



SENIOR EDITION

The Del.Aware Presents

## Person of the Year:

# Mrs. Linda Gartner

BY AOIFE DOWD  
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Walking to 11/12 guidance is a trek. Mile-long hallways become a roundabout and disorient you, as you walk into the S-Wing, shielding an unassuming wooden door at the end of the school. Yet hidden within this labyrinth is a brightly decorated desk and a constant smile from every senior's favorite secretary-Mrs. Linda Gartner.

For the past 17 years, Mrs. Gartner has been charged with the task of mailing, printing and endlessly organizing the college applications of high school seniors. On paper, her job sounds simple; in practice, she holds the envelopes that will propel the lives of DVHS seniors.

"My main focus is the seniors," said Mrs. Gartner. "But I also ensure I'm answering the counselors' needs and of course, the administration's. But, every day is different."

Each day is full of its own individual curveballs for this guidance secretary whose position forces her to act as a buffer between students and their guidance counselors. But Mrs. Gartner is unfazed.

"You get to know kids and that no matter the year, their needs are always the same," said Mrs. Gartner. "I'm able to read their personalities and expressions, as well as able to assume their reason for visiting; for example, right now we are

scheduling, so most of the visits we get are related to that."

Despite the frenzy of faces and names, it is the quality of each experience that is important to Mrs. Gartner.

"Everyone is important, that's the biggest thing," she added.

It is this message that seems to be conveyed each day in Mrs. Gartner's unfaltering smile.

"As stressful as times can get down here, you [students] always want a smile and you will always get one down here, whether from me or from one of the counselors," said Mrs. Gartner. "That's just the type of workers you have down here."

This guarantee of a smile though isn't to say that even the level headed Mrs. Gartner doesn't lose it from time to time.

"I get stressed. Kids wait until the last minute before Thanksgiving and around this time of year with scholarships, it's hectic to meet all the kids' needs," she stated. "When you walk in, you can tell by my face that 'Mrs. Gartner isn't having an easy day today.'"

But her method for handling it all is simple.

"It's called 17 years of experience, you don't always know the answer, but this office works well together," said Mrs. Gartner.

In their secluded section of the school, Mrs. Gartner finds comfort in her close knit circle of coworkers.

"It's like a family down here. When someone is upset, it can affect the whole office. That's why I try and stay a positive influence and keep the morale up," she stated lovingly.

Mrs. Gartner's family-like relationship was especially close with recent retiree, Mrs. Rosanne Candito, whom she worked with for 15 years as not only a coworker but also a friend.

Mrs. Gartner's relationships also span the entire school, working closely with the other guidance offices in the school and working closely with Mrs. Karen Verde in the 9/10 Guidance office.

But Mrs. Gartner states that her most stable

relationship is with her husband.

"We're a good team," she said, crediting him with helping her through her stressful days.

Building a house in Pike County with her husband 20 years ago, the Bucks county native has an Associate's Degree in Secretarial Science from Brandywine College.

"I originally wanted to be a lawyer, then a paralegal, but as I studied I realized it was a large amount of intense desk work and research and I wanted to work with people," she said.

Since her first years working with the students of DV, Mrs. Gartner's job has changed tremendously.

The technology that surrounds college applications and transcripts only recently changed. Up until 2009 transcripts were done by typewriter, not to mention the fact that the amount of counselors and students has quadrupled since the 600 high school students of her first year.

One of the most dramatic changes though has been the scholarships, changing from an original 60 to over 140 available to seniors. Scholarships are Mrs. Gartner's favorite.

"My proudest, most exciting moment is Scholarship Night, all the work I do, all the work the kids do, it's all worth it when the kids walk down that aisle," said Mrs. Gartner.

For Mrs. Gartner, her true relief comes on graduation day. With several obligations at home and school, she finds that she can truly relax when the year has tied up, at least for one day.

"Everything that has to be done is done on that day, and anything else can wait until Monday," adds Mrs. Gartner.

