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Teacher Superlatives

Chieftain Managing Staff

While we often highlight students in our cover story, this month we wanted to honor the many hard-working teachers within Indian Hill High School. As any Indian Hill student will tell you, the best part of the high school experience is the dedication and compassion of our teachers. With many shifting learning structures and restrictions on teaching methods, our faculty has had to innovate and adapt in ways that we have never seen before. Even through this adversity, the Indian Hill teaching staff has continued operating at the level of excellence we have come to expect at IHHS. Therefore, we nominated a series of teachers for some fun award to show our gratitude for their hard work and devotion. We hope that all teachers have a great rest of the year and from all of us here at Chieftain: have a happy Thanksgiving!

While many teachers say funny things throughout the day, the Chieftain staff highlighted four teachers who we deemed the "Most Quotable". From the Social Studies department, we nominated the quick-witted, joke-cracking, Econ-loving Mr. Slonim (A.K.A. MR. PARd). From the Marketing department, we nominated the DECA-champion, Mr. Said. From the English department, we nominated someone who often dons a Chieftain t-shirt, Mr. Whitt. And finally, from the Music department, we nominated the piano-legend, theory-mastermind, Mr. Clary. With a narrow vote, the student body selected **Mr. Clary** as the Most Quotable Teacher!

With many IHHS students achieving fame on *TikTok*, it raises one question: which teacher would be most likely to go viral on the video-streaming platform? Our Chieftain staff narrowed the race down to four: Mr. Atwood, Mr. Broxterman, Ms. Jackson, and Mrs. Savage. In another close margin, the student body determined that **Mrs. Savage** has the best odds of being the next *TikTok* celebrity. With her noteworthy remix of Rudolph with a chemistry-spin at last year's talent show, we have no doubt that Mrs. Savage could be the next big thing!!

As students traverse the halls of Indian Hill, they hear many things. The bustling of students, the chimes of school bells, and, most importantly, the voices of teachers. While each voice is unique, we asked the student body to determine which teacher had the "Most Distinguishable Voice". Between four nominees (Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Ignatz, Mrs. Savage, and Mrs. Schonauer), one was a clear winner. With 50% of the vote - **Mrs. Savage** won her second award! Like most students, the Chieftain staff loves hearing Mrs. Savage's voice everyday in the hallways. Just be sure to MOOOOOVE to get to your next class!

Beyond the classroom, many teachers have expertise in

subjects beyond their field of study. We asked the student body to determine which teacher was most likely to win *Jeopardy*. Between four nominees (Mr. Kirk, Mr. Guy, Mrs. Burgess, and Mrs. Mendoza), **Mr. Kirk** was able to take the lead. We'll take "Awesome Teachers" for \$1,000!

With many important elections occurring this month, we decided to have one of our own. We nominated three teachers (Mr. Atwood, Mr. Guy, and Mrs. Savage) to determine who is most likely to be president. With only a few votes determining this election, **Mr. Atwood** was elected president by the student body! Unfortunately for the other candidates, we will not be holding a recount.

As any student will tell you, the most stressful part of being a student is waiting for grades. The Chieftain Staff decided to poll the student body on which teacher had the fastest grading time between four nominees: Mr. Debbink, Mr. Guy, Ms. Jackson, and Mrs. Savage. And with a clear victory, **Mrs. Savage** was able to win her third award! Clearly her speed on the cross country field translates to her speed in ProgressBook!

While grades are certainly an important part of the student experience, we spend most of our time in the classroom. A cool classroom design can inspire students to think about issues in a different way. We asked students to decide between four candidates: Dr. Watson, Mrs. Sayre, Mrs. McCarthy, and Mr. Millard. With an extremely close race between Dr. Watson and Mrs. Sayre, the student body determined that **Mrs. Sayre** had the coolest classroom!

Now, for our final and most important award. While classrooms, voices, grades, and quotability are all important factors to a fun classroom experience, there is one quality that can make or break a class: humor. The Chieftain Staff decided upon four nominees: Mr. Broxterman, Mr. Reger, Mr. Slonim, and Mr. Whitt. Similar to the previous category, it was a close race between Mr. Broxterman and Mr. Reger. With a three vote difference, **Mr. Reger** was determined to be the funniest teacher!

We thank all of our teachers for indulging us with this fun way of honoring them! ■

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November This & That

Tacey Hutton '22

The "Looop"

Fast fashion is one of the most wasteful industries in the world, and with public pressure on the rise, big companies are making changes. For example, at one of H&M's stores in Stockholm, customers are now able to recycle old garments and turn them into something new. The machine, called the "Looop," shreds clothing into fibers and reassembles it into an item of the customer's choosing. While currently very limited, this process may represent the future of sustainable fashion. ■



Biden's COVID Task Force

As U.S. Covid-19 deaths near 250,000, President-elect Biden has promised to pursue an aggressive federal response when he takes office in January. Just days after the election, Biden announced his COVID task force. With thirteen members total, the group's co-chairs are Dr. Murthy and Dr. Kessler, who have been advising the Biden campaign since March, and Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, an associate professor at the Yale School of Medicine. ■

School Science Experiments in Space

Blue Origin, a rocket company founded by Jeff Bezos, has started a program that connects young students with space travel. As early as elementary school, students can work with aerospace engineers to design science experiments to be sent into space. Surprisingly, the cost of these experiments is less than you would expect - about half the price of high school football uniforms. By no means is this widely affordable, but with time, this program could become a more accessible part of science curriculums. ■



Kardashian Controversy

The Kardashians are known for doing and saying some pretty audacious things - it's part of how they've amassed such a large following. Most recently, Kim Kardashian posted pictures of her family on a private island - in the middle of a global pandemic. To celebrate her 40th birthday, Kim took dozens of friends on a trip so they "could pretend things were normal just for a brief moment in time." Needless to say, the photo and caption weren't received well ... ■

Pfizer Vaccine

Since the outbreak of the COVID pandemic, scientists have been racing to find a vaccine. At the beginning of November, pharmaceutical company Pfizer announced that its vaccine had successfully undergone its first major clinical trial. The early data suggests that the vaccine is over 90% effective and researchers have not identified any serious safety concerns. While it's still early in the process, these positive results are record-breaking considering the development happened in less than one year. ■

Stacey Abrams Turns Georgia Blue!

