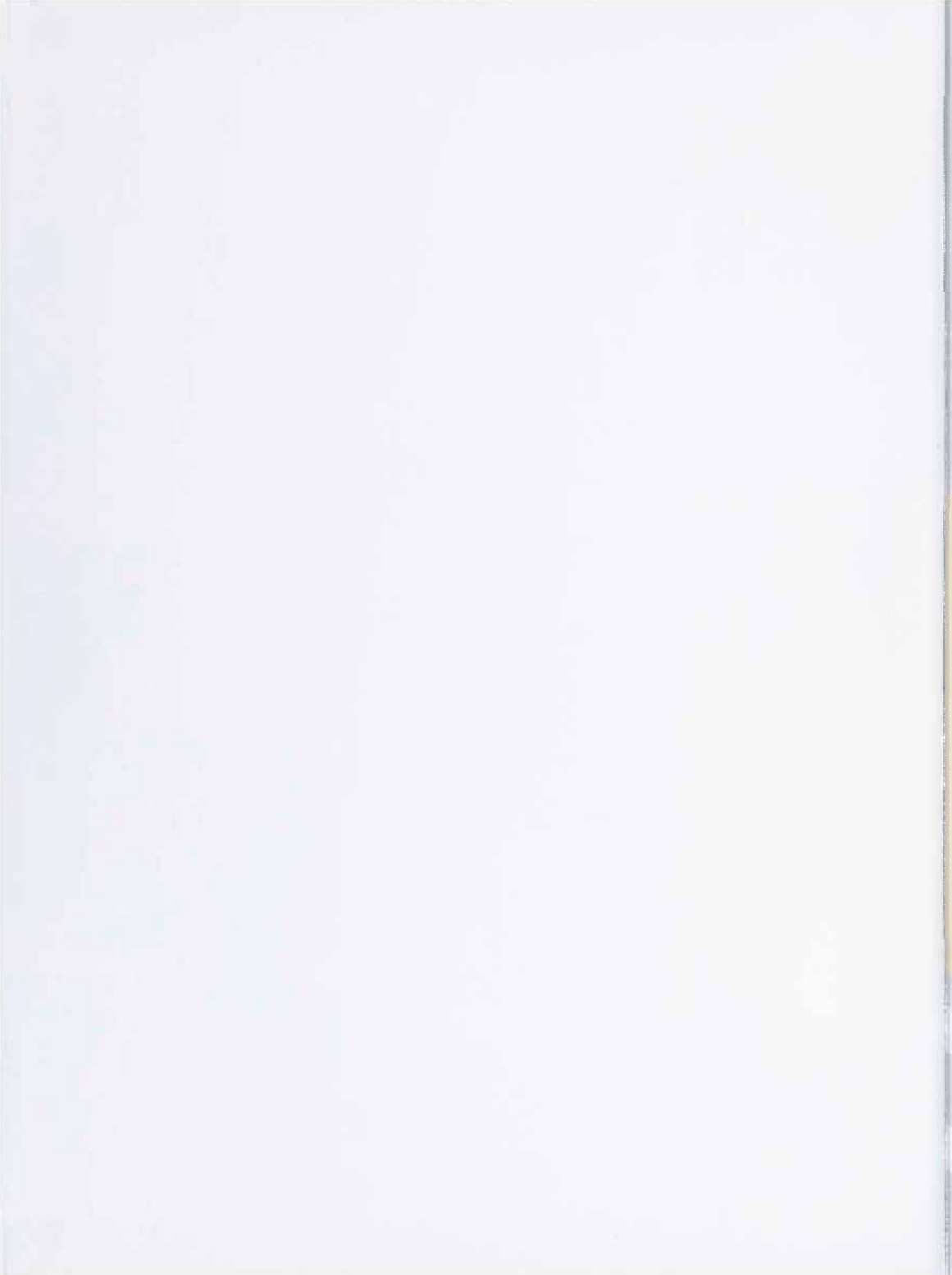

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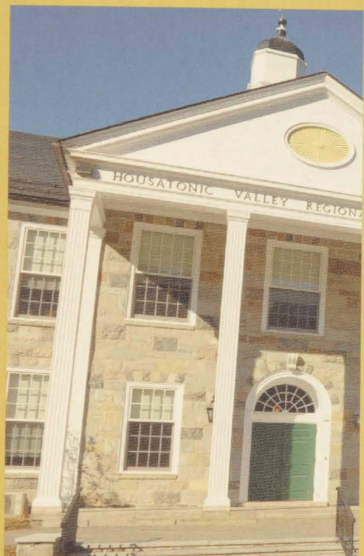
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OUR SHINING STAR

To the person who always put a smile on our faces with one of your many puns and jokes. Thank you for brightening up our school days and being a part of our community! For all the time, effort, and kindness you put into Housatonic Valley Regional High School, the Class of 2017 is honored to dedicate this year's White Oak yearbook to

Mr. Mark Burdick.

STUDENT LIFE

finding our fire

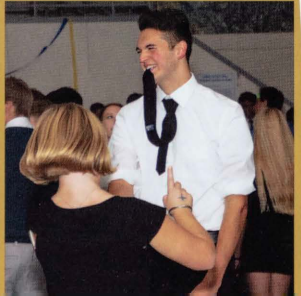
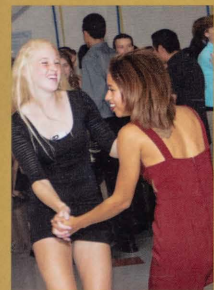


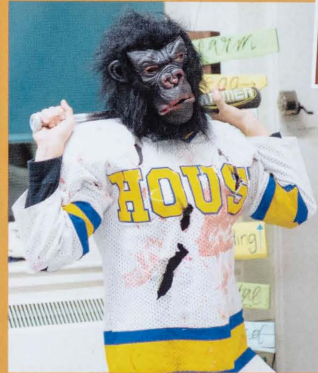
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| 1 | <i>Love Yourself</i> | Justin Bieber |
| 2 | <i>Sorry</i> | Justin Bieber |
| 3 | <i>One Dance ft. Wizkid & Kyla</i> | Drake |
| 4 | <i>Work ft. Drake</i> | Rihanna |
| 5 | <i>Stressed Out</i> | Twenty One Pilots |
| 6 | <i>Panda</i> | Designer |
| 7 | <i>Hello</i> | Adele |
| 8 | <i>Don't Let Me Down ft. Daya</i> | The Chainsmokers |
| 9 | <i>Can't Stop the Feeling</i> | Justin Timberlake |
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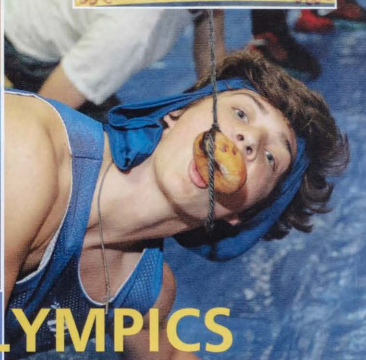
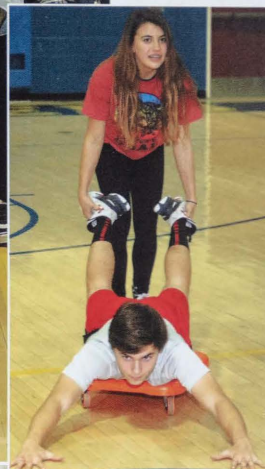
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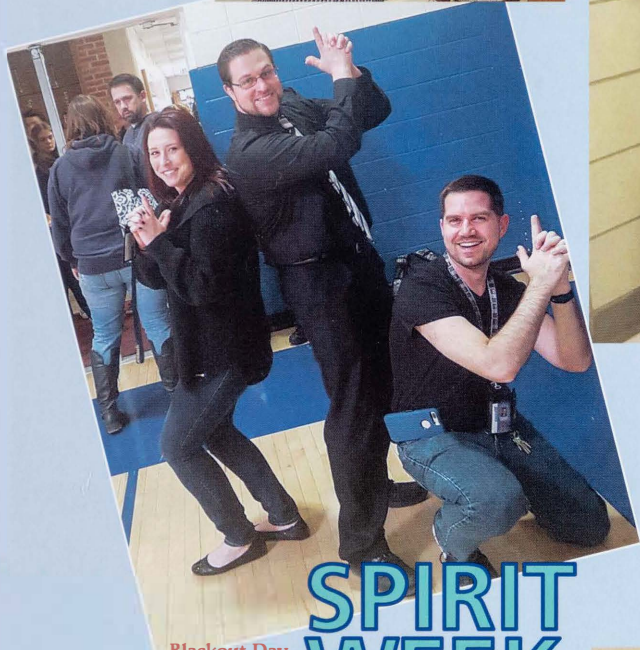
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Twin Day

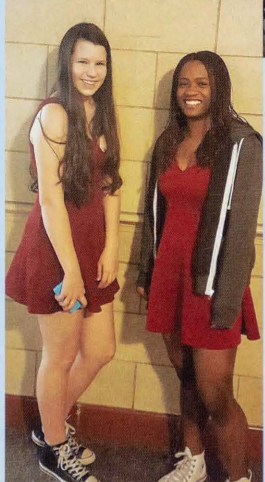


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SPIRIT WEEK



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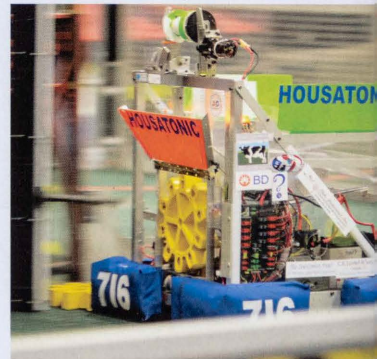
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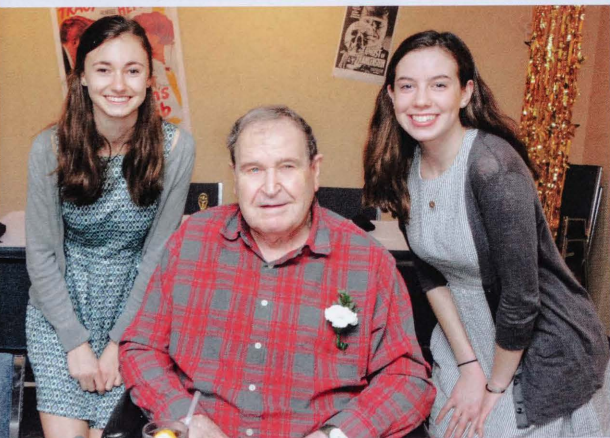
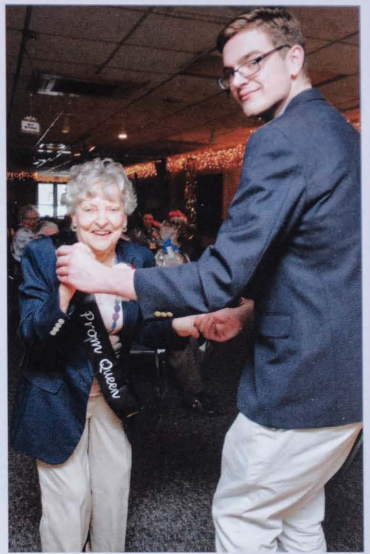
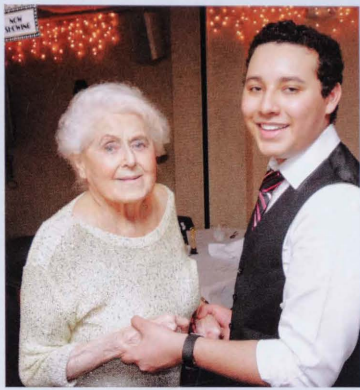
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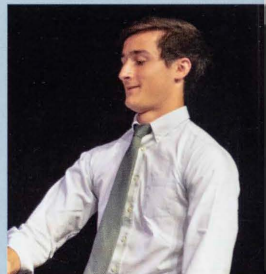
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CREATIVE MINDS



*Service
Character
Leadership*



NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

ABIGAIL ADAM
 GRACE COHN
 JALA COOKE
 KONNOR CURTIS
 MOLLY DOWD
 CAMERON FOLEY
 OLIVIA FORSTMANN
 KRISTEN GALGANO
 JUSTIN GREGORY
 ELIAS HILL
 SOPHIE LAKE-GINOUVES
 REBEKAH LARSON

DANTAE MADDOCK
 LAUREN MURTAGH
 CALVIN O'CONNOR
 SOFIA RINCON
 JACK SCARPA
 LAUREN SEGALLA
 JESSICA SERNA
 TAYLOR SHERWOOD
 SHARON SPECK
 JOHANNA SPENCER
 JADA WILSON
 TRISHA WORTHINGTON

PREVIOUSLY ELECTED MEMBERS

GRACE BEDDINGFIELD
 PARIS BEDDINGFIELD
 KATELYN BELLANCA
 MOLLY BENACK
 EVE CULLERTON
 KYRA CULLERTON
 MARI CULLERTON
 CHLOE DAKERS
 HALEY GULOTTA
 AMANDA JACQUIER
 MORGAN JACQUIER
 KATHERINE MCGUIRE

RYAN NUGENT
 MICHAEL O'CONNOR
 BROOKE OLOWNIA
 MARGARET RICCARDELLI
 JACOB SHPUR
 KATHERINE STODDARD
 EMILY SULLIVAN
 MARGARET SULLIVAN
 ANGELA TABOR
 KATHERINE TORTORELLA
 SARA VANDEUSEN
 NOAH WATSON

HONORARY FACULTY MEMBERS

BONNIE MOODY

PAUL PADUA

National Honor Society

June 8, 2017



The premier showcase for HVRHS art students is the Blue & Gold @ The White, an exhibition hosted by the White Gallery in Lakeville. The 2017 exhibit displayed a record number of student created art pieces. Art on display included drawings in pencil, pastel, charcoal, and India ink, as well as paintings in acrylic, water color and egg tempera. Sculptures in various mediums were on view. Under Laura Victore's creative tutelage photography was an especially robust presence. Photographs covered the gamut of subject matter and approaches.

Best in Show honors went to Abigail Johnson for her life-sized figurative tape sculpture. Alison Holmes received top honors in photography. Best graphic went to Ewa Urbanowicz for her screen print design. In the 2D category, Emily Sullivan received honors for her charcoal study of two hands. The Sharon Women's Club awarded a generous scholarship to wunderkind animator, Mikayla Oyanadel.



Blue & Gold @ The White



You can't spell Heart without Art



German Sharabok, Kristen Drees
and Julie Horowitz

Falls Village native Julie Horowitz spent her Junior year in Germany in two locations. First she went to a language school in Berlin for four weeks, then she settle with a host family in Wielenbach, Bayern, Bavaria, near the Alps.



German Sharabok came to us from Stavropol, Russia where he spent the year living with his host family Andrea and Tim Downs in Falls Village: "When I first came to the US and arrived in this area I was surprised by a few things, one of which was the lack of walls between the houses. When I first saw Housy I was surprised by its size because I thought it would be way smaller and didn't expect all the sport fields and places like the Recording Studio. My school in Russia is really different from Housatonic because of the differences in the educational system. For example, we don't have the variety of class offerings and we don't get to choose which classes to take. I also really liked having lockers where I could keep the things I didn't need during the day. Another difference is that I spent much more time in school here because in Russia we don't have sports in school and we don't have as many clubs and activities.

Going abroad broadens your horizons, helps you meet new people and understand other communities and countries. It helps you learn the language and just the experience itself will always be useful in your future. I think everyone who is open-minded and ready for new experiences should travel abroad with AFS. There are many challenges one may encounter and they can be different for everyone. One of my biggest challenges was making new friends and meeting a lot of new people because before I came here I was really shy. Another challenge was living with a host family. No matter how much you love each other and how well you can get along, it can still be pretty hard to understand some things about each other.

My participation in AFS changed my views on many things and people. Personally, I became more social, open and less shy. I overcame many stereotypes about different types of people and about Americans. There are so many positive things and memories I'll take away after this year. I'll always remember my host family, who became a real family to me, my friends from all over the world, and my pets."

Best of Both Worlds

Kristen Drees spent the year with the Horowitz family: "Coming from Essen, Germany (a city with a population of 550,000 people), I was surprised to find that Falls Village has about 1,000. There are trees everywhere here, while I don't even know where the nearest forest is in my city. School in Germany is much harder than school here, and sometimes I'm in school until 4:00. In AFS, I found friends from all over the world, and I already know I will never forget these people. AFS is forever. I encourage others to do it to learn about another culture and, of course, to meet new friends. At first it was difficult to find new friends here, but after a while I felt comfortable and found very good friends. I became more confident and I believe more in myself. I was so happy when I found out AFS is part of our school. It's the first school in America that had an exchange program. I'm happy that people here are so interested in my culture and my experience at home. I will always remember the crazy car rides with my Mom or simple things like hanging out with my friends in study hall, as well as the HTMS Musical and Softball team. I want to thank Housy for letting me be part of this school and thank you to all my friends. A special thank you to my host family, which is now my second family and my second home."

AFS

N ho China



In the early morning hours on April 1, 2017, eight Housy students, Molly Benack, Matthew Chin, Victor Flores, Brooke Olownia, Marge Riccardelli, Katie Seabury, Zoey Sosinsky and Tianna Togninalli, chaperoned by Mr. Lizzi and Mrs. Carter, as well as twenty Litchfield High School students, embarked on a memorable journey to say "N ho/Hello" to China, make new friends and embrace a new culture. Over the course of two weeks they visited four cities, starting with Beijing. They climbed the Great Wall, visited the Temple of Heaven, Ming Tombs, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and some pearl and jade factories. In Xi'an students took in the beauty and history as they biked the old city wall that surrounded Old Xi'an. They kept up their energy by dining on delicious hand-pulled noodles and dumplings that can't be found in northwestern Connecticut! The third city (and probably most impressionable) was Jinan, where the students broke off to be hosted by individual Chinese families in their homes for five days in order to immerse themselves in authentic Chinese culture. They attended Shandong Province Experimental High School with its 9,000 students which they found to be overwhelming, fascinating and enlightening all at the same time. The families were welcoming and loving and our students left with lifelong friends halfway around the globe. The last destination was Shanghai, which seemed like NYC on steroids—beautiful, modern, yet historical and cosmopolitan. The group took in sights such as the Shanghai Tower and World Finance Center, a silk factory, Yuyuan Garden, and Nanjing Road. A captivating boat cruise on the Huangpu River was a spectacular way to end the trip. Neither words nor pictures could ever capture all of the memories or experiences that we were lucky enough to create and be a part of. We are grateful to have had this opportunity to carry with us as we continue on our journeys." - Zoey Sosinsky, Class of 2019



An Eye Opening,
Heartwarming
Adventure of a Lifetime



On May 24, 2017 seventeen students from Marjorie Becker's French classes embarked on a trip to Québec City. For four days the students put aside their textbooks in order to experience handling themselves in the all-French culture and language. The students stayed in the heart of old Québec at the Hôtel Acadia, which comprises of three beautiful former private homes that were built in 1822 and are the oldest of their kind in the province of Québec. The result was a real immersion into the French Canadian milieu. The students found themselves reliving early Canadian history as they visited the Plains of Abraham, Place Royale, Notre-Dame-des-Victoires, Batterie Royale, and Petit Champlain. Also planned was a drive through the countryside of the Côte-de-Beaupré. "Chemin Royal" (the oldest highway in Canada) winds past stone farmhouses, outdoor bread ovens and "calvaires" (wayside crosses). Stops were made at Chutes Ste-Anne (a splendid waterfall rushing from a height of 243 feet), Montmorency Falls (higher than Niagara Falls) and the Basilica of Ste-Anne de Beaupré, the famous Roman Catholic shrine. A traditional rural supper was held at L'Érabièrre du Lac-Beaufort, a typical Québécois sugar shack.



