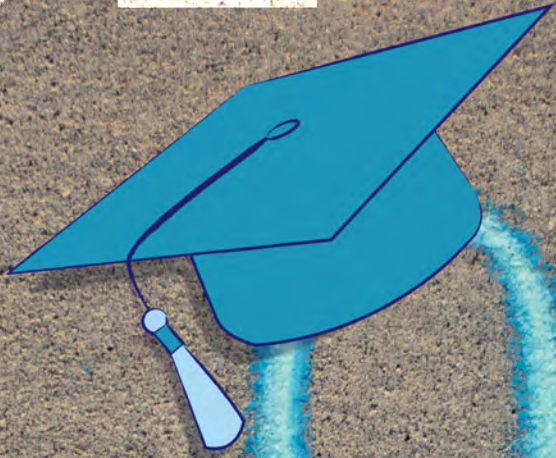
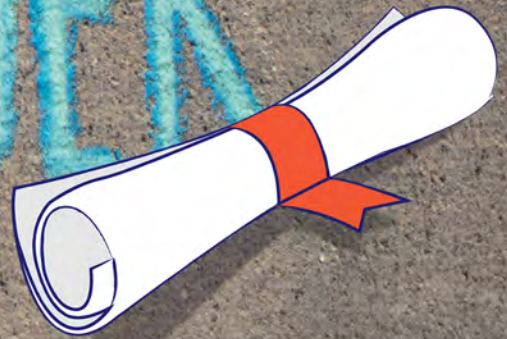


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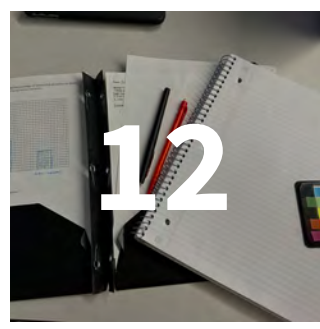
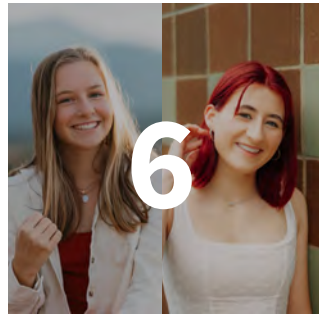
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A LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Back in our sophomore year, graduation seemed ages away. Eight magazine editions and many stories later, we have reached our final edition as Tenth Street Times Print Editors.

We began the Tenth Street Times in our own bubbles, staying in our comfort zones and writing the stories that were assigned to us. Over the past three years, we have tried new things, taken advantage of so many opportunities, created a multitude of friendships and worked hard on projects we are passionate about. Our growth has been exponential, and we hope other seniors can relate in aspects of their high school experience.

To our reporters, thank you for bearing with us as we navigated our role as Print Editors. We sincerely appreciate every single one of your efforts. Your hard work, creativity and dedication to the class has not gone unnoticed. We have loved every second of working with you all, and are so excited to see what you continue to create. If we could give you one piece of advice, continue to enjoy all of the "Fun Fridays," pubs parties, and as always, prioritize people over product.

To our continued and future print editors, Alexis Enriquez, Avery Herman and Sarah Wigton, make the Tenth Street Times magazine your own. Don't be afraid to make changes, get out

of your comfort zone, try new things and leave your mark at Northwest. To our advisor, Mr. Blumberg, thank you for your endless support through all of our efforts. Our work would not be what it is without you.

To the class of 2024 – we created this issue wanting to spotlight as many seniors as possible. We hope you enjoy the content of this graduation edition, and that you can look back on these stories in the future to reflect on your senior year. Thank you for reading and supporting the Tenth Street Times. To the students who generously spent time in room B302 for interviews, thank you. Our work would not be what it is without each and every one of your perspectives. High school has been an incredible journey and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for all of us. We would like to extend a thank you to all other Northwest High School students and staff, the Waukee community and most importantly, to our readers. Thank you for the ongoing support.