It is this time that the ever modest secretary looks forward to when she can go home and relax by her pool. Stressing to no extent her self-perceived "unimportance," to the school, she is completely unaware of how large an impact she has annually and daily upon her students.

She simply hopes to be remembered by these students as "somebody who made their senior year a little easier, a little less stressful. That's what's worth it."



Photo by Aoife Dowd

# THE BEST OF DV

**Delaware Valley High School was just recognized as one of the best high schools in the nation and one of the top 4% schools in the state by US News & World Report this year for the very first time. The reason for being honored with this recognition can be attributed to DV's hard-working and dedicated staff. However, there are a few individuals who have made exceptional accomplishments during the 2011-2012 school year that the Del.Aware staff would like to give recognition to. On behalf of the Del.Aware staff, here are just some of the wonderful faculty members that make Delaware Valley the success that it is.**

**- Arts and Literature Co-editor Miranda Zinn**

**BY STAR IRIZARRY**  
*Entertainment Editor*

With his Buddy Holly glasses and impassioned method of self-conduction, former 8th grade American history teacher Mr. Jayson Pope has caused quite the yearlong stir in DV's halls. A first time AP U.S. Government instructor and committed adviser to the Political Awareness Club (PAC), Mr. Pope has tossed the newcomer stereotype to the wind and embraced his move up the educational ladder with open arms.

"When I get into something, I'm passionate about it. You can't fake passion," he said. "Teaching has made me more passionate every year that I do it. If this is what you do, and you're not passionate about it, you're in the wrong line of work."

Mr. Pope's commitment to teaching and to the

himself has made a showable difference in the DV community this year. Working with PAC, Mr. Pope organized a youth voter registration breakfast which saw the enrollment of nearly 60 new voters within the senior class. Mr. Pope

has also helped to revitalize the once-dead PAC and restructure it to bring in a constant membership of 30.

"Part of my job as an educator is to be involved outside of the classroom," he said. "There was a club that had not been all that present and they were in need of an adviser. I wanted to help them; I wanted to make my contribution in some way."

extracurriculars he involves

Outside of PAC, Mr. Pope worked tirelessly for

months to prepare his two classes of AP Government students for their final assessment in May. Despite this being the first year in which Mr. Pope has ever taught an AP level course, student Jenny Forgit claims she felt more prepared going into her AP Gov test than she did going into any other AP test she took before.

"When I started to review I realized I knew nearly everything," she said. "Mr. Pope definitely did more than a perfect job in preparing us for the test."

A true teacher at heart whose concerns revolve around

those he educates, Mr. Pope remains humble in his achievements, but continues to be driven by the ambition which has brought him so far.

"I'd be lying if I told you that my goal was not to be the best at what I do," he said. "I think that's something that I owe to my colleagues, the profession, and above all, I owe it to my students."



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## Coach of the Year: Mr. Lou DeLauro



**BY DAN FAVARO**  
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Great coaches are successful; great coaches improve their program; great coaches treat their team like a family – Coach Lou DeLauro is Delaware Valley's greatest coach this year.

The Warrior Wrestling team has seen success this school

year that it has never seen before – placing eighth in the AAA State Tournament, having three individual state qualifiers and even breaking a 20-year District 2 record. Coach DeLauro has spent countless hours at practice, in the weight room and at tournaments preparing the team to achieve what has never been achieved before by DV's wrestling team. He plans clinics with top collegiate wrestlers, sends the team to some of the most competitive tournaments in the country and gives wrestlers every opportunity to become as successful as possible.