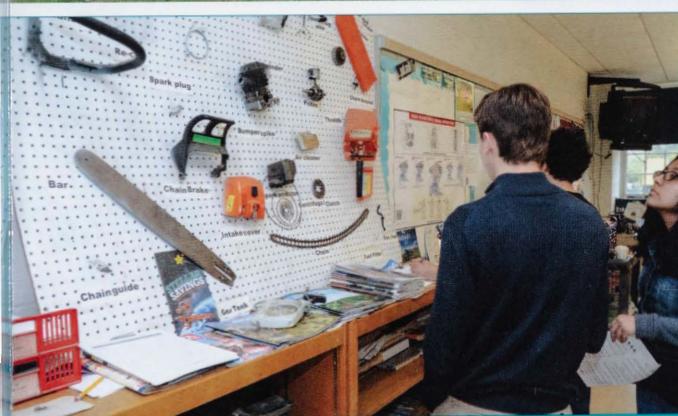
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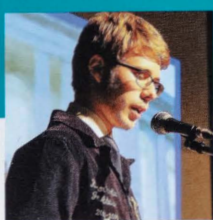
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“FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.”



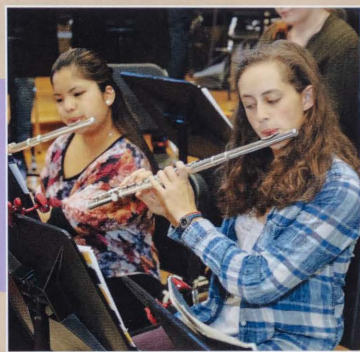
Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve

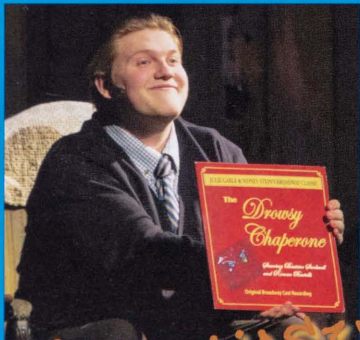
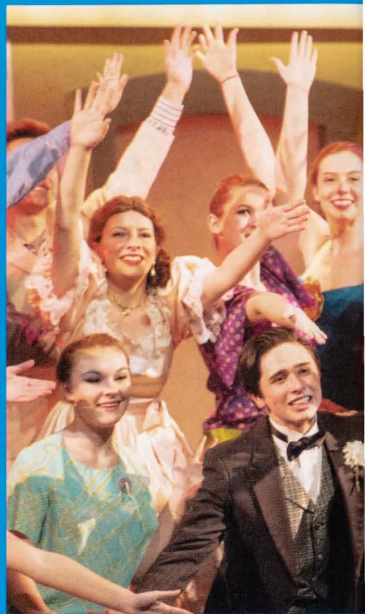






ALL ABOUT THAT BASS





The Drowsy Chaperone



Man in Chair
Mrs. Tottendale
Underling
Robert Martin
George
Feldzieg
Kitty

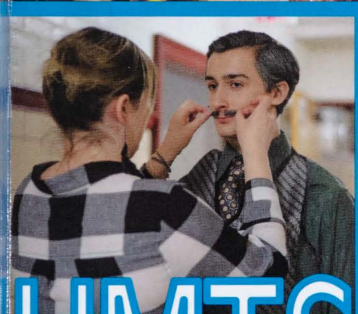
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Sophie Lake-Ginouves
Konnor Curtis
Dean Saccardi
Soren Clulow
Eli Hill
Jala Cooke
Brooke Olownia
Joshua Shakeshaft
Katherine McGuire
Ryan Nugent
Olivia Wadsworth
Carianne Callinan
Danny Saed, Benjamin Upson
Emily Abbott
Sarah Cattelan, Abby Dodge,
Kristin Drees, Krissy Galgano, Sofia Garner, Trevor
Hampson, Rebekah Larson, Mary Riccardelli, Miri
Rinehart, Arie Saed, German Sharabok, Marijke Stiffler,
Brianna Webb

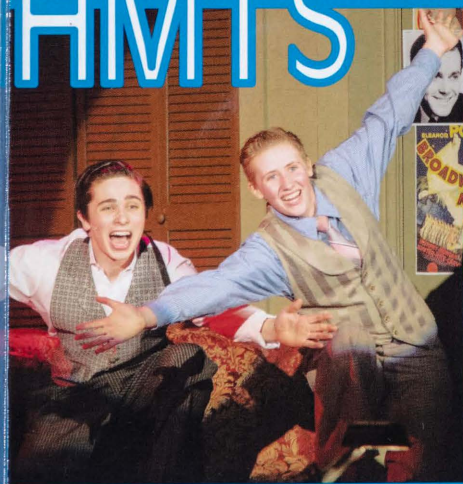
Aldolpho
Janet Van De Graaf

The Drowsy Chaperone
Trix
Gangsters
Superintendent

Wedding Guests, Staff, Reporters



HMTS

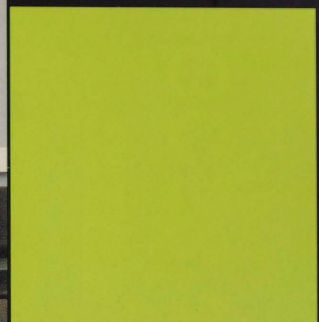


Clubs & Activities



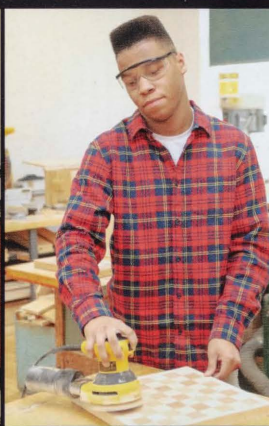
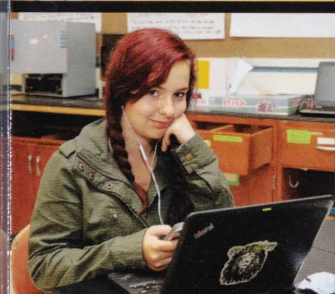
FUN
&
GAMES





monday mornings





boys soccer

front row: M. Lopes,
S. Munoz Arango,
L. Calhoun, J. Gregory,
middle: J. Burcroff,
Z. Ongley, J. Diaz,
B. Buckley, C. O'Connor,
B. Humiston,
back: M. O'Connor,
E. Gabrielson, D. Maddock,
Z. Wilkinson, J. Gomez,
F. Bambery, E. Hill,
S. Dignacco,
Coach J. Terrall.



girls soccer

front row:
H. Quiroz, A. Dodge,
M. Dowd, C. Winburn,
M. Simonds,
middle: A. Tabor,
L. Segalla, A. Jacquier,
C. Dakers, G. Lancto,
back: S. Grayson-Funk,
J. Horosky, G. Bushey,
T. Lynch, E. Geyselaers,
S. Grusauski, M. Dekker,
E. Segalla,
Coach T. Segalla.



football

front row: A. Cattelan,
M. Dodge, T. Brazez,
E. Hickey, S. Foley,
E. Brinson, W. Fallon,
back: L. Kosko, D. Crump,
J. Bartram, J. Bartram,
C. Pratt, A. Vernali,
M. Elserafy, E. Wilkinson,
C. Gwinn, W. Hurley.



volleyball

front row: C. Roux,
H. Gulotta,
A. Freudenberg.
back: B. Olownia,
M. Dorsey,
M. Baldesseri,
T. Worthington,
B. Dodge, S. Sears,
M. Riccardelli,
M. Olownia.



boys cross country

front row: T. Hampson, D. Jimenez, N. Strid, D. Saccardi,
J. Allyn, B. Foster, I. Iwasa. back: P. Bannister,
B. Upton, J. Tomaino, J. Santiago, A. Dillon,
M. Holderman, K. Curtis, H. Riley, J. Scarpa, Coach GT.



girls cross country

front: E. Sullivan, B. Minacci, K. Cullerton, K. Galgano,
S. Starr, N. Kowalski, J. Spencer. back: M. Sullivan,
N. Gorat, P. Beddingfield, M. Cullerton, E. Cullerton,
O. Wadsworth, A. Holmes, A. Hansell-Baumgarten,
K. Starr, S. Beddingfield, Coach GT.



field hockey

front row: S. Rincon,
J. Wilson, H. Aragi,
H. Leifert.
middle: B. Webb,
M. Menniges,
J. Tittman, M. Sheldon.
back: Coach V. O'Connor,
D. Gorat, M. Simmons,
K. Hunter, O. O'Neill,
Coach L. McAuliffe.

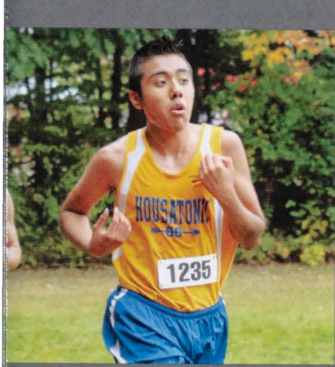


The one thing I'll always remember about Cross Country is the amount of support and motivation you got from everybody around you, including your coach, teammates, and even competitors from other schools. Everybody there wanted you to see you be the best that you possibly can be. ~Matt H.

IN THE LONG RUN CROSS COUNTRY

The boys did a phenomenal job continuing to push themselves in the very competitive BL. While they struggled to bring home the win, each of the boys continued to work hard and maintain a positive attitude as they achieved their own personal bests throughout the season. The girls continued to excel this season once again finishing undefeated in the regular season. While the team was plagued with the rule that counts the final BL race more than the regular season, causing us them to lose the league title to Nonnewaug, the girls achieved not only excellence but the respect from all the opposing teams and were voted the winners of the Ted Alex Award for league sportsmanship. These girls win and win with class. At the BL championships, Paris (4th place), Sammy (6th place) and Jo (7th place) medaled in the JV race. Mari (1st place), Emily (6th place) and Eve (7th place) were named BL All Stars. Mari's first place finish earned her the title of Berkshire League Champion. It was truly an impressive race by the girls' team. The girls also made Housatonic history at the State Championships. Mari (5th place) and Eve (8th place) were named All State for their finishes in the top 8 in Class S race. Emily (10th place) was All State runner up. Due to the team's phenomenal finish, placing second as a team, they were the runner ups in Class S for states, qualifying the entire team to run at the state open. This was a Housy first.





"I'd like to thank GT for being a great coach and genuinely caring about us all, not just the top runners, and also being an all around great person, always understanding and always approachable. It was definitely hard to say goodbye this year." ~ Hunter R.



SENIOR CAPTAINS Maggie S, Paris B., ♀ C., Emily S., ♀ C., Katherine S., ♀ C., Grace B., Hunter R., Matt H., Jack R.

I will always remember the team dynamic on the Cross Country team. Everyone always got along so well and we had such a great time throughout all our practices and seasons. The highlight of my senior year season was our varsity girls team getting second place for Class S in the State Championship race. It was so unexpected and GT was so happily surprised. It also was exciting after our disappointing loss in the BL championships. I would like to give GT a huge shout out. She pushed us to be the best we can be and is a large part of our success. She is a major reason why I enjoy this sport so much. ~Katherine S.

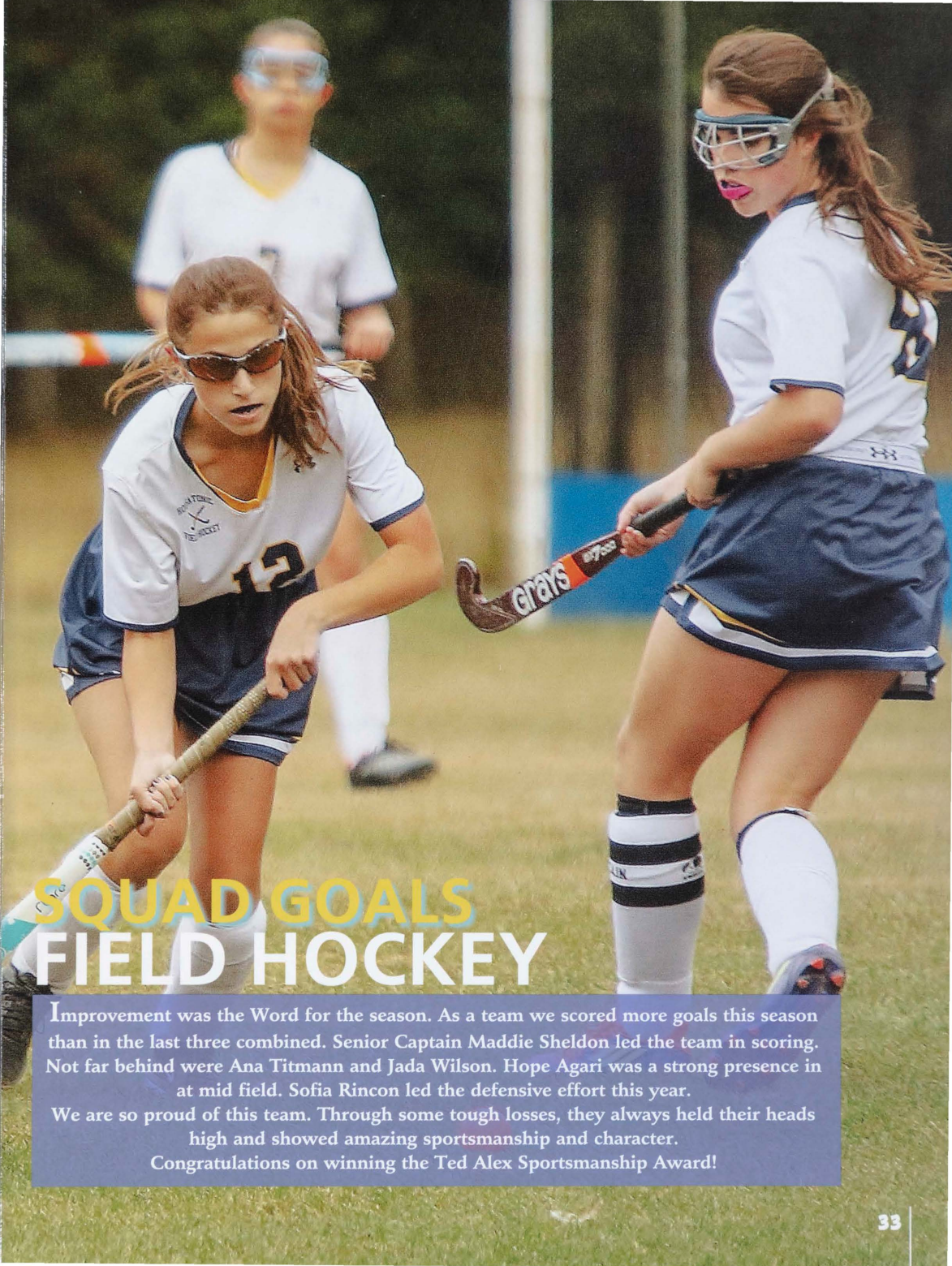


What I will always remember about field hockey is how close everyone was on the team. It helped us work really well together on and off the field.
 ~M. Sheldon



SENIOR CAPTAIN Maddie S.
 with Coaches O'Connor and McAuliffe.





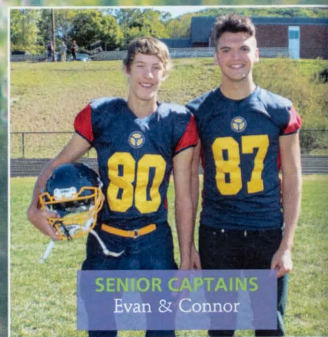
SQUAD GOALS FIELD HOCKEY

Improvement was the Word for the season. As a team we scored more goals this season than in the last three combined. Senior Captain Maddie Sheldon led the team in scoring. Not far behind were Ana Titmann and Jada Wilson. Hope Agari was a strong presence in at mid field. Sofia Rincon led the defensive effort this year.

We are so proud of this team. Through some tough losses, they always held their heads high and showed amazing sportsmanship and character.

Congratulations on winning the Ted Alex Sportsmanship Award!

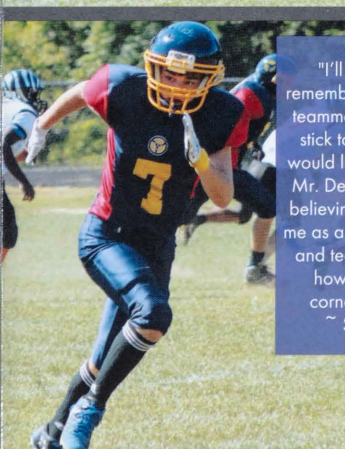
WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE FOOTBALL



The 2016 season was arguably the most fundamentally epic in the long, colorful history of Mountaineer football at HVRHS. A 'tri-op,' comprised of Houstonic, Wamogo and Oliver Wolcott Technical School was formed under a new banner: MCW United, with new uniforms, a new logo, an enlarged coaching staff and, most importantly, enough players to field a promising team. United played in the Constitution League and Housy players faced an entirely new set of opponents. Practices and home games were split equally between Falls Village and Torrington, and the "graft" of the three schools seems to have taken with the promise of strong football teams in years to come. Coaches D. Richardson, D. Gwinn and L.Gwinn reluctantly said goodbye and thanks to seniors Sam Foley, Mohaned Elserafy, Jim Bartram, Evan Wilkinson, Bill Hurley and Connor Pratt.



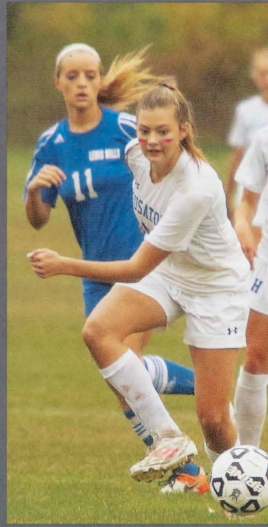
"Football taught me how to deal with failure. Always get up no matter how many times you fail, unless you break your foot or something." ~ Anthony C.



"I'll always remember how my teammates would stick together. I would like to thank Mr. DeMazza for believing in me by me as a sophomore and teaching me how to play cornerback."
~ Sam F.



SENIORS Sam F., Anthony C., Jim B., Connor P., Mo E., Evan W., Will H.