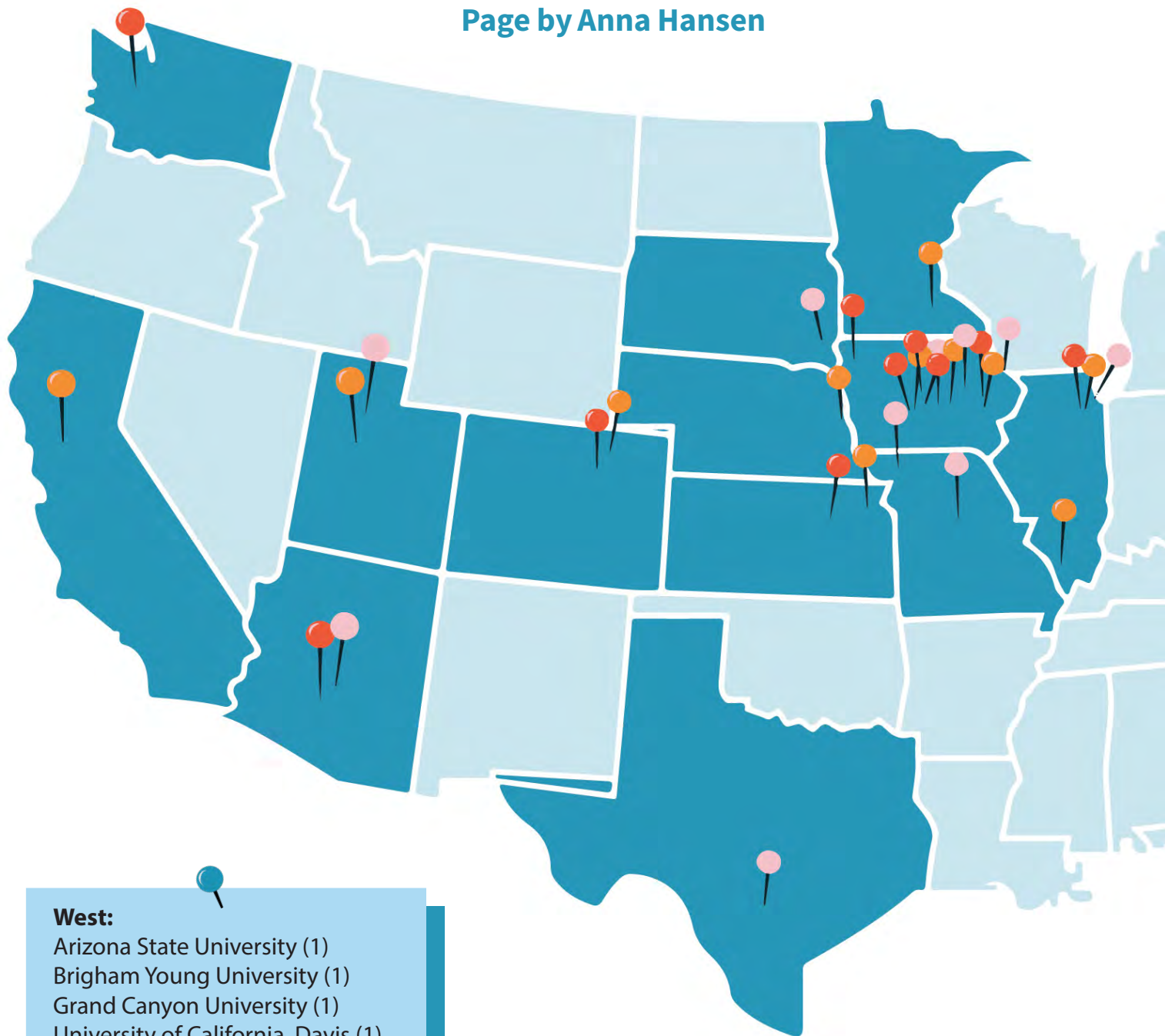
Congratulations, class of 2024!

- **Anna Hansen and Tyler Pittman**
Tenth Street Times Senior Print Editors

POST-GRAD MAP

*Information gathered via voluntary Google Form submissions made by the class of 2024.

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West:

- Arizona State University (1)
- Brigham Young University (1)
- Grand Canyon University (1)
- University of California, Davis (1)
- University of Colorado, Boulder (1)
- University of Utah (1)
- University of Washington (1)

South:

- United States Air Force (1)



East:

Boston College (1)
New York Institution of Culinary Education (1)
Pace University (1)
University of Maine (1)

Midwest:

Aveda Institute Des Moines (1)
Cedarville University (1)
Creighton University (1)
DMACC (3)
DMACC to 4-Year Institution (6)
Drake University (1)
Exec 1 Aviation Flight School (1)
Iowa State University (27)
Kansas State University (1)
Kirkwood Community College (2)
Lewis University (1)
Loras College (1)
Loyola University Chicago (1)
Northwest Missouri State (2)
Northwestern College (1)
Southern Illinois University (1)
St. Olaf College (1)
University of Iowa (29)
University of Kansas (1)
University of Missouri Columbia (5)
University of South Dakota (1)

Stephanie Chu

Attending the New York Institution of Culinary Education to study culinary arts and culinary management.

