participating in DECA. Along with being successful in athletics, I have done well in the classroom with the



help of my teachers and peers. I want to give a special thanks to my parents for everything they have done for me and everything they continue to do for me.

**GRAHAM EDWARDS**

It seems that high school has come and gone in fifteen minutes: fifteen minutes of the good, the bad, and the in-between. I remember one of the last days of my freshman year, seeing the seniors preparing for their last day of school. I thought that I had such a long time to go before I would share their experience. In reality, the last four years have allowed me to mature and prepare for the world, but yet in some ways, I still feel fourteen. I picked up many hobbies, refined my music taste, and found new interests over these few years. If my eighth-grade self could see me now, he would be impressed with how much I have changed. Some of my favorite moments throughout the last four years have been winning the CBC championships for cross country in 2022, as well as the many trips out to dinner with friends on weekends, after sports, and any time in between. The biggest support in my life was probably through my friends, parents, grandparents, aunt, and uncles who were a consistent presence during



my time in high school. Over the past four years, I have participated in track and cross country, as well as two years of swimming. I have a major interest in theater, and I also did the musical in 2023 and 2024. I plan to major in theater and become a professional actor of the stage and screen in my future. As I depart from one place to the next, I quote Ferris Bueller, who once quoted John Lennon: "I don't believe in Beatles, I just believe in me."

**WYATT ENNIS**

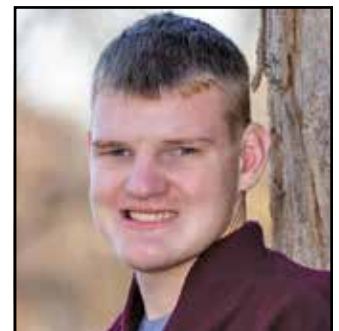
With my senior year of high school finally coming to a close, I can confidently say that my experience at UHS has been nothing but positive. Even on the roughest days, the teachers and staff always seemed to change that bad day into a better day. Throughout high school, I did not know where I expected to be after I graduated. Today, I can confidently say that I will not be working an office job because sitting in a room for eight hours drives me crazy. Starting my sophomore year, I took Intro to Design and Development taught by Mr. Klingler; this class made me realize that there are more options than going to college. With help from Mr. Klingler, my mother, and my father, I realized that going to college is not the right path for me. With that, I can say that I will be attending Hobart Institute of Welding Technology after high school. I would like to give a thank you



to not only my parents, but also to Mr. Klingler, Mrs. deNijs, Mrs. Petty, and Mrs. Dean for pushing me to the best of my abilities and getting me to this point in my life. Ending this off, I would like to say my goodbyes to all the staff of UHS, and I hope that you can push future students like me to their fullest potential.

**MASON FARMER**

I have made great friends and memories over the past four years at Urbana High School. I was a very active person being a three-sport athlete. I played football and wrestled, and I threw shot put and disc for track. I was also an FFA member for four years and an officer for the last two years. Most of the friends I made throughout my four years at UHS played the same sports I did. Some of them I saw every day because we played the same three sports. There are many people I would like to thank for making the past four years of being a Climber worth it. First, I thank all my coaches for being there for me when I needed it and always pushing me to be the best I can be. I would also like to thank Ed for taping me before every football game and wrestling practice. Next, thanks to Mr. Wilhelm for pushing me to get more active in the FFA. I do not know if high school would have been the same without being active in FFA. Lastly, I would like to thank my family for taking me to every practice

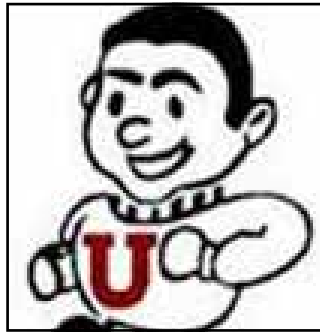


and watching me at football games, wrestling meets, track meets, and FFA events. After high school, I will be going to Hobart Institute of Welding to further my education in welding and become a welder fabricator. Thank you, Urbana High School and Climber Nation, for making my high school the best experience from a packed house for a football game to a small crowd for our senior night wrestling meet. I truly thank you! Farmer Mason out.



**BRANDON FOSNAUGH**

I have finally reached the end of the four-year experience high school has given me. I believe high school has given me a sense of responsibility that I will carry on into my future. I have developed a new mindset every year as I adjusted into different schools. Going from school to school and experiencing various interactions has interested me in psychology and the way people interact with each other, so I plan to study this in the future. I also plan to make my way through real estate school and look for a career under the guidance of great realtors I have come in contact with over the years. I grew up without a lot of things, and I will continue to grow with more loss. There were times where I felt like there was no solution and felt as if giving up was my only option. A wise man once told me that the most important word in the world is attitude. If I do not



have a positive attitude and a winning mindset, how can I be the best version of myself that I can be? In my eyes, the world is a very beautiful place, and I feel like I am destined to achieve something great in it. I may not truly understand what that is right now, but I know I did not come this far just to come this far.

**MADYSON GODWIN**

I have never been more proud in my life than I am at this moment. I did it. I really made it, even while going through things no person should have to go through. I was in seventh grade when I decided that I was going to continue my education no matter the trauma or no matter how hard it got. I was not going to give up. I knew one day, five years from then, I would be walking across a stage to get that diploma I worked so hard for. I can not take all the credit because without my amazing and wonderful mom and dad, without Heather and Robbie, I would not be here. They gave me a home and hope. They had faith in me when no one else did, so the biggest thank you goes to them. I also cannot forget about the people who challenged me along the way, even when we may have bumped heads. Thank you, Nevach, Rylan, Mckenna, Brantley, and Deeter. You have been the best siblings a person



could ask for. I cannot forget the two people who kept my head together through all of this and who I continue for, Bryleigh and Layne: thank you for being you and being amazing people. I will always love you. It was harder than I ever thought, but we did it. Class of '24. We made it! Now let's show this world how bright we can shine!

**TYGORDIN**

I have made many memories and friends throughout my four years at UHS. I have been in the marching band for all four years and baseball for three years. The beginning of my high school years was pretty rough. I was still new to Urbana, and I did not know many people. Marching band and baseball helped me get to know people, got me out of my comfort zone, and helped me make new friends. I will always remember the countless laughs and jokes that Mr. Sapp and I have had. I would like to thank him for always ensuring my day was going well and putting me in a great mood. I would like to thank my mom for always being on me about my grades and making sure I did not fail any classes. Mr. Klingler has also been a huge influence in my four years of high school. His classes were very helpful for me because I am more of a hands-on learner rather than a book learner. I have taken all four of his classes, and they have all taught me a lot



of useful tips and real-world situations. I learned a lot about welding by taking his class and spending quality time welding random pieces of metal together. I can happily say that I can do MIG, Stick, Flux, and Tig welding all due to his class. After high school, I plan to further my welding career. I am still deciding if I want to go to Hobart or if I want to continue welding at Johnson's Welding Products.

**HENRY HARRIGAN**

I have really enjoyed my four years at Urbana High School. I am not only grateful for the opportunities I have had to participate in sports, DECA, NHS, and student council, but also for the time I have had to spend with friends and teachers who have made an impact on my life. Thank you to Mrs. Fain for your constant encouragement and desire to see the best in every student. You are making a difference. Thank you, Mr. Russell, for seeing my potential and having such an effect on where I see myself in the future. Thank you to my parents, my biggest motivators, who have constantly believed in me and supported some pretty ambitious goals, including my desire to be a pilot.



This fall, I will be attending The Ohio State University to study marketing, but Urbana High School will always be home to me. Go Climbers!