"I will always remember going to the Class S State Championship game and making school history. The highlight of my senior year season was beating Mills and scoring a goal in that game. I would advise underclassmen that regardless of who the coach is or if your friends aren't playing, no matter what PLAY. It will change your high school experience in a good way. Special thanks to my Fab 5 Seniors: Lauren, Amanda, Grace, and Angela. We played for years together and they are great people." ~Chloe D.



"I'll always remember making history and going to the State Championships. It was great to have so many alumni and students come out to support us. The highlight of my senior year season was scoring the winning goal against Lewis Mills in overtime. Participating in a sport helps create a bond with your friends that lasts your entire high school experience. We were a team with a ton of heart and that's what made us succeed. My teammates became some of my best friends ever." ~Lauren S.



SENIORS Angela T., Chloe D., Lauren S., Amanda J., Grace L.



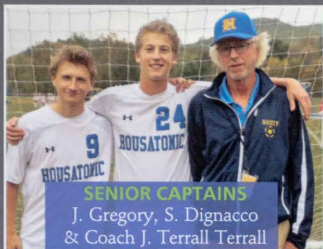
SENIOR CAPTAINS L. Segalla, C. Dakers and Coach Tess Segalla





Led by the "Fab 5" Co-Captain Chloe Dakers, Amanda Jacquier, Grace Lancto, Co-Captain Lauren Segalla, and Angela Tabor, the Girls Soccer team had a 12-5 overall record. Molly Dowd recorded 10 shut outs for the season. League and State honor recipients were Lauren Segalla: 4 time All-Berkshire League and 4 time All-State, Chloe Dakers: All-Berkshire League and All-State, Josie Horosky: All-Berkshire League and All-State; Molly Dowd, Emily Geyselaers, and Amanda Jacquier with 2nd Team All-Berkshire League honors.

GIRLS SOCCER IN IT TO WIN IT



SENIOR CAPTAINS

J. Gregory, S. Dignacco
& Coach J. Terrall Terrall

"The highlight of my senior season was the final practice of regular season. We had to win the last game to make the state tournament, and it was the first snow of the year. We were supposed to practice inside but the team wanted to practice out in the snow. So we did and we had a great practice. We had fun, we competed, and we worked hard. We beat Terryville the next day on their Senior Night and made the tournament. We found our identity as a team that day.

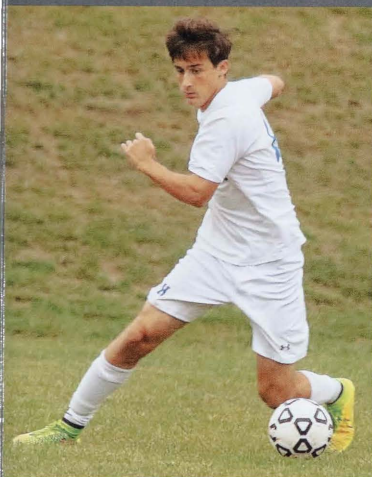
Coach Terrall was a positive force throughout the season no matter what the score or our record was. He never lost faith in the team when he could have. It was great having a coach that supported us and had our backs no matter what." ~ Scott D.



BOYS SOCCER

HEAD STRONG





SENIORS Blake B., Michael O., Dante M., Elliot G., Justin G., Finn B., Justin G., Scott D., Ben H.



SENIOR CAPTAINS

H. Gulotta & M. Riccardelli

"Volleyball has been a big part of my life. It made my transition into high school a little easier because I made new friends on the team. My freshman year, we were surrounded by a group supportive seniors that wanted us to stay on the team. I am thankful for their constant guidance in shaping me into the player I am today. Joining volleyball was one of the best decisions I made in high school. Joining the team was like expanding my family. I am so glad I stuck with it and was able to experience all the sport had to offer. I would also like to thank my Mom for convincing me to stick the season out my freshman year. Without her support, I probably would've quit. I will always remember how our team was able to overcome obstacles and still make it to the state tournament. The highlight of my senior year season was being able to work with a great group of girls who were always ready to work hard." ~ Marge R.



SENIORS Mara D., Trisha W., Brooke O., Haley G., Brooke D., Marge R., Courtney R.



VOLLEYBALL ELEVATING OUR GAME



Volleyball finished the season with 8 wins and 10 losses which qualified the team for the state tournament. The team won their first round game against Cheney Tech 3-0 but lost to Griswold in the second round. The team was led by senior captains Marge Riccardelli and Haley Gulotta, senior Mara Dorsey and junior Megan Baldeserri. Key returning players for next year will be Sydney Sears, Autumn Freudenberg, Madelynn Olownia and Anna Coon.



boys basketball

front row: S. Foley,
T. Brazee, A. Marks,
C. Shpur, G. Moody,
K. Wiggins, A. Kellner.
back: Coach S. Magyar,
E. Brinson, J. Johnson,
B. Barry, J. Shpur,
M. Peirce, Z. Ongley,
A. Zucco.



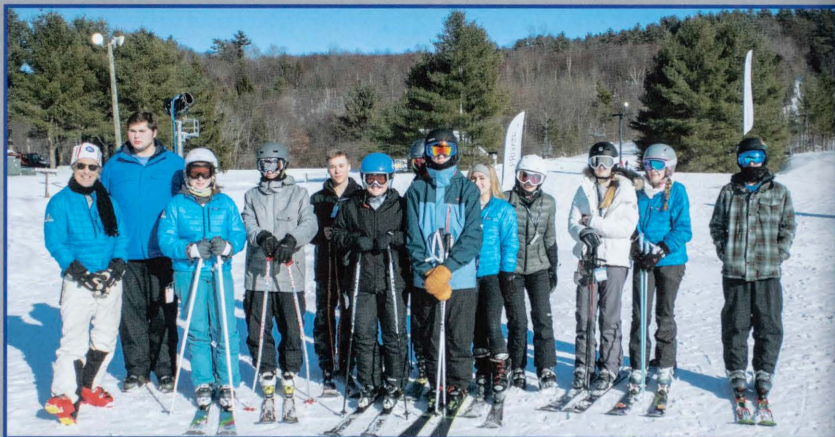
girls basketball

front row:
K. Reilly, C. Dakers,
A. Jacquier, K. Seabury,
M. Dorsey.
back: M. Olownia, J. Serna,
A. Holmes, O. Forstmann,
C. Hurlburt, E. Geyselaers,
C. Winburn.



alpine ski

Coach B. Gold, A. Vernali,
S. Luminati, P. Kennedy,
N. Winburn, M. Dowd,
H. Marks (rear),
C. O'Connor, A. Kovacs,
E. Matsudaira, M. Dekker,
Asst. Coach J. Leslie,
J. Wayne.





ice hockey

front row: N. Mierzejeski, J. McAuliffe, C. Swanson, S. Grayson-Funk, C. Lameson. middle: N. Swanson, Z. Wilkinson, A. Robarge, J. Burcroff, M. Murray. back: Coach D. Diamond, Coach C. Bellanca, C. Wilhelm, C. Toffey, J. Gomez, F. Bambery, E. Johnson, Coach S. Banffy, R. Mollica.



swimming

front row: M. Riccardelli, M. Hunter, Z. Sosinsky, A. Coon, A. Budney, O. Woods, D. Palmer. middle: J. Diaz, L. Ixim, J. Palmer, J. Bartram, C. Ackerman Faedi, M. Kosciusko, M. Chin, A. Dillon, E. Hernandez. back: Coach J. Rice, Coach L. McAuliffe, K. Starr, K. Bellanca, M. Riccardelli, B. Olownia, J. Spencer, P. Beddingfield, G. Beddingfield, M. O'Connor, J. Bartram. Missing: A. Budney, L. Murtagh.



SENIORS Amanda J., Chloe D., Katie S., Kailyn R.



STRAIGHT SHOOTERS

GIRLS BASKETBALL



"The highlight of my senior season was making school history by becoming the first team to reach the state semi-finals. Thank you to all the staff and faculty who came and supported us in the games." ~Chloe D.



"I'll remember feeling like family at times. The highlight of our senior year season was being undefeated on our home court. Chris Heacox, thanks for the support!" ~Mara D.



The girls basketball season was a season for the history books. The girls broke a 19 year drought by winning the Berkshire League with a regular season record of 18-2. The girls were ranked #1 in the state and made history by advancing as far as the semi finals in the state tournament eventually losing the the state champions.



SENIOR CAPTAINS
Amanda Jacquier & Chloe Dakers.





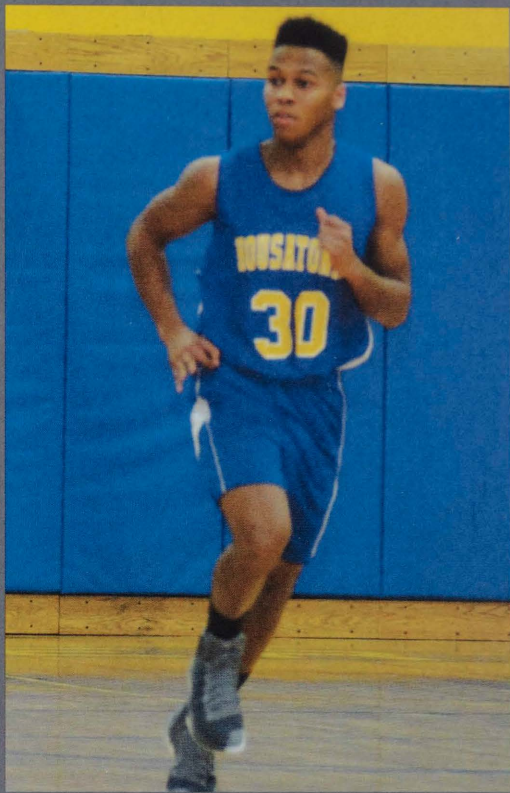
STAYING IN THE HOOP



CAPTAINS S. Foley, J. Johnson, J. Shpur



BOYS BASKETBALL





SENIOR CAPTAINS
Evan & Connor

STICKING IT OUT



SENIORS Nick S., Evan W., Finn B., Justin G.





CAPTAINS

F. Bambery & C. Toffey



ICE HOCKEY



SENIOR CAPTAINS Coach Lisa M., Michael O., Brooke O., Scout B., Paris B., Johanna S., Marge R., Jim B., Coach Jacquie R.

SWIMMING



It surprises me that in a sport of individual events, we always supported each other no matter what. ~Paris B.



"The best part of swimming was our closeness as a team. Even though we did not always win, the swim team really improved as individuals this year. Housy Swimming has a strong future."
~ Grace B.



SENIORS Katelyn B., Marge R., Johanna S., Katherine S., Brooke O., P. Beddingfield, S. Beddingfield, M. O'Connor, J. Bartram.



Led by senior captains Jim, Scout, Paris, Michael, Brooke, Marge, Johanna and the mermaids Katelyn and Katherine, the Swim team continued to improve over the course of the season, winning meets against Gilbert. Swimmers dropped significant times each meet, especially during the Berkshire League Championships where 18 of our 28 swimmers qualified to compete. Although our team's record may not seem like it was a winning season, many best times were recorded every meet. Our swimmers placed and scored 75 points at BL Champs. These faster times reflect the hard work and determination our swimmers put into every practice and meet. The Tyburski Award for outstanding freshmen was awarded to Dale and Jeffrey Palmer. Our Most Improved Swimmer Award went to two swimmers who made incredible improvements on their strokes and times all season, Johanna Spencer and Matthew Chin. The Sportsmanship Award was awarded to Marge Riccardelli for always being so positive towards our younger swimmers. The Most Valuable Swimmers were two sisters who swam their hearts out for the past four years. Scout and Paris Beddingfield swam whatever event Coach Rice asked them to swim and never complained. Finally, our team was awarded the coveted Ted Alex Award for Sportmanship in Swimming by the other teams in the league.

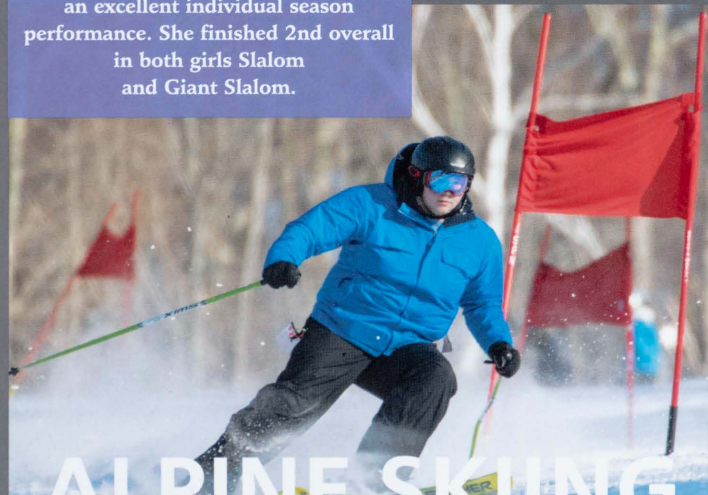
SWIM FASTER



"Thank goodness for fake snow."
~Shelby Luminati



It was another great year for the Ski team. We had a young team consisting 14 racers and only one senior. Everyone raced well with multiple top five finishes. Sadly, a 90 minute snow delay caused the team to miss one race. This weather event eliminated us from accumulating enough points to win the season overall trophy. Team points are based on individual times during each race. At our year end league championship, our total points placed us 3rd overall. Congratulations to Molly Dowd for an excellent individual season performance. She finished 2nd overall in both girls Slalom and Giant Slalom.



shredding it

ALPINE SKIING

WRESTLING

Two dedicated Housatonic wrestlers traveled four days a week to practice at Northwestern and in doing so, inherited an extremely ambitious schedule.

Though both schools are class 'S', the eight weekly tournaments consisted of just one in the 'S' class, while all the others were 'L' and 'LL'. Though the competition was tough, Courtney Roux and Will Fallon adapted well and made themselves available to any and all challengers. Practices started at 5:15 and ended many evenings at 7:45. Add in the ride home.

That is a long day. The dedication on the part of Fallon and Roux was a cut above since at times, they did not know whether they would be afforded a match or not. Many times, other teams do not want to wrestle one or two man teams. While Courtney is moving on to college, Will will return next year to compete for Housatonic and with Northwestern. Both schools are lucky to have had these wrestlers represent them. Thank you to Courtney and Will.

~ Andrew Schwartz, Wrestling Head Coach
Northwestern Regional #7



"The friendships I built, whether with other wrestlers or coaches, is something I will always remember. The bond that is created is permanent. Thanks to Coach Schwartz, who helped me with so much more than wrestling. Shout out to my partner in crime, Courtney Roux, for always helping me when I needed it regardless of whether it was wrestling or life in general." ~ Will F.



"In the end it came down to the ones with the most dedication. Thank you to Hannah Arel for always pushing me and helping me to succeed on and off the mat." ~ Courtney R.

softball

front row: D. Gorat, B. Conti,
C. Foley, K. Ford, L. Murtagh,
middle: M. McNealy,
C. Winburn, M. Baird,
M. Clark.
back: Coach K. Rogers,
A. Freudenberg, C. Dakers,
K. Drees, R. Duncan,
M. Clark, S. Luminati,
M. Olownia, K. Galgano.



girls lacrosse

front row:
K. Bellanca, A. Dodge,
N. Kowalski, G. Lancto.
middle: T. Sherwood,
A. Jacquier, J. Tittman,
M. Dowd, G. Bushey,
S. Grayson-Funk, M. Simonds.
back: Coach J. Foster,
N. Dalmida, M. Foley,
O. Forstmann, S. Sears,
B. Dodge, K. Buckley,
Coach S. Magyar.



baseball

front row: A. Cattelan,
S. Foley, S. Caiati,
C. Shpur, J. McAuliffe.
back: Coach D. Morhardt,
C. Toffey, S. Dignacco,
D. Maddock,
A. Vernali, F. Bamberg,
J. Shpur, C. O'Connor,
Coach P. Foley.





golf

M. Weigold, H. Marks, Z. Ongley,
E. Gabrielson, M. Labbadia, Coach J. McGuire.



boys tennis

front row: C. Kaufman, G. Sharabok, J. Scarpa, A. Fenn, J. Rand.
back: Coach J. Tripp, M. Chin, E. Hill, B. Upson, M. O'Connor,
J. Gomez, M. Elserafy, J. Johnson, I. Danforth, P. Bannister.



girls tennis

front: E. Adam, S. Cattelan, V. Lenis, M. Menniges, A.
Coon, B. Lloyd, J. Luz, middle: T. Lynch, K. Starr, L.
Culbreth, J. Serna, E. Matsudaira, M. Dekker, back: J.
Spencer, M. Sheldon, K. Starr, T. Worthington, K.
McGuire, J. Cooke, Coach R. deRham.
Missing from photo: M. Riccardelli.



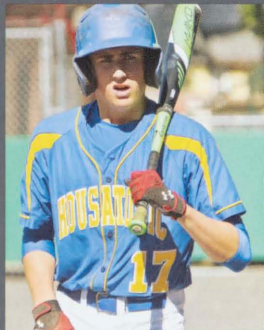
track & field

front row: Z. Huggan,
A. Palmer, H. Riley, A. Tabor,
J. Diamond, A. Besmer,
N. Gorat, P. Tindall, A. Hansell-
Baumgarten, M. Cullerton,
A. O'Connor.
back: E. Geyselaers,
A. Johnson, A. Holmes,
J. Santiago, J. Bartram,
X. Johnson, S. Barry, J. Diaz,
D. Palmer, J. Bartram,
L. Villanes, C. Harrington,
H. Gilpatric. missing from photo:
E. Cullerton.



BASEBALL GOOD HUSTLE

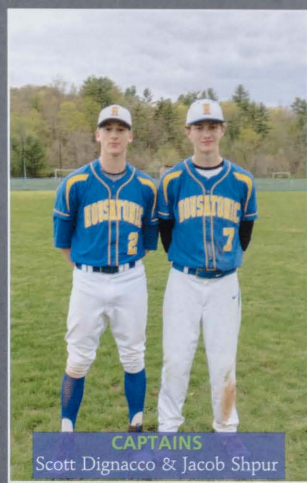
The baseball team had a season for the record books. Compiling a 18-6 record, the Mountaineers finished second in the Berkshire League and made it to the state semi-finals. The up start Housatonic baseball team bowed out of the tournament to a heavily favored 25-1 Holy Cross team in the semi-finals with a stellar effort on the mound and at the plate. Housy out hit their opponent 7-0 while Scott Dignacco and Jacob Sphur combined for a no-hitter.



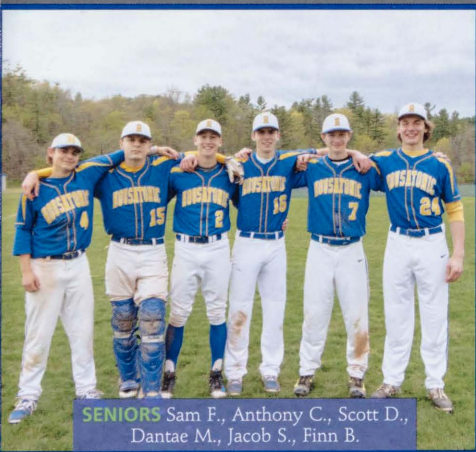
"The thing I will always remember about baseball is how much I loved putting on the Housy jersey before every game and how proud I was to be a Mountaineer, especially during the baseball season. The highlight of my senior season was coming back to win against St. Paul in the quarterfinals of the state tournament." ~ Scott D.