"[I'm excited for the different] internships that you can do [and] so many different food categories you can learn about. I'm also excited to see life in the big city, I know it's not all glitz and glam as movies make it seem, but it'll be a nice change."

Makenna Davis

Attending the University of Colorado, Boulder to study chemistry.

"I really wanted a college that was out-of-state so that I could get new experiences, such as the environment of Colorado! I can't wait to have the mountains right next to me and be able to walk trails whenever I have the time."

Jilliann Eason

Attending Aveda Institute Des Moines to study cosmetology.

"I choose Aveda Institute because I will get to learn cosmetology hands on! I will also be able to build connections and make my clients feel beautiful."

Morgan Gallagher

Attending Creighton University to study nursing.

"I chose Creighton because I wanted to go somewhere close to home, with a good nursing program and student involvement."

Olivia Kelderman

Attending Grand Canyon University to study nursing.

"I wanted to go out of state for new experiences and the campus is beautiful. As soon as I toured, I knew GCU would be the right place for me."

Elaine Struthers

Attending Southern Illinois University to study zoology and agricultural education.

"I chose SIU because it had the major I was most interested in, Zoology, and I wanted to get out of the state and explore beyond Iowa."

Ragan Swanson

Attending St. Olaf College to study chemistry and biomolecular science.

"I am looking forward to being able to experience new things on campus next year. I'm super excited to be able to go to all of the sports games that aren't offered as a school sport here in Iowa, like hockey."

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

FINLEY HABGOOD: OPENING SPEAKER

Student Council President Finley Habgood will present the opening speech. Throughout high school, Habgood was very involved, participating in track and field, cross country, Student Council, Best Buddies, show choir and Random Acts of Kindness. The main message in Habgood's speech is to remind the graduates of the great memories they made throughout high school. She reminds her classmates that Northwest will forever be their base, but she also encourages them as they step into their futures. During her time at Northwest, Habgood learned that even with the new school and the many resources available, students still have to work hard and reach out to the community.

"I was thinking early on about what I wanted to talk about, so I made a list of the key moments that happened through our sophomore, junior and senior years. I knew I wanted to present a speech that was memorable, but also had a good theme," stated Habgood.



GRACE FISHER: SHOWCASE SPEAKER

Grace Fisher will present the commencement showcase speech. Fisher was also very involved throughout high school. She participated in speech, was a member of the theatre crew and founded the Northwest March for Our Lives chapter. The main message of Fisher's speech is to say yes to every opportunity as it will give you the best experience in life. Growing up, Fisher went to a much smaller school, so being a student at Northwest taught her how to reach out to new people and connect with both her classmates and teachers on a whole new level.

"In my speech, I talk about what I did in high school and how I approached opportunities that were given to me, then I try and apply it to everyone else's experiences," stated Fisher.



Story by Laurel Richards
Photos courtesy of Finley Habgood and Grace Fisher

19 ?s

at NW

19 at Northwest is a segment where a Northwest High School student is asked to answer 19 rapid-fire questions about their experiences and opinions. This time we spoke with Ragan Swanson, a senior.

Q: What was your favorite childhood TV show?

A: I remember watching *iCarly* a lot when I was younger.

Q: What superpower do you wish you had? Why?

A: I wish I had the ability to teleport because then I could wake up two minutes before school and then I could just be here.

Q: What did you want to be when you were a kid?

A: I feel like I was the typical "I wanted to be a vet."

Q: What is your phone wallpaper?

A: My phone wallpaper is the tomb with flowers, and it says, "He is not here, He is risen."

Q: If you could live in one fictional universe, which one would you choose and why?

A: I would say the world of *Fourth Wing*, but I wouldn't want to die so if I could be guaranteed that I wouldn't die then that.

Q: Favorite school lunch?

A: I really like the breaded chicken sandwiches.

Q: If you could choose anywhere in the world to visit, where would it be?

A: I would say I would visit Iceland because it's so pretty there and their mountains are gorgeous.

Q: What song/artist have you been listening to most lately?

A: I would say Hozier.

Q: Who's your favorite character of all time and why?

A: I would say Mia Themopolous, from *The Princess Diaries*, because she's a strong independent woman and those movies are so funny.

Q: What extracurriculars/clubs are you in?

A: I participate in band, choir, show choir, color guard, as well as winter guard.

Q: What's your most irrational fear?

A: I would say spiders but I wouldn't say it's an irrational fear.

Q: What's something most people don't know about you?

A: That I really like to read in my free time.

Q: What makes you feel the most like yourself?

A: Probably whenever I have worship music going on.

Q: What do you want to be known for?

A: I wanna be known for my kindness and that I don't let people distance themselves, I want to make them feel included.