In this election, Georgia went blue for the first time in nearly three decades. One of the driving forces behind this flip was a woman named Stacey Abrams, a leader in the national fight for voting rights. Abrams raised millions of dollars to help organize and register hundreds of thousands of voters. She shared that the Democratic Party's strategy was not to flip White voters, but "reshape the electorate," i.e. increase registration and turnout among young, Black, and Latinx voters. ■



Nanaia Mahuta and Moko Kauae

Nanaia Mahuta has long been breaking down barriers. Most recently, she was named New Zealand's first indigenous female foreign minister. With her appointment, Māori facial tattoos, known as Moko Kauae, have received more visibility. The traditional tattoos have individual and significant cultural meaning, and many indigenous people view them as a means of reclaiming their heritage. The complex designs represent details about social status, occupation, family history, and are becoming increasingly popular in New Zealand. ■



Movies Out of This World

Space travel has long been a popular subject for filmmakers, though production usually makes use of special effects and carefully designed sets to present the appropriate setting. But what if movies about space involved space travel? Actor Tom Cruise wants to make this idea reality, and NASA is on board. The head of NASA has confirmed that Cruise will fly to and stay aboard the International Space Station, becoming the first actor to do so. ■

November 2020

Hurricanes

Eshaan Gandhi '24

Over the course of 2020, the world has been hit hard with politics, disease, racism, and environmental damage. From the end of summer to the present day, many damaging hurricanes have hit the west coast of the Atlantic Ocean. As these hurricanes tear through the coasts, water levels rise, buildings get damaged, and lives are lost. There is absolutely no way to stop some of the most environmentally dangerous storms in the world. In 2017, three Category-5 hurricanes hit the west coast of the Atlantic Ocean causing billions of dollars worth of damage. Puerto Rico, where Hurricane Irma hit, is still recovering from that terrible storm that destroyed most of their country. In 2018, Hurricane Florence hit the East coast of the United States, causing 24 billion dollars of damage and 53 deaths. In 2019, Hurricane Dorian hit the southeast coast of the United States and caused 6 billion dollars in damage. Finally, the current hurricane that is devastating the west coast of the Atlantic Ocean: Hurricane Sally. This category 2 hurricane caused a little less than 7 billion dollars worth of damage and 8 lives were lost. Hurricane Sally was the first hurricane to hit Alabama since Hurricane Ivan in 2004, which coincidentally occurred on the same days as Hurricane Sally. Now, other hurricanes and tropical storms have occurred in 2020, but none have been destructive as Hurricane Sally quite yet. It's important for us to know how dangerous these hurricanes really are so that if we find ourselves in a bad situation involving a hurricane, we know what to do. As the hurricane season comes to an end, expect to see more hurricanes that rip through countries next year. Who knows? We could certainly have a year full of hurricanes and destruction. ■

Sarah McBride Election

Sarika Singh '23

Needless to say, this year has been hectic for everyone. From the multiple celebrity deaths, coronavirus, and the election, the positive things in our lives can be clouded. In the election not only are we electing a president, but we are also electing senators and representatives. One of the biggest strides towards equality that we experienced this year was the election of Sarah McBride, a candidate from Delaware and the first transgender woman to be elected Senator. McBride is to be sworn in as the Senator of Delaware in January and her election has proven to be one of the biggest leaps in changing our government system. Sarah McBride breaks the glass ceiling by becoming the first openly transgender woman to ever hold a position in the Senate. She is also a spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, the largest LGBTQ+ advocacy organization. However, this is not the first time she has broken a glass ceiling. McBride has been making political changes for nearly half of her life. In 2016, she was the first transgender person to speak at a major party convention, the Democratic National Convention. She also interned at the Obama White House, becoming the first transgender woman to do so. McBride is fighting for many policies including affordable healthcare, schools, and the reformation of the criminal justice system. After watching her husband battle cancer, healthcare became a very personal issue for her and she wants to make it easier for families to get through such a difficult time, without having to worry about finances. McBride's goal is to show kids like her that there is space in democracy for them. Like Barack Obama or Kamala Harris, Sarah McBride is becoming a representative of the minorities in our society by becoming an LGBTQ+ representative in our government. She inspires us all to fight for our rights and break more glass ceilings. ■



Only the Beginning: America's Election 2020

Anonymous

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris have won the presidency, defeating incumbent Donald Trump. Despite the president's claims to the contrary, there is virtually no path to a second term. But the conditions and details of the Democratic 'victory' and Republican 'loss' are important - these conditions and details are what will define the coming two and four years.

After a long and exhausting election, former Vice President Joe Biden has been elected to be the 46th president of the United States, defeating his opponent, incumbent President Donald Trump, by nearly five million votes nationally. In desperation, the Trump campaign has filed numerous lawsuits claiming voter fraud and electoral interference in support of the Biden campaign, but has failed to provide evidence suitable enough for the courts, if they had any evidence to begin with (in many cases, they didn't). Trump has also fired his own appointed election security officials as they state that the 2020 election has been the most secure in American history. But the political theatre and drama originating from Trump's refusal to accept his defeat is nothing shocking, and changes very little in the end. Despite his refusal, barring any dramatic developments, on January 20th, 2021, Joe Biden will be sworn in as the 46th President of the United States. More shocking, perhaps, is what happened in congressional, state, and local races, and what these races tell us of the future.

The failure of pollsters to accurately predict the election has disappointed and frustrated many, especially those within the Democratic establishment, who took the polls to heart. Centrist Democratic candidates running in Maine, Texas, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and so-forth failed to deliver the supposed 'blue wave', and despite winning two Senate races in Colorado and Arizona, the Democrats have left election night without a Senate majority. Ahead of the future Biden administration then lies what is likely to be an obstructionist Republican-controlled Senate under the Majority Leader Senator Mitch McConnell, likely to stonewall any legislation put forward by the Democratically controlled House of Representatives. And while Democrats continue to hold the house, eleven House seats have been lost by center-right or centrist Democratic members. The failure of Democrats to deliver a 'blue wave' has already sent shockwaves throughout the party, with centrist factions blaming progressives for their loss, and progressive factions calling for the larger Democratic Party to adopt popular policies. As of now, control of the Senate hing

es on two runoff Senate races in Georgia which will be conducted in January. These two seats will determine the next two years of American governance.

Throughout the country, while Democrats lost many more races than Republicans, a slew of state ballot measures boasting progressive ideas passed. In Michigan, a measure to require a search warrant for electronic data passed overwhelmingly. Oregon voted to pass a measure to fund drug treatment centers with marijuana tax money. Florida passed a measure to raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 USD an hour, despite voting for Trump in the general election. Colorado established paid family and medical leave and voted to join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, an agreement between states to allocate their majority share of electoral college votes to the presidential candidate who wins the national popular vote. Alaska passed a measure to establish state-wide ranked choice voting, joining Maine as the only states to use it for state and federal elections. Utah overwhelmingly passed an amendment to modify their state constitution to remove slavery as a punishment for crime. Arizona, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, and South Dakota all voted to legalize marijuana by large margins. Progressives have already begun to push for the Democratic Party to shift left, citing their victories on state ballot measures as a popular mandate for their ideas. Only time will tell whether or not Democrats will change their strategy. ■



Thanksgiving

Jesslyn Gunadi and Libby Hoicowitz '24

(Note to Readers: This is an abridged version of another article that will be found in the Special Thanksgiving Edition of Chieftain.)

Thanksgiving is just around the corner - during a time when our world is in a tough situation, it is even more important that we are grateful for what we have. We have faced many adversities as a community in the past year, from the pandemic and the closing of school to dealing with a lot of different procedures we were not used to before. However, on Thanksgiving day, let us look at the positive memories that we have made with ourselves and with the people we love this year. In the words of Will Klekamp (Class of 2021), "Thanksgiving is a time of celebration for everything that I am thankful for. It is a time to cherish the time spent with your friends and family. It means much more than the turkey and mashed potatoes that are on the dinner table. Instead, it means giving back to those who are less fortunate and reflecting on everything I am thankful and grateful for."

Whether you celebrate Thanksgiving or not, let's all take a moment to appreciate all that we have: here are some things students said they are grateful for.

- Greta Zender (22') -- "My supportive friends and family. They are always there for me when I need them the most, cheer me up when I'm feeling down, and encourage me to be the best person that I can be."
- Robert Brunner (21') - "Second chances, they're rare and sometimes can change so much."
- Issac Acheson (24') - "this amazing community and the supportive environment I have discovered here."

