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## Senior Interview

Vandita Rastogi '21, Ethan Marx '21, Will Ford '21

In the spring of 2020, school was unexpectedly shut down and much of the country's educational professionals' attention was on the Class of 2020. How could we, as an education community, provide the best ending for our graduating class, a time typically considered the pinnacle of one's high school experience? At the outset of such an unprecedented time, very few predicted that we would still be in this situation for the fall of 2020. While the Class of 2020 certainly lost a lot, the Class of 2021 is now embarking on one of the most unforeseeable years in recent memory. With senior trip, Homecoming, Prom, and many other capstone events up in the air, the Chieftain Staff sat down with some seniors to see how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted them and their final year in the Indian Hill School District. We thank Indian Hill Seniors Audrey Bristol, Brooke Youngblood, Caroline Gaede, Emily Sichel, Simon Lococo, Sydney Poffenberger, and, of course, Tom the Hawk for sitting down with us to answer some pressing questions!\*

\* Please note: responses have been paraphrased.

### Q: How has COVID-19 impacted your senior year plans?

**AB:** Well, I was planning on going to a lot of football games and basketball games. I attended a lot of sports events last year that I don't get to attend this year, which is not very fun ...

**BY:** ... We don't really get to experience the senior traditions in the way we were expecting to, but I think that also creates a level of excitement and anticipation ...

**CG:** I knew my college decision would be difficult, but not like this! How am I supposed to determine the best fit for my future self when live tours and interviews are rarely allowed?

**ES:** COVID has affected how much I can hang out with other people and how often I can do the things I love, like cheering or softball.

**SL:** It's made it so I can't participate in a lot of my favorite events and definitely made learning harder ...

**SP:** I feel like the biggest thing is probably college visits and senior traditions that I've been looking forward to. But, it's also made me appreciate more things and take each year as it goes.

**TH:** Let's just say it hasn't allowed me to fly to the height that I would normally achieve.

### Q: What is the best part of senior year?

**AB:** ... I think so far the best part of senior year is the privileges we get as seniors ... I feel like there are so many special things you get to do senior year that you wait for all 4 years of high school.

**BY:** Being able to come together more as a community and love each other really well in our last year is really exciting.

**CG:** The best part about senior year is being the oldest! When I was a freshman, I always looked to the seniors for leadership.

**ES:** The best part of senior year is all of my classes.

**SL:** The best part is definitely getting a ton of freedom in classes. I have all the classes I want with great teachers.

**SP:** The camo pants.

**TH:** Being able to be outside at lunch.

### Q: What is the worst part of senior year?

**AB:** I think the worst part of this senior year is that we won't get to do homecoming or football games...

**BY:** With COVID, realizing the things that we're not going to have and the events we won't get to go to.

**CG:** The worst thing about senior year is the idea that we won't be celebrated as past graduating classes have been.

**ES:** The worst part is missing out on fun senior activities ...

**SP:** The Common Application.

**TH:** Not being able to fly in the hallways.

### Q: What advice would you give freshmen entering Indian Hill High School?

**AB:** My best advice is to join a club or a sport or something that you're interested in and try to make friends outside of the friend group you had when you were in middle school, especially making friends with upperclassmen.

**BY:** Be present in all of the things you do and be where your feet are. Find joy in every circumstance!

**CG:** ... Make the most of these next few years, and make sure to prioritize self-care and your mental health as much as you prioritize academics and sports!

**ES:** My advice to freshmen is to focus on getting good grades, but not too much. It is important to have fun and give yourself time to be a teenager.

**SL:** Even though this year won't be the best year, you still have three great years to look forward to. Enjoy it because it really does go by quickly ...

**SP:** Go all out for spirit days, don't take any school event for granted, and go to every sports game that you can go to ...

**TH:** Don't feed the animals. ■

## Peep this Month in

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## September *This & That*

Vandita Rastogi '21

### Death of Chadwick Boseman

The end of August marked yet another unfortunate celebrity death. A superhero not just in the film industry, Chadwick Boseman has been an inspiration to all. He was a humble man, acknowledging the heroes in his life even as he accepted awards. However, he was battling long and hard with colon cancer and sadly passed away on August 28. ■



### Video Music Awards

MTV hosted its Video Music Awards (VMAs) on August 30. Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande led the awards with the most nominations (9 each) and performed their latest hit "Rain on Me." Lady Gaga took home 5 awards, while BTS and Ariana Grande followed closely, each with 4 awards each. BTS also premiered their new hit song "Dynamite" and Doja Cat sang a medley of her songs, including "Say So," a TikTok hit sound. Finally, Taylor Swift won the "Best Direction" award for the music video for "The Man" from her "Lover" album. She became the first female solo artist to win this nomination! ■



### Beirut Explosion

On August 4, a large amount of ammonium nitrate exploded in Beirut, Lebanon, resulting in nearly 200 deaths and leaving more than 6,000 others injured. The explosion will cost the city almost 15 billion dollars in property damage and has left 600,000 families homeless. However, 7 people are still missing, said to be buried beneath the debris following the detonation. A search party has been on the lookout since the start and will continue to look in the foreseeable future. ■

### New Summer Music

While the world was on lockdown for the past half-year, musicians continued to bring communities together through new music. On March 13th, when the U.S. declared a national emergency, Niall Horan released his second studio album, "Heartbreak Weather," and has since performed it numerous times on his Instagram Live. Taylor Swift released a surprise alternative album "folklore" at the end of July, and Katy Perry created "Smile," which released this past month. OneRepublic, Pitbull, and 5SOS all released songs about the virus and uniting together during these difficult times! If you are ever bored, be sure to check these out! ■



### T-Mobile 10 Million Program

When T-Mobile merged with Sprint, they made a promise. Currently, the phone service is fulfilling this pledge through their newest program, the 10 Million Project. T-Mobile is helping to ensure that the lack of internet is not a barrier to a child's academic success. This project will give eligible households 100GB of data per year and a free mobile hotspot for 5 years! Participating school districts will also have the opportunity to apply the value of the program (\$500/student) towards additional data plans based on the students' needs. ■

### 111 Year Old World War II Veteran

The oldest living American to serve in World War II is turning 111 years old on September 12th! Lawrence Brooks served as a support worker stationed in New Guinea and the Philippines and reached the private first class rank during the war. For the past 5 years, the National World War II Museum in New Orleans has celebrated his birthday and thrown him a party. However, due to the ongoing pandemic, they are instead collecting cards from people around the country, which will be given to Brooks after a serenading performance by The Victory Belles. If you want to take part in this, you can mail a card to the address located online! ■



### Live Remake of Mulan

After months of waiting, the much-anticipated live remake of the renowned Disney movie *Mulan* released on September 4. The movie, starring Liu YiFei as Mulan, is streaming on Disney Plus. However, it is not doing as well with ratings as avid Disney fans initially hoped. Although the story follows the original plot almost exactly, it has only garnered a 5.4/10 on IMDb and a 79% on Rotten Tomatoes. But, if you love Disney's *Mulan*, be sure to check this out! ■



### Jacob Blake

Amidst the civil unrest, there has been another case of police shooting an innocent man. On August 23rd, a 29-year-old African American named Jacob Blake was shot and injured by police officer Rusten Sheskey. Sheskey shot Blake in the back seven times, of which four shots directly hit him. This happened in Kenosha, Wisconsin and provides evidence of the apparent racial injustice and cultural divide still prevalent in the county. ■



## Status of School's Reopening

Pranav Rastogi '23

The previous school year's ending was one that no one was expecting. We were roped into virtual learning, had to carry out our meetings and celebrations on Zoom, and couldn't say goodbye to each other in person. As summer break rolled in, cases started rising, and we lost hope of school reopening in the fall. But, after much deliberation, Indian Hill decided to reopen their schools. So, how different is it from previous school years and in reality, how safe is it?