Q: If you could say something to your 5th-grade self, what would it be?

A: Don't try and be like everyone else.

Q: What's something you can't do, but wish you could?

A: I wish I could whistle... that's so random but I think that would be so cool.

Q: What is your most prized possession?

A: My baby blanket, I still have it in my room.

Q: If you could meet anyone in the world, living or dead, who would it be and why?

A: I would say either Hozier, because it's Hozier, or Anne Hathaway because she's so down to earth and regal.

Question from previous participant: If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

A: I'd probably be a little bit shorter because it's really hard to find pants that are long enough.

Story by Cali Kuhl

Photo courtesy of Ragan Swanson





club

In May of 2024, three Northwest seniors, Josie Vande Krol, Sam Johnson and Sadie Maas, will receive the "33 Club" award for their high performance in multiple sports throughout their high school career.

To receive this honor, students must earn a varsity letter in at least three different sports over three years. As most sports at Northwest have practices, meetings and even competitions outside of their given three-month season, this is no easy task to accomplish.

Three athletes,

however, were able to do so.

Josie Vande Krol participated in basketball, soccer and track for Northwest. She earned a varsity letter for each sport every year since she was a sophomore and will continue her athletics into college on the University of South Dakota's soccer team.

"[Making the 33 Club] has been my goal since I was in elementary school," Vande Krol commented.

It was not easy for Vande Krol to accomplish this, as soccer and track both happen during the spring. This meant she had to work extra hard to be available and present at each sport.

"It has been hard to balance school and sports, especially during soccer and track season, but I work with all of my coaches to help me make the best schedule for me," Vande Krol explained. "I have made so many new friends and memories, and I have had so many good experiences."

Johnson is also joining the 33 Club at the end of this year. He was a part of Northwest's football, basketball and track teams.

"Making the 33 Club was definitely something that was important to me. Getting to grow up in Waukee and see the select few that achieved that goal before me, I wanted to show that I could be a part of that elite group as well," Johnson explained.

Sam Johnson will continue his athletic career playing football for Drake University this fall. He expressed how participating in a variety of activities throughout high school has helped him both in and out of the world of athletics.

"Playing three different sports in high school has helped me grow as a person and athlete and taught me values like commitment and leadership. It also has helped me be more thankful for the time I have in high school and with my friends," he explained.

Even though it can be difficult, between busy schedules, injuries and keeping up with schoolwork, Johnson is grateful for the opportunities he has been given through high school athletics and en-



Photos left to right: Sadie Maas, Sam Johnson, Josie Vande Krol

courages others to push themselves as well.

“Don’t be afraid to try and don’t think you need to focus on only one sport. Do everything that you love to do and your coaches should work with you to help you be successful,” Johnson said.

The final athlete earning the honor of joining the 33 Club this year is Sadie Maas. Though Maas participated in varsity volleyball, basketball and track and field for Northwest, she was also involved in chorus and Student Council.

“[I use] a lot of calendars and planners filled with time charts allowing me to get to each practice on time. Having an outlet for music with choir and show choir has also been a good de-stressor,” Maas said.

Experiencing and participating in so many different activities also has helped to teach Maas important social skills and showed her how to become a better student, athlete and person. The

responsibilities that come along with being in a position of leadership on multiple teams taught Maas life lessons that can be used beyond the high school setting.

She said, “I have really learned how to advocate for myself when it comes to how my body feels, as well as being super efficient and hardworking when it comes to balancing school and sports. It has also taught me to be personable when dealing with many different people on each team.”

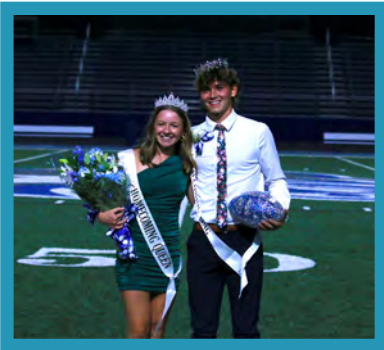
Maas plans on continuing her basketball career this fall at Northwest Missouri State University.

Previous members of the 33 Club include Megan Lanz and Cael Winter.

Story by Bailey Mahoney

Photos courtesy of interviewees and the Publications team





'23-'24

On Film

As the 2023-24 school year comes to an end, so does Northwest High School's third year as a school. The past school year came with memories that students can look back on and cherish for the rest of the lives. Through the good and the bad, the 2023-24 school year was one for the books. Here are some of the year's highlights:



The Northwest Volleyball team won the 5A State Championship on November 2, 2023. Varsity Volleyball coach Jodi Vogt said, "The best part about watching this group perform is the progression they made throughout the season and watching the team play their best at the State Tournament. It was an unforgettable week at the State Tournament and such a fun way to end the season for these seniors."