**ESPN HENRY**

My time at Urbana was short. I moved here from London, Ohio, at the end of my freshman year, and since then, I have made some wonderful friends, and I have had some of my favorite teachers. For example, my woodshop teacher Mr. Klingler inspired me to work as hard as I do and got me interested in wanting to do welding work. My English teacher Mrs. deNjis never gave up on me at the beginning of the year when I was struggling. She helped me with my English work when I needed it. The memories I have made at this school will stick with me for most of my life, and I will use those lessons in my real life for the foreseeable future. My parents were a big part of my high school journey. They pushed me to stay in school and not drop out when I failed my sophomore year, and I am glad they did. If it were not for that, I would be



working a job I hate, but since I stayed, I can work a job that I want to work. While it was hard, it was worth it to be able to get my diploma and graduate and go on and do great things in life and get myself a good car that I can spend my free time on

**JANELLE HENSLEY**

During my time at Urbana High School, I have made many memories that will stay with me for years: the memories made in English, the memories made in choir, and the memories made throughout the four years, especially musical. English is one of my favorite classes. Mrs. deNjis is one of the best teachers out there. At first, it was so hard to motivate myself and say that these four years were going to be slow. Now, I am sitting here today, saying it flew by so fast. Throughout high school, I was involved in Climber Singers, musicals, show choir, and FFA. In my junior year, I earned the most outstanding junior award and my varsity letter for choir. During high school, I had many teachers impact me and put positive attitudes on me. If it was not for Mrs. deNjis, I do not think I would be the person I am today. I would also like to thank Mr. Myers for pushing me to be my best in the choir and for overcoming my fear of being on the stage. If it were not for him, I would not have gone out for many solos in choir and participated in past musicals. I would like to thank my best friend, Corynn Ryan, for being there



for me since I moved schools. You have always encouraged me to be the best. You were so honest with me about everything. I know we would joke about us not graduating together; I just wish we were able to be together for one more year. I would also like to thank my mom and sister for being my biggest supporters throughout my ride. Outside of school, I teach children's ministry at church. I plan on attending Rhodes State College to major in nursing. Thank you, Urbana High School, for changing me, shaping me to be a better person, and setting a good example for kids younger than me!

**AERIANA HERNANDEZ**

My time at UHS has been filled with numerous cherished memories. I will look back fondly at my time spent in the marching band, FFA, and quiz team. Participating in extracurriculars brought me closer to my peers and helped me grow as a person. As my high school journey comes to an end, I think back on all the memories I have created. I will always remember my friends who have helped me along the way. I especially want to thank my best friend John Chambers and my brother Israel Hernandez for being the most supportive people in my life and sticking by my side no matter what happens. I would also like to give a special thanks to my parents for pushing me to do my best academically and always taking me to my frequent after-school activities. After I graduate, a new chapter in my life will begin, and I cannot wait to see how I grow as I look back on how far I have already come.



I plan to go to university in the fall of 2024, and I aspire to major in both zoology and music performance. I am excited to pursue my interests, and I hope to one day become a wildlife field biologist. I want to make discoveries and conduct research that will further the understanding of the world around us. As this journey comes to an end, a new one is just beginning.

**SYDNE HOFFMAN**

As my senior year comes to an end, I am grateful to have the experiences and opportunities UHS has given me. All four years of high school have been nothing but making memories that will last a lifetime. The staff and friends I have met from UHS have made a huge impact on me, and I will forever be thankful for them. Throughout high school, I participated in football and competition cheer. In cheer, I formed amazing friendships and overall, had a great experience being a part of the program. I lettered in varsity cheer for the two years I participated and received First Team for CBC this year. For the first time at UHS, the competition cheer team was able to compete at the ESPN Center in Orlando, Florida, for cheer nationals. We advanced to finals and placed eighth in the nation. I am very proud of my team and grateful for all of the things we achieved this year. I also was involved in the National Honor Society for the past two years and had so much fun working concessions with other members and helping out in the community. Along with cheer and NHS, I participated in FFA and yearbook; I learned life skills along with creating new friendships and meeting new people. The skills that I learned



at UHS will be carried with me for the rest of my life. I will forever be thankful for everything I have accomplished and experienced at UHS. I would like to thank the staff, my friends, and my family for helping me through high school and providing me with endless support. I would not have had the amazing high school experience that I had without all of the friends I have acquired throughout the years. After graduating, I plan to continue my education at Wright State University and receive a bachelor's degree for business. I will forever be blessed to have the experience I did at UHS, and I will always be a Hillclimber.



**MICHAEL HOLLAND**

I have loved my time at UHS, but I am ready to begin the next chapter of my life. I will always cherish the memories I have made, mostly on fields and courts playing football, tennis, and basketball. During these seasons, I had countless laughs with teammates and many great stories to tell in the future. Our class left an impact on Urbana athletics, especially in Climber Stadium where we helped turn the program around, winning a conference championship and a playoff game at home. It was always an honor to wear the maroon and white. Outside of sports, I have been involved in DECA, NHS, PBIS, Climber Singers, and musicals. After graduation, I plan to attend Ohio Dominican University to study



education and sports management. I am excited to continue my journey, and I want to thank my family, friends, staff members, and community for their constant support.

**JADEN HOPKINS**

My time at UHS has had a tremendous impact on me and has left me with many memories. I have always enjoyed my involvement in the community. I will never forget the feeling of the community coming together on Friday nights or the influence I have had on kids while visiting the elementary school for NHS or DECA. In my four years of high school, I have lettered in football and baseball every year, been a part of National Honor Society, been a state finalist in DECA, and been an honor roll student every semester. Some of the things I enjoyed the most while in high school include football, baseball, lifting, fishing, fantasy sports, and hanging out with my friends. I would like to thank my dad for always pushing me, supporting me, and being there for everything. I would also like to thank my friends for all the laughs and good times, teachers for helping me reach my academic goals, coaches for getting everything out of me on the



field, and my parents for helping me get to this point. Your time and sacrifices do not go unnoticed. I have made lots of great memories here, but I think my favorite high school memory would have to be winning the CBC championship my junior year with my best friends and my dad being on the sideline through it all. I plan to attend Ohio Wesleyan University to pursue a career in business and to play football.

**LAUREN HOSKINS**

Hello, I am Lauren Hoskins, a graduating senior at Urbana High School. I participated in DECA, National Honor Society, student council, PBIS, prom committee, volleyball, and Climber Singers. I joined NHS my junior year, and I was elected president my senior year. Leading NHS has provided me with numerous opportunities to exercise creativity in problem-solving. The many events I planned will help my organizational and leadership skills as I continue my schooling. I will be majoring in marketing at Liberty University. My initial interest in marketing spiked this past year because of my involvement in DECA. DECA has taught me the building blocks of marketing, growing my knowledge and understanding of how it affects every aspect of a business. After receiving my bachelor's degree in marketing, I will attend law school where I will specialize in family law. After law school, I will likely join a law firm to build my clientele and reputation. I would love to expand and open my own law firm. Managing a firm would directly rely on my previous



background in marketing. It is all about combining my passions to make a positive impact in people's lives. I would now like to focus on the people who have had a positive impact on my life. Thank you to Mrs. Leonard for always keeping her door open for me. Thank you to Coach Nehls for believing in my athletic ability even when it was not looking promising. Thank you to Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Hower for always listening to my fourth-period rant. Thank you to my family and friends for listening to me and offering advice.

**SOPHIA HOWELL**

The past four years of my life have been full of challenges; heartbreak, loss, and mental health are my biggest challenges of all. I am so grateful to have had one of the best support systems I could have ever asked for. My friends, family, and teachers have been a part of my accomplishments and growth. I am especially grateful for my school counselor, Mrs. Evans. She has only been at Urbana High School for two years, but it feels like I have known her forever. She has always been my shoulder to lean on whenever I am having a rough day. She has been my rock since day one, and I could not have asked for a better person to guide me through my last two years of high school. As my high school career ends, and my college career begins, I am lucky to say that, even though we will not see each other as often, she will always be there for me when I need her. Being a first-generation college student is a little bit intimidating for me, but I know that my family will be there every step of the way. As I leave high school, the realization that I will



no longer be with my closest friends as often as I have been is getting stronger every day. Knowing that one day I will not be there when they need a shoulder to cry on, a hand to hold, or a hug from their best friend is just one of the many things I have had to come to terms with as my four-year journey ends. Having even one year of high school with my best friends is something I will always remember and forever be grateful for. I hope to stay best friends with them forever because I honestly do not know what I would do without them.



**ASHLEY HUGHES**

My time at Urbana has been an adventure. I started school in New York and then moved to West Virginia before landing here in Urbana in fourth grade. My time at Urbana has been filled with friends, late nights, lots of English essays and other homework assignments, sports, and good times. Now as a senior, attending Ohio Hi Point, I am ready to close this chapter of my life and move on to the next big thing.