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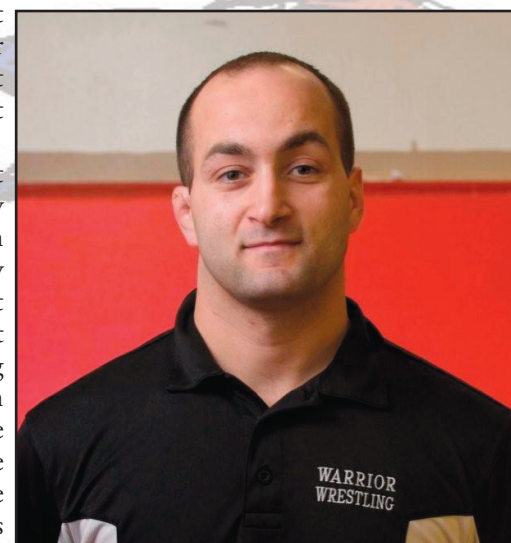
Coach DeLauro's dedication doesn't come without a price, however. He needs to spend weekends and many nights away from his wife and daughter to take the team to tournaments that are hours away. His family is very understanding about the commitment that comes with coaching a successful team in Pennsylvania - the most competitive wrestling state in the country and they support him with whatever he needs to do.

"It's definitely tough [going away for the weekends] with a child and wife. It's a huge commitment that my family puts in, and my wife is very supportive; she knows about the time commitment that goes into wrestling because she is a part of sports as well."

Coach DeLauro has aspirations to continue the success of DV's wrestling team and to improve the

"I like helping people, and I like helping people become successful. It feels great to see our guys do well; it's not about me, it's about

program altogether. He hopes to get a bigger wrestling room to satisfy the increasing participation. He also hopes to become the best AAA team in the state.



"I'd like to win a team state title. To do that is realistic; we're in the mix to win. It's the ultimate goal for the future. Even if we don't win I will still be satisfied with the success that we've had and will

continue to have."

Coach DeLauro has a knack for winning and a competitive edge. His advice about wrestling can be applied to many sports, as well as life.

"Whatever sport you play, believe in what is being taught to you and buy into the program. Hard work pays off, and always remember that we is greater than me."

# THE BEST OF DV



## Adviser of the Year: Mrs. Raycharlyn Krasulski



By **MIRANDA ZINN**  
Arts & Literature Co-Editor

After just one year as leader of the Student Council, Mrs. Raycharlyn Krasulski has rightfully earned the title of “Adviser of the Year” due to her new-found dedication, compassion and perseverance to the club and its members.

Once senior class adviser of 2011, Krasulski took the opportunity to become Student Council adviser of 2012 after Mrs. Nicole Consentino stepped down from the position.

Mrs. Krasulski is an alumni of Delaware Valley High School and attended Cedar Crest College for her bachelor’s degree and Delaware University for her Graduate Degree.

Surprisingly enough, she did not participate in student government while in school.

The Student Council is responsible for many new activities in school, including the Pep Rally and Themed Days, such as Ugly Sweater Day, which occurred about twice a month. In addition, the Student Council was responsible for hosting the contest to create DV’s official

this upcoming year.

Mrs. Krasulski is thankful for receiving both financial and emotional support from the school.

“The club really has heart and genuinely cares. We are fortunate enough to have such amazing encouragement from the students and staff,” said Mrs. Krasulski.

However, the Student Council isn’t limited to helping the school district. With money from Pennies to Patients, Homecoming’s King of Legs and the dances, the Student Council has donated to Habitat for Humanity, Pike County Public Library and the Humane Society.

Mrs. Krasulski meets with the club multiple times a month before school with the elected officers and after school with the general assembly and volunteer committees. The officers also meet during the summer to start planning activities early in the school year.

One of the most difficult issues that the Student Council attempts to remedy is trying to create a sense of

mascot, who will be making an appearance during sporting events

pride within the school.

“The Council and I want the student body to be proud and enthusiastic about attending such a wonderful school district. We want them to truly feel like DV Warriors,” said Mrs. Krasulski.



While attempting to create a sense of unity in the school is difficult, Mrs. Krasulski and the Student Council’s efforts have not gone unnoticed.

“This year’s Student Council was a lot more organized and involved, and I felt like I was participating much more in the community. Mrs. Krasulski really pulled the Student Council together to make it

a much more recognizable group in our school,” said junior and Student Council member Grace Cadigan.

In the upcoming school year, Mrs. Krasulski wants to focus on involving more students, particularly underclassmen, in the school by creating posters, suggestion boxes and an e-mail.