These are just a few of the responses we've received from students. If you're interested in how to show your gratefulness, here are some ideas: surprise your family by making an extra meal to share on Thanksgiving day, take initiative around the house, reach out to an old friend or a relative you have drifted from, make a donation for someone less fortunate, put aside extra time for spending with the people you love, or do something kind for your neighbors. As this Thanksgiving nears, let us all take a moment to appreciate all the people we have in our lives, all the opportunities that we have, and all the positive memories we have created this year together. ■

The Tiny Home and Eco-House Trend

Memrie Harness '22

A lot of recent trends involve purchasing large amounts of various products, food, or other materialistic goods. This is not surprising due to the avaricious nature of this generation. A lot of times we make plans that are centralized around spending and we focus a lot of our lives on material gain. One recent trend though has broken past these common ideals and evolved into a more sustainable practice. The tiny home trend is growing in both our generation and older age groups. Something about a small, cute home appeals to many people which is great because these houses require less resources and also produces less pollution. Lots of people around the world are embracing the idea of living with less and choosing this "tiny" lifestyle has a huge impact on the world.

The New York Post found that tiny house users slashed their energy consumption by 45%. This is a massive improvement that will collectively benefit the world. Tiny home residents also have reduced their ecological footprint from about 17.3 to 9.5 acres, which is incredible. Moving into a tiny home also decreases someone's wasteful behavior in general. People were found more likely to consume less energy intensive food products and try more environmentally friendly eating habits. Oftentimes, people will begin to eat locally and even grow more of their own food. Participants of this trend were also found to travel less by energy consuming vehicles such as cars, buses, airplanes, etc. and instead used other modes of transportation and drove more fuel efficient cars. While this seems like a pretty drastic change just from switching to a smaller home, making a lifestyle change is all about mindset. Once you are consciously thinking about how you are making a difference in one way, the others begin to fall into place. The concept of using less is not difficult, it just takes constant effort and motivation to be the best version of yourself. Not only are these tiny houses efficient, but they are also adorable and more affordable. You get a lot of creative freedom when designing or purchasing a tiny house and since they take up less space, and you are also spending less money. This situation benefits both the buyer and the environment, which is the ultimate goal.

Another great alternative to this trend, is the growing "eco-house." Eco-houses use minimal energy and are often built from recycled materials. Solar panels are

Working the Polls

Vandita Rastogi '21

If anything, 2020 has taught us to always expect the unexpected and to go with the flow. It's taught us to get out of our comfort zone and take risks. Most importantly, it has taught us to help those who need it most in critical times. As the pandemic rages on, it has become imperative for young people to take the lead in positions they previously may never have. One of those critical places: election precinct locations.

In recent election years, senior citizens were the ones to step up as volunteers at the polls. However, as the pandemic makes it dangerous for the elderly to go into hotspots, students around the country volunteered to take their place this year. One of those students included me.

As a poll worker, I took part in online training, set up the location with the team the night before the big day, and spent almost 15 hours in the library (a precinct location) on Election Day. In the morning, I directed voters to the scanners, ensuring that their ballots were correctly cast and redirected them outside. The team also made sure to fully sanitize each station before and after a voter used it. The last 14 or so hours, I helped check voters in, guaranteeing that they had a valid ID, were registered and were in the correct location. While we did have some hassle with an angry voter who was annoyed that he couldn't vote at the library, the rest of the day was quite calm. At the end of the day, it was rewarding to be a part of such an important government process. I got to understand the stances of voters on important issues and why they were eager to cast their vote. We even cheered on first-time voters, creating a welcoming and motivating atmosphere for all.



I encourage young people to go out there and take part in such a monumental process of our democracy. Now, more than ever, the country needs us to step up and make a change. It's a rewarding opportunity, and it's not limited to just working the polls: you can campaign for candidates, write to your Congressmen/Congresswomen about the issues you care about, or even write a letter to a local newspaper. ■

often placed on the roof of the house to power it, which are amazing and can sometimes be more reliable when compared to normal electricity (which can power off randomly). Wind and water power are other options which also work very well, sunlight is just the most common option. Living in an eco-house will help reduce your carbon footprint and also your expenses. It is much more cost efficient to live in one of these houses since the building cost is much less and the maintenance is reduced. The eco-house's cousin, the trailer/RV, is also gaining popularity. Many people have turned old vans and large cars into homes and travelled the world. Though these machines do use up resources and pollute the environment, they are extremely efficient given that people chose to live in them for long periods of time.

How we choose to live our lives drastically impacts the environment. It takes a conscious effort to "use less," but it is extremely rewarding to both the person doing the action and the world. Tiny houses and eco-houses are the future and seeing a surge in support of them is very promising. ■



A Tribute to Alex Trebek

Pranav Rastogi '23

On November 8th, Alex Trebek, the longtime host of Jeopardy!, lost his battle against pancreatic cancer, a disease he had been fighting since March of 2019. Trebek succeeded Arthur Fleming in 1984, and his 36 years there earned him eight Emmy Awards and 33 nominations for Outstanding Game Show Host. Although Trebek has hosted numerous other game shows such as The Wizard of Odds, Double Dare, High Rollers, etc., he is most famously known for hosting one of the most popular trivia game shows ever made, Jeopardy!

Here is a look at Alex Trebek's greatest moments on *Jeopardy!*

April 1, 1997—On April Fools' Day in 1997, Trebek and Wheel of Fortune Host Pat Sajak switched game shows. Trebek hosted Wheel of Fortune for that night while Sajak hosted Jeopardy. <http://bitly.ws/aAxL>

May 23, 2005—During the 2005 Ultimate Tournament of Champions, Alex Trebek walked out on stage without any pants on as he said, "I was informed backstage that our three contestants Ken Brad and Jerome wanted to relieve some of the tension and they said we must do the program without trousers." <http://bitly.ws/aAxN>

June 23, 2010—In the first round of Jeopardy, a category named, "Alex Meets Auto-Tune" featured 5 different digitally-altered songs sung by the host himself, Alex Trebek. A smile spread across the faces of the contestants as they came up with the correct question for each answer. <http://bitly.ws/aAxT>

Feb 20, 2017 — In the first round of the College Championships for Jeopardy!, a category named "Let's Rap, Kids" got Alex in the rhythm and rhyme as he rapped famous lyrics from artists such as Drake, Kanye West, Lil Wayne, Kendrick Lamar, etc. The three students from Georgetown University (Julia), MIT (Lilly), and Caltech (Alex), finished the entire category missing only one.

Trebek's personality lightened the atmosphere and brought joy to millions of viewers at home who tuned in every night at 7:30 to watch the greatest trivia game show. His tapings will air until Christmas, December 25th. This. Is. Jeopardy. ■

The Revolution of 1800 and The Transition of Power

David Kholodenko '21

The elections are over, the ballots are cast, the votes are decided. So, what happens next? The transition of power is one of the cornerstones of democracy, both in America and around the world. As we take a look at the results and the upcoming final days of the Trump presidency, now would be a good time to open up a separate chapter of American History: 1800.

19 years after the British surrendered at Yorktown and the American Revolution was nearly complete, the third election to decide the country's president would occur. Despite Washington's warning against political parties, two main groups had formed: the Federalists, who nominated John Adams and Charles Pinckney (since electors could vote twice at the time to make a ticket, two men were nominated) - and the Democratic-Republicans, who nominated Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr.