**JAYDN HUMBLE**

I have gone to Urbana City Schools from first grade (minus seventh and eighth). Obviously, the most memorable part of school will be my four years of high school. Whether those memories are good times with friends or stressing over due dates (looking at you, Mrs. D.), my time at UHS is coming to a close. Throughout my high school years, I have never been too fond of sports nor did I do any extracurriculars, yet I felt like I got the most out of my high school experience, and I was able to enjoy it. It took me some time to figure out what topic I liked, but I soon discovered math would be my strongest subject throughout high school. I never got any awards throughout my entire time at school, whether that was student of the month or honor roll, but I was never one to care for rewards nor did I try hard enough to get them. Most of my friends and others will remember me as the one who slept or did not pay



attention, and honestly, I am okay with that. You are only this old once. Enjoy your time as a teenager, and go make memories with friends or family that are worthwhile instead of being held up in your room stressing and worrying if you are going to get that good grade on that test you took.

**KAYDEN JACOBS**

My time at Urbana High School was very memorable as I made many friendships and memories that will last my entire life. Most of my favorite memories came from the sports that I played as I participated in football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and track. The bonds that I made with my teammates are unforgettable, and I will cherish the memories that we made together forever. Some of my favorite memories include winning the CBC championship and winning a home playoff game in football in the same year. Not only did I make a lot of friendships in sports, but I also did in some of my classes as well. Since I was in mostly honors classes, I had a lot of the same people in each class. This allowed me to create many friendships as I was spending all day with these students. I would like to thank all of the students that I spent time with over the past four years for making my high school experience as



memorable as it was. I would also like to thank my coaches for pushing me to be the best that I could be in not only sports, but also in academics. Lastly, but most importantly, I would like to thank my family for making sure that I was successful in high school and always being there to support me and make sure my experience in high school was as good as possible.

**ALONAH JOHNSON**

As my last year of high school is ending, I am very grateful for all the experiences and friends I have made along the way. At Urbana, I have participated in cheer, cross country, track, FFA, and DECA. When I first decided to cheer, I knew it was out of my comfort zone, but it was something I was interested in. After four years of participating in the sport, it is hard to believe I do not have another year with all of my friends. One of my most memorable moments in cheer was getting the opportunity to go to Disney to compete and place eighth in the nation. My favorite memory in cross country was winning our home meet this year. My favorite thing to do during track was to socialize with all of my friends and to make new ones. I have lettered two years in all three of these sports. I am thankful for my family, teachers, and



friends who have supported me. In the fall, I plan on attending Wright State to major in biological sciences to pave the way to medical school and to become a dermatologist. Though I know I will miss all of the memories I have made, I am excited to see what the future holds.



**ISAAC JOHNSON**

Urbana High School has provided me with numerous opportunities and unique experiences. I have been a part of several clubs including DECA, NHS, student council, choir, and musical, as well as participating in varsity soccer and track. My four years at Urbana High School have been some of the best years of my life. There are several experiences that stand out, including traveling with DECA to various state CDC competitions, accompanying my Spanish class to Costa Rica, and being a part of the record-breaking group of DECA students who attended the national CDC competition in Anaheim, California. Being a captain of the men's varsity soccer team was also a significant experience that taught me invaluable life lessons. Lastly, I was fortunate enough to be a part of the first student-based Leadership Champaign County Committee, which provided me with the chance to interact with leading officials in our community and gain insights into my life and career after high school.



Without Urbana High School, I may have never been able to experience all of these great opportunities. In addition to my extracurricular involvement, I have also achieved great success academically, ranking high within my class. I am grateful for the opportunities I have had, and I will forever honor these past four years. After graduating, I plan on attending The Ohio State University to major in biology. Thank you, Urbana High School, and go Climbers!

**AMARI JONES**

In these thirteen years, including kindergarten, I have grown significantly as a person. Looking back is pretty bittersweet. I remember each teacher I had leading up to this point, and watching the clock in each class, waiting for the beginning of summer to start, just rushing to go home and ride my bike and hang out with my friends, not thinking about what was ahead because I knew it was just on to the next grade. This time, I am scared for the bell signaling the end of the school year to ring. Instead of being excited for summer and dreading the next school year, I am heading off to college this fall, not knowing what is ahead there. I will not know anyone. I will be on a journey that is all my own now. All of the responsibilities that I took for granted are up to me to complete now. I can still ask my mom, but it will be through a phone call or Facetime. Instead of just going downstairs to get an already-made



meal, the task will be up to me. No more parent-teacher conferences to dread; now the teacher speaks directly to me. I look forward to new friendships and gaining new experiences. I just need to be smarter about it since everything will now be my own decision. Though the future is scary and unplanned, I am excited for this new chapter to unfold and whatever life has to throw at me.

**JAELYN JOHNSTON**

Mark Twain said, "The most permanent lessons in morals are those which come not of book teaching but of experience." In my sophomore year of high school, I had the opportunity to explore the aviation world. Aviation taught me how to become more confident in my abilities and to make valuable connections with people of all ages through my involvement with the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 421. I have learned from many people in my aviation circle: Doug Smith, Mark Curtner, Craig Meredith, Julie Knopp, and many more. I can not thank these people enough for the opportunities they have given me and how they have helped shape my future. My family has always given me never-ending support and allowed me to explore every possible future I wanted. They supported me as I became a published author and decided to quit. In addition, I would also like to thank the late Pam Thrope, one of my many mentors and a close family friend, who inspired me to pursue my dreams



and truly believed I could accomplish anything. I hope I can continue to make her proud. All of these experiences and people have impacted my life in unexplainable ways. Due to them, I plan to attend Ohio State in Lima as a computer science and engineering major with a minor in aviation. I hope to use the degree and minor to improve aviation technology and possibly become an air traffic controller or airport manager

**JACOB KEMP**

As my time at UHS is dwindling down to its final days, I can truly say that the people and staff at UHS have changed my life. As one of my friends always says, "It has to get worse to get better." This has gotten me through my senior year, even through all of the late nights working to get things in at the last minute. During my freshman and sophomore year, I learned what high school is: high school is the beginning of the future. With finding who you are and finding what is valuable to you, high school becomes a place that teaches you lessons that everyone should know in life. As I begin experiencing adulthood and life, I can say I will not fail what I have now. I will always be appreciative of the support that the UHS staff has shown me, from moments of earning respect throughout the year to building bonds over trivial things. I also want to thank the people who got me through high school: Levi, Max, Wyatt, Ethan, Chandler, and, of course, my parents. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped me and



supported me throughout high school. I believe that every inconvenience happens for a reason, a way that will make you stronger. Every interaction, every piece of homework, and every year begins to shape who you are. You leave high school with the knowledge of you as a person. Post-graduation, I plan to attend college, starting in 2025. As I improve and learn how to grow even further, there will not be a day I do not think about my time at UHS.



**ADDALYNN KING**

I always thought that when I got to high school, things would be easy, and I would be out of here sooner than I realized like it showed on T.V. – Well, I was wrong. It has not been easy; like most things in life, it has been difficult and frustrating and has seemed dreadfully longer than anything else in my life. The teachers and staff at UHS have helped the years feel less stressful. Every teacher I have had through the years has done everything they could to make sure that I made it through no matter how busy or behind I had gotten, specifically Mr. Sapp, who even though is just the band teacher, goes out of his way to help you with any work he can, and Mrs. Simpson, who always listens to what issues you have and tries her best to help find a solution. This last year of high school has been the roughest. A lot of us seniors fooled ourselves into thinking we did not have to try for this last year, that



it would be a breeze to sit through, but it is definitely the most challenging once you get here. After high school, I plan to try and become a tattoo artist and work on owning my own shop. I have had a ton of support from my teachers and parents with my art, and I would love to put it into a career that will contribute to my skills and that I will enjoy doing.