The school year began with Senior Sunrise on August 22, a tradition at Northwest where Seniors gather to watch the sunrise with their friends, marking the beginning of their final year in high school.



Photo by Bella Montiel

On November 11, 2023, the Northwest/Waukee Girls Swimming and Diving team became 5A State Champions. By beating 29 other teams in a 12-event competition, this became the joint team's third consecutive state championship.



Photo by Ava Flores

The Waukee Northwest Baseball team ended their season on July 12, 2023, as 4A State runner-ups. The Wolves started strong, winning the first and second rounds at 3-1. In the third round they fell to Dallas Center-Grimes 5-8. Varsity Baseball coach Jeremy Heinen said, "I miss our seniors every year. You build strong relationships with them, and when [the] last game of the season happens it's done."

On April 25, 2024, Northwest World Cultures Club and Waukee International Club hosted International Night. This event invited students to learn about different cultures and to celebrate the diversity in Waukee. Students learned about different cultures while being around friends and other students.

Story by Lucas Ressler
Photos by TST staff



Photo by Nolan Craig



Photo by Jack Andersen

September 22, 2023, marked the end of Homecoming Week with the Homecoming football game. The Northwest Wolves played against Waterloo West and walked away comfortably with a 64-0 shutout to celebrate Northwest's 2023 Homecoming. Homecoming Week kicked off the 2023 school year in a memorable way for students. Senior Morgan Gallagher reflected, "[In the 2024 school year] I have learned a lot about hard work and dedication. Through my activities, sports and classes I have learned how to work hard and collaborate with a variety of people. I have grown my leadership skills and self-confidence."

SENIORS REFLECT ON HELPFUL CLASSES

Stress about classes and overloading schedules are common symptoms of being a high schooler, but some unexpected classes may actually be helpful for the future.

Signing up for the next year of classes is also a cumbersome process, leading students to question what classes they need to take, want to take and what classes they will eventually hate themselves for taking.

Senior Aidan Friedel plans to attend Iowa State University next year to study engineering. Friedel stated, "I would say take a math class every year because it will be helpful for all of the testing you have to do for college and college itself."

After students complete Algebra II, they are no longer required to take math classes in order to graduate. However, students who plan on taking the ACT or SAT must complete a math portion of the test. Students who have not taken math since their freshman or sophomore year are, therefore, at a disadvantage because they are out of practice. Even if students are not planning on entering a math-heavy field, many colleges require students to take a baseline math class during their freshman year.

Friedel continued, "I think joining a club or a team is helpful because it gives you community and it gives you a lot of friendships that last longer than high school."

There are many different sports, clubs and organizations students are able to be a part of during their time in high school. Students can join activities specific to their interests, like art, and connect with other high schoolers who share similar interests. These connections are fundamental to surviving high school for many.

After taking a gap year, Sydney Bollback plans to major in education in the fall of 2025. Bollback commented, "I would recommend younger students take a look into APEX classes because they are a great opportunity no one really gets in high school... They help you move into adulthood and get a feel of what you may want to do or are interested in."

APEX classes are specialized to suit students' interests. For example, one can take investing classes and be able to present ideas to real businesses, or become an intern

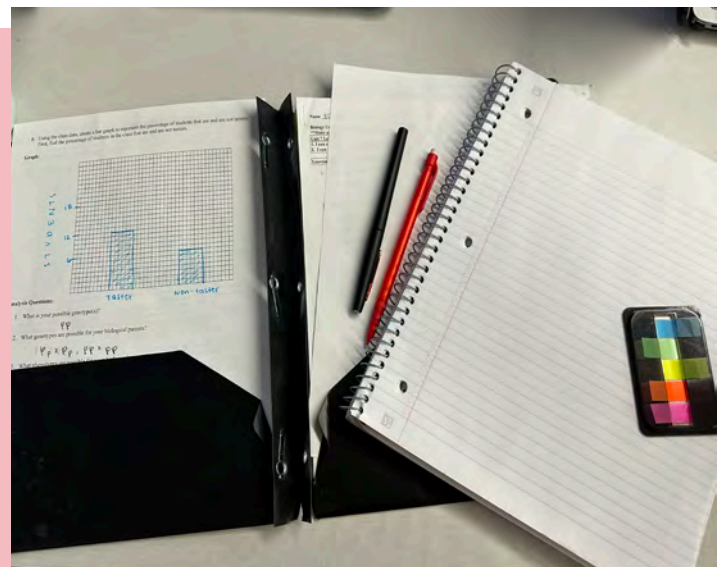
at a medical business and gain real-life experience.