“You know, I never imagined myself doing something like this, but now I can’t imagine not being a part of it,” concluded Mrs. Krasulski with a smile.

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## Personnel of the Year: Mr. Daniel Bates



By **SABIHA BARY**  
News Co-Editor

Amid the chaos that arises in a high school, students and staff on the 11/12 side of DVHS know the one stable and dependable force to turn to in times of emergency is Mr. Daniel Bates.

Cheerful and ever calm, this Head 11/12 DVHS Day Custodian, who can be recognized by his signature beard, is the only custodian in the 11/12 side of DVHS from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm.

As a result, Mr. Bates not only cleans up after hundreds of students and staff each day, but also serves as DV’s “jack-of-all-trades.”

This multi-skilled custodian, who often sets up the chairs and equipment for events, can do anything

from operating forklifts, genie lifts and trucks to repairing equipment and lights to even trapping pests such as raccoons and snakes.

But that’s not all. Mr. Bates also seems to possess a sixth sense when it comes to problems; whether the problem be a mice infestation or a bathroom flooding, he often arrives at a scene of emergency before he is told.

“It’s like second nature. I’ll see hints of things, and I’ll know,” said Mr. Bates, who often startles his co-workers with his timeliness.

Before arriving at DV in 2004, Mr. Bates worked 28 years at Hewlett and Packard Company (HP) where he climbed up the corporate ladder and eventually became a contract coordinator, overseeing more than 20 maintenance workers.

Nevertheless, Mr. Bates states he enjoys his current job more since his previous one was a desk job.

“You never know what to expect; you are always busy doing something. [But] I like that. It keeps me moving,” he said.

Thanks to his enthusiasm and punctuality, staff members fondly refer to Mr. Dan Bates as a “problem solver,” however, Mr. Bates points out he just enjoys helping people.

“He’s very reliable. He always seems to be like, ‘no problem, this is my job, I’ll help you out,’” 11/12 secretary Mrs. Joyce Batista said.

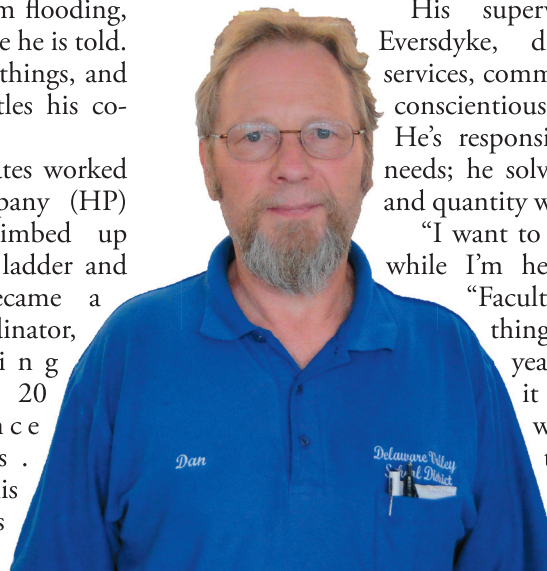
His supervisor, Mr. Marvin Eversdyke, director of support services, commented, “Dan is a very conscientious, dedicated employee. He’s responsive to other people’s needs; he solves problems. Quality and quantity wise, his work is great.”

“I want to do the best job I can while I’m here.” Mr. Bates said.

“Faculty members need things done during the year and I just feel like it is my duty to do whatever I can for them in an expedient way to make their lives easier.”

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# DEL AWARE

## Seniors Say Farewell

**“Don’t be dismayed at goodbyes, a farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.”**

*– Richard Bach*



### **Lauren Grady - Editor in Chief**

*“I have found a human in all of my teachers, and by doing this, they have brought out the humanity in me.”*

I used to take being comfortable very seriously. As a freshman, I had no desire to weave in and out of upperclassmen much like a needle and thread. Nor did I have any desire to leave this needlework in the open for all of Delaware Valley to see.

As days began to drop off of my high school calendar, change began to occur. Sure, the school got a few new electric hand driers and an aquarium-themed mural in the white hallway but the change was much more of an internal occurrence.