"Matt Murray makes me really angry."
~ Anthony C.



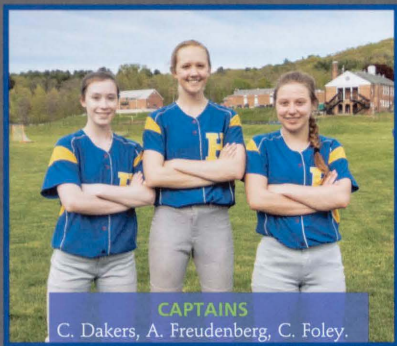
CAPTAINS
Scott Dignacco & Jacob Shpur



SENIORS Sam F., Anthony C., Scott D.,
Dantae M., Jacob S., Finn B.



"Baseball was a very memorable sport for me, but I don't think that I'll ever forget that our coach thought Dantae Maddock was a junior until halfway through our senior season. The highlight was definitely beating St. Paul in the third round of states. The advice I would give to underclassmen is to always try to work hard and get better, because you never know when you're going to get your shot. I would like to thank Dan Smith. If it weren't for him I wouldn't have had success on the varsity baseball diamond. This baseball season was a special one, not only for myself, but the whole team. We made it to the semi finals in states for the first time in over twenty years, which was exceptional."
~ Sam F.



CAPTAINS

C. Dakers, A. Freudenberg, C. Foley.



The highlight of my senior season of softball was winning against Gilbert and Webatuck! ~Chloe D.

"I will always remember the first and only time I hit a ball in a softball game and I got an RBI-I have no idea how! Thank you to the entire team, especially Coach Kaleigh who supported us so much. Special thanks to my host family for driving me to and attending my games:) Softball was just amazing and I will love it for forever." ~Kristin D.





The girls had a fun season going 2-18. Captain Chloe Dakers (2nd team Berkshire League) was a leader this year in the Berkshire league for fielding average along with players Christina Winburn and Chloe Turner. This rebuilding year was a huge improvement from the years prior and Housy Softball will be a power house in the next few years.



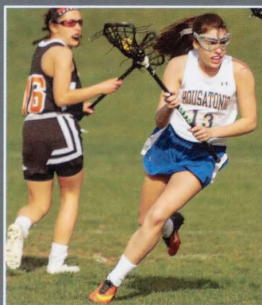
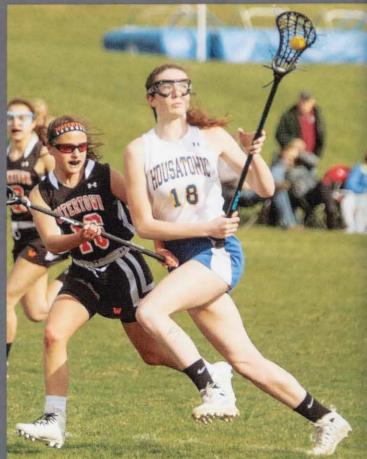
SOFTBALL STAYING GROUNDED



SENIORS Kristin D., Chloe D., Shelby L.



SENIOR CAPTAINS
G. Lancto & A. Jacquier





GIRLS LACROSSE STICK WITH IT



SENIORS Katelyn B., Brooke D., Grace L., Amanda J.



"The highlight of my senior year season of tennis was stopping for food after almost every away game." ~ Maddie S.



Seniors
J. Spencer, K. Starr, M. Sheldon, T. Worthington, K. McGuire, J. Cooke.

GIRLS TENNIS



Led by Co-captains Marge Riccardelli, Katherine McGuire and Maddie Sheldon, with several other seniors on the team (Brooke Olownia, Johanna Spencer, Trisha Worthington, Jala Cooke and

Katherine Starr), the girls tennis team finished its second consecutive 7-9 season. Three sophomores, Ella Matsudaira, playing first singles, and Anna Coon and Madeline Dekker, playing first doubles, will anchor next year's team with junior Jessica Serna, who played wherever she was needed this year. This was an gutsy performance by the team considering we had very few days to practice due to bad weather and we, as usual, had to deal with the conflicts caused by busy student athletes!



MAKING A RACQUET



Captains
M. Sheldon & K. McGuire



Senior Captains:
J. Gomez, Coach J. Tripp, M. Elserafy



BOYS TENNIS

The 2017 Boys Tennis team dedicated their season to alumni and former tennis player Mark Lundeen. Mark lost his long battle with cancer this past year and the team wanted to remember and share his legacy. Mark was an extremely kind and generous young man with a smile that would light up the room. He was a joy to coach and he will be sorely missed by his friends and family.

The boys finished with an 8-8 record this year, qualifying for the State Tournament. Co-MVPs and Co-Captains Mo Elserafy and Justin Gomez led the way at #1 doubles with a 13-2 record and made it to the 3rd round of the Class S State Tournament. Our 2nd doubles team of senior Jacob Johnson and freshman Ian Danforth Gold also finished with a 13-2 record. Our singles line-up consisted of #1 Jack Scarpa, #2 James Jimenez, and #3 German Sharabok. We also had 10 other players who worked hard to improve and will play a key part in next year's team.





OVER THE TOP



Seniors: Mike O., Justin G., Mo E., Jacob J.



Captains P. Beddingfield, J. Santiago, A. Tabor, & Cullerton



TRACK & FIELD

WE CAN TAKE THE HEAT



The Boys Track & Field team was small in numbers but impressive in talent. Track newcomer Spencer Barry was the BL champ in the High Jump as well as an impressive 400 meter runner. Freshman MVP Xavier Johnson excelled in the 100, 200 and 400 meter runs. He ran the 100 and Spencer high jumped in the Class S meet. Brothers John and Jim Bartram both qualified for the BL meet in discus and shot put. Freshman Dale Palmer had a great year in the 200 and 400 meter races and became an outstanding pole vaulter. Although the record was 2-8, the future looks bright with the young talent.

The girls team finished the season 6-4 and placed fourth in the BL Championship. Junior Emily Geyselaers was BL Champ in the 100 and 200 meter dashes as well as the Long Jump. She was the BL heptathlon champ and earned All State honors in Class S in the 200, 400 and Long Jump and ran in the State Open in the 200 and 400. Senior MVP and Co-Captain Angela Tabor won the BL crown in the discus and was hammer throw champ at the BL Festival. She finished 5th in the discus at the Class S meet and 6th in the State hammer throw event. Senior Co-Captain Eve Cullerton carried the load for the distance runners along with Alison Holmes when her sister Co-Captain Mari was forced to the sidelines with an injury that ended her season. Senior Anna Besmer qualified for states in the 100, 200 and High Jump. Co-Captain Abigail Johnson's senior leadership was a key to the team's success.



Seniors A. Besmer, P. Beddingfield, J. Santiago, J. Bartram, H. Riley, ♀ Cullerton, ♀, A. Tabor.



SENIORS
Elliot G. & Matt L.



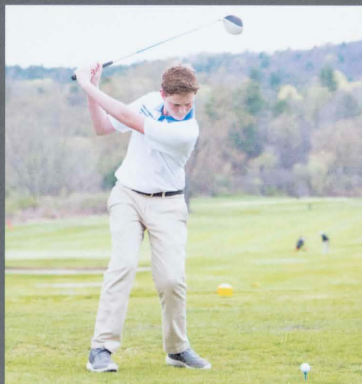
“Housy athletics gave me so much to look forward to. Every year I got so excited to start yet another round of sports. The athletics at this school were a real inspiration to me. They helped motivate me to keep my grades up so I could play. Housy Athletics (soccer in particular) will always have a special place in my heart.” ~ Elliot G.



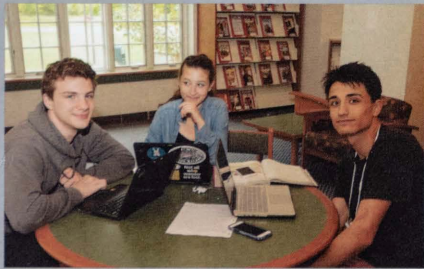
GOLF



CAPTAINS
Z. Ongley & M. Labbadia







UNDERCLASSMEN

rise and shine



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Eleazar Santiago-Nicolas
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Sammantha Starr



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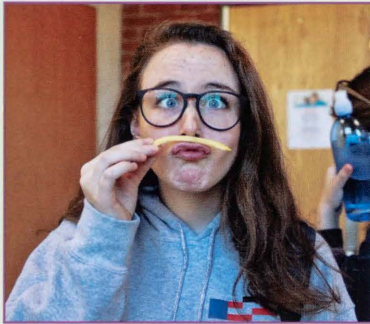


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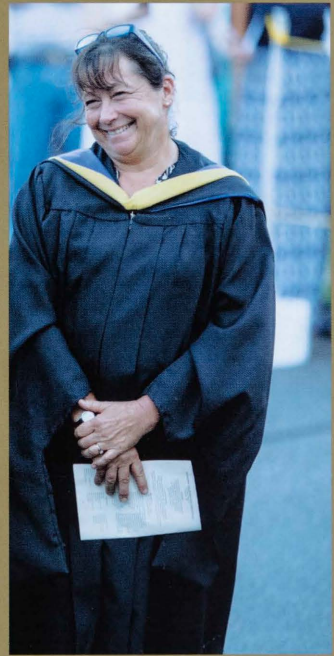
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Jada Wilson
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shining examples



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Johnson, Barbara



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Krupa, Thomas
Lang, Julie
Lazzaro, Mike
Lizzi, John



Lloyd, Sara
Lovejoy, Alan
Mac'heil, Anne
Marsicano, John
Martin, Christine



McLeod, Kim
Membrino, Darlene
Messina, Caitlyn
Monico, Taylor
Moody, Bonnie



Moran, David
Nanni, Rosemarie
Nunez, Tristana
O'Reilly, Liam
Osora, Damon



Peck, Laurence
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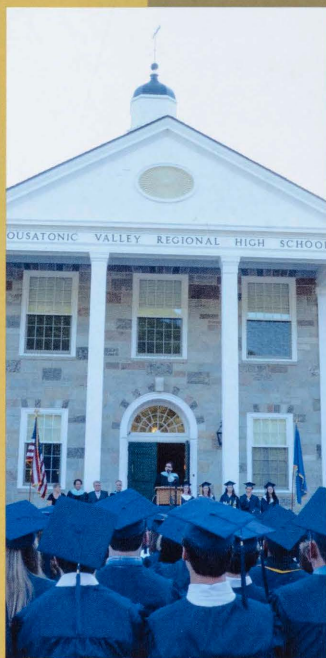


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Megan Aakjar



Finnian Bambery



James Bartram



Grace Beddingfield



Paris Beddingfield



Katelyn Bellanca



Molly Benack



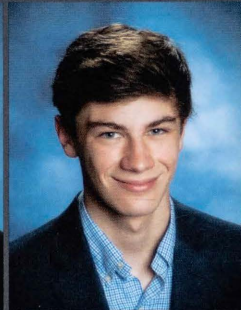
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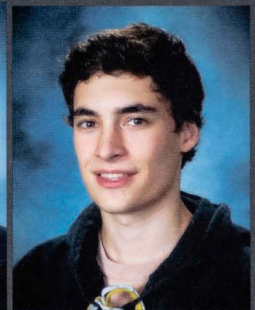
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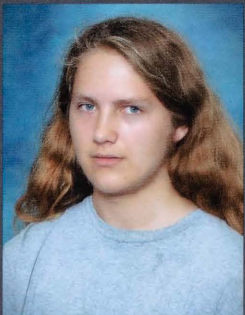
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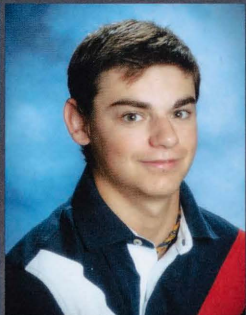
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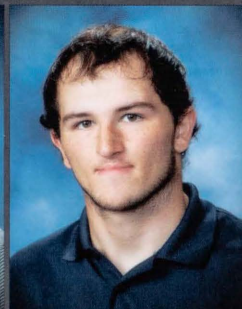
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Abigail Johnson



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Matthew Labbadia



Sophie Lake-Ginouves



Grace Lancto



Noah Light



Shelby Luminati



Dantae Maddock



Ciara McElroy



Rosa Morales



Auston Murray



Lindsey Najdek



Kyle Neal



Ryan Nugent



Michael O'Connor Jr.



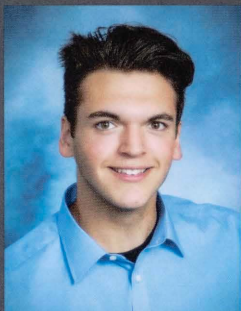
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Connor Pratt



Connor Reid



Kailyn Reilly



Margaret Riccardelli



Hunter Riley



Courtney Roux



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Lauren Segalla



Madeleine Sheldon



Jacob Shpur



Molly Simmons



Sharon Speck



Johanna Spencer



Katherine Starr



Kathryn Stoddard



Emily Sullivan



Margaret Sullivan



Nicholas Swanson



Liam Sweeney



Angela Tabor



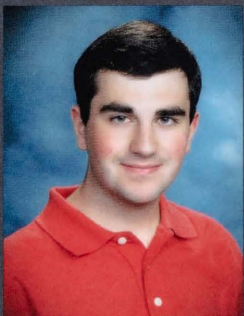
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Tyler Wallace



Noah Watson



Julian Weisman



Rachel Wilcox



Danielle Wilkinson



Evan Wilkinson



Alexandra Winans



Katharine Winsser



Kaitlyn Wohlfert



Trisha Worthington

Not pictured:

Jack Feeney
Erin Fleming
Saskia Kiely
Tinder Kiely
Myra Marks

Katherine McGuire
Cheyenne Wandall
Emily White

Todd Jagan
 Katherine Torralba
 Connor Pratt
 Griffin Itarney
 Dani Wilkinson
 Amanda Jacquar
 Durtine Nadeau
 Courtney Elliott
 Michael O'Connor
 Katie Bellanca
 Noah Watson
 Mya Marks
 Blake Britton
 Buck Dohy
 Grace Cohn
 Katie Seaburn
 Ewan Wilkinson
 Benjamin Humiston
 Elliot Gabrielsen
 Cami Caruso
 Noah Lytt
 Nick Swanson
 Mega Ashar
 Ciara McKeay
 Maggie Sullivan
 Grace Lancton
 Eie Cullerton
 Jordan Santiago
 Vanessa Nestor
 Haley Gulotta
 Maddie Sheldon
 Sam Xime
 Sheldon #68
 Molly Simmons
 Abbey Hansell
 Simon Swames
 Sam Foley
 Emily Sullivan
 Hunter Riley
 Kyle Neal
 Justin Gregg
 Abby Doherty
 Mari Cullerton
 Matthew Labadie
 Katherine Starr
 Anthony (Catalan:)
 Katherine McGuire
 Hannah Benning
 Bailey Fujita
 Lauren Segalla
 Paris Beddingfield
 Julie Horowitz
 Brekke Olowina
 Ciara Hurlock
 Jacob Johnson
 Kimmie Neal
 John Lake
 Sarah Cobern
 Sophie Lake-Ginouves
 Molly Benack
 Sharon Anna Behmer
 Rachel Lee
 Kyle Neal
 Olivia Wadsworth
 Will Hill
 Marge Riccardelli
 Matt Boddeman
 Emily White
 Hunter Riley
 Ally Winars
 Angela Tabor
 Katie Strickland
 Abigail Johnson
 Mara Dorsey





Megan

Aakjar

Meg

FFA 10,11,12;
Band 9,10,11,12.

Thank you to all of my friends that I made these past four years. You made my life brighter and happier.



"Don't start your day with broken pieces of yesterday. Every morning we wake up is the first day of the rest of our life." ~Meg

Finn

Bambery



James

Bartram

Jim

Football
Swimming



Grace

Beddingfield

Cross Country 10, 11, Captain 12.
Swim Team 9, 10, 11, Captain 12.
Band 9, 10, 11, Section Leader 12.
Night Choir 12.

Scout



"I have noticed that nothing I never said ever did me any harm." ~ Calvin Coolidge



Paris

Beddingfield

Cross Country 10, 11, 12; Swim
Team 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Night Choir 10, 11, 12;
Jazz Band 11,12.

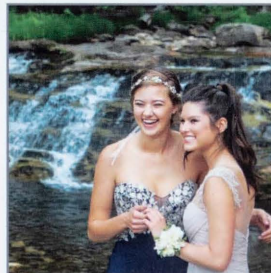


Katelyn

Bellanca

Katie

Swim Team 9,10,11,12;
Girl's Lacrosse 10,11,12;
SGA Secretary 12.



"Cheaters never win, but I just graduated."

Molly Benack

FFA Jr. Sentinel 9, 10, Secretary 11, 12; HOBY 10; China 12.

My goal throughout high school was not to let any opportunities pass me by. With the help from my friends, family and wonderful teachers, I achieved more than I could have asked for. My guiding stars were Mr. Moran and Mrs. Davenport. Thank you for all you pushed me to do and teaching me that nothing is truly impossible.



"Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive." - Elbert Hubbard

Hannah Berrell

FFA 9, 01, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11; Wrestling 10; Swim 9.

The biggest thing I will miss about this school is my closest friends, the Ag Department and all of the great things we accomplished through the years. I will mostly miss Mrs.

Davenport and Mr. Moran—my two favorite teachers and the most caring and considerate people I know.

These two taught me so much through the years. I love you guys and the Ag Ed Dept!:



"It's soil, not dirt." - Mr. Moran



Anna Besmer

Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10.



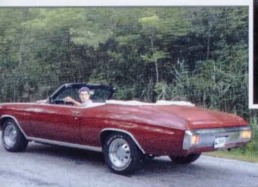
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Blake Buckley

Cross Country 9, 10, Soccer 11, 12.

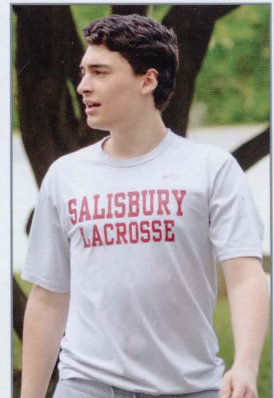
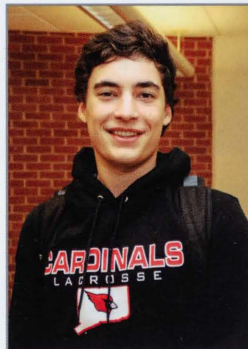
I'd like to thank my teachers, friends and family for all their support throughout my time in high school.