**LEVI LAFORGE**

This senior year was the fastest year of my high school career. Advice I could give to some future seniors is to get involved in as many things as you can and to always explore opportunities of interest given to you. Senior year goes fast, so if you do not already know your future career plans (like me), then you need to take advantage of that. Teachers and staff will help you a great deal along the way (especially Ms. Cress!), but only if you reach out for it. If you desire to be successful, you must not shy away from asking for help because every teacher here will help you, no matter how difficult the situation. The high school opportunities can help you a great deal, but I also recommend reaching out to opportunities outside the school, like local businesses, and even businesses outside Urbana. Always find time in your day to practice learning new skill sets, and furthering your education, even outside of school. As for me, I



do not have a set-in-stone career path, but that is okay. I plan to take my gen-ed's this coming fall at Clark State Community College, while working full time with several local businesses to further my experience in a variety of things. Either way, one thing remains true. Senior year can be stressful, but never forget to keep investing in yourself.

**MAKENZIE KING**

I want to say thank you to everyone who has supported me. I spent half of my high school career at Ohio Hi-Point, so I also have to thank everyone there for helping me further my education in a way that helped me be ahead for my future endeavors. I have received many awards due to these teachers, so I thank them. One that I am proud of was for Rotary Honors Night; I was recognized for my 3.5 and above GPA, and I could not have gotten that without the help of everyone around me making sure I was at my potential. I have been certified in OSHA, CPR, Vet Medicine, and Fundamentals of Animal Science. Though I have had a good high school career, most of my hobbies have been outside of that, but my biggest one is reading. I think if you told my thirteen-year-old self that I was obsessed with reading she would laugh you off and think you were crazy, but I think the balance of working hard and rewarding yourself with time to get away from everything is exactly what everyone needs. A couple of people I want to thank personally are my parents for keeping me in line, Mr. Myers for



helping me decide to go to Hi-Point, but also for making his classroom a great environment and free space where I did not have to worry about being myself, and Mrs. Conrad, who might have been my favorite teacher ever because she just had a way to make me feel safe but also teach me the things I needed. Though I only had her one year, that one year impacted me greatly, and I could not be more thankful for her. As for my plans, I am committed to going to The Ohio State University for zoology and then taking another four years in veterinary school.

**CARMINE LANTZ**

“Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.” -Ferris Bueller. Looking back now, this quote perfectly summarizes the high school experience. The most valuable lesson I learned during my time at UHS is the time you spend and the people you spend it with truly does form the person you become. My freshman and sophomore years carry some of the best memories with my friends and family to date. Starting my junior year, my best friend Zavian Groom and I both interned as buyers for my friend and mentor Shawn Cunix, CEO and Owner of Toy Barn Cars in Dublin, Ohio. As a buyer, I negotiated with clients and bought exotic cars ranging from \$50k-\$100k on behalf of the company. This experience sparked my interest in the field of automotive sales and philanthropy. My junior year was my first year of DECA with Mr. Russell. This class soon became my favorite classes due to the real world problems and solutions it outlined. I also particularly appreciated how all of my high school English teachers taught open mindedness and how to learn and to understand from all perspectives. To top things off, I maintained a 3.7GPA average my junior year. Starting my senior year, I was Leasing Manager



and Assistant Operations Manager of a growing local real estate company located here in Urbana. For DECA senior year, I placed second place in my automotive services event for districts, which qualified me for state competition. My high school journey would not have been possible without my biggest supporters: my mom, my dad, and my sister (who is still in high school); my nana and my grandma and grandpa; my friends Zavian, Levi, Wyatt, and Hunter; and anyone else who has supported me. My post graduation plan will be furthering my experience in the field of automotive sales, while also working to receive further education in real estate.

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**MAKAYLA LEMONS**

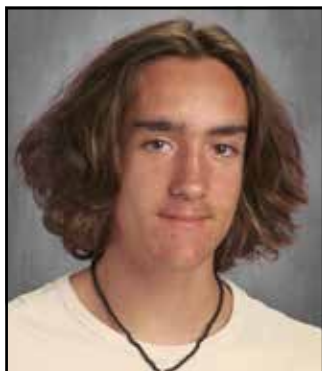
Growing up, I always liked learning new things, and I still do to this day. I was a curious child, whose imagination had no limits. I moved to Urbana when I was a sophomore and went to online school. I was nervous, yet excited, to go to Urbana High School to finish out my years in high school. I knew that I wanted to be a part of something so wonderful, fun, and amazing, and I figured the best way to do so was through doing things I loved, so I signed up for the girls tennis team, and then later I was able to be a part of NHS. Choosing to come to Urbana was one of the best things I had ever done. It is funny how you grow up thinking you have all the time in the world, but I do not think anyone realizes how fast time flies by. I am so grateful to have been able to be a UHS Climber and to get to enjoy and live in the moment every single day. I am glad that in the future I will be able to look back at my high school years and be proud of the person I was and the person I have



become. I want to thank my family and friends for being there for me through everything. Whenever I had a bad day, or when things just got too much to handle, they were there for me. They are everything I could have ever asked for and more, and I am so glad to have had them accompany me on this wild journey. After graduating, I will be attending Wright State where I will be studying medical science to become a pediatrician.

**JOSEPH LIGHTLE**

Time flies when you are having fun, and the last couple of years have seemed like a blur. I would describe a lot of my time inside and outside high school these last four years as fun. My time at Urbana has been filled with amazing memories made with some amazing people - memories that I can look back on and be like, "Oh yeah, high school wasn't all that bad." Yes, you are locked into a school for seven hours, five days a week, but it can actually be quite fun if you are around the right people. I have made some awesome friends during my time in sports like cross country, track, and swimming. I have also been a part of many events such as DECA competitions and NHS activities. I would like to thank the teachers here at Urbana High School, and my parents, who were also my teachers at some point in time. I would also like to thank my friends, who have made my stay



at Urbana more enjoyable than I ever could have imagined. All of the great people at Urbana have made it possible for me to grow and be ready for my next step in life: college. That is why I would like to say goodbye to Urbana, and thank you to all of the people who have made my time here great.

**TRAVIS LOCKWOOD**

Every time I hear or think about high school, I am so ready to get it over with. When I first started high school, I thought it was going to be a lot harder than it turned out to be. I have never been a school guy, but these four years went by fast. I was never involved in school activities, but I like hunting, fishing, and hanging out with my buddies. I have never gotten any rewards, but that is because of my lack of effort in school work. I want to thank Mr. Edwards, Mrs. French, and Mrs. Butler for making school somewhat good and fun. I do not know what the future holds ahead of me yet, but whatever it is it cannot be that bad.



**BLAKE AUSTIN LOHNES**

All my life, I went from school to school. I eventually had enough at the beginning of last year and decided to move in with my dad in Urbana. Most would say it was a good thing I left Dayton schools, but for me it was troubling. I had no friends when I first got here. My first day here, I met my government teacher, and he eventually got around to asking me if I would join football. At first, it was not something I wanted to do, but after a little convincing from Coach Cotner and Aiden Bradshaw, I decided to join the team. Over the summer, I was showing up as much as I could. Then came July 17, I went to camp and was given the nickname Billy Bob. At the end of the season, I earned a varsity letter (which was cool). After high school, I will be playing for a team in the IFL (Indoor Football League). I would like to thank my teachers for helping me through these last two years. I would like to thank my friends for being there when I needed them. Thank you to my family for being there during my high



school years. I would like to thank the coaches of Urbana Hilleclimber football for teaching me the love of the game of football. Thank you to my teammates for taking me in when I never played football before and showing me tips on how to play. To the other football seniors, thank you guys for a great season. Wherever you find yourself in life, make the best of it. Congratulations on making it to your final year of high school, Seniors, have a great rest of your lives. Go Climbers!

**CHLOE MANN**

My time at Urbana High School has gone by so fast. It feels like yesterday I was starting my freshman year. I have made some really good friends over the past four years. I have been part of choir all four years, and this year I served as choir librarian. I have enjoyed taking art for the past two years. I would like to thank my friends, family, and teachers for supporting me through the years. After school, I plan on working full time.



**SIDNEY MARSHALL**

The last four years have gone by super fast. Even though I did not like school, friends and teachers make the time go by fast when you are having fun. I have learned even if you do not like school, you have to make the most of your four years of high school because eventually, you will be in your last year of high school, and you will be like "Where did the time go?" My best memories of high school were my sophomore year when I took welding class, and I had a lot of fun in that class. The teacher, Mr Klinger, was a cool teacher to have. Through all the good and bad times of high school, I have managed to have a good time, and I would like to thank my teachers for that. I was always told if you do it right the first time, you do not have to redo it and fix it. High school is a blast if you make it fun. Do not look back on the little things: make high school



fun while you can because before you know it, you will be graduating. Some of the people I would like to thank for helping me on my journey through high school are my dad and step mom, my grandmas, and my fiance Angel. I wish good luck and a happy future to the Class of 2024.