The election of 1800 is notable for two reasons: the extreme partisanship throughout the country and the transition of power from one party to another. In fact, the country was so split that even after the Democratic-republican party itself clearly won, the election was still tied between Aaron Burr and Thomas Jefferson (who both had the same number of electoral votes due to a failed plan).

The election of 1800 affirmed the roles of the Constitution and electors in deciding a president and clearing deadlock, especially in cases when political neutrality is seldom found. The 2020 election, while decidedly in favor of Biden, still shares the extremely partisan nature of one faced 220 years ago.

The peaceful transition of power from one president to another has been ironed out and solidified throughout America's history. Unlike the many presidents before him, however, Trump's claims on Twitter that he has won the election due to massive voter fraud raises significant concerns for this process. Trump has launched lawsuits in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and other states just weeks after the Associated Press called the election for Joe Biden.

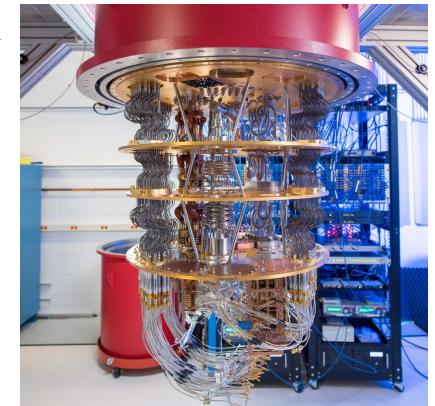
According to Factcheck.org, many of Trump's claims of voting fraud and illegitimacy do not hold up. Two examples of these claims lie in Michigan and Arizona.

Quantum Computing

Arjun Verma '24

When you hear about the new technology product that's supposedly "faster" than the previous models, what do you imagine? For most devices this means an advancement of the CPU (Central Processing Unit), the "brain" of the device. CPUs process data and perform complex arithmetic operations in order to execute programs and software on a device. The faster a CPU can process these operations, the faster the device can run. Inside the CPU are billions (as of 2006) of transistors that each individually process a part of an operation. Therefore, the more transistors a CPU can hold, the faster processing speeds can be achieved. This is what many tech companies are striving for. Take Apple's iPhone as an example. With every new model of iPhone released, the CPU contains more transistors, allowing the phone to be significantly faster than its predecessors. So far, the smallest transistor size is around 5 nm (around 10 silicon atoms) in length.

However, at this size unusual properties affect the abilities of transistors. Transistors work by controlling whether an electron is able to travel via controlling "on" or "off". With increasingly smaller transistors, electrons can "jump" the transistor in a phenomenon called quantum tunneling. Quantum tunneling limits the capability of transistors, but this gives way to another potential, quantum computing. In quantum computing, bits (a type of data storage contained in either 0 or 1) are not used; a quantum bit (qubit) is used instead. Unlike normal bits, qubits do not have a specific value. Qubits can contain 2 values— 1 and 0—at the same time. This creates potential opportunities for advanced computing. For example, 50 qubits can result in 2^{50} solutions, which allows quantum computers to process large amounts of data in a few hundred seconds compared to the months and years a "normal" computer would take. ■



Chieftain Chews

Will Ford '21

What would Thanksgiving truly be without the interplay between flaky crust and smooth, creamy filling to create a decadent pumpkin pie? Follow the recipe below to recreate this delicious, time-honored classic:

INGREDIENTS

Pie Crust:
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup ice water

Pie Filling:
1 can (398 mL) pumpkin puree
1 large egg
3 egg yolks
1 cup sweetened condensed milk
1/2 teaspoon grated ginger
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon fine salt

DIRECTIONS

To Make the Pie Crust:

1. Add flour, butter, sugar, and salt into a food processor. Pulse on and off until flour mixture forms into small pieces of dough.
2. Drizzle ice water into the mixture. Close the lid and continue to pulse on and off for another minute, until the dough turns into a breadcrumb consistency.
3. Transfer dough on a work surface. Use your hands to squeeze all the pieces together until it forms into "dough." Shape it into a smooth disc. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.
4. Dust a work surface with flour and roll out the dough into a 14-inch circle. Transfer the rolled dough to a greased 9-inch pie plate. Fold the dough around the rim and tuck them under. Crimp edges with your fingers.
5. To Make the Pie:
 - Preheat the oven to 425° F.
 - In a large bowl, whisk together pumpkin puree, egg, and egg yolks, until smooth. Add remaining ingredients after thorough whisking. Mix until combined.
 - Pour filling into the prepared pie crust and lightly shake the pie plate to release air bubbles.
 - Bake for 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 350°F and bake for another 40 minutes. The filling should be set in the middle at this point. To check if the pie is ready, insert a toothpick into the filling, approximately 1 inch from the crust; if it comes out clean, it's ready. Do NOT overbake.
 - Remove from oven and allow pie to cool completely before serving (~ 2 hours at room temperature). Once cooled down, serve immediately or place in refrigerator for storage.
 - To serve, do yourself a favor - top with whipped cream and pecans. Enjoy! ■

Queens Gambit

Sophie Sawyers & Will Ford '21

"Irresistible coming-of-age drama. No prior chess expertise required."

Occurring in the 1960s amidst the Cold War Era, The Queen's Gambit recounts the story of the orphaned Beth Harmon and her quest to become a world champion chess player. The young heroine - initially a timid, impersonal, and unsociable figure - is introduced to the royal game by a resident janitor, who happens to be a handyman and chess aficionado. The kvetch, jaded with the steady flow of his troublesome life, is highly reluctant to take on Beth as a pupil, but her persistence and natural talent win out and thus begin the rise of the prodigy.

Though she shines at the board, Harmon is also an enigmatic and deeply flawed character whose only solace lies in merely two things: her zeal for chess ... and her addiction to tranquilizers and alcohol. It is this duality and struggle between self-destructiveness and natural ability that define her as much as the world in which she lives, a world that sees her as a subordinate female chess player. Even a woman journalist interviewing her for Life magazine shows an inability to see beyond this and suggests the "less competitive" game of bridge might suit her gender better.

As Beth enters her adolescence, we see the evolution of the girl's initial social awkwardness and youthfulness. This is not only seen in subtle changes in her hair and body language, but also her way of walking and presenting herself, all while juggling the pent-up anger and solitude of her existence, conveying a brilliant and moving performance.

While this 1960s story of a female chess champion is captivating on its own, The Queen's Gambit also features an extraordinary cast of characters. Leading the show as Beth Harmon is Anya Taylor-Joy, best known for her roles in Atlantis, Peaky Blinders, and The Witch. The show also features Thomas Brodie-Sangster as Benny Watts, who is known for his roles in Love Actually, Nanny McPhee, Phineas and Ferb, Game of Thrones, and Maze Runner. Harry Melling, best known for his role as Dudley Vernon in the Harry Potter series, also makes an appearance in the role of Harry Beltik. With an amazing cast and an intriguing storyline, it's no wonder that The Queen's Gambit is exceeding expectations.

Freshman Spotlight: Marco Ryes

Chieftain Management Staff and Louie Ryes

While we normally release a series of spotlights on the senior class at Indian Hill, this month we wanted to highlight one of our newest students to Indian Hill High School. This freshman spotlight seeks to highlight an exceptional student within the Indian Hill School District that embodies what it means to be a Brave. For our freshman spotlight, we are very happy to introduce you to Marco Ryes!

