



The Jet Gazette

Union Local High School
Senior Edition

Seniors

By: Danielle Barnes

As the school year nears its end, many of us are planning our summer vacations, hoping we get to spend as much time as possible with our friends, and dreading the next school year already. Then there are the seniors, "The Lucky 11's", we have been anticipating our graduation goes along with the end of our high school years. College begins in the fall; it may be hard to keep up with friends from back home, make

new friends, and pull all-nighters. One part of high school that will always be with you is your memory: memories of Senior Prom, Freshmen Homecoming, sports events, and every other "normal" day at Union Local High School. Moving on is important in this life, we can't try to be teenagers forever. College is the first step. Growing up is mandatory, but we must never forget our times as the Union Local Class of 2011.

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Senior Scholarship Banquet

By: Katie Butler

This past Monday evening a select group of seniors were invited to attend the annual Senior Scholarship Banquet. Every year the National Honor Society hosts the banquet for the Senior Scholarship recipients. Each student was provided a dinner and could bring 2 guests to accompany them. I would like to thank the scholarship donors because with their help some of the financial burden is lifted for students. Some scholarships that were awarded include the Act Scholarship, Art Club Scholarship, Lee Scott Blake Memorial, Myra Mann Memorial, Eli Miller Memorial, Oapse Scholarship, Okey Reitter Memorial, Flushing Ruritan, St. C Ruritan, Union Local Alumni, Jesse Ault Memorial, Nita Lewis Memorial, Flushing Masons, Muller Scholarship, James O'Grady Memorial, B.B.M. Rotary, Tim Stoica Memorial, and Whittaker Memorial. Also, Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients (several students received numerous awards): Jenna Britton, Karlie Russell, Jacob Hughes, Jessie Feiock, Chantel Sliva, Jordan Anderson, Laura Minnich, Cody Harris, Rosa Nardo, Adam Hissrich, Cory Elerick, Katelyn Boyd, Marcella Hans, Jeff Brown, Danielle Barnes, Lindsey Bowman, Kristina Hill, Arianne Grow, Amos Leach, Lindsay Schafer, Emily Stoller, Kaylee Hoppin, Katie Butler, Blake Delman, Courtney Padgelek, Mackenzi Diperna, Madison Nagy, Lindsay Baugh, Tess Sheppard, Casie Contos, and Myron Jellison. Also, I would like to give a special congrats to Laura and Myron for National Scholar Athlete Awards, Arianne for the Marine Music Award, and Rosa and Myron for both winning OVAC basketball scholarships. Once again congratulations to all our award/scholarship winners and good luck in your future on whatever path you choose to take.





Valedictorian 2011: Laura Minnich

By: Kristina Hill

The Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2011 is Laura Minnich. The newspaper staff would like to congratulate her on such an achievement. I asked her a few questions to gain insight on what makes a valedictorian.

What college do you plan to attend, and what will your major be?

Ohio University, Mechanical Engineering

Do you currently have any post-college plans?

Yes, I plan on taking whatever job I'm offered right after college and eventually working my way up to designing prosthetics. I also hope to find Mr. Right, buy a house in the country, and start a family.

How do you feel about your future?

I'm pretty optimistic about my future. High school has been fun, but I'm ready to move on. My main concern is that I'll get stuck with an annoying roommate.

What has been your favorite thing about high school?

Spending time with friends at school and during sport events.

What has been your primary motivational force throughout high school in academics? In sports?

In all honesty, I have been try-

"In all honesty, I have been trying to outdo my sisters"

- Laura Minnich

ing to outdo my sisters. Sarah was valedictorian and Marie holds the record for pole vault. I guess I'm even with them at the moment.

What will you miss most about high school?

I'm not planning on participating in track in college, so I think I will miss pole vaulting

What do you most look forward to after high school?

Meeting new people and seeing what it's like to live on my own.

Salutatorian: Madison Nagy

By: Jenna Britton

How did you react when you found out you succeeded in holding the title as the Class of 2011's Salutatorian?

I think I smiled when I got the official word. It was not really a surprise but I was still excited. I also felt a sense of accomplishment and a huge sense of relief.

Where do you plan on attending college after graduation?

I am still undecided as to where I will be attending college but it will be either The Ohio State University or New York University.

What are your career plans after

earning a college education?

I am considering double-majoring in Political Science or Economics or getting a dual-degree in business administration and either Political Science or Economics. After college I am considering going to law school. If I decide not to go to law school then I will probably pursue a job in the business or financial sector, and after 2-3 years go to graduate school for my MBA.

What does it mean to you to be the Salutatorian of your class?

It makes me proud of myself and my hard work. I am also proud to have the opportunity to represent my class, which I

think has always been very academically competitive, as one of its top students.