On our first day back, a lot of things had changed. The moment we walked in, the entrances were lined with hand sanitizer dispensers. Bright red stickers on the floor told us where to stand and where to walk - six feet apart, following the one-way counter-clockwise traffic around the school. Along with these startling changes, everyone in the school was required to wear a face mask, no gators allowed. These rules, though the most despised, were well-followed.

To promote social distancing inside classrooms, classes only had between 4 and 10 students; in fact, the AP Research class had only 3 students! Students were seated in every other seat to ensure that they had at least six feet between each other. Further, students were instructed to wipe down their desks after each class with school-provided alcohol wipes.

As for lunch, it was the only time students could take their masks off; obviously, this made them more susceptible to catching the virus. So, at each table — one that previously seated 8-9 kids — could now only accommodate two kids seated across from each other, even at the outdoor tables. As safe as they were, they sure did make talking quite a bit harder.

Overall, Indian Hill has done a phenomenal job of keeping the faculty and students safe and will continue to do so as we move into Plan A. ■

## New Nvidia Graphics Cards

Min Jae Kim '23

Ever thought about getting into gaming, or building a gaming PC? NVIDIA will soon release the GeForce 30 series of graphics cards, consisting of the GeForce RTX 3070, 3080, and 3090. All three have differing release dates, with the 3070 being the latest, releasing sometime in October. The 3070 may not outmatch the 2080 TI, but it is a close second. It goes for the bargain price of \$500 compared to the 2080 TI's starting price of \$1,200-\$1,500 (prices vary).

The 2080 TI is currently the best graphics card on the market in terms of usability. For price and performance, the 3070 is the best option. However, the 3090, despite the price, will be the best graphics card on the market. It will allow for 8K gaming, without compromising frame rate (you still need to take into account the HDMI 2.1's higher data cap, as well as the computer hardware if you want to maximize performance). It will also have a significantly increased processing capacity and improved cooling systems. With an increased power supply delivery, the 30 series will allow for overclocking. The 30 series seems too good to be true, as we would think that they would be compromising space for newer and superior capabilities by shrinking the PCB, NVLink, and power connectors. The new graphics cards include the new 3rd generation Tensor Cores for faster processing and computation for new AI technology. All GPUs are confirmed VRReady (rather an arbitrary term). With the new capabilities of the 30 series and DirectX12 capacity, people will be able to receive a smooth 360 fps and will not have to worry about graphics issues. Nothing will surpass the potential of the 3070, 3080, and 3090. As such, the future of gaming is drawing nigh. ■

## Belarusian Protests

David Kholodenko '21

On August 19th, the Belarusian presidential elections were held. The incumbent president, Alexander Lukashenko, had "won" in what was described as a landslide victory by the Belarusian State TV. However, elections in Belarus have not been free since Lukashenko's first victory in 1994 (elections are held every 5 years). Since then, he has cracked down hard on opposition and dissent, leading to the formation of the moniker "the last dictator of Europe." After exit polls were released, supporters of the opposition candidate, Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, immediately began to march to the streets of major cities. What was initially a peaceful march for a fair counting of votes resulted in violent clashes between protesters and police.

Over the next several days, police began to use water cannons, tear gas, flashbangs, and even live ammunition against protesters, who quickly switched up their tactics to mimic the Hong Kong protests by moving from one part of a city to another. While some policemen and military officials retired in support of the demonstrations, others utilized even harsher methods, including moving and shooting from ambulances - a violation of a creed established during the 1949 Geneva Conventions. Protests are still strong as of 9/11/2020 and won't be ceasing until either Lukashenko is driven out or the demonstrators are brutally suppressed.

As expected, international reactions to the 2020 elections are split between the political West and East. The USA, EU, Canada, UK, and others have all condemned Lukashenko while Russia, the post-Soviet Central Asian states, Turkey, and China have deified him. The Lublin Triangle (consisting of Ukraine, Poland, and Lithuania) has also denounced the elections and has requested a peaceful, albeit necessary, transition of power.

Similar situations have occurred throughout the Post-Soviet World, both in Belarus and in other countries. In Belarus, the "Jeans Revolution" of 2006 came about after the police's seizure of old red-white-red flags (commonly used by the opposition) resulted in a youth activist raising his denim shirt in protest of the "disappearances" of prominent Belarusian opposition leaders. While the protest eventually diminished, a similar issue occurred in 2010, with over 40,000 people rallying against Lukashenko, eventually being beaten away by police and leaving the square "splattered in blood".

In the Post-Soviet World, the term "color revolution" is used to describe various successful revolutions against authoritarian regimes in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (examples include the Orange Revolution in Ukraine, the Rose Revolution in Georgia, and the Bulldozer revolution in Yugoslavia). These "color revolutions" mostly started due to disputed election results, resulting in the resignation/ overthrow of former dictatorial leaders such as Slobodan Milošević (infamous for committing war crimes during the breakup of Yugoslavia). Additionally, the Ukrainian Crisis of 2014 began because of the government's decision to suspend an association agreement with the EU, causing the "Euromaidan protests" and the ousting of president Viktor Yanukovich (who was widely accused of corruption). This led to pro-Russian separatism in Eastern Ukraine, paving the way for Russia to annex Crimea and fund insurgents in the Donbass region.

Belarus stands in a similar position to other Eastern European countries in the past; should this revolution succeed (currently, at least 400,000 people have protested against Lukashenko), it will follow in the footsteps of the 2014 Ukrainian revolution and create yet another free democracy in Eastern Europe. Similar to Ukraine, however, Russia may intervene should things not go the way Putin wishes, limiting the choices Belarus has if they wish to consider joining/ associating with the EU. Ultimately, the 2020 Belarusian election has done permanent harm to Lukashenko's regime - only time will tell if he is either removed from office or democracy is restored to Belarus. ■



## Pros of Plan B Learning

Tacey Hutten '22 and Joseph Kayne '23

Each fall, as classes and activities start up again, there is a wide variety of opinions, thoughts, and criticisms that circulate. This year, more than ever, people have dramatically different ideas of what has changed for the better and what needs to be improved. But especially with Indian Hill's return to school on Plan B, there are a lot of positives to consider.

First, in contrast to last semester's fully online set-up, Plan B allows students to see classmates and friends throughout the day. Students are better able to collaborate with each other, which helps build a sense of community that students get to experience under normal circumstances. Independently, it can be much easier to put off assignments or turn in work that doesn't meet your usual standards. However, being around people and having that degree of accountability boosts productivity and efficiency when doing school work.

Additionally, in-person days ensure that students are able to interact with teachers more so than online. This instructional time is so valuable in being able to understand and apply content throughout the year and, in regards to AP classes, on exams in the spring. Further, the split between two teams lends itself to much smaller class sizes and greater connectivity between students and teachers.

Finally, Plan B combines the best of both worlds by providing the chance to be in school and allowing students to create a schedule or routine that works best for them. With so many days of working independently, students can determine when, where, and how they want to work. For many people, this supports a healthier sleep schedule and prioritizes an individual's mental health.

Overall, Plan B allows Indian Hill's community reunite safely, while also giving students more freedom to work in the way they prefer - a unique, though unprecedented, opportunity. ■

## Cons of Plan B Learning

Tacey Hutten '22 and Joseph Kayne '23

Most people agree that the previous school format is sub-optimal. We all wish we could get back to some semblance of the normal routine. But as the Coronavirus cases continue to remain at high levels in Ohio, it's clear that the school must do its best to keep students safe. But, what are some things that worry students with a school in plan B?

Most students agree that getting COVID-19 is the number one con of going to school now - not just for themselves, but for family members that could be more susceptible to the virus. Going to school for just two days a week (even with all of the precautionary measures being taken) still presents a clear increase in the risk of exposure because of the large number of people in one place at the same time.