"It often requires more courage to dare to do right than to fear to do wrong."

- Abraham Lincoln

Erin Bushey



Kaitlyn

Carroll-Devaney

Volleyball 10, Track 9,10;
Debate 12.

Thank you everyone.



Cameryn

Caruso

Cami



Anthony

Cattelan

Tony

Football 9, 10, 12; Basketball 9, 11;
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12;
Mr. Housatonic 12.

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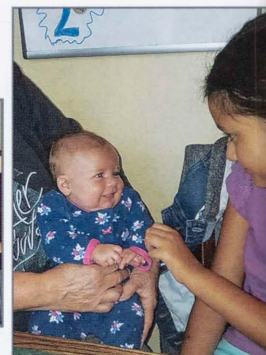
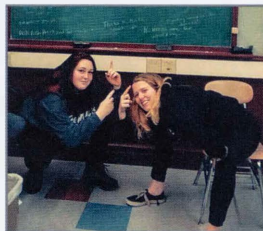
"Whatever I put here it won't actually be that funny so there's no point in Googling 'Funny Senior Quotes'."

Caitlyn

Cecchinato-Flint

Chorus 10, 11, 12
FFA 9,10, 12
Class Council 11, 12

Shout out to my family!
You're the only reason I'm a
high school graduate!

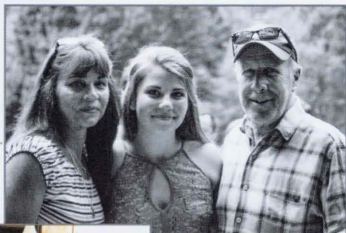


Grace

Cohn

Thank you to my friends and teachers for making Housy a place i'll always remember. Shout out to White_Gandhi_.

"I don't even believe myself when I say i'll be ready in 5 minutes."



Girls Lacrosse 10, 11, 12;
Field Hockey 9, 10, 11;
Prom Committee 11;
National Honor Society
11,12; Operation Jungle
Red 9, 10, 11, 12.

Jala

Cooke

Jay

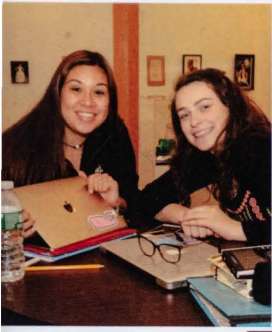
Tennis 10, 11, 12;
Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, President 12;
Housatonic Musical Theater Society 9, 10, 11, 12.

Shout out to Kimmie Kinsman for being the reason everyone thought I was bi.



"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever." - Walt Disney
- Unknown

Sara Coolbeth



Kyra Cullerton



Cross Country 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, Section Leader 12; Class Council Co-President 11, President 12.

I will never forget the cross country bus rides in which the team would sing "Don't Stop Believing" at the top of our lungs. Thanks GT for putting up with us!

Christopher Curtis



Chloe Dakers Chlo

Thank you to all my friends, family, coaches, and teachers for helping and supporting me. LS AJ KB SG GC, OF EG CH CW school history, SD AC CP JG SF JS. You all will be permanent people in my life. I am proud to have been a Mountaineer and being a part of making school history twice!

Soccer 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Basketball 9, Captain 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, Captain 11, 12.



"It's your life, your happiness, so do what you want." - Justin Gregory

Scott Dignacco Scotty

Thank you to my parents for loving and supporting me throughout my life. Thanks to my brothers for paving the way for me at Housy and for being great role models. I also want to thank my friends and teachers for all the great memories over the last 4 years. I will be forever grateful for the experiences Housy has given me.

Soccer 9, 10, 11, Captain 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12.



"Let's be legendary."
~ Deshaun Watson



Brooke Dodge Brooklyn

Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12;
Lacrosse 11, 12; Basketball 10;
SGA 10, 11; FFA 10, 11; Vet 11.



Mara Dorsey

Volleyball, Basketball



Mohaned Elserafy Mo

Football 9, 10, 11, 12;
Tennis 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Basketball 9.

I can't thank my family enough for what they have done for me. My parents have always had high expectations for me and along with my siblings, Shorouk and Mohamed. They have all supported me through everything. Thanks to 8 other guys, I was able to create a second family—one that would support each other through the good times and the bad. I'm very lucky to have both. They created amazing memories for me and got me to the next chapter of my life.



"If you don't believe in yourself, why is anyone else going to believe in you?" - Tom Brady

Justin Fitch

FFA 3 years

Well what can I say... I have two doorknobs, a new switch to go with my 3ds, and more people know about Wonderboy and Walimer than ever.

I can't think of anything better to have done with my time. As Carl Brutanadilewski would say, 'Yeahhh he's freestylin, I love it'



THAT IS LUSH

Samuel Foley Sam

Football 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Basketball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12.

Thank you to all of the teachers and coaches that helped me throughout my high school years. I would also like to thank my friends for making the past four years more enjoyable. Finally, thank you to my family for always being there for me.



"Today you have 100% of your life left."
~ Tom Landry

Elliot Gabrielson

Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12
Baseball 9, 10, 11; Ski Team 11
Golf 12; Chorus 10, 11
Mr. Housatonic 12

Time flies when you're having fun, so enjoy it while it lasts.

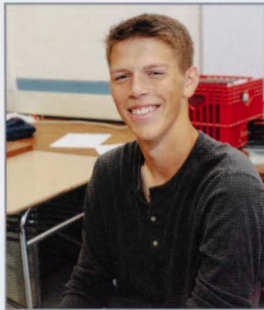


"Bears. Beets. Battle Star Galactica."
~ Jim Halpert

Justin Gomez

Soccer 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 10,
11, Captain 12.

I'd like to thank my friends and family for supporting me through thick and thin, even when I didn't want it. The hours we spent searching for ferrets for Mr. Prindle's art class will never be forgotten.



"The problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem."
~ Jack Sparrow

Justin Gregory

Soccer 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Basketball 9; Baseball 9, 10; Golf 12.

My high school experience exceeded my expectations. My success has come from the support of my family, friends, and teachers.

I'd like to thank all of those who believed in me and supported me throughout high school.



"A great man is always willing to be little"
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Kirsten Groves



William Guillen



Haley Gulotta



Volleyball



Abigail Hansel-Baumgarten

Band 9, 10, 11, President 12;
Volleyball 10, 11; Cross Country 12
Track and Field 9, 10, 11, 12.

Thanks to all my teachers and friends for making my time at Housy memorable. I'd especially like to thank Mr. Krupa for making me the musician I am today, and Mrs. Veatch for the hot chocolate.

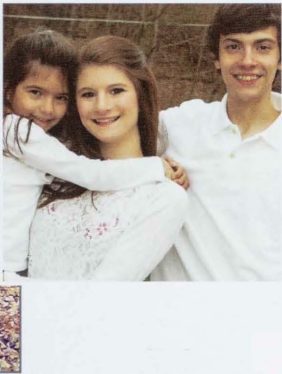


"This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before." - Leonard Bernstein



Vanessa Hesterberg

Soccer 9,10,11; Basketball 10;
Tennis 9; FFA 9,10,11,12.



Griffin Harney

FFA 9; HTMS 10, 12.

Nathan, to you we leave our space in the senior lounge. Justin and I agreed on this for a while. In return, we ask that you only preserve it in the glorious state we left it in. We expect you to spread the word of Wailmer, and we hope that one day you are free from your illness. Oh yeah, and bye other people.



I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, LUSH!!!

Julie Jules Horowitz

SXC 9, 10; Ski Team 9; Tennis 9; Swimming 10; AFS-CBYX 2015-2016; AFS 9, 10, 12

I tested the falls so you don't have to! Thanks to my class for being weird as heck and keeping Housy so interesting during the times I showed up. Es war alles für die erfahrung, viel Spaß euch alle. Catch ya on the flip side.



Is the hokey pokey really what it's all about?

Roland Holst-Grubbe



Benjamin Ben Humiston



Ciara

Hurlburt



William

Hurley

Football



Amanda

Jacquier

Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12;
Basketball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Lacrosse 9, 10, 11, Captain 12.



"I hope my high school memories last longer than my student loans."
~ Unknown

Bailey

Jacquier

Soccer 9;
FFA 9, 10, 11, 12.



Morgan

Jacquier

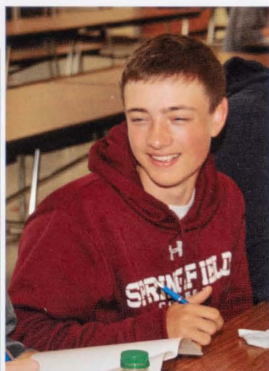


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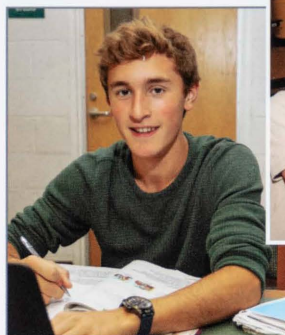
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Jacob Johnson

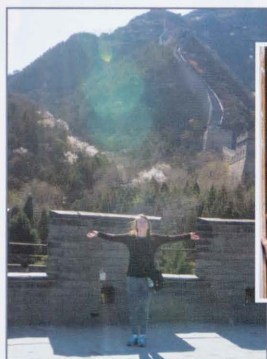


Matthew Labbadia



Sophie Lake-Ginouves

Field Hockey 9; Tennis 9,10,11,12;
HMTS 9, 10,11,12; SGA 11,12;
Jazz Band 11,12; Acorn 11,12;
AFS 9,10,11, Co-President 12.



Be here now

Grace Lancto

Soccer: 9, 10, 11, 12; Lacrosse: 9,
10, 11, Captain 12; AFS: 9, 10, 11,
12; SGA: 11, 12



"Worry less, smile more"



Shelby Luminati

Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12;
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12.



"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to loose sight of the shore."
~Christopher Columbus

Dantae Maddock Tae

Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12;
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12.

Thanks to all of my friends and family for making these past four years amazing. The memories we made together will last a lifetime.



"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't." ~ Jerry Rice

Ciara

McElroy Lacrosse 10,12.



Katherine

McGuire

Tennis 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
SGA 9, 10, Board of Education
Representative 11, President 12;
Acorn 12; HMTS 9, 10, 11, 12.



"We're all just, like, realizing things." ~ Kylie Jenner

Kyle

Neal



Ryan

Nugent

Student Government 9,10,11,12;
Housatonic Musical Theater
Society 9,10,11,12.



Our best successes often come after
our greatest disappointments.



Thank you to Katherine, Derval
(Katherine), & Maddie. I might have
lost credit in four classes, but it
would've been more if I didn't want
to be with my girls everyday.

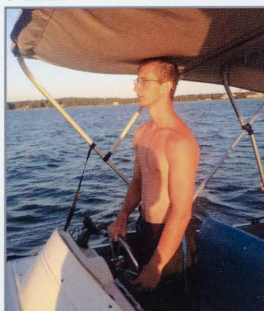
Love you guys!

Also, thanks for supporting me
always Mom, you're the best.

Michael

O'Connor Jr.

Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Swim 9, 10,
11, 12; Lacrosse 9, 10, 11;
HVRHS China Trip 2015;



"If everyone is thinking alike, then someone
isn't thinking." - Gen. George S. Patton

Brooke

Olownia Brooksbank

HMTS 9,10,11,12, Dance Captain
11; Volleyball 9,10,11,12; Swim
Team 9,10,11, Captain 12; Softball
9,10,11; Tennis 12; Night Choir
11,12; Sweethearts 11,12; Housy
Helping Hands 9,10,11,12; Jazz
Band 11,12; Concert Band
9,10,11, President 12.



"And the best that we can do is hope a blue
bird will sing a song, as we stumble along!"
~ The Drowsy Chaperone

Connor Pratt CP

Shoutout to The Family for getting me through the pits of Hell. My favorite memories lie within this group and I will never forget them. I never had Coach Bayer as an academic teacher but he taught me more than he probably knows. Goodbye HVRHS. We're all future-bound.



"Falling is easy but it only bring you down."
~ EDEN

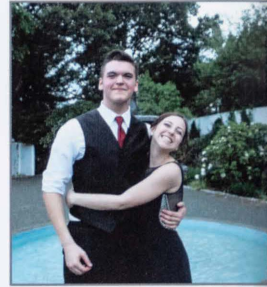
Football 9, 10 11, Captain 12;
Leader for Keith Hawkins -
Day of Understanding.

Kailyn Reilly

Live your life the way you want to. Don't let anything/anyone hold you back from doing what you want or from being yourself!



Soccer 9, 10;
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12;
Track & Field 9, Manager 10, 11.



Live your life to the fullest.

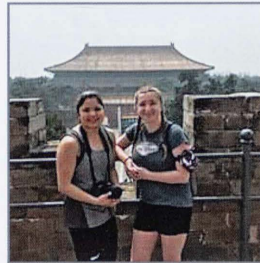
Courtney Roux Court



"Every champion was once a contender that refused to give up." ~ Rocky Balboa

Volleyball 11, 12;
Wrestling 10, 11, Captain 12;
FFA 9, 10, 11, 12.

Katharine Seabury Katie



"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination" ~ Jimmy Dean



Soccer 9, 10;
Volleyball 11;
Basketball 9, 10, 12;
Student Council 12.

Lauren Segalla

I would like to thank all of my teachers, coaches, family and friends for the continuous support during my time at Housy.

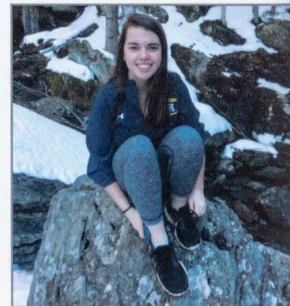


Work hard in silence.
Let success make the noise.

Varsity Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12;
Varsity Basketball 9;
Prom Committee 11.
Senior Class Council 12.

Madeleine Sheldon Maddie

Ryan/Katherine's: Thanks for helping me survive these past 4 years!! Family: Thanks for putting up with me all the time :).



"Less is more." ~ Robert Browning

Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Swim Team 9, 10; Tennis 10, 11,
Captain 12; Student Government
10, 11, 12; Acorn 12.

Molly Simmons

Thank you to Ms. McLeod and my friends/family for believing in me and supporting me during the process of graduating a year early.



Field Hockey 9,10,11;
Student Government Association
10,11.



Jacob Shpur

Soccer 9, 11;
Basketball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Baseball 9, 10, 11, Captain 12;
Night Choir 9, 10, 11, 12.



"Southern Ohio Amalgamated Steam Traction
Engine and Boiler Manufacturing Company"

Sharon Speck Shay

I'm very grateful for the experiences I had at Housy and the friends I gained. The people here taught me many valuable lessons and I don't count on forgetting them anytime soon. I wish everyone the best in wherever life takes them!



Basketball 9, 10; FFA 10, 12;
Academic Bowl 12; SGA 12;
National Honor Society 12;
Empowering Young Women 11, 12.



"You can't be afraid of the power. You have to use it." - Charlotte Dujardin

Katherine Starr

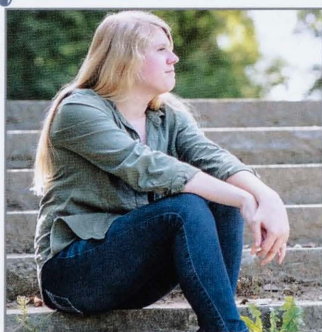
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12; Swim Team 9, 10, 11, 12;
Lacrosse 9; Track & Field 10;
Tennis 11, 12; Student Government
Association 10, Board of Ed
Representative 11, Secretary 12.



Katheryn Katie Stoddard

My favorite memory of Housy will always be the Ag Ed program. I learned so much here and decided what I wanted to study in college.

Mr. Moran and Mrs. Davenport helped me so much since I came here - Thank you!



If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your Ag teacher instructed.

FFA

Katherine Tortorella

Soccer 9, 11; Basketball 9, 10, 11,
Captain 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11,
Captain 12; Night Choir 9, 10, 11, 12.

Thank you to everyone who supported me and believed in me.



Not pregnant, just eatin' good



Sara VanDeusen

I will never forget Brooke's "ruthless built-cherries" and Kyra's "Titian" pronunciation incidents in Freshman year (You guys are great!), nor our endless Stalin jokes in Academic Bowl. I shared so many wonderful experiences with and would like to thank Mr. Vermilyea, Madame Becker, Mr. Bayer, and Ms. Monico for their profound advice and support. I cannot adequately express my gratitude for the impact these teachers have made on my life.

Academic Bowl 9, 10, Captain 11, 12; Night Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Sweethearts 10, 11, 12; Class Council 10, 11, 12, Class President 11; Chorus, 10, Section Leader 11, 12; Cross Country 10, 11.

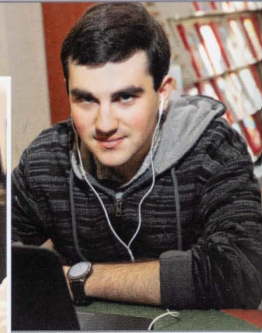


Is there no way out of the mind? ~ Sylvia Plath

Tyler Walface Guitar Hero

Jazz band, Concert band, Section leader.

Thanks to everyone for sticking with me throughout high school.
drops mic



"BINKO!" ~ BM

Rachel Wilcox

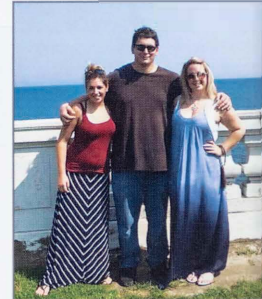
Art Garage 9, 12.