**LIAM MCCOY**

My time in Urbana Schools has been filled with great memories and learning to better myself. I had a lot of teachers who were awesome and helped me since I came to Urbana in second grade. My favorite classes have been anything math-related or science-related. I liked the Intro to Design and Development this year. I got my OSHA-10 card and learned skills that will help me after graduation. I enjoyed being a part of 4-H and FFA with raising hogs and steers. I won a few awards and placements while I was part of those organizations as well. My experiences in and out of school will help me become successful in whatever I decide to do. I plan on working this summer and taking classes at Clark State this fall- I am interested in working in a science



or medical lab. If I find that is not what I want to do, I will then look at going into a trade. I want to thank my parents, my brothers, and my extended family for their support and love these past eighteen years.

**MADISON MCALEXANDER**

Over these past four years, I have made memories that I hope never to forget. I have stepped out of my comfort zone and challenged myself. One of the main things that has gotten me through high school was FFA. I have learned many valuable lessons and made many valuable friendships through FFA. I would like to thank Mr. Wilhelm and Mrs. Zachrich for everything they have done for me. Without them, I would not have stayed in FFA and made the memories I did. When everyone tells you that senior year goes by quickly, listen to them and cherish every memory. Throughout my time at Urbana High School, I have had many highs and lows, and I managed to create many memories and be successful with the help of my friends, family, and teachers. This fall I plan to attend college and major in pre-nursing. I would like to thank all of my teachers from elementary to high school for



everything they have ever done to help me become successful. I would also like to thank my friends for always being there for me and supporting me. I would also like to thank my parents and my younger siblings for supporting me every step of the way. I would not be graduating without their support. Thank you, UHS, for the memories created over the past four years.

**MIKALA MCCLUNG**

It feels unreal that my time with Urbana High School is over. I know that I will look back to see the beautiful memories I have made here. I came into high school with a few friends, and I was not ready for this change. Little did I know, I would be okay. I made many friends along my journey as well as keeping the ones I already had. One of my best friends came from a seating chart created by my ninth grade English teacher. Without that class, I would not have met her. Along with the memories from that class, I had many memories with my group of friends at the study hall table or lunch table. They always made sure to put a smile on my face or offer encouragement when I needed it. I also have many good memories because of my cheer team. I have been cheering with many of my teammates for awhile, and we have had so many fun memories together. These memories come from being on or off the field or court. Our team bonding is something I will never forget and will cherish always.



Although I had friends and teammates that supported me, my biggest supporters would be my parents. They made sure to push me to be my best and work hard. My parents offered me encouragement when challenges came up, and I thought I would give up. Now I will head off to college at Wright State to become a nurse. The journey through high school was not easy, but I have learned so much and I am so thankful for my experience.



**CAITLYN MCDUGALL**

As many people say, my years here have flown by despite my thinking. After three years of attending Urbana High School, I am glad to be graduating. Moving to Urbana upset me, affecting everything in my life, but I have come to like the places and people around me. I lost the life I had in Maine, but I persevered and made a new one here in Urbana. Urbana High School was a huge difference compared to my last school, but I grew to like it in time. My teachers are the reason I have made it this far. Mrs. Butler, Mrs. McKellop, Mr. Edwards, and Mrs. French all have a part in my graduation journey, and I could not be more thankful for them. I



am currently working in fast food, but my plans for the future are to attend a trade school for cosmetology.

**HEATHER MERRILL**

When I first got to this school, I was not sure how to feel about it. This was my first year at UHS, and I will say it will be a memorable senior year. Starting the school year with my cousins has always been a dream of mine and being able to go to school with them this year has helped me in so many ways, and it has been a fun and special time. Meeting these new teachers and getting to understand the way they do things was a hard process, but having them being there to help really made me appreciate this school and the people there more. I enjoyed being able to do things for FFA, and I like that I was able to come to school and still be able to work and also have time left in my day to get something done. I also really enjoy how the people in this school are happy for one another; people are always cheering others on no matter what it is. I like how on Fridays they play music in the morning, and I like how genuinely happy everyone is. Coming to this



school has made me realize to focus on the things going on in life right now, what is going on in front of me, and to stop worrying about what is to come; I need to live in the moment. It has also made me realize that I am so much more than I thought I was and for that I say thank you to all the teachers who have helped me, and thank you to those who helped me and did not even know they were.

**SARAH MEZQUITE**

Over these four past years, I made so many great memories at Urbana. I moved to Urbana in seventh grade, and now I am graduating from here. It is crazy to me. It is such a great community, and the people here are so nice and amazing. I made a nice group of friends and learned new things while being here. Realizing that after seeing my amazing friends every day since seventh grade that we are now graduating and going our separate ways is bittersweet. My experience at UHS was amazing, and I regret not doing any extracurricular activities because I have nothing else to talk about my experience here. The teachers here are amazing, and if you need any kind of help, they are there for you. I want to thank my wonderful parents for helping



me get through my senior year and making sure I get up on time for school. I am excited to end the year off well and even more excited to start a new chapter in my life. Best of luck, Class of 2024.

**SERRENA MORALES**

Each year at UHS was very special to me in different ways. My time at Urbana was filled with some of the most special people who made a huge impact on my mentality and perspective of life. Mrs. deNijs was a special part of my high school experience because not only was she my English teacher, but she was also my yearbook teacher. I spent a lot of time with her, and she taught me that my results will correspond to the amount of work I put in. I would also like to acknowledge Jazzy Jeff for making my days a little brighter by a simple smile or small conversation. Jazzy taught me that kindness can be shown in the smallest ways and change someone's day. I will use each of the lessons these individuals taught me in my near future at Wright State University. I plan to major in early childhood education and minor in Spanish. In four years, I hope to return to my hometown, Springfield, to teach at an elementary school. I also plan to continue cheerleading at Wright State as it has been a big part of my high school experience. I am extremely



proud to become a first generation high school graduate and first generation to attend college. I would like to thank my immigrant father for sacrificing so much for me. He showed me that no matter where I come from, if I put in the work, time, and dedication, anything is possible. My family has pushed me to be the best version of myself, and I am truly grateful for the support I have. UHS will always be special to me, and I am so thankful for all of the memories and friendships that I can cherish for a lifetime.



**KAITLYN NICHOLS**

After four years of high school, I am proud to say that I have finally made it to graduation. I have been involved with the PBIS Leadership Team since my freshman year, and Yearbook Tower staff my senior year, all while maintaining a job since my sophomore year. Now judging my personality, I think that I changed greatly throughout my high school career. I have gone from an irresponsible student to a capable and proactive leader in my class. In this tribute, I would like to thank the many people who helped me get to graduation. I want to thank my cousin, Kendra, for giving me advice about high school during my freshman year. My mom and little brother, Martha and James, push me to do my best each year. Two of my teachers, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. French, helped me through hard moments and difficult classes. I would



have not made it to graduation if I did not have them. My plan after graduation is to go to college to be a nurse or to be a preschool teacher. Goodbye, Urbana High School; I will always remember my years here.

**KRISH PATEL**

I have lived in Urbana for about nine years, and the most memorable part was my time at Urbana High School. This may have been because it is the most recent time of my life, or it may have been the best part of my life. The memories and friendships I have made here, I will cherish for the rest of my life. One of my favorite hobbies or interests is hanging out with the friends I have made. Mostly all of the students who attend UHS are nice and easy to get along with. Along with the students, the teachers at Urbana High School are extremely supportive. The effort the teachers put into their respective classes is what makes every day worth coming to school for. Some teachers can be a little strict at times, but this is only to benefit the students. Having to deal with hundreds of students every day is not an easy task, which is why I want to thank my teachers for their commitment every single day. While on the topic of teachers, I wanted to list the class that I have enjoyed the most throughout these four years. I would have to say my favorite class is French. I have taken that class for



all four years of high school, and I have never thought about dropping out. Madame does such a good job of making sure the class is fun, but she also makes sure that the students are being taught. Being a language teacher is definitely not light work, which is why I will always appreciate her for the work and dedication she puts in. With that being said, I will be attending The Ohio State University and majoring in pharmacy, with the hopes of becoming a pharmacist. After graduation, I probably will not see any of my teachers, but I wish the very best for them in the future.