Marco Ryes is a 16-year-old who has Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and apraxia, and is the inspiration behind Angels' Castle, a public charity nonprofit organization aiming to provide young adults with special needs with continuing education beyond high school.

Marco just started his high school career at Indian Hill High School, and is as sweet of a person as it gets. He enjoys swimming, swinging, YouTube, and making friends. He is also currently pursuing a modeling career at NV Models and Talent, and is positioned to be the owner of Angels' Castle. ■



After its release less than one month ago, The Queen's Gambit has already received stellar reviews and enormous praise from both viewers and critics. Currently valued at 100% on Rotten Tomatoes, The Queen's Gambit is ranked as the #1 television show on Netflix. In fact, according to Forbes, the show is "the only Netflix original series in the top 10 overall list on the site." The New Yorker has further claimed that "The Queen's Gambit is the most satisfying show on television." After noticing the widespread acclaim of the show and considering COVID protocols, the Brooklyn Museum in New York City decided to present another opportunity for fans to connect with the show through its virtual exhibit entitled "The Queen and the Crown." The exhibition, with its entire collection viewable from an electronic device, displays costumes used in both The Queen's Gambit and popular TV show The Crown for fans to view at home along with bonus features such as interviews, pictures from the series, etc. linked to each costume. As a limited series released during a time marked by binge-watching as more people stay at home, The Queen's Gambit is dominating charts and hearts across the world. ■



Oculus Quest 2

Elsa Zhou & Min-Jae Kim '23

Has VR ever appealed to you? Would you immerse yourself in a whole new world through sight and sound? Virtual Reality offers a new perspective and experience to the beholder. Allowing for the user to traverse unknown planets, kill enemies, or even just hang out with your friends, VR possibilities abound, and these examples tell only a fraction of what could lay in the future. Oculus has just recently released the 2nd model of the 2nd generation of Oculus headsets, the Oculus Quest 2. The Facebook-owned corporation recently released the model on October 13th after months of speculation on possible improvements. Now, one of the cheapest yet highest-quality VR headsets available, the headset and controller pack still costs a pretty penny: specifically, 29,900 of them (or \$299). Originally sold with 64GB of data, an upgraded Oculus Quest 2 includes a significant increase in storage to 256GB of data which brings the cost up to \$399. However, the standard Oculus Quest 2 package already comes with the headset itself and two touch controllers, as well as assorted other accessories.

Origins

To get a better picture of the Oculus Quest 2, we can take a look at the original Oculus Quest, its predecessor. The original Quest was the first wireless headset in the Oculus line, the previous Oculus Rift and Oculus Rift S both requiring a physical computer connection, and though we may not think of it, this in itself is already an achievement. Prior VR headsets used to require powerful gaming computers, mounted cameras, and countless wires. However, offering complete mobility to the user, no VR-ready PC is required for both Oculus Quests, making VR easier than ever. The original Oculus Quest also included external and integrated cameras that allow for the headset to track hand and body movements, as does the Oculus Quest 2. Both VR headsets are 6DOF, meaning the controllers account for 6 Degrees of Freedom or movement as seen in the picture to the right.



Changes

The Oculus Quest 2 still retains the wireless aspect as well, but new improvements include a better resolution, a jump to 1832x1920 pixels for each eye from the 1400x1600px of the original Quest. The new Quest includes a 72hz refresh rate (the rate at which a screen refreshes its image to reduce motion blur), which disappointingly stayed the same as the previous Quest. However, Oculus has promised a 90hz upgrade at an undetermined future date, but currently, the VR's refresh rate still sits at 72hz. The previous Oculus's OLED display has also been replaced with an LCD display, offering much better image quality, an aspect that some reviewers have deemed worthwhile despite some color inaccuracies related to LCD displays.

Facebook's Involvement

One drawback of the Oculus Quest 2 is the required Facebook login. Controversy over Facebook's acquisition of Oculus itself still remains. The company was originally a small workforce of garage-dwelling college dropout geniuses whose Kickstarter campaign to fund their initial products gave Oculus a homegrown and underdog feeling, and Facebook's domineering conglomerate reputation generated criticism. Facebook's constant user data privacy concerns exacerbate the problem, but for some, logging in does as having one of the leading VR headsets on the market could potentially outweigh Facebook's presence in the product.

Looking Forward

Within VR is the future. Spielberg's Ready Player One movie foreshadows omni-directional headsets and technological advances such as this could very well be within our line of sight. Though admittedly small, the improvements included in the Oculus Quest 2 represent steps towards the future of VR and what it could hold for the rest of the world as technology continues to advance in leaps and bounds. Companies such as Oculus will carve out and mold the future, and we can't wait to see what will come next. ■

Bachelor Panel

Mady Kahn '22

On October 13, the 16th season of The Bachelorette finally premiered after a long awaited break. Typically, The Bachelorette airs in May, however filming was pushed back this season due to COVID-19. This season's bachelorette - or should I say it's originally intended bachelorette - is Clare Crawley, who was the runner up on Juan Pablo's season in 2014 and was on seasons 1 and 2 of Bachelor in Paradise. Clare is the oldest bachelorette in the show's history, turning 39 years old prior to the show's filming in July. So, right away, this season is already very different than those in the past, and in some aspects I might have to agree with Chris Harrison's famous words in saying that it is the "most dramatic season we've ever seen."

While it is always normal for there to be a strong connection between a few of the contestants on the first night, I don't think that I've ever seen anyone quite so committed to one relationship on night one. If you've been paying any attention to what's happening in Bachelor Nation, then I'm positive that you have heard of the one and only Dale. The second that Dale stepped out of the limo, there was no going back. It was truly love at first sight for Clare. In fact, she said, "I definitely feel like I just met my husband," which according to Chris Harrison was the first time in bachelor history that anyone has ever said that right off the bat. Now, I could get into some of the drama that happened with Clare's men over the first few episodes, but I honestly feel like most of it is irrelevant (which when it comes to bachelor related drama I almost never say) since it was so obvious from the start that Clare was really only interested in Dale. Quite frankly, I didn't even know most of the guys' names because Dale was the only one that Clare really wanted to spend time with. So, *spoiler alert* After only 4 episodes, Dale proposed to Clare and, no surprise, she said yes! But any Bachelorette fan knows that we need more than just four episodes per season, especially after such a long wait, so... they decided to make Tayshia the new bachelorette! Tayshia was on Colton's season of The Bachelor and season 6 of BIP (where she dated the one and only John Paul Jones, which was a very unique couple to say the least). I think that Tayshia will be an excellent bachelorette and I'm super excited to watch what happens next! ■

Athlete of the Month: Bridget Schumacher

Chieftain Management Staff and Audrey Bristol '21

Each month Chieftain hosts a community poll to determine the athlete of the month. This month had a clear winner. As an accomplished competitor and leader, Bridget Schumacher was able to lead the Indian Hill Field Hockey team to a historic semi-final placement in the State competition. This was Indian Hill's best placement in two decades! In an interview with Indian Hill District Staff, Bridget stated that "this season meant a lot to [her]... because of our leadership... and how tight this team is". Bridget was one of three senior captains who led her team to victory against power-house competitors like St. Ursula Academy, Ursuline Academy, and Mount Notre Dame. Indian Hill Seniors Cameron Rabenold and Maria Lindbergh were also part of the leadership team behind these astounding victories. Bridget also told district staff that "most of these girls... have been playing together for a lot of years". Clearly this spirit of collaboration paid off for this team.