In addition to getting COVID-19, school reopening can negatively impact students in other ways. If school being open causes a coronavirus spike, then other activities such as sports and clubs could be affected too. For example, the soccer season started ominously, with players not knowing if their beloved season was going to get restricted further, or if games would be allowed. Now, however, they are well into their season and doing great ... but if school being open causes a spike in cases, will the season be shut down completely?

Another con of school reopening in Plan B is the complicated rules and schedules that come as a result of the asynchronous/synchronous learning. Students worry about when assignments are due, who they get to work with - and are we even learning enough? Online learning and working from home three days a week is far from ideal for high schoolers.

In sum, no one wants to see the pandemic worsen, but most people agree that going to school is a necessity for us. So, where is the line between ensuring safety and providing the necessary education? While we don't have an answer now, we can be assured that IHHS is doing all it can for the welfare of its students and the safety of the community. ■

## Health Matters: On Vaccines

Amitesh Verma '21

In the next couple of months, the public will learn whether the current COVID-19 vaccines in development are effective. The health, safety, and lifestyle of every human being depend on these results.

Typically, vaccines take pertinacious years of research and lab testing; however, due to unprecedented times, scientists are racing to produce effective vaccines by late this year and early 2021. Should the nation fast-track unconventionally tested coronavirus vaccines with the possibility of saving more lives? Or should the nation adhere to orthodox protocols and take a longer time to test, prolonging the pandemic? That is the ethical dilemma the world faces currently.

The main vaccine contenders of "Big Pharma," including Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson, and Novavax, have reached phase III clinical trials, with many presenting results in the next couple of months. Three main vaccine approaches have been taken and are explained below.

1. **mRNA Vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna):** mRNA molecules, the genetic material that encodes proteins, are introduced through vaccination, inducing cells in the body to manufacture coronavirus fragments that the immune system can recognize for destruction. This trains the body's immune system to fight in the case of actual coronavirus infection.
2. **Non-Replicating Viral Vectors (Johnson and Johnson):** a weakened virus expressing coronavirus surface proteins are introduced for the immune system to target and destroy, familiarizing the body with the virus.
3. **Adjuvanted Recombinant Subunit Vaccines (Novavax):** fragments of the coronavirus such as proteins are introduced for the immune system to attack, triggering an immune response without exposing the body to the entire virus.

Historically, the United States Food and Drug Administration approval process for vaccines includes three primary phases: Phase I consists of 20-100 healthy volunteers, Phase II includes several hundred volunteers, and Phase III utilizes thousands of subjects. Each step examines serious side effects and the overall safety and efficacy of the vaccine, with progression contingent on success in prior phases. However, in the light of "Operation Warp Speed," the Trump administration's effort to accelerate and fund vaccine production, the FDA has "fast-tracked" several vaccines through the drug approval process, highlighting that vaccines must protect at least 50% of vaccinated subjects to be considered

"effective." However, this approach has brought a barrage of criticism as the public remains skeptical of the safety of these vaccines.

Recent reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate that "states should be ready to distribute vaccines as early as November 1st of this year."

If the FDA approves a vaccine by November 1st, would you take it? Indian Hill High School teacher Richard Whitt says, "I would be hesitant at first to get the vaccine - it does seem a bit rushed."

IHHS senior Arman Mehzad held a similar stance. "I don't think I would take it unless it underwent the proper testing and evaluation," Mehzad said. "It needs to undergo the same testing and evaluation that past vaccines have undergone."

The degree to which people become vaccinated will play a critical role in achieving "herd immunity" across the United States — a form of indirect protection from the virus that can occur when a sufficient percentage of the population has become immune to the infection. Herd immunity through vaccination makes it possible to protect individuals who have not received the vaccine. This approach has been influential in the past, controlling diseases from smallpox to polio.

The other path to herd immunity is through "natural infection," where a sufficient percentage of the population recover from the disease and develop antibodies for future infections. However, experts estimate that roughly 70% of the population (more than 200 million Americans) will need to contract the virus to achieve this type of community immunity, which would likely overwhelm the nation's healthcare system and lead to thousands of more deaths (especially among people with comorbidities or compromised immune systems). ■



## Our System Puts Profit Over People

Anonymous

On November 30th, 1999, 40,000 demonstrators marched on Seattle to protest against a conference held by the World Trade Organization (WTO). Protesters focused on workers' rights and environmental issues, badgering against the WTO for perpetuating the exploitation of both workers and the environment; in other words, they organized to protest the prioritization of business interests over the interests of the public. On the first morning of the conference, following significant turmoil, the Mayor of Seattle declared a civil emergency. The Battle of Seattle, as it is now called, was one of the first major public rebuttals of our modern economic system. That same month, Noam Chomsky published 'Profit Over People: Neoliberalism & The Global Order,' criticizing the political and economic systems which, according to Chomsky, repress democracy and sacrifice the wellbeing of citizens.

Two decades later, the Seattle protests and 'Profit Over People' have been vindicated time and time again. Voters in the United States face illegal disenfranchisement through voter suppression, ensuring that the voices of marginalized groups and the working class lack representation in our government. Businesses expand their influence in the halls of Congress as the coffers of both the Republican and Democratic parties are filled with money from lobbying groups, fighting to ensure that their interests are represented. The Republicans deny the existence of climate change as fossil fuel companies fund their campaigns, and the Democratic establishment refuses to accept any meaningful policy changes to address the crisis. Universal single-payer healthcare has been dismissed as an unrealistic dream by both parties, all while they accept funding from the very private insurance and pharmaceutical companies that force the poor into bankruptcy and death.

Every day, the boot on the necks of Americans gets heavier, and simultaneously, more people organize and fight for systematic change, and they are right to do so. Two decades after the Battle of Seattle and the release of "Profit Over People," more than ever, it's time for a change. ■

## Mask Disposal

Memrie Harness '22

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone has started to wear a facial mask in order to protect themselves and the people around them. Though thin and seemingly useless at first blush, this mask has been one of the key factors in prevention against the virus. For example, in an article by the University of California San Francisco, it is stated that 33,000 deaths could be prevented by October 1st if 95% of the population wore masks when they stepped out in public. Clearly, masks are necessary and effective, but, with anything disposable, the environment is struggling. Garbage collectors have been less inclined to separate trash due to their own risk factor, so a lot of masks are ending up in bodies of water, advancing pollution and harm to marine life.

Environmentalist Mridula Bhatia recommends that used masks and gloves be treated as biomedical waste. She states that they should be kept at a person's home for three days before being thrown away in a separate garbage only used for masks and gloves. Then, the garbage collectors should be informed that there is biomedical waste, so it can be disposed of properly.

Globally, 129 billion face masks and 65 billion plastic gloves are being used every month, so it is vital we protect the environment while also protecting others from contracting the virus. Another great way to limit mask pollution is to make the switch to a reusable mask: While health care workers and certain people have to be around others all the time and may need disposable masks, most individuals would be just fine using a cloth alternative. The WWF has reported that even if 1% of masks are disposed of incorrectly, this would result in 10 million masks disposed of in nature per month; incredibly, this equates to 40 kilograms of plastic in the environment. If we all make a conscious effort to dispose of our masks properly, then pollution levels will drop, leaving the world cleaner and healthier. ■

## Coronavirus Vaccine Q&A

Elsa Zhou '23

I interviewed my father, the Vice President of Medpace, a local CRO (Contract Research Organization) for drug and vaccine development, about the recent developments of the COVID-19 vaccine.