**EDEN PITCOCK**

Throughout my high school years, I have made many memories, but one of the memories that I will never forget is my English class freshman year. My freshman year I took Honors English with Mrs. Ridge, and it was one of the hardest and best classes I took in high school. In that class, I found my first true best friend. High school has created some of the greatest memories of my life; however, it was a hard adjustment from middle school to high school. Going into high school when COVID was still at its peak was really difficult, but with my support system I got through it. My parents and grandma (Meme) have always been huge supporters of me. Whenever I needed help, they tried, but a lot of the time they did not really know how to help so they would look it up and find out how to help me. If they could not figure it out, they would ask their friends and others if they knew how to do what I was doing to get me the help I needed. As I went through my high school years, they have not gotten easier, just easier to adjust and plan. Juggling extracurriculars was also something that was hard to learn at



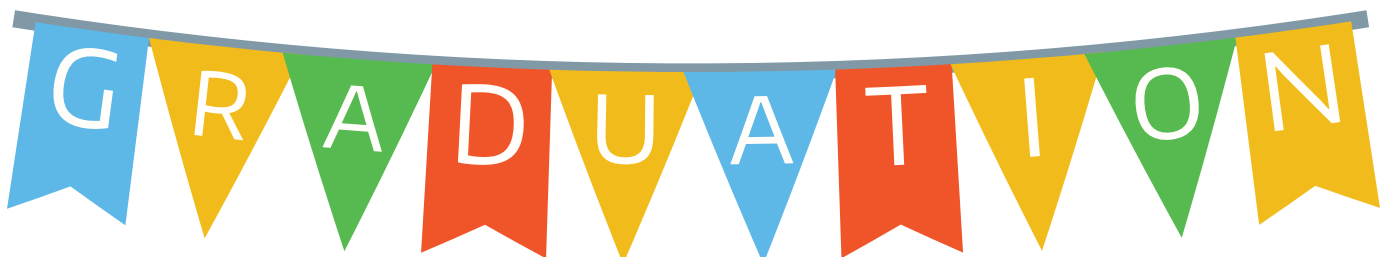
first. I have been a part of The Studio's All Star team for eight years now, and I have been on it for all four years of high school. Having two hour practices three days a week and then being gone over the weekends was hard to learn how to juggle. Being able to push through all these difficult obstacles has made me able to participate in the academic banquet for all four years of high school. After graduation, I plan to go to Ohio Northern University to major in nursing. Thank you to my friends, family, and teachers for always supporting me and being there to help.

**AMARAH PORTIS**

Throughout the last four years, I have experienced many good memories at Urbana High School. As my senior year comes to an end, I am thankful for all of the opportunities and friendships I have made at Urbana. Cheer has made a big impact on my high school experience, and cheering on the sidelines with my best friends was something I will never forget. Throughout cheering, I earned an All-American award, CBC runner-up in 2023, National Bid 2024, two state qualifiers, and two varsity letters. I also participated in the FFA and yearbook throughout high school. I would like to thank my coaches and teachers for encouraging me and supporting me throughout high school. I would also like to thank my parents for always pushing me and making me the person



I am today. I plan to attend Wright State and get a bachelor's degree in biomedical science. Lastly, I would like to thank Urbana for the long-lasting memories and exciting environment.



**JASON PRYOR**

Something that I will remember at UHS is that the teachers and staff are nice. The school is a nice building. My tenth grade year was one of my favorite years in high school because we went to Kings Island for OSHA to see how the coasters worked and how they were built. It was awesome, and we were able to miss a day of school. We also got to spend the whole day there. It was one of the best memories I have of school. I have been a Student of the Month four times, and I also got Most Improved my senior year. I like working on cars with my dad. I have been around it since I was very young. I like going to dirt car races. I also raced four-wheelers from 2015 to 2019. It is just one of my favorite things to do with my dad. I also go hunting and fishing with my dad. I would like to say goodbye to all my teachers and classmates. It has



been a long journey with you all, and I hope your future treats you well. My future plans are to be a game warden and a famous dirt car racer. We will see what will happen, but thank you to all of my teachers for teaching me and the UHS crew.

**KAREN PRYOR**

If I am being totally honest, getting through school was tough. I have gone to Urbana my entire school years, and I can say it was a memorable journey. Other than the work, UHS is a pretty fine school filled with people who care about you. My favorite thing about school was how I got to go through being surrounded by family and friends for support. Without them and the help from various staff members, I would have not been able to make it. I am very proud of what I have accomplished and overcome throughout high school. What I have learned will follow me to my future. I am not sure what the future holds for me, but whatever I decide to do, I will make sure to make my UHS family proud. I want to give a special thank you to Mrs. Simpson for always going out of her way to make sure I was comfortable, when I was not feeling it, even if she did not know. Her class always calmed me



down. A quote my Papal told me was, "You will go through worse before you're married." Living by this quote definitely helped me realize school is not that bad, that it will get harder once school ends. I appreciate everyone who has helped me through even if it was not the prettiest. I am surely glad it is over, but sad to say goodbye. Thanks for all the memories, UHS.

**JESSICA ROONEY**

During my time at Urbana High School, I have had many opportunities to make memories and learn from experiences. UHS has been a safe place where I can learn about who I am and what I want to someday become. In high school, it is important to be involved in activities offered by the school. I learned this because I have been involved in many extracurriculars throughout my four years. I have been a majorette in the marching band for six years because I had the opportunity to twirl on the field in seventh and eighth grade. I have been a feature twirler for three of those six years. I was also a member of the bowling team for three years. Getting involved in clubs as well as sports can be very beneficial. I was in NHS for two years, and I now hold the position of treasurer, and I was in French Club for two years, and I am now the president. Outside school, I am involved in my church's youth group and children's ministry program. This presented me with the opportunity to travel to Peru to spread the word of God to children in poor jungle villages. I have also



been a competitive baton twirler for ten years of my life, and in 2019, my team won a first place award at the national level. Now, I teach a baton class once a week to help me save up for college. I would like to thank my community, and parents for always being there for me, my baton coach for helping me reach my twirling goals, and my friends for making high school easier when persevering seemed impossible. Next year, I plan to attend Ashland University and major in creative writing.



**Congratulations & Good Luck**

We know you'll go far, and we wish you all the best on **Graduation Day** and always!



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**TAYLOR RUTHERFORD**

As my senior year comes to an end, I am very appreciative of the people I have met on the way as well as proud of the obstacles I overcame. Throughout my years at Urbana, I never thought when people said, "High school will be over before you know it" would be a true statement; however, I was very wrong. Starting high school seemed scary, especially when it was during a pandemic. During my freshman year, I was completely online through UVA, which was a struggle while I was trying to maintain my physical as well as mental health. Embracing all the chaos, I persevered through all four years; I would not have made it without the help of my friends and educators, as well as family. Every time I felt I was slipping, they were always there to help me pick myself back up, and for that, I will be eternally grateful. I have gained a voice for those who have not yet learned theirs, as well for myself. After high school, I am diving head first into college to major in



addiction and integrated mental illness at Clark State and to continue at Wright State for the social worker program. I aspire to help teens, as well as adults, to find their voice and to find their worth as I did. In conclusion, my time at Urbana High School will forever be cherished in my heart as the foundation of how I grew out of my cocoon and spread my wings like a butterfly to soaring new beginnings.

**MATTHEW SCHRUPP**

At Urbana High School, I have had my fair share of difficult times with sports and grades. The last four years have been a blast. I have had an amazing time here at Urbana High School. My favorite teachers are Mrs. Frakowski, Mrs. deNijs, Mr. Russell, Mr. Klingler, Mr. Trenor, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Petty, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Deitloff, and Mrs. Simpson. They helped me through thick and thin in their classes. My favorite class is art; I adore art so much because I love to view everything creatively! In the past four years, I have also wrestled, done track, and learned how to skate (skateboard) even though some of the fun may have left some battle scars. I had so much fun with my teammates or just going solo. I have so many fond memories of my girlfriend Kat McDougall, my brother from another mother Holton King, my little sister Maya, and some other good friends like Carmine, Amarion, Josh, Michael, Espn, and others. In the end, I



owe everything to my mom and dad not just for giving me life, but for bringing me through life, guiding me through it, teaching me right and wrong, and making me into the Matthew Schrupp everyone loves and enjoys today; I will love them eternally! I also want to thank my coaches, including Mr. DeLong, Mr. Huff, and Mr. Sidders. I am very excited to Walk the Hill in 2024!!