Abbie Garlock will major in English education at Iowa State this fall. Garlock explained, "Intro to Education worked for me because it was the hands-on experience that I wanted to confirm what I wanted to study. Despite obviously being in a school and seeing what a teacher does every day, Intro to Ed allowed me to see what teachers do beyond what we see... The most helpful aspect of this course was not only being able to work as a practicum student in a real classroom, but having a teacher who was so committed to teaching the class and was ultimately just a prime example of who I want to be as a teacher."

Programs like Introduction to Education and School to Work allow students to not only learn about the field they may be interested in but also practice working in the environment.

Essentially, there are many beneficial programs and opportunities for students to take advantage of that provide unforgettable experiences as well as applicable lessons for the future.

Story by Sarah Wigton



PAST VS PRESENT PLANS

Students from elementary to their senior year go through a ton of changes in their lives, including the phases they go through and what careers they are interested in.

Finding jobs or having an interest in jobs at an early age helps students develop a greater sense of themselves. It will help them understand more about life and expand their options for the future. Though their interests may fluctuate over time, it is still helpful for them to realize what they are passionate about.

Northwest seniors went through a lot of changes since some of them started at Northwest as sophomores. They are considered the Original Pack. They saw the changes throughout the school and met many people on their journey into becoming adults.

“I always knew I wanted to help people, and I assumed that being a doctor was the best option.”

For example, senior Carson Kleppe went through a lot of change throughout his life. He said, "Growing up, I thought I was going to be an engineer. [That] path changed after I found out math was not and will never be fun to me." He also shared that he was always on the energetic side growing up.

Some students do not enjoy the necessary steps to complete so they can fit into their dream job, and that is okay. Hobbies and interests may change over time.

"My dream job was to be a singer. I loved to sing in

front of my family, and my favorite show was *The Voice*," said senior Fanta Camara. She also added that her dream job changed to becoming a doctor because she felt more interested in the medical field.

"Growing up, my future dream job was to be a doctor. I always knew I wanted to help people, and I assumed that being a doctor was the best option. If I were asked the same question now, I would be a nurse," mentioned senior Joyce Adopke. Adopke commented that anyone pursuing a job in the medical field does not have to focus on being a doctor.

"Whether you are a cleaner who makes sure that every room is sanitary or you are a surgeon who does surgery, you have a part in improving the lives of others," Adopke said.

Overall, many students at Northwest have changed their interests. What once were young children with big dreams are now young adults trying to make their dreams a reality.

Story by Alexis Enriquez



GUIDE TO POST-GRAD

Campus housing is one of the biggest focuses for high school graduates attending college in the fall. From dorm supplies to housing advice, here are some of the most important things to keep in mind when preparing for college.

The first purchase most incoming freshmen make is a microwave or mini fridge. Many schools allow renting of appliances through third party rental services such as myMicroFridge. Students and academic advisors recommend getting both a microwave and minifridge. These appliances allow students to prepare food outside of dining hall hours.

If your dorm has communal showers, shower shoes and a shower caddy are recommended. Remember to bring the essentials like shampoo, conditioner and a washcloth or loofah.

Laundry items should also be a priority when packing for college. Needs differ from person to person, but everyone should bring a laundry bag or basket and detergent. Clothing hangers are also important to avoid wrinkles. Getting into a laundry routine can be very helpful, according to Courtney

Tripp-Stuck, Director of Residential Life at Wartburg College.

“As you’re moving in and starting classes, if you know how to do laundry, that’s one less stressor you have to worry about,” Tripp-Stuck described.

Students should also pack over the counter medicines and first-aid supplies. Sickness is common on campus, so having materials to deal with an illness is crucial. A heating pad would also be helpful for people who experience aches or cramps.

Another popular recommendation is a power strip and extension cord. Students often have many electronics so a power strip will allow easy access to outlets.

Almost every student move-in guide recommends bedding supplies, and for good reason. Sleep is integral to health and focus in college, so having a comfortable bed is a must. Most schools recommend extra-long sheets and a mattress topper in case the provided beds are too firm.

Buying furniture for your room is a popular choice. Some students recommend a couch if you plan to have friends visit your dorm. Many also recommend a rug to make the flooring more comfortable, but be careful when selecting a rug. Some materials are high-maintenance and need regular cleaning.

Like any other school year, be sure to bring school supplies like notebooks, pens and a calculator. Be prepared for any situation so you do not have to buy supplies last-minute.