### What is COVID-19 and what is SARS-CoV-2?

SARS-CoV-2 is a very contagious novel virus that has spread throughout the world since January 2020. The virus, believed to have originated from bats, crossed the species barrier, spreading to humans and transmitting from human to human contact via airborne particles. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is the illness caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus that can spread from person to person. COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness. There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19, and the best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

### How does the vaccine work?

Vaccines contain the same germs that cause disease, but they have been either killed or weakened so that they don't make people sick. Once injected into the body, a vaccine stimulates your immune system to produce antibodies like it would if you were exposed to the disease. After getting vaccinated, you develop immunity to that disease, without having to get the disease first, and instead just responding to a safe dose of the disease-causing germs.

### How does a pharmaceutical company develop a coronavirus vaccine?

A vaccine has to be tested in three stages before it can be approved. The general stages of the development cycle of a vaccine are the exploratory stage (makes it a biological product), pre-clinical stage (animal testing), and clinical development (evaluate effects on humans). For the coronavirus vaccine, there are different vaccine production platforms, including inactivated virus vaccine, viral vector-based vaccine, live attenuated vaccine, subunit vaccine, DNA vaccines, and RNA vaccines.

The clinical development stage is also a three-phase process. During Phase I, small groups of people receive the trial vaccine to test for safety matters, such as severe adverse effects and the proper dosage. In Phase II, the clinical study is expanded and the vaccine is given to people who have characteristics (such as age and physical health) similar to those for whom the new vaccine is intended. The purpose of this phase is to determine whether or not the vaccine actually causes immunogenicity. In Phase III, the vaccine is given to thousands (or even tens of thousands) of people and tested for efficacy and safety based on the prevalence rate of the disease infection. For coronavirus vaccine

Phase III studies, the common sample size is 30,000 to 40,000 healthy volunteers, with half taking the actual vaccine and another half taking a licensed vaccine (not the coronavirus vaccine; used as placebo) as a "control" comparison.

### Who are the front runners for the coronavirus vaccine?

Many efforts have been directed towards the development of the vaccines against COVID-19 to avert the pandemic. As of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the worldwide SARS-CoV-2 vaccine landscape includes 180 vaccine candidates, out of which 135 are still in the preclinical (animal testing) or the exploratory stage of their development. From the 45 vaccines that are in the clinical evaluation stage, ChAdOx1 (University of Oxford/AstraZeneca), mRNA-1273 (Moderna), Ad5-nCoV (CanSino Biologicals), INO-4800 (Inovio, Inc.), rAd26-S+rAd5-S (Gamaleya Research Institute) 3 LNP-mRNAs (BioNTech/Pfizer), and Ad26COVS1 (Janssen) have entered the large Phase III clinical trials. Vaccines from companies such as Novavax are also close to kicking off the Phase III clinical trials.

### What can we expect? Can we hopefully get vaccinated sometime this year?

Three leading vaccines in the US are currently in Phase III development. All of them have very positive results from Phase I and II evaluation.

ChAdOx1 vaccine from the University of Oxford and AstraZeneca is a non-replicating viral vectored vaccine. The Phase III trial will enroll approximately 30,000 adult volunteers at 80 sites in the United States to evaluate if the candidate vaccine can prevent symptomatic COVID-19. The study started on August 17, 2020, and is expected to have a primary outcome by December 2, 2020. Both vaccines from Moderna and BioNTech/Pfizer are mRNA vaccines. Phase III studies for the Moderna vaccine (mRNA-1273) and BioNTech/Pfizer started in the third quarter of the year and we are expecting to have results by the end of 2020 or early next year.

The vaccine companies have started manufacturing the vaccines while the clinical evaluation is still ongoing. That way, we will not waste time delivering vaccines once they are approved by the FDA. We are very positive that COVID-19 vaccines will be ready by the end of the year. Maybe not in time for Thanksgiving, but definitely by Christmas! ■

## Cobra Kai Review

Sarika Singh '23

*The Karate Kid* was a 1984 film starring Ralph Macchio and Pat Morita. The story discusses the development of Daniel Larusso, a bullied kid, and his journey to learn karate from the wise Mr. Miyagi. *The Karate Kid* was very successful during the '80 and brought in about 100 million dollars. Flashforward 36 years, and we see the name of the rival dojo, *Cobra Kai*, in *The Karate Kid* taking over Netflix. *Cobra Kai* is a Netflix original series, and revolves around the character Johnny Lawrence, the bully from *The Karate Kid*, who tells his side of the story. Lawrence decides to reopen *Cobra Kai*, the infamous rival dojo in the 1984 film, and this show brings that story to life.

The show hosts some familiar characters, including Johnny Lawrence and Daniel Larusso, along with new characters, such as Miguel Diaz, played by Xolo Maridueña, Robby Keene, played by Tanner Buchanan, and Samantha Larusso, played by Mary Mouser. Ralph Macchio and William Zabka reprise their roles as Daniel Larusso and Johnny Lawrence in this television show. The first season of *Cobra Kai* had positive responses and received a 100% from Rotten Tomatoes, with the only downside to this show being that to fully understand the meaning and depth behind the plot, one must watch all of the movies in *The Karate Kid* franchise first. However, watching three iconic movies from the '80s, including the 44th highest grossing film of the 80s, *The Karate Kid II*, shouldn't be too difficult of a task. *Cobra Kai* shines a new light to the story of Daniel Larusso, and viewers get to see how that iconic crane kick affects Johnny and Daniel's relationship a drastic 34 years later! Another great aspect of this show is the new generation of kids who relate to the 1984 film. Overall, *Cobra Kai* is a must watch, as it brings a new, youthful view to such an iconic, must-watch film. ■

## Birds of Prey Review

Elsa Zhou '23

Cathy Yan's, *Birds of Prey*, is a refreshing break from the dark and gritty explosion-fest of Batman vs. Superman and the likes of DC movies, as well as previous Harley Quinn movies such as *Suicide Squad*. Without supervillains or extraterrestrial threats, Harley Quinn's world becomes the scope of the movie, an adventurous drive with friend and foe. Popping with bright, unapologetically comic-like colors and an overlaying narration from Harley herself, the movie scratches backward and forward in time, filling in gaps of the story until the climactic scene. Recently and permanently separated from the Joker himself (the Clown Prince of Crime, Harlequin of Hate, Ace of Knives, and Jester of Genocide), Harley Quinn finds herself in a surprising amount of trouble. Within the first 24 hours of blowing up ACE Chemicals, where she first pledged her love to her dearest Puddin, Harley (clutching her beloved egg sandwich) escapes from at least four different people out for revenge, only to fall into the hands of Roman Sionis, an enemy lurking in the depths of the Black Mask Club, who strikes a sinister deal with Harley: get Roman his diamond, or Harley will die. The storylines of Cassandra Cain, thief of said diamond, Dinah Lance, unwilling driver of Mr. Sionis, Renee Montoya, cop looking to protect said thief of said diamond, and a mysterious woman named The Huntress converge. Margot Robbie's portrayal of the flippant and insane Harley Quinn brings the character to life, as well as Ewan McGregor's (Obi-Wan Kenobi) creation of Roman Sionis's fragile and unstable personality. Acrobatic fight scenes and a spectacular playlist display the Harley-framed lens through which the viewers see the course of events: just as chaotic, skewed, and lovable as she is. Instead of falling flat as yet another gravelly and gray superhero battle whose viewers must squint through every scene, *Birds of Prey* becomes a crackling firework of color, humor, and the one and only Harley Quinn. ■

## Chieftain Chews: September

Vandita Rastogi '21, Will Ford '21, Amitesh Verma '21

Chieftain Chews is back this year with new (and hungry) members! For new readers and those who need a bit of a refresher, Chieftain Chews is brought to you by a few members of the Chieftain staff who travel around Cincinnati to find the best eateries in town! This month, we decided to try out two different taquerias, Tahona Kitchen + Bar and Condado Tacos. We evaluated each restaurant in 5 different categories on a scale of 1 (worst) to 10 (best). If you decide to visit any of these spots, we've included our favorites from each!