"When you judge others, you do not define them; you define yourself." Earl Nightingale

Kaitlyn Wolfert Kate

FFA 9, 10, 11, 12



"You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it."
~ Robin Williams

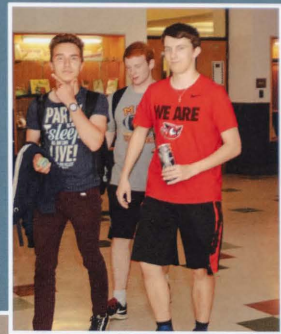
Olivia Washburn



Trisha Worthington

Volleyball, Tennis





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Best Smiles

▶ Hunter & Katherine



Class Cities

▶ Jacob & Katie



Most Changed

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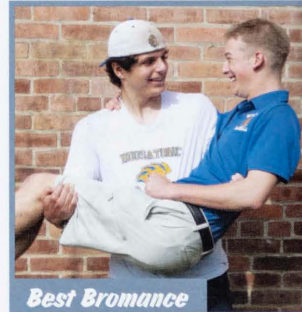
Class Couple

▶ Justin & Brooke



Most Likely To Need A Ride

▶ Julie & Hunter



Best Bromance

▶ Anthony & Scott



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Class Athletes

▶ Scott & Chloe



Everyone's Best Buddies

▶ Marge & Connor



Most Buff

Elliot



Class Einsteins

Jim & Kyra



Most Spirited

Katherine & Noah



Most Likely To Have Their Own Talk Shows

Jordan & Katherine



Best Hair

Saskia & Will



Worst Case of Senioritis

Julie & Liam



Most Likely To Be The Next Bill Gates Or Steve Jobs

Mari & Roland



Best Dressed

Elliot, Grace & Noah



Class Musicians

Julian & Abby



Most Likely To Be Late For Their Own Weddings

Justin & Grace



Best Cars

Ally & Nick



Worst Cars

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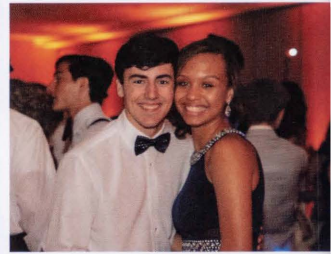


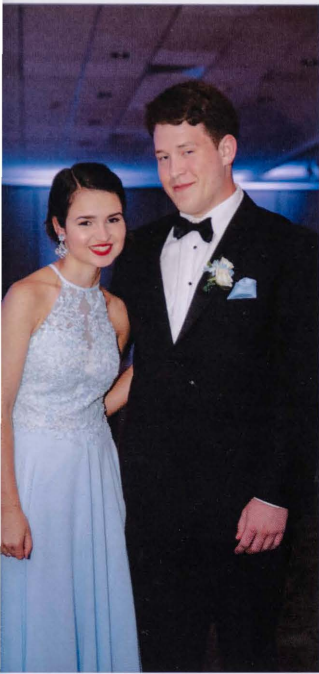
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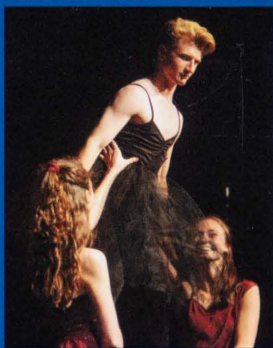
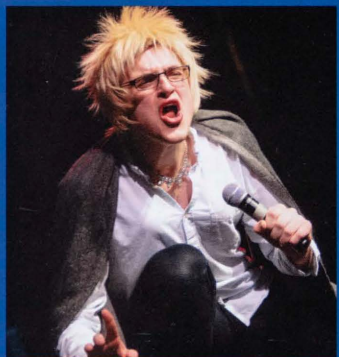
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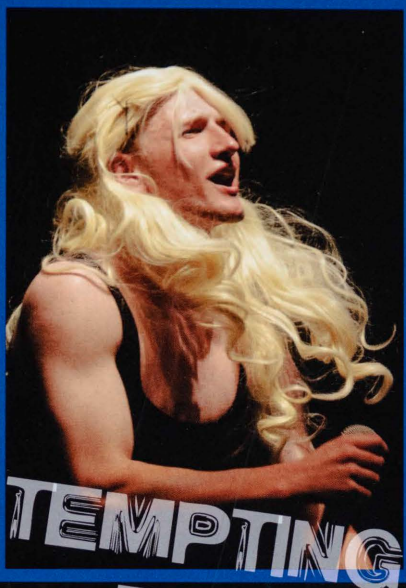
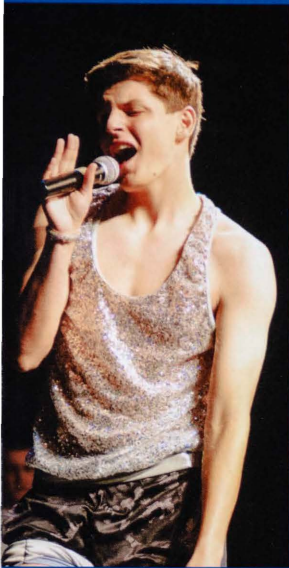
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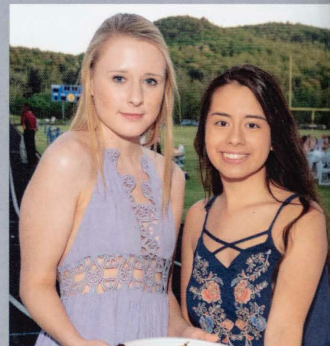




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Guys in Ties*

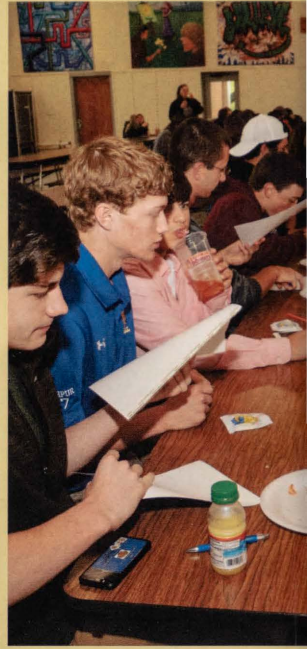








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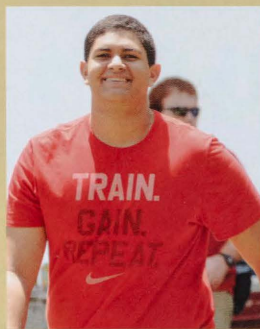
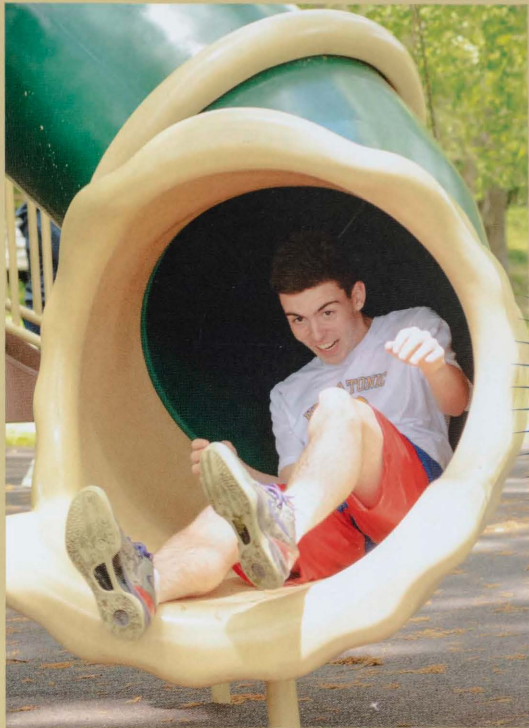


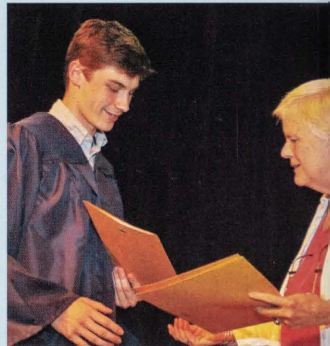
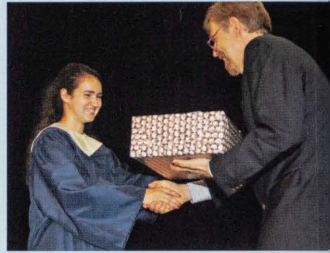


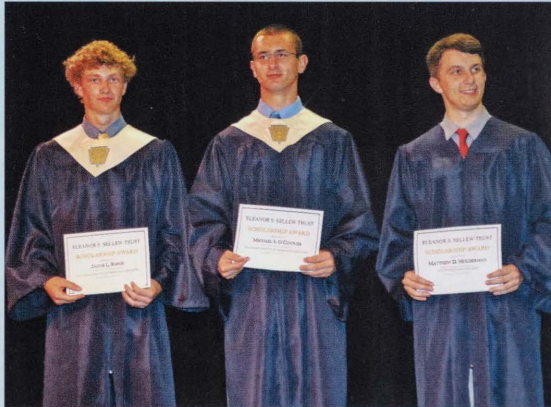
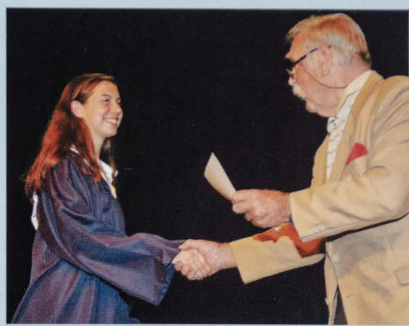


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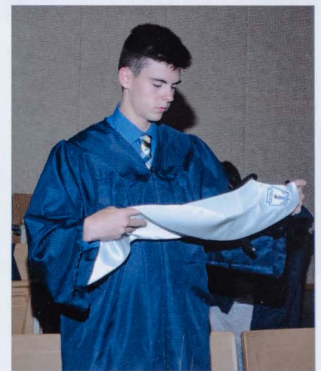












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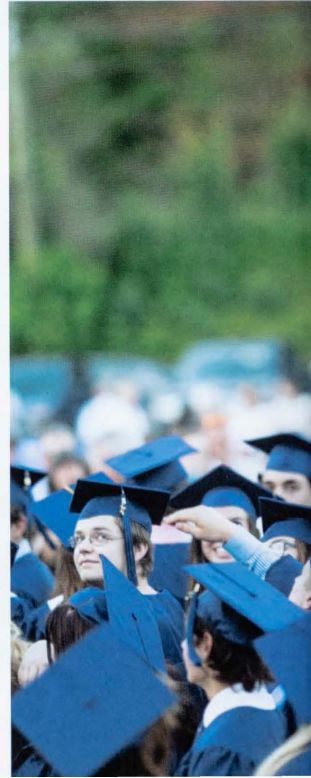
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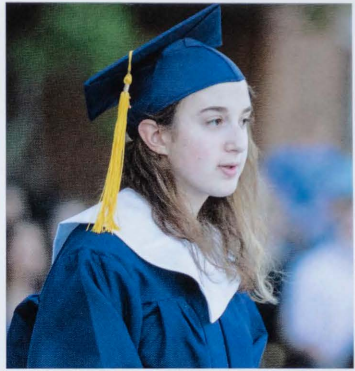


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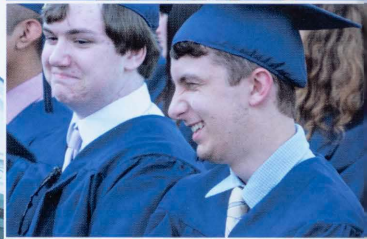
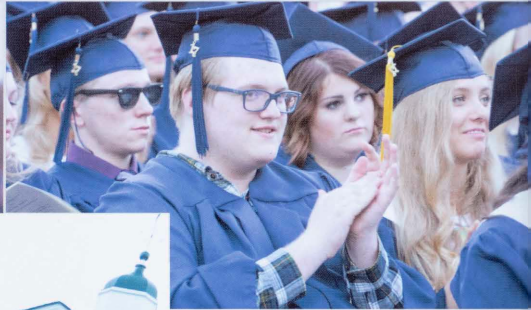
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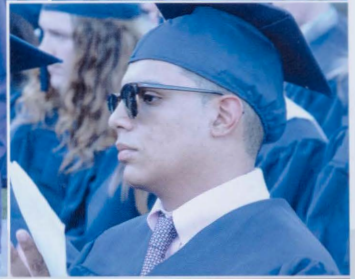
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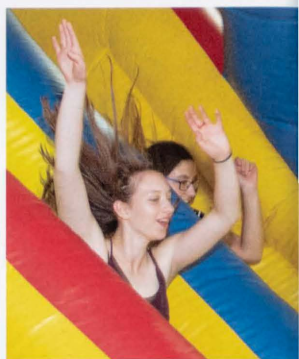


afs student German Sharabok



“Thus, in all these, we will transmit this community, not only not less, but greater, better, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.”







Marjorie Becker started teaching at HVRHS in September 1976. For 41 years she primarily taught French 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as well as independent study Latin 1 and 2. She also taught Spanish 1 and English 10. She served honorably as Department Chair of the HVRHS World Language Department and “Lead Teacher” of the Region #1 World Language Department.

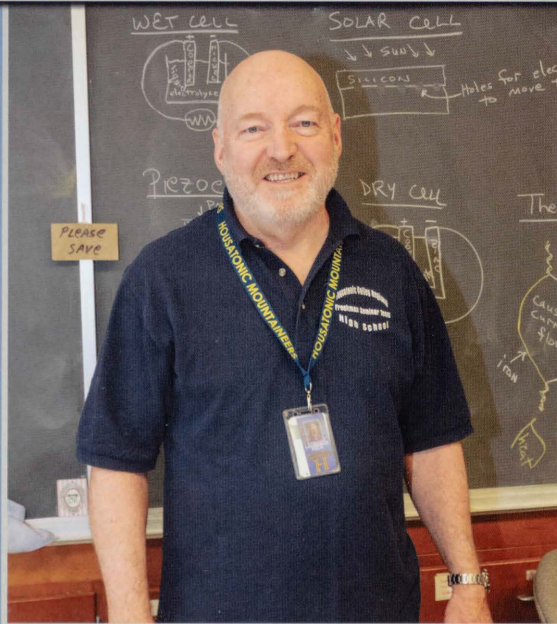
“In the past four decades, I instructed so many young people who went on to benefit our society in big ways. This truly makes me feel accomplished with my career choice and my performance as well.

Every year, it seems that more students come to see me. They explain how their lives were changed during high school. Many of them give me a little credit for their hard work. This is why teaching is the most rewarding career in the world.

It has been a pleasure working in Region #1. I wish everyone in the district and especially at HVRHS all the best in the years to come.”



LEAVING A LEGACY



Looking back on 20 years I mostly want to say “Thank You” to colleagues, parents and especially students of Region 1. You enriched my life by sharing great times and challenging ones, giving me 100 new young people to fall in love with each year. I will miss you all (but not the 5:30 alarm clock), but have a number of exciting projects to jump into: two grandchildren to play with, and a book to write on the “Miracle” philosophy, for starters. My greatest rewards occurred when students internalized that they are MIRACLES and are capable of so much more than they thought. I also enjoyed watching giggly freshmen turn into caring, more responsible young adults. I wish all God's blessings, and if there is anything I can do for you in the future, please let me know - or just stay in touch (peckassoc@hotmail.com). Love and God's blessings - Larry Peck

Bonnie Moody arrived at Housatonic in the fall of 1988 and stayed for 29 years, teaching Algebra 1, Math 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and Workplace Math 2. She was most involved with the Blood Drive and the Helping Hands group. She especially enjoyed being a fan of every activity and sport, loved taking pictures at the FFA Open House and other activities throughout the years. She kept book for the basketball program for 20 years. Her fondest memories include laughing during lunch in the math office, wit and jokes from department chair Keith Bond, great science guy David Lindsay, and the school wide Academic Bowl event when the finals were held in the library with the announcer standing on the table and cheers all around! She will miss the friends, students and community members that make you smile when you meet them because they love this place and volunteer to do help in any way they can. She has no regrets about missing out on setting her alarm clock or practicing fire drills and lockdowns.

"Integrity is not about age or education level. When it seems you are at a crossroad that could have negative consequences, take a deep breath, and decide if this is how you want to be remembered because others will remember."



Thank you to our retirees for your many years of dedication and service to the students and families in Region 1. We wish you well on the next part of your journey. You will be greatly missed!



Paul Padua began his teaching career at HVRHS after graduating from college in 1979 and remained here for 38 years. During his tenure he taught woodworking, residential carpentry, drafting, plastics and Emergency Medical Technician classes. He also served in a variety of capacities such as a senior class advisor, firefighter activity, EMS activity, stage set construction, blood drive, High School Diploma program, night school, summer enrichment program, and as our Safety Committee chair. His fondest memory is of teaching his son and working with his daughter. He will miss sharing his woodworking passion with young adults but definitely will not miss being held to a schedule or hearing Mrs. Lang's chimes that began the morning announcements! His future plans include continuing with woodworking, riding his motorcycles, finding employment. "Years fly by, moments last forever."

Thank You

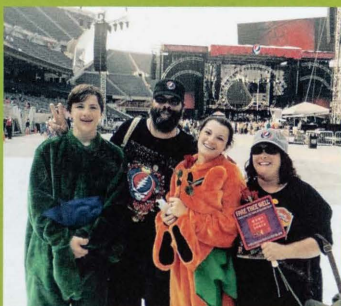
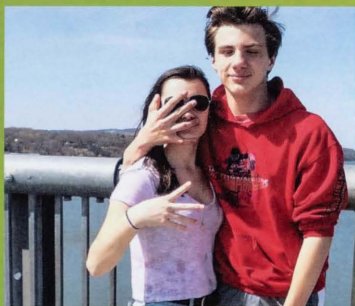
to our Advisors



The Senior Class would like to thank our Class Advisors, Mr. John Lizzi and Ms. Taylor Monico, for donating their time and effort to make every class event a huge success. Without their help we would not have been able to accomplish all that we did, and we are truly thankful for all they did to help make our high school years so memorable.

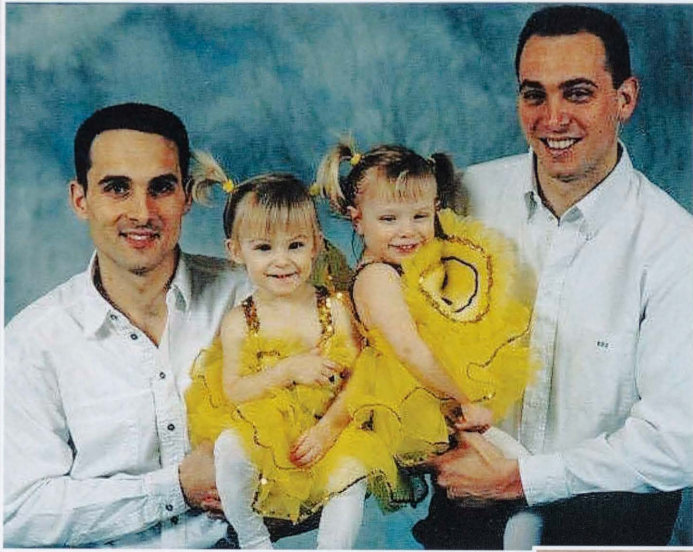
Abigail Johnson

"I only want to hold you, I don't want to tie you down.
Or fit you in the lines I might've drawn.
It's just that I, oh I, have gotten used to havin' you around.
The landscape would be empty if you were gone." ~ Bob Weir



Dear Abigail,
Wishing you safety, health, success & **HAPPINESS** in all your endeavors! We'll always be here if you need us... anything, anytime, anywhere.

Love: Momma Bear, Pappa Bear & Brother Bear



Sam, Morgan and Bailey:

One of our biggest joys
was to watch you grow!