Lastly, be sure to bring decorations and keepsakes to make your room feel like home. Posters or photos of friends and family will enhance the mood and personality of your dorm.

The final piece of advice that most students and housing staff gave was to attend college with an open mind and a willingness to grow.

“Living on your own is an opportunity to learn more about who you are. Take advantage of this new environment, as this may be the only time in your life that you are able to live in a community of similarly aged individuals with similar goals,” advised Erica Eischen, Director of Housing & Residence Life at the University of Northern Iowa.

Eischen recommends students make the most of college by getting involved in different activities and communities.

Brianna Jones, a Northwest alumni and freshman at the University of Iowa, agreed. “Put in the effort to make your college experience the best it can be... don’t expect things to be handed to you like they were in high school,” Jones stated.

Emma Hansen, senior and third year Resident Assistant at Grand View University, noted that every freshman is going to struggle a little, but that is ultimately how we grow.

“Most people understand that this is a really transformational time in your life, so be ready to learn from your mistakes,” Hansen stated.

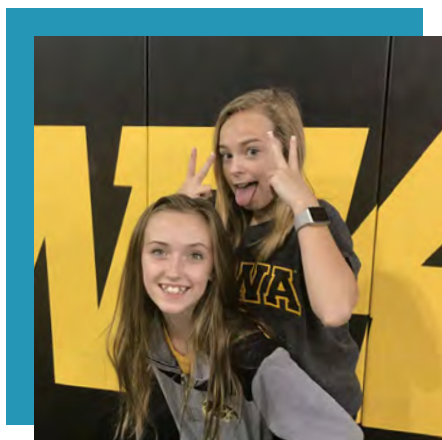
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- Mini fridge
 - Microwave
 - Shower shoes
 - Laundry basket
 - Clothes hangers
 - Medicine
 - Sheets
 - Mattress topper
 - Power strip
 - School supplies
 - Air purifier
 - Decorations

NORTHWEST BFFS

Genuine high school friendships are special relationships that students can treasure for the rest of their lives, but even more rare are the friendships that were made before high school. Friends who can make it through the embarrassing phases of middle school and the turbulent dramas of high school are friends who were made to last. These are some Northwest seniors whose friendships have withstood the test of time.