### Ambiance:

Tahona Kitchen + Bar, Summit Park - 8: Situated in the heart of Summit Park across from "The Tower," during evening hours, outdoor seating is definitely the move. Pretty quaint and cozy feel.

Condado, Oakley - 9: Friendly, open atmosphere. The emphasis placed on the connection between the indoors and outdoors is evident as the restaurant offers large windows, an expansive outdoor deck, and a multitude of seating options.

### Price:

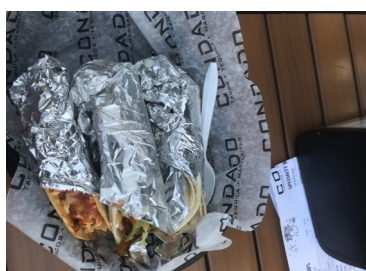
Tahona Kitchen + Bar, Summit Park - 8: Prices of each taco ranged from roughly \$3 to \$4, making it a great, cheap dinner option.

Condado, Oakley - 6: Prices of each taco ranged from roughly \$3 to \$5, which may seem a little pricey, but the quality of the food definitely was worth the cost.

### Food Quality:

Tahona Kitchen + Bar, Summit Park - 7: Crispy fish, carnitas, and spicy chicken tacos were far and away the most flavorful options. The corn salsa was delicious, as well. However, do yourself a favor and do NOT order a traditional chicken taco - bland, drab, and quite frankly, gross.

Condado, Oakley - 8.5: Condado's creative options



will be sure to bring a surprise to your face, including tacos with both hard corn shells and soft flour tortillas. Unique, eye-catching taco names (e.g. "Lucy's Fire" and "Ooey-Gooley").

### Service:

Tahona Kitchen + Bar, Summit Park - 7: Customers can order ahead with food coming out within a couple minutes. Staff was friendly, but did not interact with customers too often.

Condado, Oakley - 10: We were seated almost as soon as we got in, so there was no wait time. The waiters were extremely kind and friendly. They made sure to accommodate our tastes and even suggested foods based on our palette preferences and dietary restrictions.

### Location:

Tahona Kitchen + Bar, Summit Park - 8: Summit Park is close to the Indian Hill area, making it easily accessible to nearly everyone. The drive is pretty easy and short. Just remember that Tahona is usually closed on Mondays!

Condado, Oakley - 6: Located in Oakley, the drive from the Indian Hill area is around 15 minutes. However, if you are comfortable driving that far and/or potentially taking the highway, it is definitely worth the drive.

### The Champ: Condado Tacos

#### What to Order:

Tahona Kitchen + Bar, Summit Park

- Spicy Chicken Taco (with cotija cheese)
- Fish Taco (crispy and a tinge of sweetness)
- Pork Carnitas Taco (tender, juicy meat accompanied by a bit of spice)
- Traditional Taco

Condado, Oakley

- Lucy's Fire Taco (don't be intimidated by the *secret shell*)
- El Santo Taco (a bit spicy, so if you can handle it go for it)
- Ooey-Gooley Taco
- BYO (build-your-own) Nachos
- Chips & Queso Blanco (as an appetizer, of course)

## Renaissance Man and Woman of the Month

Ethan Marx '21

Leadership. Integrity. Pride. Excellence. Respect. Opportunity. We hear and see these words everyday as we come into Indian Hill High School. While most of us know what these words mean abstractly, it is hard to find an individual who truly exemplifies each of the six pillars. Indian Hill High School, however, has an abundance of students who exemplify these qualities. That is why, for the rest of the year, we plan to spotlight one male and one female student who best exemplify these qualities. 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 academic, artistic, or athletic success, in this section we will focus on well-rounded students who are involved in many activities. This month we are happy to honor Reilly Grace and Kevin Lewis!

Reilly Grace has shined in many roles on the Indian Hill stage such as Carlotta in *The Phantom of the Opera*, Anne in *Anne of Green Gables*, and Donna in *Mamma Mia* (among many others). Reilly has also volunteered with the Cincinnati Academy of Performing Arts and has been involved in voice training and musical theatre programs outside of Indian Hill. Additionally, she is a section leader in Premieres and the Senior Officer for Drama Club. While Kevin Lewis may be most well-known at Indian Hill for his amazing talent show performances, he is a man of many talents. Kevin has participated in soccer, basketball, FixNGive, Robotics Club, National Honor Society, and Spanish Club. He is also a talented musician skilled in both piano and guitar. In addition to his involvement at Indian Hill, Kevin has also volunteered for Stepping Stones.



Reilly described her most fulfilling experience at Indian Hill to have been participating in Pow Wow every year. She says that it is "such a thrill getting to perform something you have been working so hard on for your entire community." She also notes that, through the theatre program, she has built "friendships that will last a lifetime." Reilly has also been involved in every side of theatre. She stated that she "never thought" she would have participated in the tech crew, which she did during the CAPA summer camp program. Always "excited to try" new things, Reilly has been involved in "both sides" of production.

Kevin described his most fulfilling experience at Indian Hill as "spending time with friends, whether it be in school, during activities, or out of school." Kevin advises younger students that "you don't have to be too committed" to try out an activity. He states that "if something seems interesting, try it, and if you don't like it, you can stop, and if you do like it, then [you can] stick with it." Reilly advises younger students who want to get involved at Indian Hill to "just go for it" and not "be afraid to put yourself out there." It is evident that both Reilly and Kevin are not afraid to "go for it" and have been pretty successful at everything they have tried in high school.



We thank Reilly and Kevin for sitting down with us and commend them for their accomplishments! ■

## Chadwick Boseman's Legacy

David Kholodenko '21

The untimely death of Chadwick Boseman this past August has rippled through the hearts of many. Fans and friends alike were shocked by his death as he had been fighting cancer for four years. You may know him for his roles as Jackie Robinson in the movie "42," in the well-renowned *Black Panther* as T'Challa, and Thurgood Marshall in "Marshall." Boseman left a lasting impression on Hollywood and the world. He served as a symbol for African Americans and directly challenged the African stereotype.

Further, T'Challa's character disconnects the stereotype of African culture and status, seeking to refute the idea that Africa is a barbaric place and a continent of constant turmoil). T'Challa is characterized as an independent and resilient character. *Black Panther* very much served as a demonstration of the black diaspora, using characters such as the rich King of Wakanda and the troubled Killmonger. For example, Killmonger's goal reflects that of a child who has suffered distress from racial prejudice. *Black Panther* gave notice to Afrofuturism, a theme previously rejected as it was seen as unrealistic; Chadwick Boseman played the predominant role that brought about Afrofuturism to the public.

Boseman's other roles include Thurgood Marshall, a civil rights activist and the first African American Supreme Court justice, along with Jackie Robinson. His last film was "Da 5 Bloods," first debuted on June 12 on Netflix. The film discusses four African American war vets and their claiming of a case full of gold from their service during the Vietnam War. They face new enemies, as well as their former demons of war. The film will include the late Chadwick Boseman. Other future films, such as *Black Panther 2*, will be made without Boseman playing the lead role. Boseman left many things behind and many spots to fill. His death is truly a tragedy, weighing heavily on all of us, with actors, politicians, and activists all addressing his death. He will forever be immortalized as T'Challa, Jackie Robinson, Thurgood Marshall, and as the embodiment of the struggle against racial stereotypes. ■

## World Suicide Prevention Month

Will Ford '21

Amidst a time plagued with uncertainty and apprehension, raising awareness for both mental health and suicide prevention is certainly at the forefront of nationwide discussion. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, suicide rates in certain areas have drastically risen between thirteen to a significant seventy percent. In fact, the nation's suicide rate reached historic highs during the height of this pandemic, with rates at the highest levels since World War II. It is appropriate that we at Chieftain take a moment to recognize September as World Suicide Prevention Month.