We spoke with one of Bridget's friends, fellow Indian Hill senior Audrey Bristol, about Bridget both on and off the field.

Here is what Audrey had to say:

"The first two years of high school I was lucky enough to have 5 classes in a row each day with Bridget. Though she wasn't my biggest fan in middle school, I somehow convinced her to like me freshman year (maybe it's because I carried her backpack for months when her collar bone was broken). Now, I am so thankful to say Bridget is one of my best friends. Not only is she an incredibly dedicated athlete and an excellent student, but Bridget is supportive, loyal, hilarious, and straight-up crazy. No matter where we are or what we are doing, Bridget is just so enjoyable to be around (especially when we are reviewing parks @audreyandbridgetssparkreviews). I hope Bridget and I stay friends forever, but I am going to miss her so much when she goes off to some prestigious college to do engineering stuff I will never be able to wrap my brain around."



We congratulate Bridget, Cameron, and Maria on their success and cannot wait to see the amazing things they accomplish as they transition beyond Indian Hill next year! ■

Field Hockey

Annie Joy '22

The Indian Hill girls field hockey team has had an extraordinary season this fall, breaking records that have been left untouched for twenty years. Beginning in early July, the girls began training for their memorable season and finished just weeks ago on November 5th. Despite the graduation of a handful of the 2019 varsity starters, the 2020 team was able to quickly recover with hard work and ample freshman recruitment. As the season progressed, the team honed their skills to finish with a 13-4 record. On October 22nd, they began their first game in the OHSAA tournament with a win against the Ursula Bulldogs 2-0, then continued this path by beating the Ursuline Lions 1-0 in a close game, and finally against Mount Notre Dame with a 3-2 score. This third game landed the Braves a Southwest Regional Championship trophy and a spot in the OHSAA's final four Tournament game.

The team was sent off to Thomas Worthington High School in Columbus for a final match against Cleveland's Hudson Explorers. The Braves put up a tough fight, however, lost 0-4 against the Explorers. Regardless of the number on the scoreboard, the Indian Hill Field Hockey team is tremendously proud of their historic run to the Final Four. In the past three seasons, the team has only won fourteen games total, and the last year the Braves made it to the Final Four was in 2000. Some special players to give credit to for the team's feat are seniors Bridget Schumacher, Maria Lindberg, and Cam Rabenold. These three athletes have been extremely influential on and off the field, and without them, the team wouldn't even be close to where it is today. The girls claim field hockey's historical 2020 run can be accredited to "our extremely tight-knit team" and simply "trying to have the most fun possible when out on the field". Great job IHHS Field Hockey team! ■



Renaissance Man and Woman of the Month

Ethan Marx '21

What do a 70-year-old matchmaker and a six-foot-tall hawk have in common? They are both examples of the many roles that this month's Renaissance Man and Woman have portrayed during their time at Indian Hill High School. For the most astute European history scholars, you already know what a "renaissance man" is. A "renaissance man" is someone who is well-rounded in every element of life. While we frequently commend those with artistic, academic, or athletic success, this section has been revived to highlight well-rounded students at Indian Hill. This month we are happy to honor Brooke Youngblood and John Kushman.

Brooke Youngblood is involved in a variety of activities both inside and outside of school. Recently, Brooke has seen astounding levels of success within these chosen activities. In October, Brooke was cast as the titular role (the elderly matchmaker alluded to earlier) in Indian Hill's production of *Hello, Dolly!*. Expanding on her acting talents as a witness in the prestigious Indian Hill Mock Trial Association, Brooke has portrayed a variety of zany characters including a construction worker addicted to digging holes, an eccentric Southern art curator blinded by revenge on her ex-boyfriend, and an aspiring influencer reminiscent of Annie Murphy's Alexis on *Schitt's Creek*. Recently, Brooke was lauded for her work by the Yale Mock Trial Association where she was recognized as the top-ranked witness in their national competition.

Beyond the theatrical realm, Brooke has committed herself to building community with other Indian Hill students. She cites her "most fulfilling experience in high school" as "when [she]... got to go to *Young Life* camp with a few people from school." Brooke enjoyed getting to grow closer with other students and envelop herself in "the same message that had changed... [her] life." Passionate about this work, Brooke dedicated a month of her summer volunteering at a *Young Life* camp in Michigan where she served other students as part of their Work Crew volunteer program.

While Brooke will be seen this spring as Dolly Levi, she will not be portraying the infamous hawk mentioned at the beginning of this article. This distinction can solely be attributed to fellow Indian Hill senior John Kushman. John, like Brooke, exemplifies what it means to be a Brave. John is involved in a variety of activities including Theatre, Choir, Cross Country, Student Government, Ultimate Frisbee, the TSL Program, *FixNGive*, and DECA.



Teacher of the Month: Mr. Kirk

Tacey Hutten '22

This month, I had the opportunity to interview Mr. Kirk about his background, adjustments to teaching during such an unconventional year, and his experience at Indian Hill.

*Some responses have been shortened or paraphrased

How did you get into teaching?

I always wanted to teach. I was an education major in college, I chickened out and went into business and had a 30 year detour selling cat food, shampoo, and movies. Then, when my kids were entering high school I finally got the guts to go back to school and get my teaching certificate. I've been doing it for 11 years now.

What was your favorite part of your career in business?

I love business, it was fun, I worked with good people, got to travel a lot, got to play with a lot of money and make investments and do new things every year and competed with big companies. I just had lots of puzzles to put together and problems to solve.

Do you have a favorite class to teach?

They're all interrelated, they all have SPICE-T (social studies themes) in them and use the same historical thinking skills. I like the fact that some are broader and some are more specific - I like zooming in and zooming out so they compliment each other.

What has been the biggest adjustment for you this year?

Well I had to completely change the way I do lesson plans, starting this summer I linked everything on google slides, including videos and tests. Also mastering Zoom and Meet and having BVA students- I've had to adjust to people's flexible schedules.

What is your favorite part about teaching at Indian Hill?

I'm very appreciative of the fact that at Indian Hill almost every student really wants to learn- there's almost no behavior problems... And the fact that students treat each other with respect, even if they're not the same they don't haze each other like other school kids do. Well-behaved, well-raised, curious kids. ■

One common thread in John's Indian Hill experience is his commitment to school spirit. While some may criticize Indian Hill's spirit as waning, John is certainly the exception to this trend. As chair of the Student Government Spirit Committee and a former Spirit Senator -- a title retired after John's freshman year -- John has worked tirelessly to make Indian Hill an accepting, exciting, and spirited place. One of the most iconic ways John has done this is serving as Indian Hill's mascot for the past few years, Tom the Hawk. Beyond his work as a leader, John is also a very talented artist. Having performed on the Indian Hill stage, John will be remembered for his performances as Teen Angel, Monsieur Firmin, and Cornelius Hackl in the upcoming production of *Hello, Dolly!*.