How did you prepare yourself over the years to accomplish becoming the Salutatorian?

It was never really my goal to become salutatorian, so I suppose that my dedication, hard work, perseverance to always do my best, and belief in the importance of education are what got me here. I never really slacked off in school and I always tried to take the most challenging classes available to me. My mom also had a big impact because she always pushed me to do my best and taught me the value of education from a young age. While it is an honor to hold the title of Salutatorian, I believe that always striving to do and be your personal best is just as great an accomplishment.



Who's Who: Then and Now

By: Courtney Padgelek

Seniors

Best Friends: Cody Harris & Cory Elerick and

Natasha Price & Alaina Barto

Most Changed: Jared Rasberry & Brittany Conter

Teacher's Pet: Myron Jellison & Lindsay Schafer

Most Laid Back: Jessie Feiock & Aaron Pabin

Best Dressed: Jorge Leon & Casie Contos

Most Artistic: Justin Holt & Jenna Britton

Most School Spirit: Brooklyn Wise & Myron Jellison

Most Likely to Succeed: Cory Elerick & Madison Nagy

Always Gets Away With Everything: Blake Delman & Lindsay Baugh

Class Couple: Bernie Thompson & Karlie Russell

Class Clown: Andrew Carkhuff & Kaylie Hoppin

Biggest Party Animal: Emily Barker & Tyler Grant

Most Athletic: Rosa Nardo & Myron Jellison

Class Flirt: Karlie Russell & Tyler Grant

Worst Driver: Emily Barker & Adam Hissrich

Biggest Gossiper: Jorge Leon & Amanda Pastva

8th grade

Most Athletic: Tyler Grant and Rosa Nardo

Prettiest Eyes: Blake Delman and Katie Krulock

Most Original: Paul DeMarchi and Katie Krulock

Teacher's Pet: Logan Kopyar and Myron Jellison

Best Smile: Katie Butler and Patrick Chartier

Best Dressed: Kyle Copeland, Emily Barker, and Taylore Frasnelly

Most Likely to Succeed: Madison Nagy and Alex Snyder

Most School Spirit: Katie Butler and Brett Turrentine

Most in Need of an Alarm Clock: Jessie Feiock and Robert Rutter

Most Likely to be Valedictorian: Alex Snyder and Madison Nagy

Most Outgoing: Casie Contos and Daniel Greathouse

Class Clown: Taylore Frasnelly and Brady Olexo

Most Blonde Acting: Mitchell Friede, Justin Holt, and Emily Barker

Most in need of a pencil: Lucas Kinkade and Amanda Pastva

Most frequent Hall Walkers: Kristen Rayner and Jonah Andears

Craziest: Taylore Frasnelly, Kevin Valine, and Brady Olexo

Best Personality: Taylore Frasnelly and Brady Olexo

Best Hair: Justin Holt and Katie Krulock

Smartest: Alex Snyder and Madison Nagy





Fun Day Sundae

By: Annie McGarry

On Thursday April 21st, 2011, the seniors got congratulated for their past victories (winter games and Pennies for Patients) with a special lunch. Everyone gathered in the auditorium for both lunches (instead of going to their normal lunch). Each student got four pieces of pizza, a drink, and a bowl of ice cream (with toppings of choice). This was all made possible by the Student Council and Mrs. Lepic. Great job seniors!



Senior Spotlight: Kyle Copeland

By: Mackenzi DiPerna

Kyle Copeland was the quarterback for the football team in 2010. Kyle is a Senior this year and will be receiving a football scholarship from Gannon University, a Division II college, in Erie, Pennsylvania. Some of Kyle's goals for Gannon's football team are to help take them to an undefeated football season, leading them into the playoffs, and then going to the National Championship. One role

Some of Kyle's goals....going to the National Championship.

model to Kyle is Tim Tebow, who now plays for the Denver Broncos.

Kyle said that the people who have impacted his life the most and have helped him get to where he is now, would have to be his family. Kyle plans on majoring in pre-med and wants to be a radiologist after graduating from Gannon University.

Senior Spotlight: Amos Leach

By: Jenna Britton

After graduation, Amos Leach will be attending Waynesburg University of Pennsylvania in the fall. Amos said he chose this school because of the good math program. He plans to major in math and then work on double majoring in engineering as well. One of the major aspects that drew Amos to Waynesburg is the football program along with the facilities. The location is another reason why Amos said he chose this college because it's not too far from home. He hopes to be playing on the defensive line for Waynesburg. Although Division 3 schools do not give out athletic scholarships, Amos received academic scholarships. Amos's dedication to high school academics paid off part of the expenses of college.