**TROY RUTHERFORD**

I have lived in Urbana all my life. I went to Urbana Schools for all twelve years; the last four years at UHS flew by so fast. I want to thank my teachers and family for giving me the opportunity to graduate from Urbana High School. I want to thank Mrs. deNijs for helping me understand what I need to do on assignments. I would like to thank Mrs Simpson for making class fun with the cool art projects that we did in class, and the artist Wednesdays were always interesting. I would like to thank my mom and my dad for helping me out. I would like to thank my friends for making high school a fun time and hanging out outside school. I would like to thank myself for getting work done and getting me to graduation. I have learned many things throughout high school that I will remember for the rest of my life. I learned many



different things about students and friends through high school. UHS has great custodians: Jazzy is really nice and makes sure that people are having a great day. Mike is really great at making people laugh. I wish the best of luck to the Class of 2024, and I hope that life will be as fun high school was.

**ADDISYN SEBASTINAS**

My time at UHS has been filled with memories. Freshman year I thought this was going to be the longest four years of my life, but really the time has flown by. Cherish the times you get to spend with friends, teammates, coaches, and teachers because graduation comes by faster than you think. In my time at UHS, I played volleyball for two years and cheered for all four years, and I have taken tumbling classes my whole life. I am also involved in the National Honor Society, student council, and musical. I also played in the powderpuff game, and I am in Climber Singers. I want to thank all of my teachers throughout the years for always pushing me to persevere and overcome obstacles, and my friends and family for always sticking by my side. I also want to thank my coaches for never letting me give up and always pushing me to be better. My favorite high school memory is going to cheer for nationals my senior year.



We got to team bond while going to the Disney parks, staying in the hotel, and taking the mat together. This will be a team I will never forget, and I will always be thankful for. Next year, I will be attending Wittenberg University and majoring in exercise science. I plan to become a physical therapist. I will always remember the good times I had while at UHS.



**LAYNE SETTLE**

My time going through Urbana City Schools was busy. I have joined multiple extracurricular activities and represented our school at many state events. My biggest accomplishment was qualifying and competing at the national DECA competition. I also qualified and competed at the state tournament for wrestling, ending my high school wrestling career with a record of 98-42. I also participated in FFA for four years, football for four years, soccer for three years, track for one year, and tennis for one year. I would like to thank the following coaches for helping me grow as a person and an athlete: Jack Delong, Timmy Sidders, Zach Huff, Richard Stevens, Eric Hopkins, Joel Holland, Timmy Melvin, Tyler Wolf, Mike Grim, Ben Roseberry, and Patrick Trenor; furthermore, I would like to thank all the teachers who have helped



me grow and helped to make sure I was always able to participate in my many organizations. Finally, I would like to thank all of my family and friends who have helped and supported me to get to this point in my life. I plan on studying and wrestling at Heidelberg University following this school year.

**XAVIER SNYDER**

Urbana has given me many of my “firsts” throughout my time here. From my first time roller skating to my first time wearing a suit, Urbana has given me so many unique experiences that it is hard to list them here. I did not have much as a kid, but I had what I needed, and I was grateful. Once I moved to Urbana, everything started to change. Within one year of moving here, I met someone who would soon become my stepfather. Within three years, I began to mature as a person. Now, eight years after I moved here, I have made a great legacy for myself, especially in my senior year. Reputation-wise, I am viewed positively by most of my peers, which means a lot more to me than others would think. I was the school mascot Sparky for the year 2023-2024, and I had an amazing time thanks to the support of the student section. My first job helped me establish self-confidence, and I have now worked there for a year, which feels like a huge accomplishment. My time in DECA has been one the best experiences I have had to be a



part of, only to be toppled by being announced as the winter homecoming king. My time in Urbana has been the best years of my entire life, and I can not express how thankful I am to everyone who got me here today, whether it was by helping me with what I needed, being kind and supportive to me, and even as little as smiling back to me in the hallways. I will make sure to pay it forward and to keep making my friends and family proud for as long as I live.

**RICHARD SMITH III**

My name is Ricky Smith. My time at Urbana was short. I moved from Olentangy Liberty to Urbana during my junior year to live with my mom. I am currently on the track team, and I have been working on becoming a professional violinist. I have been playing the violin for over ten years, and I am a part of a group in downtown Columbus called Urban Strings. We are an all-Black youth orchestra that travels all around and competes with other orchestras. I have had many opportunities to be able to play with other professional violinists like Kevin Sylvester and Wilner Baptiste, the Black violinist who really inspired me into becoming the musician I am today. I was also able to be a part of the Olentangy Liberty Orchestra. My goal after graduating is to go to a community college at OSU and transfer into Berkeley to double major in music theory and architecture. After college, I am going to have my own youth orchestra and travel the world playing



at weddings, parties, and events. When I move to Arizona, I plan on going into real estate and business to build and flip houses. My favorite teacher during my whole high school career would have to be my junior history teacher, Rick Sedlacek. He always had a good story to tell and always had something funny to say and was just overall the best teacher anyone could ask for.

**ARIANNA SOUDERS**

“Who runs the world, Girls!” (Beyoncé) Something the world seems to forget is that in the wise words of Beyonce, girls run the world. This statement embodies female leadership, courage, and determination. Throughout my high school career, I have found that leadership is vital. Being in DECA has taught me to become a better leader within the world, to go outside of my comfort zone, and to take leadership roles. Some leadership roles I have taken on would be DECA officer, NHS officer, musical lead, Buckeye Girls State, student council, Champaign County Leadership Council, and cheerleading. Some women who have made a substantial impact on my high school career would be Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Evans, Ms. Cress, and my mom. All of these women are leaders who are insightful, intelligent, and determined; as I go through my adult years, I aspire to be like these women. My biggest regret in high school is not taking the leadership leap earlier. I had not joined



most of the leadership opportunities until my junior year and wish I had been more involved sooner. For the upcoming high school students, my message to you is to become a leader, make memories, and enjoy the moments while they last. After high school, I plan to go to The Ohio State University and double major in psychology and business. Once I have graduated college, I plan to attend medical school and become a pediatric psychiatrist.



**CATIE TIMM**

These past four years at UHS have been a good experience that helped me find things I enjoy doing. I am involved in DECA, Climber Singers, musical, student council, Champaign County Leadership Council, volleyball team, girls golf team, and National Honor Society. One of my biggest takeaways from high school is the importance of going outside my comfort zone and being involved. I was in DECA all four years, and not only was I able to make some great memories, but I was also able to make my career decisions based on this exposure. Some of my best highlights were placing first in the state my junior year and fifth in the nation at ICDC. I have even traveled to Orlando, Florida, and Anthem, California, through DECA. If it were not for Mr. Russell, I would have never been able to have those experiences, and I would like to thank him for always pushing me to go outside my comfort zone. I would also like to thank Mr. Myers who encouraged me to join the golf team my junior year and participate



in musicals. Both of these involvements were challenging at first, but because of the support I received, I was able to make some of my best high school memories. I would encourage anyone who is just coming into freshman year to get involved as much as possible. Go outside your comfort zone and try new things. As I go into college, I see this as a great opportunity to continue these practices. After high school, I plan to attend The Ohio State University and major in business marketing.

**CHRISTOPHER TRAWICK**

My four years in high school were difficult. I was not a straight A or A/B grade student (even though I could have been if I tried harder). I have had hardships with the assignments given or the people in this school. I was not a popular kid, but I was known and acknowledged by my entire class. The only things that got me through these four years were my friends and family who would push me harder than I have ever thought. I always hated it when they would keep pushing me on and on. My three brothers were especially hard on me about it. They yelled at me if I had a missing assignment or if I did badly on a test when they knew that I could have done better. Most importantly, they would stand up for me if there was a fight I was in. No matter what, they would risk their lives if it meant that I was ok. All of that aside, I had a great time at this school whether it was being in my favorite class, Team and Individual Sports, struggling to get a presentation,



or barely turning in an essay on time. My favorite teachers would also come from this school, which include Mr. Pittsenbarger, Mrs. Petty, and Mrs. deNijs. They teach very thoroughly and specifically so that you do not get lost or confused. If you do get confused, they will be willing to help you figure it out just so that you pass the class. Overall, my high school career was a blast, and if I could go back to do it again, I would.