Throughout this month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness and remember those who lost their lives to suicide. Specifically, the Lifeline plays a critical role in assisting individuals across both the US and the world in restoring positive thought and cultivating conversation about such a grave, hard-to-discuss topic. Through the utilization of social media platforms and other realms of communication, this month has generated much-needed sentiments of hope and resurgence and fostered empathy and growth. Notably, a powerful aphorism perpetuated across Instagram states, "If suicide ever crosses your mind, please remember that I would rather listen to your story than attend your funeral."

Teens who are looking to get involved with such a prominent, yet overlooked issue can apply to join 1in5's regional Youth Suicide Prevention Council, a group of students who, throughout the entire year, are committed to improving the health and well-being of Cincinnati youth. Partnered with Cincinnati Children's Hospital, members have previously created numerous mental health and suicide prevention videos, organized public presentations/galas, conversed at local conferences and high schools, and conducted their own research and projects. Ultimately, this council encourages the notion that the Cincinnati community must work toward ending mental health stigma through creating tangible change, whether it be through projects that discuss the importance of prioritizing self-care or forming positive relationships. ■

## Athlete of the Month

Sarika Singh '23 and Elsa Zhou '23

Indian Hill athletes must put hours upon hours of training in every week, a grueling enterprise that not many are willing to wholeheartedly pursue. On top of that, their other extracurricular activities and academics must be kept in tip-top shape. Not to mention a bursting social calendar and keeping up with memes like “so apparently I’ve never been on live television before.” At Chieftain, we’ve decided that one person embodies these values: Bella Kirby.

Bella Kirby, our Indian Hill Athlete of the Month, spoke candidly about her experience on the Indian Hill Girls Varsity Tennis team. Playing since she was a mere six years old, Kirby commented that captaining such a competitive team is “a great experience. I love my team and I’m overjoyed that I get to share this season with such a driven group that pushes for progress through such a great and elite culture.” Kirby, who is committed to D1 tennis at Xavier, noted that it was her proudest achievement, and couldn’t wait to represent such an accomplished tennis program next year. The skilled athlete also touched on her year of homeschooling which she undertook over the course of her junior year, reflecting that “it was a good opportunity to see what I was capable of, tennis and otherwise. I travelled around and met so many new people. I prioritized tennis, and I think that was one of the things that really pushed me to become better.”

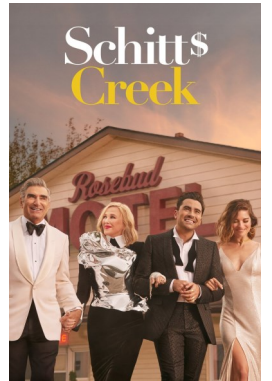
Kirby’s experiences only fuel her love for tennis and when prompted, she revealed that she practiced “between four and six hours a day” in the summer, and during the academic year, Kirby “sometimes hits before school” in order to balance her rigorous schoolwork and demanding tennis schedule. She also stated that time management and study hall were the key to balancing her academics with tennis. The Varsity team, which this year comes under the coaching of IHHS alumnus Wade Ward, is happy to welcome Coach Wade back into the Indian Hill community. Kirby disclosed, “we all love Wade, and he is a great addition to the Braves family! He really pushes the whole team to be the best they can be!” Truly representative of our values at Indian Hill, we congratulate tennis star Bella Kirby on being Athlete of the Month! ■

## Analyzing the Emmy Race

Ethan Marx '21

While production on many television shows has been brought to a sudden halt due to COVID-19, the best and brightest of the industry will come together virtually to award the standouts of the past year. The 72nd Primetime Emmy Awards will be held on Sunday, September 20th, 2020. Jimmy Kimmell will host the event’s virtual ceremony airing at 8 PM on ABC. In late July, Laverne Cox, Josh Gad, and Leslie Jones presented the nominees during a live virtual event.

The two big races of the night will be the Outstanding Comedy and Outstanding Drama Series Emmys. The current frontrunner for Outstanding Comedy is PopTV’s *Schitt’s Creek*. Created by and starring the father and son duo of Eugene and Dan Levy, the show follows the fall of an exorbitantly rich family that loses everything due to mismanagement by their wealth manager. The family’s only remaining asset is a rural town, called Schitt’s Creek, that Johnny (portrayed by Eugene Levy) purchased as a joke for his son David (portrayed by Dan Levy). The show is hilarious and heartwarming and has grown significantly in popularity. The show received its first nomination for its penultimate season at last year’s Emmys. However, Amazon’s *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* (2018 Outstanding Comedy Series) or HBO’s *Insecure* may pull an upset. Also nominated are *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Dead to Me*, *The Kominsky Method*, *The Good Place*, and *What We Do in the Shadows*. For its sixth and final season, *Schitt’s Creek* received a variety of nominations including Outstanding Comedy Series, Lead Actor - Comedy (E. Levy), Lead Actress - Comedy (O’Hara), Supporting Actor - Comedy (D. Levy), and Supporting Actress - Comedy (Murphy).



In the Outstanding Drama Series category, HBO’s *Succession* is the critics-predicted winner. *Succession*, following a dysfunctional global-media family, also received a variety of nominations including Lead Actor - Drama (Cox, Strong), Supporting Actor - Drama (Braun, Culkin, Macfadyen), and Supporting Actress - Drama (Snook).

With a variety of critically-acclaimed and fan-favorite programs up for nomination, this is bound to be an exciting night honoring the best of television. Especially with last year’s Outstanding Drama (*Game of Thrones*) and Comedy (*Fleabag*) Series out of the running, it is anybody’s game. However, we predict that *Schitt’s Creek* and *Succession* will take the grand prizes, but only time will tell. ■

## Teacher Feature: Mr. Renner

Vandita Rastogi '21

The start of the new school year has brought new staff and administration to the high school, among those being our new vice principal, Mr. Renner. This month, I had the opportunity of interviewing him about his prior work and vision for the school!\*

\*Some responses have been shortened and paraphrased.

### 1. Where did you work prior to Indian Hill?

Before education I worked as an on-air meteorologist directly out of college. Thankfully this was before the time of posting everything to social media and you won't be able to find any of my old clips! Although it was a fun experience and I still very much monitor the weather closely, it wasn't something I was passionate about in terms of a career and what I wanted to dedicate my life to. Things happen for a reason and the experience helped me discover my passion for education and working with students. My teaching experience includes Mason and Oak Hills, both science, and gifted education at Finneytown. My administration experience includes both Cincinnati Public Schools and Wyoming. I would like to add that I am not a Wyoming native, and it's better being a Brave!

### 2. What are you most excited about this year and working with IH?

I'm very excited to see students in person, even if I can't see your whole face. It is fantastic that athletics, arts, and academics are happening in person (with modifications) and school is happening with some sense of normalcy. I'm excited to see what positive outcomes come out of this challenging time and how we as a high school and a community become better from the lessons learned in this time period.

### 3. What are your goals for students as we combat these times together?

My first goal for students would be to embrace this challenging time and make the most of it. There will always be seasons in life that present adversity and difficult circumstances. I suggest students use this time to develop better systems and habits so when we are through this COVID season, they will be in a better place to take on the future challenges.

My second goal is for students to continue to help the school in pushing the boundaries in terms of innovation and real world experiences and be an integral part in developing internships at IHHS.

### 4. What advice would you give families during this time?

Please continue providing us feedback on what is and isn't working. Nearly every school in the country is new at conducting school during a pandemic. The processes won't always be perfect, but I can promise this district has some absolutely rockstar administrators, teachers, and staff members that are committed to doing the best job we possibly can.