Both Brooke and John plan to continue their commitment to the arts outside of Indian Hill by pursuing B.F.A. programs in Musical Theatre. While many students at Indian Hill are familiar with the college application process, many are ignorant to the struggles that prospective music theatre students face, which have only been exacerbated by the era of COVID-19. Prospective students undergo a grueling audition process to receive a coveted few spots at prestigious programs throughout the country. Brooke describes the process as "wild" and states that it "looks different for every school", with some requiring self-taped videos in order to even secure an audition spot. While the competition is stiff, anyone who has seen these two talented students perform knows that they have very strong odds for success in this field.

While Brooke and John certainly exemplify academic and artistic excellence, what separates them from the crowd is intangible. Brooke's compassion, kindness, and generosity for her peers shines a light in the Indian Hill community. John's commitment to spirit within the Indian Hill community has left a legacy that creates a better environment for those to come. While Indian Hill will certainly miss these students next year, the community will still feel the lasting impacts of their kindness after their departure. ■



SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

November 2020

Olivia Vigran

Cameron Rabenold '21

Olivia is a gift to be around and I am beyond lucky to have her as one of my closest friends. Liv has a bubbly personality, is constantly smiling, and always strives for greatness and succeeds. Liv can participate in cheer, lacrosse, be the NHS co-president, a member of Captain, and DECA dominate while still managing to excel in and out of school, I don't know how she does it all! She is smart, creative, courageous, and knows how to make everyone feel included. Liv has a great work ethic and constantly inspires me to try my hardest. I don't know what I'm going to do without Liv next year but I know she will meet great people and thrive. Anyone who gets the chance to know Liv will gain an amazing friend who will change their life. Thanks for being you! XOXO ■



Sophie Sawyers

Connor Roehrig '21

Sophie Sawyers has been one of my best friends since 5th grade. She is the kindest, most caring, and hardest-working person I know. She always knows how to brighten up my mood and can put a smile on anyone's face. I can't imagine going through high school without her. She's always willing to help me figure out a homework problem or study for a test. We've played soccer and ran track together, gone to football games, and even jammed out to The Beatles together. Sophie is one of the most genuine people I know. She has such a positive attitude and is always willing to help others around her. I don't know what I'll do without her next year, but I know she has such a bright future ahead of her. I'm so excited to see all that she'll accomplish. ■



Amitesh Verma

Will Ford '21

Amitesh Verma. What an interesting fellow. At first blush, his seemingly diagnostic and cerebral exterior might intimidate you - his linguistic prowess and remarkable intelligence were certainly a bit daunting when we first crossed paths. After brawling for the acclaimed title of "IHES Spelling Bee Champion" (with which he was deservedly crowned after stating with the utmost confidence, "Morgue. M-O-R-G-U-E. Morgue") and innovating a creative form of tag with fellow peers in the fifth grade, I began to see Amitesh in a different light - a friend rather than a foe. Witnessing his affable charm and witty sarcasm, we soon became partners-in-crime - lining Goldfish down the eighth grade hallway leading to Mr. Bell's classroom, drawing detailed landscapes on whiteboards only dendrophiles would appreciate, or even scurrying down Montgomery Road just 5 minutes before curfew! I have come to realize that no matter how merciless Amitesh can be and how cut-throat our friendship may seem (Mr. Reger always said we'd be better off duking it out in a UFC-style cage fight!), his heart and character make me proud to call him my friend. Epitomizing the virtue of empathy and lending a hand to me and those around him without hesitation, Amitesh is an unfaltering confidante. A true friend for life. While we can all envision him proudly conducting the BMB or trouncing Mason's Team 12 as a master of all things anatomy, I can assure you that next year you'll find him pitching a tent at Krzyzewskiville or researching carcinogenesis, thymic epithelial cells, or some other topic only he could wrap his brain around. One thing of which I am certain is that he will be leaving his indelible mark on those around him and changing the world for the better. You, my friend, have a very bright future ahead of you. Best of luck. ■



Faye Hardek

Maya Anderson '21

You may have seen her sprinting up and down the soccer fields as a 4-time varsity athlete, or perhaps performing on stage in Indian Hill's annual musical and Premieres productions, or maybe even bouncing between such clubs as Model UN, Science Olympiad, PERIOD, Student Government and Writing Group. Yes everyone, against all odds, this is the same person: the somehow one and only Faye Hardek. Moving to Indian Hill the same time I did, Faye instantly became one of my closest friends. I'm very *THANKFUL* to have had her by my side these past six years. Not only has she played a special role in my life, but Faye is an essential member to our high school community: she's the voice of our morning announcements, a supportive and dedicated peer, and a leader in almost everything she's involved in. Even with her insane extracurricular schedule, Faye still finds time to excel in academics, guide service initiatives like her LLS campaign, and make time for her friends and family. On top of all that, Faye finds balance by keeping up her passions for baking and cooking (I particularly recommend her rainbow-layered crêpe cake or empanadas), hiking national park trails (she's been to over a dozen already), exploring the world's oceans and coral reefs (how many people can say they're a certified scuba diver?!), and venturing on almost daily walks with her dog (whose name is Louie). I'm always left amazed by everything that Faye can pull off and her unwavering positivity and compassion for others. She's definitely the hardest working person I know and has been a huge role model to me (and I'm sure many others). In the future, you might see her saving lives as a pediatrician, publishing award-winning novels as an accomplished author, or even leading others on adventures as a park ranger. No matter where she is, Faye will always be an asset to everyone she's around and an unforgettable friend. ■



Lauren Sewell

Audrey Bristol '21

Don't let Lauren's size deceive you- she can and will beat you up. For this reason, I am very happy to call Lauren a friend and find comfort in knowing she will always have my back. Lauren is the most caring and loyal person I know, and on top of that is super organized and extremely hard-working (juggling DECA and JSA and Girl Scouts and much much more). No one can devise a plan like Lauren can, and her dedication and leadership skills will surely make her a powerful business woman when she graduates. I can't wait to see all the amazing things she will do one day. I'm so thankful to have met Lauren in seventh grade through playing volleyball, a sport in which she is WAY more skilled than I, and I'm happy to say she's been one of my favorite people ever since. ■



Liz Dorger

Audrey Bristol '21

Liz is easily the most interesting person I know. There is never a dull moment when she is around. If you just listen to her talk for 30 seconds you will hear something that will surprise you. I'm so happy to have become close enough with her to have stupid nicknames and multiple mediocre choreographed dances. Liz's enthusiasm and confidence radiates to everyone around her and lights up any room she is in, making her one of the most enjoyable people to be



around. Not only that, but she's just straight-up cool. Liz does her own things and lives so care free, and has inspired me to try to do my own thing as well. I know Liz and I will be friends forever and I can't wait to see the amazing things the future holds for her. ■

Caroline Gaede

Audrey Bristol '21

What stands out the most to me about Caroline is her unwavering resilience. I have been friends with Carol since sixth grade, and every time I have seen her get knocked down she has gotten right back up. In all honesty, Carol hasn't had the easiest high school experience, but nonetheless she still has a smile on her face every day. Everyone knows Carol is the go to person if you need help with literally anything- homework, emotional problems, getting a ride. I genuinely don't know what I would do if I wasn't lucky enough to call Caroline my best friend. Her sarcastic humor is immaculate and her laugh is contagious, causing everyone who meets her to instantly like her. Caroline is incredibly intelligent, and we are all so excited to see all the amazing things she accomplishes. ■



David Kholodenko

Vandita Rastogi '21

Although I knew David in middle school, it wasn't until my junior year that I became friends with him. Since then, he's always been there to listen to me, whether its complaining over a math test or obsessing over Taylor Swift. He always gives me advice and knows how to cheer me up when I'm down. I've gotten to enjoy his many Spotify playlists filled with Greek and Russian music, something I never knew existed until he introduced it to me. David's energy fuels the clubs he takes part in such as BravesBeat, Chieftain, SMILE, and the Trivia Team. His quick wit and intelligence serves him well in these clubs as he's able to lighten the atmosphere and get things done. If you're ever lucky enough to have a friend that's there for you through all your craziness, and stays there not only through your highs but through your lows as well, you need to

keep them in your life. I'm thankful I became friends with David and I'm thankful that we've become close friends. I know I would not have been able to survive these last two years without knowing that someone was there to listen to me when I needed it. I can only hope that I was just a good friend to him as he is to me. I know his passion for what he does, his humor and his intelligence will serve him well at whichever college is lucky enough to have him. ■



Alex Yeager

Katia Cristo '21

Even though Alex and I met sophomore year of high school it feels like we have known each other for years. We met in Mr. Millard's English class, where he always came in making everyone laugh with quick-witted jokes.