**LAUREN TURNER**

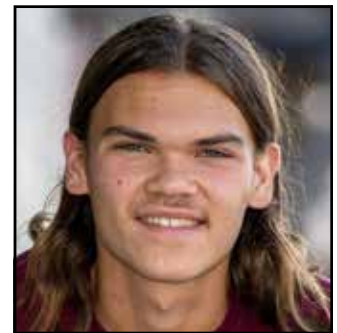
I have had a hard time in my twelve years of school due to the fact I am deaf in one ear. During the hard times, I would try and ask the teacher as many questions as I could to understand. For twelve years in school, I played different sports to have something to do after school. The first sport that I played was softball. I loved it so much. I was a pitcher for about two years, and I was a catcher for five years. I was also an outfielder until my senior year. I decided that since I am almost done with school, so I would focus on my school work more in my last two months of school. I played golf for four years of high school. I was on the first team in my junior year. Then my senior year, I got second team All CBC. I have also bowled for three years and went to state for two years,



but, unfortunately, we never made it to the top. I have found a college that has the classes I need to become a zoo veterinarian. The college that I am going to is the University of Findlay, where I got a \$20,000 scholarship.

**CHANDLER VANBUSKIRK**

The past four years have truly flown by. High school has given me memories I will remember and cherish for the rest of my life. I am thankful for all the opportunities Urbana High School has provided me and all the friends it has given me. Throughout my years of high school, I have met and become friends with so many amazing people that I cherish every single day. I am grateful I became involved with the cross country, track, and swim teams during high school. This presented me with so many opportunities and taught me the value of hard work. It brought me closer to several of my friends. A highlight of my high school career would be winning the CBC cross country championship my junior year. Winning that championship with all my friends and with a team we built from the ground up was a defining moment for my life. Another highlight would be earning the Hillclimber Award for cross country my senior year. I would like to say thank you to my friends and



family for always being there for me and supporting me and to Mr. Lighter for making me fall in love with both running and science. Without all of these important people in my life, I would not be where I am today. After high school, I plan on furthering my education and attending Ohio Northern University to major in chemistry. After this, I plan on attending a graduate school to earn a masters degree in chemistry.

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**ANDREW WEBB**

First, and foremost, I would like to thank God, my family, and my friends for making this possible. High school has been an experience of a lifetime. I have made so many memories over the last four years. Coming into high school was difficult. I just turned fourteen before school started. I was so much younger and smaller than everyone. I felt out of place and alone. Luckily, football and basketball helped me forge everlasting friendships. High school has also brought struggles, and some days I would be overwhelmed and hopeless. I knew I would be able to overcome these obstacles; my determination and grit allowed me to become a member of the National Honor Society and PBIS. These organizations and extracurriculars have given me the experience of a lifetime, and I could not be more grateful for the opportunity. High school has prepared me to handle adversity and to maintain balance throughout my life. High school has also given me the opportunity to realize how



much impact a person can have on your life, which has driven me to become a teacher and a coach. After going winless my freshman football season, I wanted to give up, but a new coach came. He came with a glimmer of hope. Since then, I have aspired to change lives through teaching and coaching. After high school, I plan to go to Wright State University and earn a master's degree in social science education with the hopes of becoming a teacher.

**BREYDEN WEBB**

It is crazy to think that graduation is so close. Everyone always talks about how you need to take the time to enjoy high school because of how fast it goes, and as a kid, you never really pay attention to that kind of thing. The four years have come and gone just like that and the lessons, memories, and friendships I have made will last me a lifetime. Most of the things I just listed came from my time playing sports during my time at Urbana. Football has been one of the most impactful things in my life. Football has brought me some of the best memories I have had during high school. All the laughs shared on the field, in the locker room, or in the film room will be something I will cherish forever. All of my sports gave me valuable lessons that I will carry with me throughout my life, and I will try to pass onto others. After high



school, I plan to go to Ohio Dominican University to play football and continue my education. I want to thank everyone who has helped me get to this point in my life. I want to especially thank my mother for always being there and pushing me to be the very best version of myself.

**JENNA WEIMER**

These past four years at Urbana High School have been a series of ups and downs. However, the experiences and memories I have made throughout my time are things I will cherish forever. Being a part of the volleyball, basketball, and softball teams has allowed me to create new friendships and memories that will be a stand-out part of my time at UHS. Winning sectionals for basketball my senior year is a memory I will never forget from my sports experiences. Along with the different sports teams I was a part of, I was also involved in musical, band, Climber Singers, student council, National Honor Society, and prom committee. My sophomore year the basketball team took a trip to Kentucky for a Christmas tournament. The memories from Kentucky of going out to dinner, enjoying late-night activities at the hotel, and exploring the city are some of my favorite memories from playing basketball. This was only one of the trips I took during my time at UHS. The other trip we took was in the summer going into my senior year. Some of the Spanish students went to Costa Rica with Señora. My favorite memories from Costa Rica include ziplining over the Monteverde Cloud



Forest, riding horses, and waking up for the sunrise over the beach. I would like to thank all my teachers for pushing me to my fullest potential. I would also like to thank my parents for always listening to my rants about school or sports and being the two people I could always rely on to help me with anything I needed. After high school, I plan on going to Bowling Green State University to pursue a degree in exercise science in hopes of becoming a physician's assistant with a specialty in sports medicine. When people said high school would fly by, they were not joking! I am forever grateful for these last four years, and I am looking forward to new opportunities outside of UHS.

**XAVIER WILLIAMS**

High school is going to be ending soon, and it feels like I have only been here for two years. My parents always told me to make so many memories because high school goes by fast. I will never forget all the memories that I made at UHS and the friends that I made. My favorite class hands down had to be Mrs. Petty's class. She always tried to make things fun, and she is one of the best teachers. The one thing that I would say that kept me going and kept pushing was track. I have run track since my seventh-grade year, and I loved meeting Coach Beau, Coach Edwards, and Coach Delong. They all made me a lot faster, but they also helped me become the better man I am today. I won Mad River CBC in the 100, and I went to state and got second to last with an (11.05). This year I hope to break the school record. Now, I am



going to run track at Mount Union: Go Raiders! I will be studying sports business. Since it is coming to an end, I would like to thank my dad. He had a rough start when I was a kid, and he pushed me for the better. I love UHS! Once a Climber always a Climber!



**ELY ZANFIROV**

You always hear "High school is the worst!" which at times may not be wrong, but it is not as bad as people make it seem. I have been going to Urbana since I moved here in the second grade. Unfortunately for my graduating class, we got the unlucky freshman year that happened during the original outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, so we had to deal with social distancing and masks for our freshman year and for part of our sophomore year. This caused problems for me. Mind you, I am not the best student, but that year was the worst out of all of them for me. After those years, time began to fly by. We are now halfway through the second semester of my senior year, and graduation is in about two months. Freshman year felt like a standstill, sophomore and junior year were faster,



but senior year has flown by faster than I can believe. In some ways, I wish it was slower, and in some ways, it was faster, but, all in all, it is a good experience. Thank you to the teachers that understood and helped me get through these four years of life.

Senior Tributes were unavailable for the following members of the Class of 2024. We congratulate these students, and we wish them luck in their future endeavors!

- Madison Allen, Tate Armstrong, Brandon Barney, Sarah Baum, Max Bowers, Willow Boysel, Clayton Chesbrough, Addison Daulton, Nathan Deere, Hudson Dong, Cameron Dorsey, Ali Gavol, Zavian Groom, Jamison Gunsaulies, Quinton Hughes, Holton King, Harley Lahrman, Lily McComas, John McCulla, Lance Russell, Talan Simsa, Ashlyn Tackett, Elijah Trimble, Maxwell Tucker, Ethan Waight, Zane Wertz, Garrett Whitacre.

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