### 5. Could you tell us about upcoming plans for the school models? Are there any big changes?

I'm not the deliverer of this news, but I will say that COVID cases are trending downward in Hamilton County according to information on the health department website as of September 8th. The district put parameters in place, over the summer, that would determine if the school switched to an all-in, blended, or remote model.

### 6. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

I truly believe it is a privilege to be an educator and to work with the students in this community. My goal is to have a positive impact on everyone in this building, staff and students, and to help cultivate a positive learning experience that helps every student become a better version of themselves. ■





## Emily Sichel

Vandita Rastogi '21

I've known Emily since 6th grade, when I first moved here. Looking back on those days, I am so thankful to have met someone who is as compassionate, caring, and funny as her. Emily always has a smile on her face and makes sure everyone else in the room does too. When you're feeling down, one of her thousands of jokes will definitely cheer you up. Having a friend like Emily has made the transition to a new city so much easier. She's always been there to help out with homework, chat about problems, and laugh around in biology class. I will never forget our first memories in Mr. Keith's social studies class or the times we've spent outside of school.



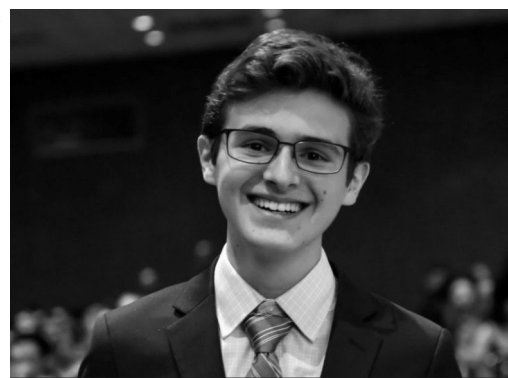
While she works hard with cheerleading, she always finds time to spend with friends and puts them before herself. I know that her amazing work ethic, beautiful personality and empathetic character

will be valued by whatever college is lucky enough to have her on campus next year! I know that wherever she ends up next year, she will be super successful! ■

## Ethan Marx

Maya Anderson '21

Whether he's winning national titles in the courtroom, leading us through COVID uncertainty as our student body president, lighting up the stage, editing this very newspaper, or even power-walking down the halls with one backpack strap slung over his shoulder, I think we can



all agree that there is no one quite like Ethan Marx. Public speaking, leadership, and English vocabulary aren't his only talents though. While most know him as the mastermind debater or the king of Socratic seminars, I'm lucky enough to also know him as a film enthusiast, a board and card game champion, a hilarious dancer, a devout Whitney Houston and Greta Gerwig fan, a native Tennessean, but, most importantly, a passionate, sincere, and inspirational person. Thanks to the infamous AP Capstone TMP, Ethan has become one of my closest friends, always accompanying me on laps around the school or Old Indian Rd, never failing to make me laugh over endless FaceTime calls, and being the ultimate duet partner for "Islands in the Stream." If I ever find myself in any legal troubles, I know exactly who to call. All jokes aside, no matter where Ethan goes or what he pursues, I know for certain he will absolutely thrive and find success. I am so excited to see where his future takes him and all that he accomplishes. ■

## Brooke Youngblood

Emery Cunningham '23

The first time I met Brooke Youngblood was in middle school when we did *Beauty And The Beast*. Every time I saw her on stage, I just knew how cool she was and that she was going to do something great! She also was the first girl I met at YoungLife - it was apparent from the start that she really cared about her faith and it was, and still is, really important to her. Brooke is genuinely a great person. She strives to be the best person she can be everyday! She is also the sweetest and cutest girl you will ever encounter. Brooke is such a light not only through her faith, but also through everything that she does. She makes sure that her friends are okay and will do anything she can for anyone in need. She is inclusive and tries to find a way to fix things that are going on in the world by helping others to make a change. Brooke is someone that, when you meet her, you love her because of her laugh and smile! Her faith and kindness really shine. She is about to do some great things, and I know it. I'm so proud of her and can't wait to see what she accomplishes when she leaves IH. :) ■



## Lauren Frey

Lauren Yamaguchi '21

Lauren Frey is one of my best friends and someone who I can always count on. We have been friends for so long, and she is someone who is so special to me. She is so kind, loving, and has the best personality. I am so thankful to have Lauren in my life, and I am going to miss her so much next year. Lauren is a member of the girls soccer team, and she is AMAZING. She is also a team captain, and this is her 4th year starting varsity. I am so happy I get to watch Lauren play; however, she shines off the field, as well. She is one of the hardest workers I have ever met, and I can't wait to see all of the amazing things Lauren does. I don't know what I am going to do without her next year. Thank you for being such an amazing friend! <3 ■



## Victor Stettler

Jessica Budde '21

Victor Stettler is one of the most intelligent and creative people you will ever meet at Indian Hill. He has participated in Spanish Club, Robotics, Science Olympiad, and plans on majoring in engineering. He has become such a successful student over the past thirteen years due to his curiosity, and willingness to learn and collaborate. Victor makes every learning environment positive, making his peers and friends smile whenever they see him. Victor has always been a true friend, and I'm confident that anyone who has ever had the pleasure of knowing him will be a better person because of it. He is one of the most open-minded, patient, selfless, reliable, perceptive, and compassionate people you will ever meet. Victor accepts everyone just the way they are, and I truly hope he knows not only how special and amazing he is, but also how much he means to his friends. ■



## Jessica Budde

Jessica August '21

For the past 13 years, Jessica Budde has shown what it means to be brave on and off the tennis court and on the marching band field. She has competed in Indian Hill Varsity tennis all four years and is a 2-time state doubles qualifier at the OHSAA tennis tournament. She is also musically inclined with the clarinet, as she is a 2-year participant in the Braves Marching Band, a four-year jazz band participant, and a 3-year District Honors Band musician. Jessica Budde will continue to pursue her academic and tennis careers at the top college of her choice and will study to go into the medical field. Besides her outstanding commitments, Jessica never fails to make others laugh and brings people together. She has demonstrated doing what it takes to work hard every day, which is why we're excited to see Jessica succeed and do great things. ■



## Warren Zahn

Simon Lococo '21

Warren Zahn is undoubtedly the most unique person I know. His energy is unmatched, and he is able to brighten any class he's in. Warren has an endless reservoir of questions that will make anyone question what they thought they knew about the simplest things. He strives for greatness and helps those around him achieve that, as well. He shows dedication in all of his work, and he never stops till he's mastered the skill. This is true for his clubs and extracurricular activities, as well, from Pow-Wow to swimming; in short, he always does his best. Beyond school, he is an amazing and caring friend. He is one of those people who you just have to like. Warren knows how to lighten a room whether it's with his bubbly personality or his tropical clothing. Anyone who is lucky enough to get to know Warren will gain a valuable friendship that will change their life for the better. ■



## Nikki Kode

Jessica Budde '21

Nikki Kode exemplifies what it means to be a Brave. The past thirteen years, Nikki has challenged herself academically and excels in science. She is a five-year marching band participant and a jazz band, Science Olympiad, and Spanish club member. Nikki is an excellent musician, as she plays french horn, trumpet, and saxophone. She participates in programs at UC, and will attend a top-notch academic college with an exceptional music program. However, what sets Nikki apart is her commitment to her friends. Nikki's ability to laugh at her own mistakes has made her relatable, trustworthy, and has allowed people to confide in her. Nikki has made a profound impact on her friends, and no matter what she pursues in life and college, we are confident she will succeed because not only is she one of the most intelligent people we know, but she has always been a good person and an amazing friend. ■