Getting to know Alex I have come to realize that he is honestly the most positive person I know, every time I see him he is always in a good mood. It's like a superpower, he's just the kind of guy that everyone loves to be around. I don't know what I would do without him. Alex has always been there for me no matter what and being around him always brings up my mood, he never fails to make me laugh. If you know Alex you will know he

loves country music and his truck, hopefully, you get to hear his great voice at a country concert, where he usually sounds better than the artist performing. I am so thankful to have met Alex, and I know that he has an amazing future ahead of him - any college that he decides to attend will be lucky to have him! ■



Will Ford

Amitesh Verma '21

Anyone who sees microscopic, crisp, and clean handwriting populating sheets of loose-leaf paper knows only one person could have done it: the one and only Will Ford.

From enduring the perils of 5th grade spelling bee competitions to triumphing at the swimming state championships his junior year, Will epitomizes unrelenting achievement at its finest. In whichever the task, Will invests the highest degree of precision and perfection, whether it be toiling over a lengthy article review in Mr. Miller's class, ensuring quality of Chieftain issues during postliminary review, or constructing a sophisticated protein model of disulfide bonds and beta helices in Science Olympiad. However, what makes Will such an amazing person is the camaraderie he shares with others. From crying over our devastated grades after the "Observations and Inferences Quiz" in Mrs. Carr's class to spilling aqueous potassium permanganate (yes, the purple stuff) all over our lab station in chemistry during a titration, you have proven to be the best of friends — one who supports others in times of hardship and one who never hesitates to catalyze a laugh. I'm 101% confident Will's passions and drive to strive higher will bring him success at whichever college is lucky enough to have him. You have an amazing future ahead of you. ■



Joey Santaiti

Faye Hardek '21

How do I put an entire lifetime of friendship into words? Joey's family and my family have been friends since before we were born, and growing up together was truly a gift. Never have I met someone more driven and determined to reach their full potential, no matter what obstacles lie in the way. Not only that, but he's seemed to master the balance between work and fun, something that many strive for but only few achieve. Whether it be going on road trips Down the Shore, playing Just Dance and Trivial Pursuit, or simply sitting and talking, I know that I can always be myself when I'm with you, and for that I'm beyond grateful.

There's nobody I would have rather have moved halfway across the country with. To my "cousin": thanks for always being there, Joe, and here's to your bright future and friendship for years to come! ■



Bridget Schumacher

Audrey Bristol '21

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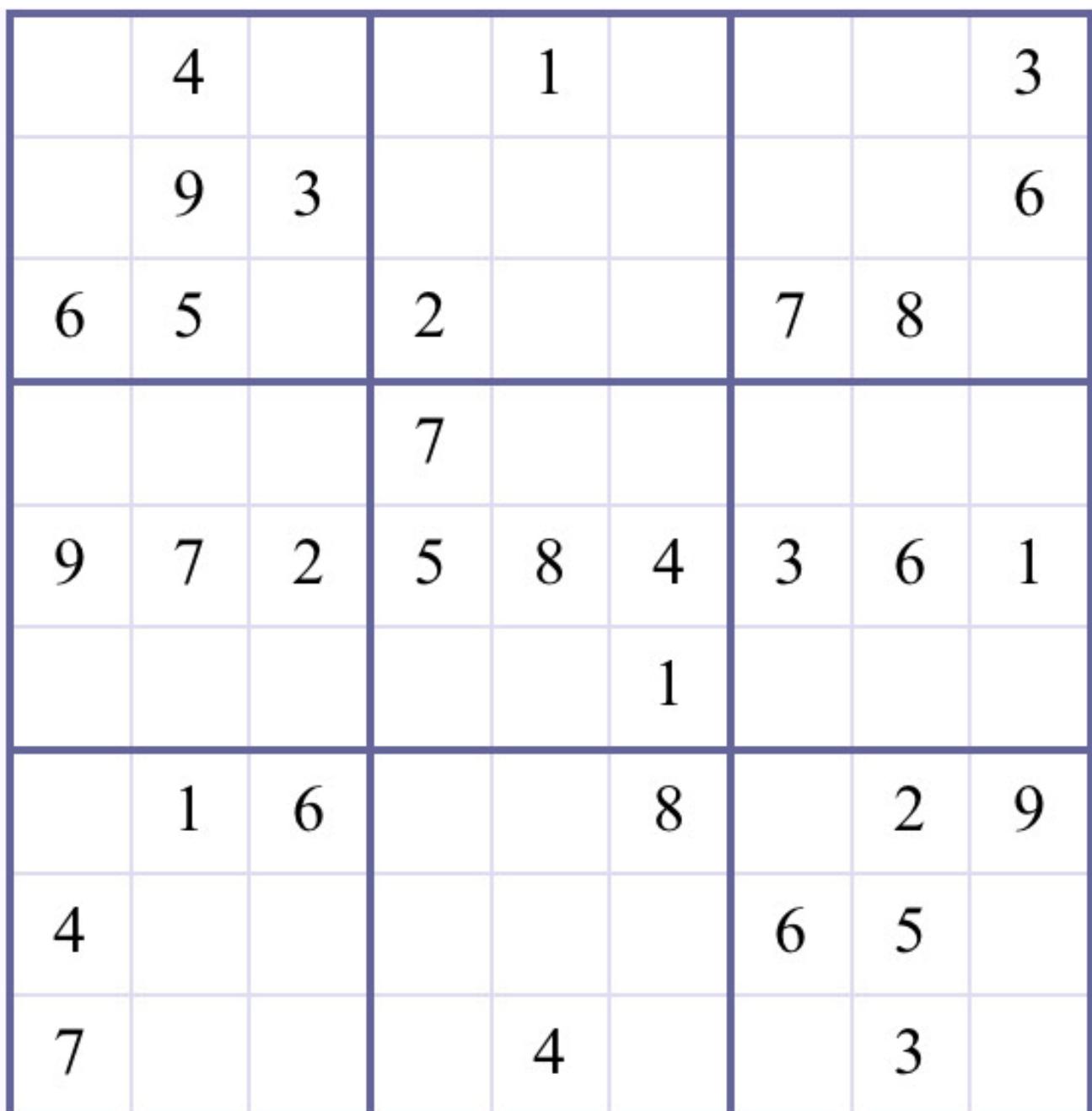
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