Love,

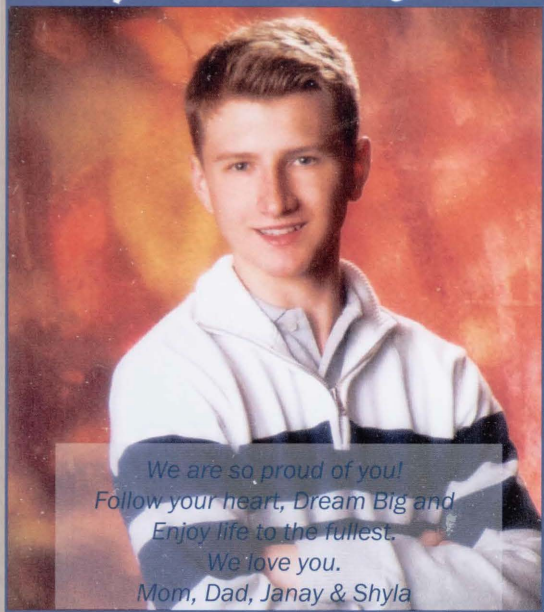
Mom (Aunt Brooke),
Dad (Uncle John),
Mom (Aunt Jenn),
and Dad (Uncle Cricket)



*"A cousin is a little bit of that
childhood that can never be lost"*

~ Marion Garretty

Congratulations Justin



*We are so proud of you!
Follow your heart, Dream Big and
Enjoy life to the fullest.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Janay & Shyla*



Evan-
We love you!
Mom, Dad,
Hayley & Aaron
Class of 2017



Justin,

*Life is a challenge
but it is that challenge
that makes life
interesting.
Go off into the
direction of your
dreams.*

*With all our Love
Mom, Dad
Kirsten, Meghan
& Cameron*



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Jala MacKenzie Cooke

Congratulations!
You are everything we ever
dreamed you would be.
XOX,
Mom & Dad



*"If you can imagine it, You can achieve it,
If you dream it, You can become it."*

We are so proud of you!



*Love,
Mom, Dad, and Aliza*



To Maddie,

"Listen to the MUSTN'TS, child,
Listen to the DON'TS
Listen to the SHOULDN'TS
The IMPOSSIBLES, the WON'Ts
Listen to the NEVER HAVES
Then listen close to me--
Anything can happen, child,
ANYTHING can be." -Silverstein

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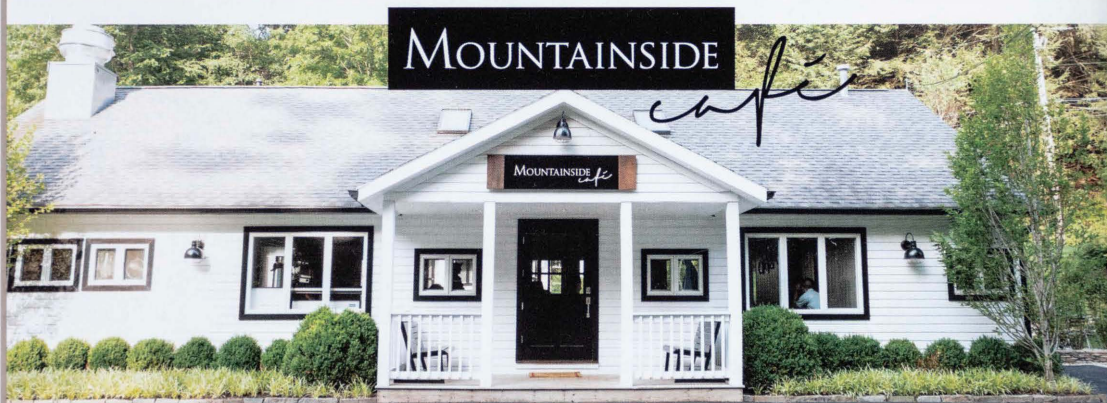
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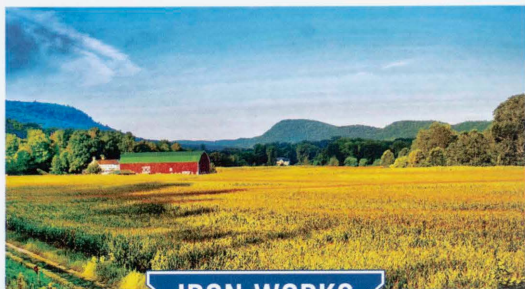
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in reach and possibilities vast.
Now is the time for all of us
to become the people
we always dreamed of being.
This is our world.
We're here.
We matter.
The world is waiting.*



WORLD YEARBOOK

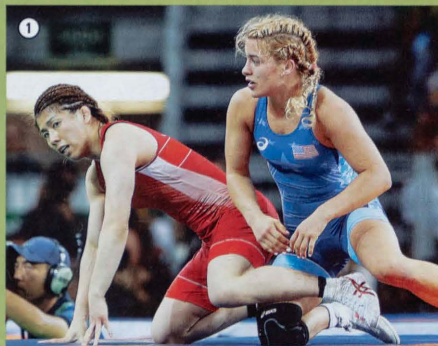
2016-2017

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IT'S WHAT THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT WAS

MADE OF IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.

11,237 OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ATHLETES from all over the globe gathered in August to pursue lifelong dreams and compete for Olympic glory. There were firsts, as Rio was the first South American city to host the Olympic Games. There were records broken — the United States earning 121 medals — surpassing the previous record of 1 medals earned (which they also held). There were downfalls in the form of injuries, controversies and losses. But there were, of course, tremendous and victorious triumphs, celebrations of nations coming together, demonstration of character and pure grit and moments of relishing in hard work, determination, talent and tenacity — true athletic prowess at its finest.



1. HELEN MAROULIS, the first American woman to earn Olympic gold in wrestling, defeated opponent Saori Yoshida of Japan.

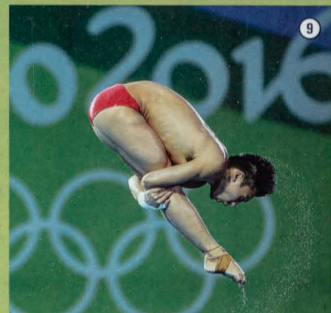
2. NEYMAR DELIVERED A HOME TEAM VICTORY, earning Brazil soccer gold after scoring the winning penalty kick, 6-4 against Germany

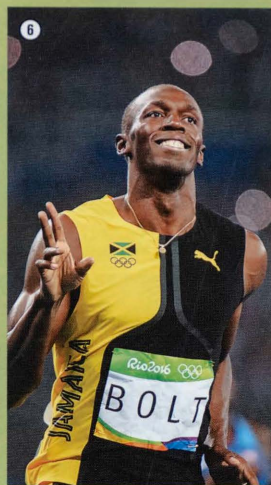


DREAMS & DEFEAT

3. AN UNFORTUNATE MISSTEP for French gymnast Samir Ait Said resulted in a lower leg break during the men's qualifying round.

4. THE 100 METER HURDLES were dominated by Americans: Brianna Rollins, Nia Ali and Kristi Castlin who finished first, second and third, respectively.

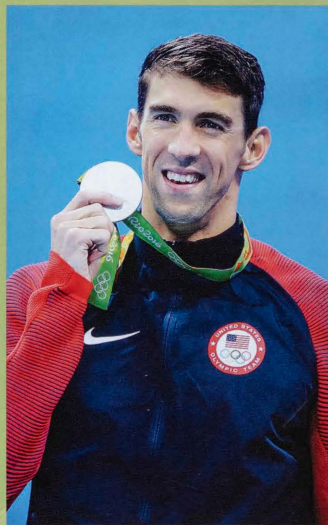




5 SOUTH AFRICA'S WAYDE VAN NIEKERK broke a 17-year-old record in the 400-meter race, earning gold with a time of 43.03 seconds. He largely credited his 74-year-old coach, former sprinter and long jumper, Anna Botha. 6. AFTER ACHIEVING A "TRIPLE-TRIPLE" by winning all three sprint titles at three consecutive games, Jamaican track and field star Usain Bolt declared his desire to be the greatest. 7. DEEMED THE "FINAL FIVE," Aly Raisman, Madison Kocian, Laurie Hernandez, Gabby Douglas and Simone Biles won nine medals at the Rio Olympic Games, breaking the previous record of eight medals shared by the 1984 and 2008 teams. The U.S. women's gymnastics team celebrated victory over all rivals with a total of 8,209 points. Russia fell to second place, while China came in third. 8. TWO DISTANCE RUNNERS COLLIDED during the women's 5,000-meter event. Abbey D'Agostino of the United States and Nikki Hamblin of New Zealand helped each other and finished the race with times of 17:10.02 and 16:43.10. 9. CHENAISEN'S performance led China to their seventh gold medal in diving at the Rio Olympics. 10. THE UNITED STATES MEN'S OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TEAM won gold in the final knockout round with a victory over Serbia and a score of 96-66. This was the team's third consecutive gold medal.



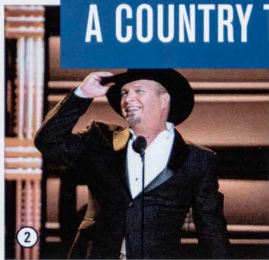
US SWIMMERS: AN UNSTOPPABLE CLASS OF ATHLETES



U.S. SWIMMERS were standout athletes at the Rio Olympics. Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time, picked up five more gold medals and a silver, bringing his collection to a total of 28. The 31-year-old confirmed plans to retire and said he wouldn't compete in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Female U.S. swimmers Katie Ledecky and Simone Manuel each made history in Rio. Ledecky broke her own record in the 800-meter freestyle, becoming the first woman to sweep the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle races since 1968. Manuel tied for gold in the 100-meter freestyle, making her the first African American woman in history to win an individual Olympic swimming medal.



A COUNTRY THING



1. CARRIE UNDERWOOD won several notable awards including AMA's Favorite Country Album for *Storyteller*, CMA's Female Vocalist award and CMT's Female Video of the Year award for "Smoke Break." **2. GARTH BROOKS** won Entertainer of the Year for the fourth time at the CMA Awards in November. He previously won the title in 1991, 1992 and 1997. **3. ERIC CHURCH'S** album, *Misunderstood*, received the Album of the Year award at the CMAs in November.



4. BEYONCÉ appeared on *Fortune's* list of the year's most powerful women, won Teen Choice Award's Choice R&B/Hip-Hop Artist and made history when all 12 tracks from her surprise album *Lemonade* landed on Billboard's Top 100 chart. The album also won Best Urban Contemporary Album at the Grammys.



5. LADY GAGA performed the halftime show at Super Bowl LI, opening with a rendition of "This Land is Your Land." She began her set on top of the NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas with a fleet of illuminated drones behind her, before seemingly leaping and appearing on stage to perform hit songs like "Poker Face," "Telephone" and "Bad Romance." **6. BOB DYLAN** won the Nobel Prize for Literature for his poetic expression through song. In February, the singer/songwriter announced plans to release a triple album of classic songs called *Triplicate*. **7. DRAKE'S** momentum didn't slow as he dominated Spotify listening trends, was awarded three AMAs, three BET awards, a *Billboard* Music Award, Teen Choice Award, a VMA and more. His song "Hotline Bling" won Best Rap Song and Best Rap/Sung Performance at the Grammys.

ICONIC SOUNDS & ATTITUDES

THERE WAS MUCH MORE TO THE MUSIC SCENE THAN JUST TOP HITS.

YOUNG ARTISTS, BIG NAMES



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8. **MARIAH CAREY** was mortified after a botched performance during Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve in Times Square. She was accused of lip-syncing, but claimed that malfunctioning earpieces were at fault.



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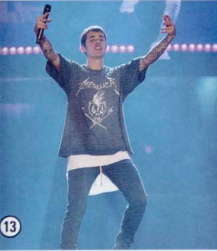
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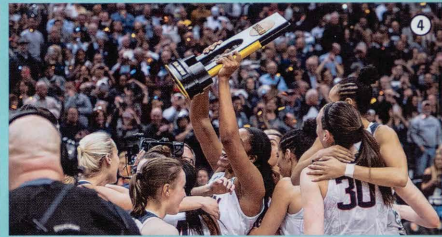
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11. **ARIANA GRANDE** won AMA's Artist of the Year, and her single, "Dangerous Woman," was named Choice Music Single at the Teen Choice Awards. **12. ZAYN**, former member of popular boy band One Direction, won awards for his solo work including the AMA's New Artist of the Year and Teen Choice Award's Choice Music Breakout Artist. **13. JUSTIN BIEBER'S** single, "Sorry," won an AMA for Video of the Year and the Teen Choice Award for Choice Music Single. Bieber was chosen as Favorite Male Artist at both events, and his album, *Purpose*, earned Favorite Pop/Rock Album at the AMAs. **14. DNCE**, the funk pop band led by former Jonas Brother, Joe, won MTV's VMA for Best New Artist.

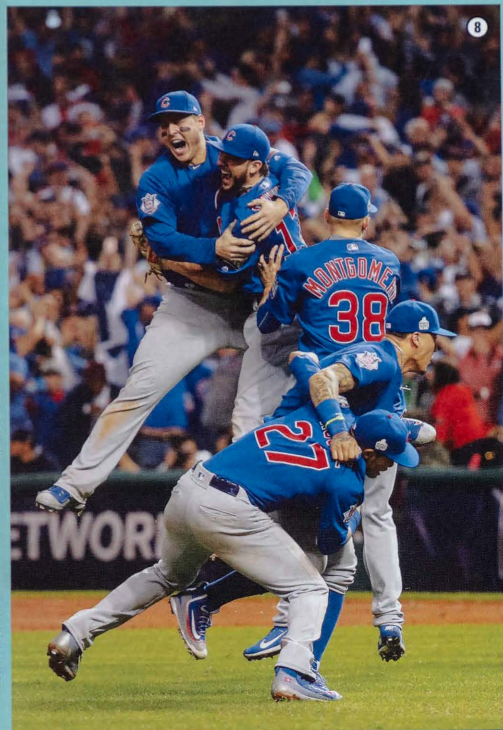
IN SPORTS, CLOSE ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH

PREDICTABLE SUCCESS AND UNDER-DOG

TRIUMPHS — WE SAW IT ALL.



1. LED BY CAPTAIN SIDNEY CROSBY, the Pittsburgh Penguins won their fourth Stanley Cup Championship against the San Jose Sharks in Game 6 — their first title win since 2009 **2. THE CLEMSON TIGERS** battled the Alabama Crimson Tide and clinched the College Football Playoff National Championship with a last-second touchdown by Hunter Renfrow and a final score of 35-31. **3. BRITTANY LANG** won her first major title at the 71st U.S. Women's Open Golf championship over Sweden's Anna Nordqvist **4. THE CONNECTICUT HUSKIES** women's basketball team won their fourth consecutive NCAA championship, defeating Syracuse 82-51. Their 104-game winning streak set a new NCAA record **5. SERENA WILLIAMS** broke the record of Grand Slam titles bringing her total to 23 after defeating Angelique Kerber for her seventh Wimbledon victory, and beating her sister, Venus during the Australian Open in January **6. LEBRON JAMES** led the Cleveland Cavaliers to a championship title with a 93-89 win over the Golden State Warriors in Game 7 of the NBA finals. **7. THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** defeated the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl LI, 34-28 after they tied it up in the last minute with the first comeback of more than 10 points in Super Bowl history. They sent the game into overtime, and four-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady and Coach Bill Belichick became the first quarterback and coach to win five Super Bowls **8. THE CHICAGO CUBS** beat the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in Game 7 of the World Series to win their first championship since 1908



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START TO FINISH

9. NASCAR DRIVER NO. 48 Jimmie Johnson celebrated his record-tying seventh Sprint Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway. **10. KURT BUSCH** won his first career Daytona 500 in a last-lap pass around Kyle Larson and Chase Elliott.



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GLOBAL WINS

11. BRITISH GOLFER Danny Willett won his first major championship and earned a green jacket at the 80th edition of the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia in April 2016. **12. 198 RIDERS** raced in the 103rd Tour de France in July; Chris Froome of Great Britain and of Team Sky, came in first place, making it his third Tour win. **13. NYQUIST AND JOCKEY** Mario Gutierrez won the 142nd Kentucky Derby in May 2016, defeating horses Exaggerator and Gun Runner, who finished in second and third places.

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@POTUS TWITTER ACCOUNT

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number of electoral
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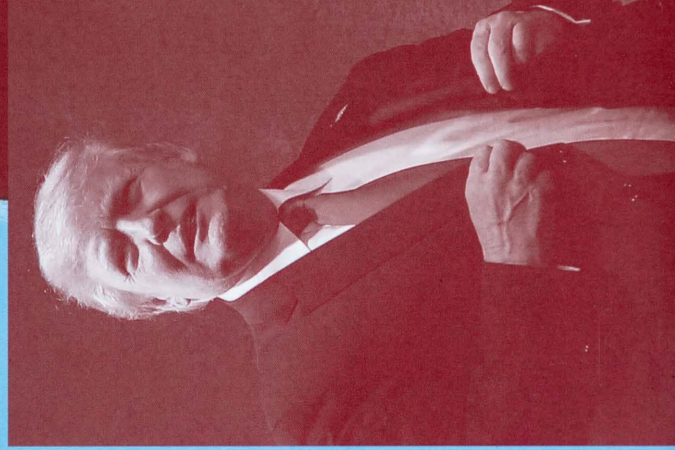
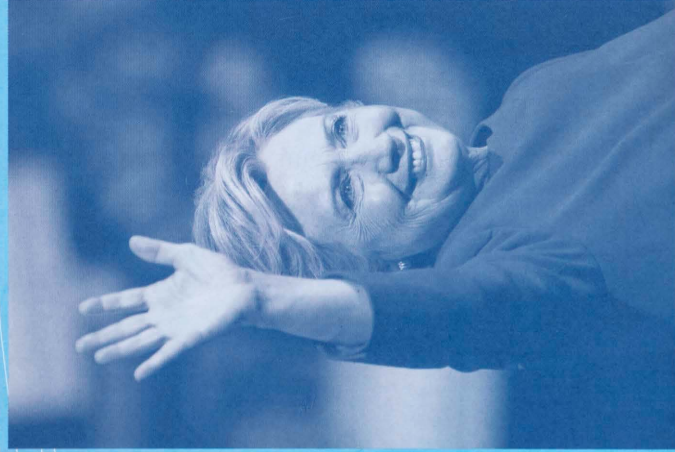
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number of electors
in electoral college

minimum
age required
to run for
president

132
rooms in the White House

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

ERA OF VARIED OPINION & VAST DIVIDE



THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION was a particularly unusual political journey from the beginning.

Seventeen major Republican candidates entered the race in early 2015, making it the largest presidential primary field for any political party in American history.

By May 3, only three of those Republican candidates remained: Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and John Kasich. Trump became the presumptive nominee on May 4, and, on July 15, officially announced via Twitter that Mike Pence was his chosen running mate.

On the other side, opinion polls predicted Hillary Clinton as the front-runner. Democratic presidential nominee; she was up against Bernie Sanders, Martin O'Malley and Lincoln Chafee. Clinton and Sanders took turns winning important caucuses and primaries, but on July 12, Sanders withdrew and officially announced his endorsement of Clinton.

On July 22, she announced Tim Kaine as her running mate. Both Trump and Clinton were formally nominated during the respective Republican National Conventions in Cleveland, Ohio from July 18-21, and the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 25-28.

Clinton focused on raising middle class incomes and women's rights, while Trump focused on sizable income tax cuts, illegal immigration and the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The two discussed these issues, and more, at the first of three presidential debates on September 3, which became the most-watched debate in American history, with more than 80 million viewers.