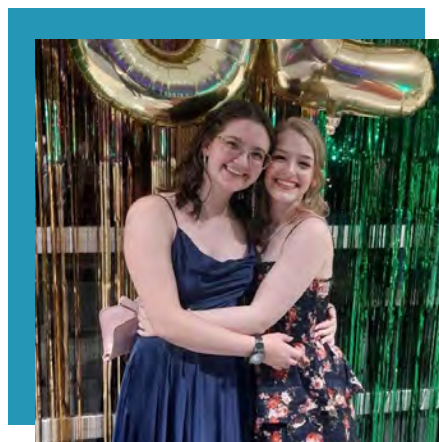
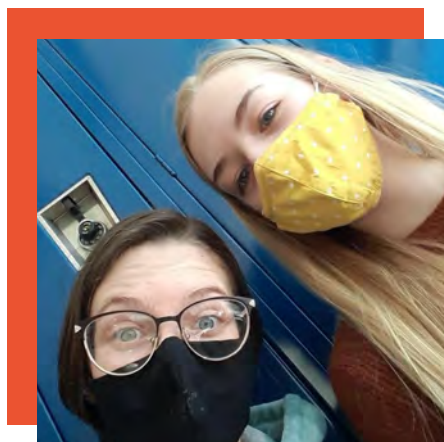
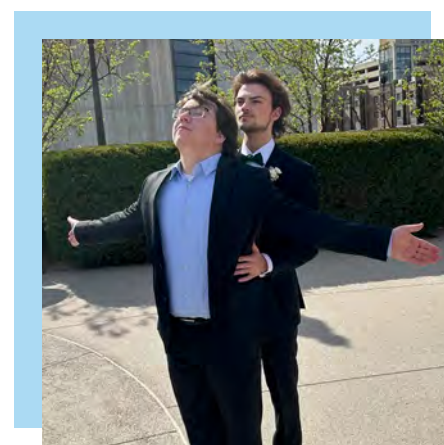
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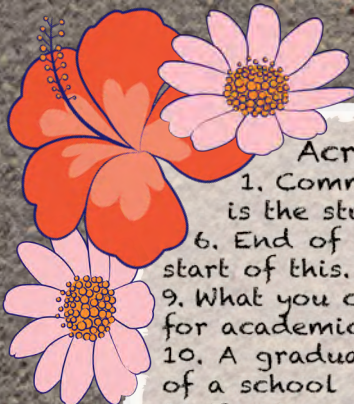
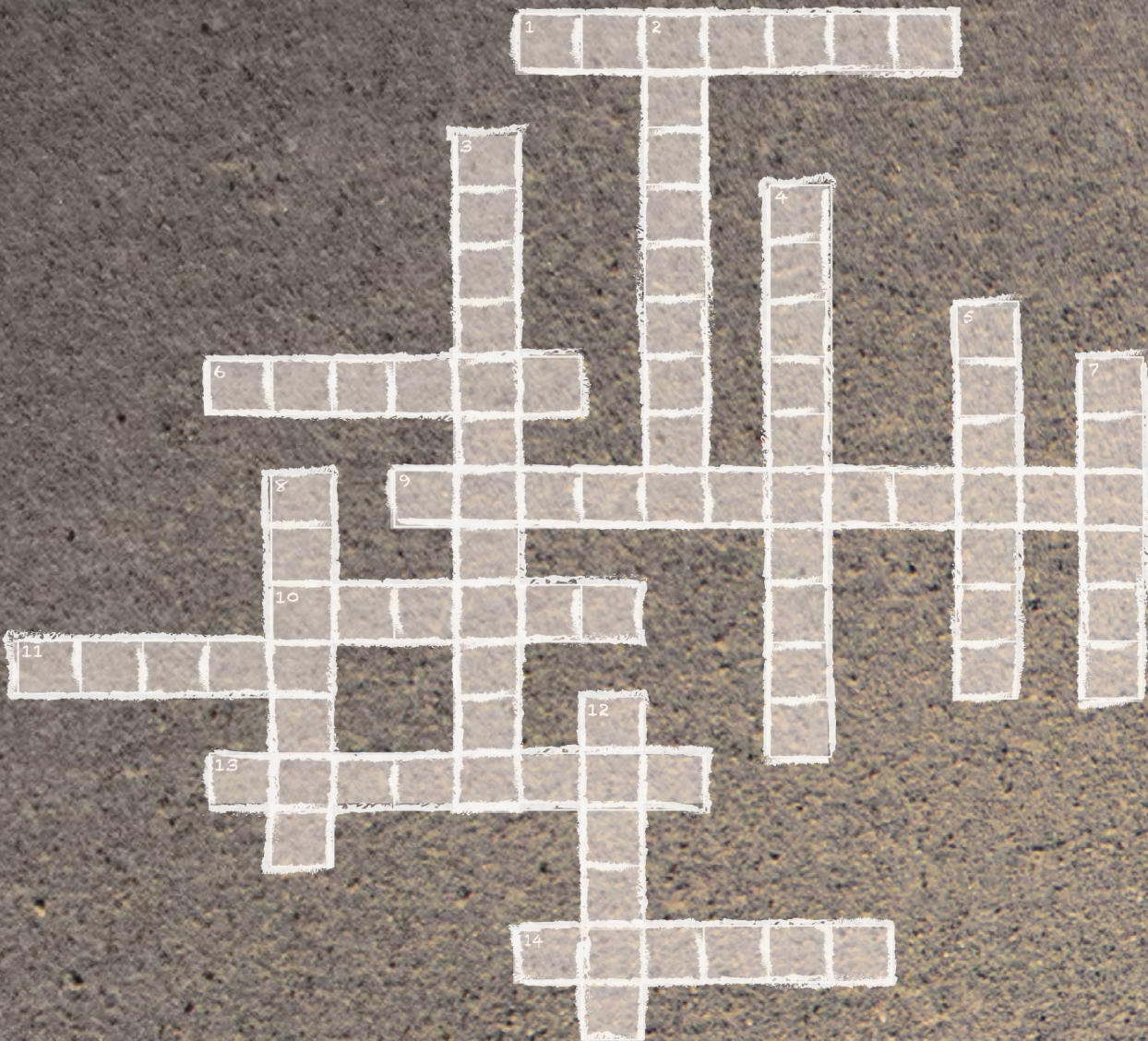


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Across

- 1. Commencement speaker who is the student body president
- 6. End of the school year is the start of this.
- 9. What you can get from colleges for academics and athletics.
- 10. A graduate or former student of a school
- 11. Track and _____?
- 13. What one might do during summer break.
- 14. Spring sport played with a racket and a ball.

Down

- 2. What do you play with at the beach?
- 3. End-of-year event where seniors graduate and get their diplomas.
- 4. Another word for college.
- 5. The graduating class.
- 7. The commencement speaker who is Northwest's March For Our Lives founder.
- 8. Graduation gear that has a tassel and is tossed.
- 12. Spring sport that, in Spanish, is called fútbol.