## Corinne O'Dell

Abby Campa '21

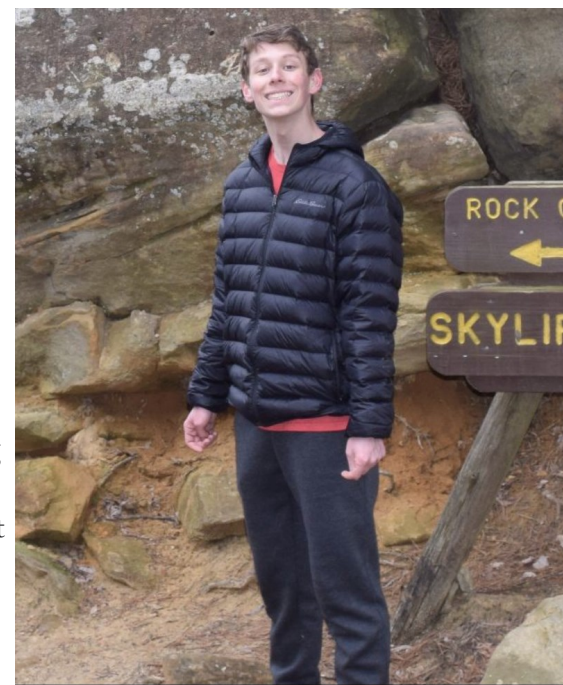
Corinne has been one of my best friends since 6th grade. She is one of the most kind, caring, and compassionate people I have ever met. We have done almost everything together since middle school, and I am so lucky to have her as my partner-in-crime. Even in a boring task, if I have Corinne there, I know she'll make it fun for the both of us. Corinne is so good at making everyone around her feel included and loved. I know Corinne always has my back and will be there for me no matter what. I am so lucky to have her as one of my best friends and can't imagine what I'll do without her by my side next year. I am so excited to see all that she accomplishes in the future and know she will be so successful in whatever she does. ■



## Simon Lococo

Kaia Woo '23

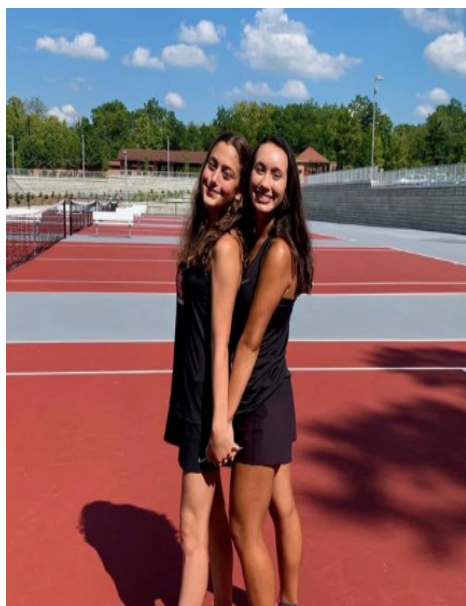
Simon is a true force for good in the world. He goes everywhere with a smile on his face and encourages others to have the same positive attitude. Even when he's tired, complaining, or stressed, he's smiling. He makes everyone around him laugh and has a very likable aura. He's willing to try new things, push himself, and meet new people (and accidentally drag everyone into working harder, as well). A very easy person to get along with, Simon brings joy to those he spends time with and has a very bright future ahead of him. I'm personally very grateful for being able to know him and I know many others can say the same. Thanks for making our days brighter! ■



## Jessica August

Hannah Pollock '23

Jessica Bataller August is one of the most kind, funny, giving, and encouraging people I have ever met. She brings out the fun side of everyone and lights up the room whenever she walks in. As a star tennis player and student, she tries her best in absolutely everything and helps anyone who needs it along the way. One thing that she never fails to do is make people laugh. She is so incredibly funny, and her laugh is contagious. I'm so honored to call her one of my best friends, and I know that she is going to do amazing things in this world. ■



## John Kushman

Harry Warfel '22

John Kushman, commonly referred to as Kush-Kush, is a model student. Spending all 4 of his years within the theatre program, it is not only his musical excellence that separates John from the masses. John Kushman has participated in the Indian Hill Ultimate Frisbee team for the past few years. All-star handler and catcher, Kushman helped carry the team to a win against D-1 Mason High School in his very first season. When not on the field tossing disc, John can be found running around the village as a 4 x Varsity Cross Country athlete. Be it running from his multiple extracurriculars or from class to class, Kushman always gives his all. Graduating with a 4.35 GPA, he managed to make time for not only his extracurriculars but also to dive deep into his studies. From athletics to academics, from art to acting, John Kushman made the best of his time in Indian Hill. ■



## Olivia Scott

Vandita Rastogi '21

Never in a million years did I think I'd find someone who laughs as much as I do. But as fate had it, I got to meet Olivia during 6th AP Physics and 7th bell AP Biology last year. Olivia exudes so much positive energy to whatever room she walks into. She knows how to put a smile on everyone's faces. And if I am not the one hysterically laughing, it's probably her. Knowing how hard it is to make the transition to a new city, I can't imagine how Olivia must have felt last year. But she is such a hard-working and amiable person, so it is not a surprise that she made friends very quickly. Olivia is one of the kindest and most genuine people I know. She has always been there for me through my highs and my lows. I know that wherever she ends up next year, her ability to adapt and to add sunshine to a place will surely make her successful! ■



## Olivia Wang

Jenny Zhang '21

I met Olivia last year, our junior year, when Mrs. Jackson introduced her to me. She was hoping that as a fellow high school transfer student, I could help her settle in and make the transition a little easier. I don't know if I was actually helpful to her at all, but I do know that Olivia became someone that I could count on to understand and relate to what I felt, from differences in schools to our questionable study habits. We had a lot of things in common, like our mutual backgrounds in music, and even our families were similar! Thinking back on all the mid-night conversations we had, I'm incredibly grateful to have met someone who I feel so comfortable around. From sawing wood to frantically tuning strings before a deadline, Olivia has always been thoughtful and dependable. I hope she knows that I'll always be grateful for her being the funny, honest, and passionate person she is and that wherever she goes, they'll be lucky to have her. ■



## Maya Anderson

Ethan Marx '21

I turned the corner of the choir hallway and was cornered by someone I barely knew. That student would turn out to be one of the kindest, passionate, and funniest people I have ever met. At the time, however, she only had one goal: forming the ultimate AP Capstone Seminar group. Through grueling hours preparing our TMP, Maya and I soon became quick friends. Maya is extremely smart and one of the hardest-working people I have ever met. Maya gives her all in everything she does. She has qualified for State in Science Olympiad, excelled in academics, led Indian Hill as the Senior Class President, and even started the Future Medical Professionals Club. Maya's success at Indian Hill is especially impressive as she spends almost every night at dance rehearsal. Maya truly is a well-rounded person who excels in academics and the arts. Yet, what makes Maya most unique is the size of her heart, the extreme motivation she possesses, and the individuality of her personality. I am so excited to see the great things she is going to do in this world! ■



## Abby Campa

Corrine O'Dell '21

I am lucky to have been best friends with Abby since the 6th grade. Looking back on all these years, I know my life would be completely different if I did not have a friend like her. She is kind, compassionate, smart, and caring. Abby is always there to put a smile on your face with her hilarious personality. Whenever I need someone to talk to, I know I can count on Abby to make me cry of laughter. Abby is also one of the most hard-working people I know; when she puts her mind to something, she makes sure that it is done with 100% perfection. She is one of those people that light up a room when they walk in. Her energetic and outgoing personality radiates to everyone around her. Abby always puts her friends over herself and is constantly reaching out to make sure everyone is doing okay. I am so thankful for all of the memories that Abby and I have made together. She has always been there for me and supported me through everything I've ever done. Everyone needs a friend like Abby in their lives because she truly is one of the best people I have ever met. I'm not sure what I am going to do without her next year, but whatever college she attends will be so incredibly lucky to have her. ■



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