On Nov. 8, 2016 Trump became president-elect with 306 electoral votes. Republicans maintained control of the Senate and House of Representatives.

CONFLICTED



1. CLINTON SUPPORTERS watched closely and waited on election night as the number of electoral votes continued to favor Trump.

2. TRUMP SUPPORTERS celebrated at the New York-Hilton Midtown as results were broadcast worldwide.

3. FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA delivered his farewell speech on Jan. 10 in Chicago. During the televised address, the crowd chanted, "Four more years!" and at one point, Obama became teary-eyed while thanking his wife, Michelle, in a touching and emotional moment.

4. BEYONCÉ AND JAY-Z officially endorsed Democratic nominee Clinton at the "Get Out the Vote" concert in Cleveland, Ohio on Nov. 4.

5. THE DAY AFTER THE INAUGURATION millions of women and men worldwide marched to take a stance on prominent political discussions, especially those of women's rights. These marches and demonstrations eventually led to even greater conversations around how important of a civil responsibility it is to vote.



DID YOU KNOW?

Hillary Clinton was the first-ever female presidential nominee of a major U.S. political party.



DID YOU KNOW?

American astronauts on the International Space Station (ISS) can vote from space via a secured email.



6. JETSY DEVOS became the 11th Secretary of Education after a 60-50 tie in the Senate was resolved by a tie-breaking vote cast by Vice President Pence. This was the first time the vice president was called upon to break a tie for a presidential cabinet position.

7. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE attended the 58th presidential inauguration of President Trump and Vice President Pence on Jan. 20, 2017.

8. PROTESTERS ensured throughout the country after the inauguration. Some turned violent as protesters gathered alongside his supporters at Trump Towers in New York and Chicago and chants rang throughout that stated "Not my president!"



DID YOU KNOW?

The presidential election is held every four years on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.



DID YOU KNOW?

Donald Trump was the first president to be elected without previously holding a political office.

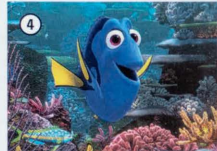
THE YEAR IN ENTERTAINMENT

BROKEN RECORDS, BEGINNINGS,
ENDS AND ANTICIPATED RETURNS.

RECORD-BREAKING
MUSICAL AT THE
74TH GOLDEN
GLOBE AWARDS

1. LALA LAND the musical film starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, won several Golden Globe awards including Best Picture, Comedy or Musical and Best Performance by an Actor and Actress. Comedy or Musical. It also won five Oscars for Actress in a Leading Role, Directing, Music (Original Score), Music (Original Song) and Production Design.

2. RYAN REYNOLDS alongside his wife Blake Lively and two daughters, was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. **3. THE CROWN** a Netflix series, was awarded Golden Globe's Best Series. Drama, and Claire Foy, who played Queen Elizabeth in the show, won Best Actress. Drama. **4. FINDING DORY**, the sequel to *Finding Nemo*, grossed \$1.027 billion worldwide and was the highest-grossing PG movie ever in the United States. **5. GAME OF THRONES** broke the record for the number of Emmy awards won by a fictional series. **6. PRETTY LITTLE LIARS** ended after seven seasons, and earned six Teen Choice Awards including Choice TV Show, Drama. **7. FULLER HOUSE** won a Teen Choice Award for Choice TV Show Comedy and Choice TV Actor for Candace Cameron Bure's role as DJ, as well as a People's Choice Award for Favorite Premium Comedy Series.



TOP GAMES OF 2016

1. "CALL OF DUTY: INFINITE WARFARE"
2. "BATTLEFIELD 1"
3. "TOM CLANCY'S THE DIVISION"
4. "NBA 2K17"
5. "MADDEN NFL 17"

*Gamespot.com

TOP TV OF 2016

1. *GAME OF THRONES*
2. *THE WALKING DEAD*
3. *PRETTY LITTLE LIARS*
4. *WESTWORLD*
5. *THE FLASH*

*Business Insider

TOP MOVIES OF 2016

1. *ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY*
2. *FINDING DORY*
3. *CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR*
4. *THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS*
5. *THE JUNGLE BOOK*

*Boxofficemojo.com

TOP BOOKS OF 2016

1. *SALT TO THE SEA* — BY RUTA SEPETYS
2. *THE PROBLEM WITH FOREVER* — BY J. ARMENTROUT
3. *THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR* — BY NICOLA YOUN
4. *A THOUSAND BOY KISSES* — BY TILLIE COLE
5. *UNEXPECTED EVERYTHING* — BY MORGAN MATSON

*Goodreads Choice Awards, Best Young Adult Fiction

GAMING BROUGHT TO LIFE IN REAL TIME



8. POKÉMON GO was downloaded hundreds of millions of times and allowed players the chance to capture Pokémon creatures as they popped up in real life on their phones' screens.



9. HATCHIMALS were the toys to find during the holiday season. The mechanical creatures arrived in an egg, hatched and eventually would evolve to reveal different games and interactions.



10. POPULAR VIRTUAL REALITY headsets like Oculus Rift, PlayStation VR, Samsung Gear VR and the HTC Vive revolutionized gaming and entertainment with mind-blowing 3D experiences.

RED CARPET REVELRIES

11. MOONLIGHT won Best Picture at the Oscars after *La La Land* was mistakenly presented the award, and Mahershala Ali, *Moonlight*'s Juan, won Actor in a Supporting Role. The film also won Best Motion Picture - Drama at the Golden Globes. **12. VIOLA DAVIS** became the first African American actress to win an Oscar, Emmy and Tony after winning Actress in a Supporting Role for *Fences*. **13. ZOOTOPIA** won the Academy Award for Animated Feature Film.



14. ELLEN DEGENERES was awarded America's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, by then President Barack Obama in November. Obama praised the daytime talk show host and comedian for her bravery and courage and said that it helped "push our country in the direction of justice." **15. TRENT HARMON** beat out fellow Mississippi native LaPorsha Renae to become *American Idol*'s 15th and final winner in the show's last season on air. Harmon was Yahoo Music's ninth-most-popular artist of the year, proving that, despite the show's declining ratings, it had a strong following up until the end.

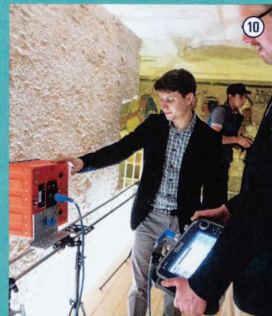
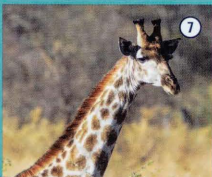
LEADERS BY DAY, WINNERS BY NIGHT

1. A 6.2 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE struck mountain communities in central Italy near Norcia in August, killing more than 247 people. **2. RESIDENTS WERE WARNED** of possible tsunamis after a 7.4 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Fukushima, Japan, the same location a 9.0 magnitude quake hit in 2011. **3. COASTAL ECUADOR** was hit with a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in April, causing more than 650 casualties and thousands of injuries predominantly in the towns of Manta, Portoviejo and Pedernales.



ITALY, JAPAN, ECUADOR: SHAKEN WITH TRAGEDY

4. EMV CARDS, commonly referred to as "credit card chips," continued to become the standard due to their ability to reduce counterfeit fraud; there was a 43% drop in credit card fraud compared to a year earlier. **5. USING THE DNA OF THREE ADULTS**, a child was born after an American doctor performed a mitochondrial transfer in hopes of allowing a couple to finally have a healthy child. **6. THE COST OF EPIPENS** was deemed unethical in court after it increased from \$100 to \$608. **7. SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED** that there are actually four different species of giraffes: the southern giraffe, Masai giraffe, reticulated giraffe and northern giraffe, all of which look similar in appearance. **8. THE SOLAR IMPULSE 2** completed the first solar-powered flight around the world when it landed in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where the journey first began.



DISCOVERY. DEBACLE. MOMENTUM.

THE YEAR REVEALED ADVANCEMENT,
WONDER, SURPRISE AND MORE.



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FIRE & RAIN

15. WILDFIRES RAGED through parts of North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee in November, burning more than 90,000 acres.

16. UNCHARACTERISTIC AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL in California helped reduce long-term extreme droughts. Although much-needed for such conditions, the rain delivered a new crisis of flooding, causing residents of many regions to evacuate.



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WORLDWIDE HEAT WAVE; RECORD-BREAKING TEMPS



RECORD TEMPERATURES were reached globally in the month of July — and it wasn't just the warmest July — and the warmest of any month on record dating back to the 1800s. It beat out the previous warmest month on record, which occurred in 2015. Britain experienced an unusually high temperature of 89.6° F in September, a temperature not reached since 1949. In August, New York's heat index reached 105° F, which led Mayor Bill de Blasio to issue an excessive heat warning. Similar warnings throughout the world were not uncommon; China issued a yellow weather alert in regards to the heat and Chile did the same.

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9. SEVEN SPECIES OF YELLOW-FACED BEES native to Hawaii were the first bees to be protected under the Endangered Species Act. **10. SCANS OF KING TUT'S TOMB** revealed two hidden rooms that were speculated to hold the remains of Queen Nefertiti. **11. 1,284 NEW PLANETS** were discovered by NASA's Kepler Space Telescope, making it the largest discovery of new planets in history. **12. JANUARY'S WINTER STORM JONAS** delivered the heaviest snowfall on record in New York City at 27.5 inches, while cities between there and Washington D.C. neared record totals. **13. THE ALS ASSOCIATION** credited the Ice Bucket Challenge and its money-raising efforts in funding the discovery of a gene's connection to the disease. **14. RADIOCARBON DATING** on the eyeball lenses of Greenland sharks led scientists to believe that the species can live to be nearly 400 years old, making it the oldest vertebrate known to science.

SHIFTING GROUND AND STANDING ROCK

WIDE OPPOSITION OF THE DAKOTA

ACCESS PIPELINE LED TO DISORDER.

THERE ARE TWO SIDES to every story. This time, the battle was over the Dakota Access Pipeline that would transport oil from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota to the plains of Illinois — if only its last mile and a half of 1,700 miles could be completed. The center of opposition was the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, who occupied land near the development site. Thousands of protesters and many Native American tribes also opposed the project. Energy Transfer Partners claimed the construction of the pipeline would lead to greater

economic development, as well as increased safety and efficiency, but the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe argued the development would destroy ancestral land, threaten their water supply and be an overall burden to residents of the tribe. Environmental activists named more consequences, such as man-made climate change, should construction of the pipeline move forward. Following the lengthy battle,

President Donald Trump signed executive orders that advanced approval of the pipeline only four days following his inauguration.



1. THE SENATE passed a \$602 billion defense bill which included an amendment that would require women to register for the military draft for the first time in history. **2. A TRUCK** plowed through a crowd on Bastille Day in Nice, France, killing 86 people and injuring hundreds more. ISIS later claimed responsibility for the incident. **3. THE DECREASED VALUE** of Venezuela's bolivar resulted in the country's deep recession, a decline in exports and an extreme shortage of food and supplies. **4. IRAQI, KURDISH AND ALLIED FORCES** began an operation to retake the city of Mosul from the Islamic State, which gained control in June 2014. The forces advanced into the city just two weeks into the campaign. **5. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT** announced the redesign of some U.S. currency, including the \$20 bill on which abolitionist Harriet Tubman would replace Andrew Jackson. **6. WELLS FARGO CEO JOHN STUMPF** resigned after millions of fake accounts were uncovered from as far back as 2011, allowing employees to boost sales figures. More than 5,300 employees were fired and the company was fined \$185 million, in addition to the \$5 million they were required to refund to customers.



7. THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL, the agreement between the United States and Iran that essentially blocked Iran's access to nuclear weapons and increased visibility into their nuclear activity, looked successful a year after it was implemented. **8. THE UNITED KINGDOM** voted 52% to 48% to leave the EU in a referendum in June called "Brexit" meaning "British exit." The majority in both England and Wales voted to leave, while the majority in Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain. The terms of the exit would have to be agreed upon by 27 different parliaments, so some believed the actual process would take years to complete.

9. A GENETICALLY MODIFIED MOSQUITO was developed by British company, Oxitec, to fight the Zika virus, and was confirmed by the FDA to cause no significant impact on human health or the environment. The OX513A male *Aedes aegypti* mosquito was engineered to pass along a lethal gene to wild female mosquitos that would cause their offspring to die. **10. THEN PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** spoke at the September opening ceremony of The National Museum of African American History and Culture situated on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The museum spanned 400,000 square feet and held more than 36,000 artifacts.



TRANSITIONS IN LEADERSHIP



11. BRAZIL'S SENATE voted 61-20 to impeach their first female president, Dilma Rousseff in August on charges of manipulating the federal budget. **12. CUBA'S FORMER LEADER** Fidel Castro passed away at age 90. He took power during 1959 and led the country for nearly 50 years. **13. THERESA MAY** became Britain's prime minister in July, and committed to helping the underprivileged and fighting injustice. **14. ITALY'S PRIME MINISTER** Matteo Renzi, announced his resignation after voters rejected constitutional changes that amounted to a referendum on the prime minister's government.

TECHNOLOGY, TAKE NOTE



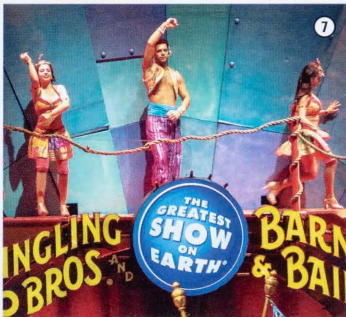
1. APPLE released its iPhone 7, which broke many performance records. They also introduced Apple AirPods, their \$159 wireless headphones. **2. MORE THAN 100 REPORTS** of overheating and exploding Samsung Galaxy Note 7s, due to a battery cell issue, caused the phones to be recalled and even banned from airline flights. **3. AMAZON'S ALEXA** gained attention at the 2016 Consumer Electronic Show in Las Vegas. Artificial intelligence was integrated into many devices, and even made news when a 6-year-old girl instructed Alexa to purchase a \$160 dollhouse and cookies — and she did just that.

KEEPING UP

4. GIGI HADID revealed her Mattel Barbie lookalike in February just before the Tommy X Gigi Runway show. **5. POPULAR HOLLYWOOD COUPLE** Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie split after Jolie filed for divorce in September, just over two years since the pair wed. **6. KYLIE JENNER'S** "Kylie Lip Kit" was the product on every makeup lover's lips in 2016. The brand's website experienced extremely high traffic as the products sold out almost instantaneously and continued to do so following several restocks.



DID YOU HEAR? EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT IT.



7. THE RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS announced plans to close after more than 100 years in operation, due to high operating costs and declining ticket sales.



8. CANDACE PAYNE, also known as Chewbacca Mom, livestreamed a video of a Star Wars Chewbacca mask she purchased from Kohls. The post went viral with more than 105 million views just three days later. **9. THE MANNEQUIN CHALLENGE** was a viral video trend that involved groups of people gathering and freezing in elaborate poses while one person filmed the scene focusing on certain details.



10. SNAPCHAT FILTERS continued to entertain the app's 158 million users — so much so, that Pinterest searches of "Snapchat filter Halloween costumes" were up 1,500% from 2015. **11. WENDY'S** posted an innocent Tweet reading: "Our beef is way too cool to ever be frozen," and received a snarky reply from a follower that led to a comical viral exchange.



12. NEW FACEBOOK REACTION EMOJIS allowed users to be more expressive without commenting. Facebookers were able to react to posts with laughter and emotions of love, shock, sadness and anger.

OH, AND ONE MORE THING

A QUICK RECAP OF THE VIRAL STORIES THAT FILLED YOUR NEWS FEEDS.





Megan Aakjar ❖ Finnian Bambery ❖ James Bartram ❖ Grace Beddingfield ❖ Paris Beddingfield ❖ Katelyn Bellanca ❖ Molly Benack ❖ Hannah Berrell ❖ Anna Besmer ❖ Jonathan Bristow ❖ Blake Buckley ❖ Erin Bushey ❖ Kaitlyn Carroll-Devaney ❖ Cameryn Caruso ❖ Anthony Cattelan ❖ Caitlyn Cecchinato-Flint ❖ Grace Cohn ❖ Jala Cooke ❖ Sarah Coolbeth ❖ Eve Cullerton ❖ Kyra Cullerton ❖ Mari Cullerton ❖ Christopher Curtis ❖ Chloe Dakers ❖ Scott Dignacco ❖ Brooke Dodge ❖ Mara Dorsey ❖ Mohanad Elserafy ❖ Andrew Fallon ❖ Jack Feeney ❖ Justin Fitch ❖ Erin Fleming ❖ Samuel Foley ❖ Elliot Gabrielson ❖ Justin Gomez ❖ Justin Gregory ❖ Kirsten Groves ❖ William Guillen ❖ Haley Gulotta ❖ Abigail Hansell-Baumgarten ❖ Griffin Harney ❖ Vanessa Hesterberg ❖ Matthew Holderman ❖ Roland Holst-Grubbe ❖ Julie Horowitz ❖ Samuel Humes ❖ Benjamin Humiston ❖ Ciara Hurlburt ❖ William Hurley ❖ Amanda Jacquier ❖ Bailey Jacquier ❖ Morgan Jacquier ❖ Abigail Johnson ❖ Jacob Johnson ❖ Saskia Kiely ❖ Tinder Kiely ❖ Kimberlee Kinsman ❖ Matthew Labbadia ❖ Sophie Lake-Ginouves ❖ Grace Lancto ❖ Noah Light ❖ Shelby Luminati ❖ Dantae Maddock ❖ Myra Marks ❖ Ciara McElroy ❖ Katherine McGuire ❖ Rosa Morales ❖ Auston Murray ❖ Lindsey Najdek ❖ Kyle Neal ❖ Ryan Nugent ❖ Michael O'Connor ❖ Brooke Olownia ❖ Mikayla Oyanadel ❖ Matthew Paniagua ❖ Connor Pratt ❖ Connor Reid ❖ Kailyn Reilly ❖ Margaret Riccardelli ❖ Hunter Riley ❖ Courtney Roux ❖ Jordan Santiago ❖ Katharine Seabury ❖ Lauren Segalla ❖ Madeleine Sheldon ❖ Jacob Shpur ❖ Molly Simmons ❖ Sharon Speck ❖ Johanna Spencer ❖ Katherine Starr ❖ Katheryn Stoddard ❖ Emily Sullivan ❖ Margaret Sullivan ❖ Nicholas Swanson ❖ Liam Sweeney ❖ Alejandro Tabares ❖ Angela Tabor ❖ Katherine Tortorella ❖ Sara VanDeusen ❖ Olivia Wadsworth ❖ Tyler Wallace ❖ Cheyenne Wandall ❖ Noah Watson ❖ Julian Weisman ❖ Emily White ❖ Rachel Wilcox ❖ Danielle Wilkinson ❖ Evan Wilkinson ❖ Alexandra Winans ❖ Katharine Winsser ❖ Kaitlyn Wohlfert ❖ Trisha Worthington