I began to breathe a little easier and sigh a little less. I recognized my teachers as more than just authority figures and instead, as mentors – and to be honest – real human beings. I’ve had the pleasure of bonding with a grouchy old man who holds on to his stories much like bankers do their money. I have sailed to Norway and back with another teacher and just in time to make it back in the morning for waffles. I have found a human in all of my teachers, and by doing this, they have brought out the humanity in me.



Now as a senior, our class has been told that we “deserve to be on top” and that we can “run this school” any way we so choose to. For as much as I appreciate this placement of power on our shoulders, I think we have been

appropriately humbled at DV. As seniors, we may “run this place” but I can’t think of any other staff members that I would rather be taught under.

Only after four years have I come to so clear of a conclusion: I do want my thread to be woven through the halls of Delaware Valley. Sometimes crazy, usually overcrowded and

always interesting, I can’t think of a better family to have belonged to.

My ability to enter new and uncomfortable situations has improved since that first year but one thing surely won’t change in the future- I will always take comfort in knowing that this school has my back, even when there’s no hope.

### **Aoife Dowd - Managing Editor**

*“It has been my years here at DV that have allowed me an outlet to make a mark, in a way that doesn’t involve a marker.”*

Anyone who as ever left me alone with a sharpie can attest- I have a tendency for vandalism. Never illegal, offensive or vulgar, but unwanted ink all the same. My fingers can’t help but hide a desert island or the lyrics to the song currently pounding through my mind within the pages of my victim friend’s notebook. Either in attempt to surprise them in the future and evoke some emotion or a last stitch effort on my part to appease my racing mind, I will without fail scrawl my thoughts out endlessly.

My years here at DV have allowed me an outlet to make a mark, in a way that doesn’t involve a marker.

Despite the cliché nature [“of an inspired change of character”] attached to my high school experience I was truly changed. I entered high school a blundering mess of a procrastinator and I now leave a relatively more spatially aware, organized, do-er. And as much as I would love to say these changes were by my own

design, I know I would be cheating credit to those who played a part in my success.

Names are a scary prospect because they open up the possibility of forgetting those who meant the most; more important were the actions done by these phenomenal educators.

I want to thank those who made a Viking documentary and classroom curling an acceptable project, those who permitted a human sized snow globe to be built in their hallway and those who facilitated a take over of lunches in the pursuit of a cure for cancer. It is the teachers who appreciated 80s day, accepted Leif Erikson day cake and allowed a usurpation of their closet that made as much as a difference as those who were committed to a love of foreign language (and baked ziti) and always patiently believed that the

derivatives sheet was truly hidden under a stack of papers.

It is these people’s undying commitment to their students, as well the students’ commitment back, that make DV so vital to my life. Their nurtured belief in excellence and the refusal for nothing less is what has made the difference, and it is for that I’m truly grateful.



# SENIOR FAREWELLS

## Sam Famularo - News Editor

*"As I prepare to start the next chapter of my life I can't help but admit there are a few things I am going to miss."*

Graduation, the day I never thought would come. I've been waiting to be done with high school for so long that I never really stop to look back at everything DV has given to me.

As I prepare to start the next chapter of my life I can't help but admit there are a few things I am going to miss.

Being a four year varsity swimmer, the pool became a second home for me. I will miss the water and my team very much. The memories and times I have shared with my team and coaches will always be remembered.

Always being pushed to set bigger and better goals by myself I owe a true thanks and will forever be changed by the

impact my teachers had on me. They helped mold me into the driven person I am today and I will miss them the most.

Mr. Brian Blaum helped me realize my true potential in government and always pushed me to my limits. Even at times where I had felt like giving up,



he never even thought about giving up on me. I will never be able to express the amount of thanks I owe to him in helping me reach goal I would have never thought I would possibly reach two years ago.

The person I owe the most thanks to is Mrs. Leslie Lordi for all that she has done for me. She became more than a teacher to me over the past three years; she has become my role model. She

has listened to me in my times of need, always given me advice, even if I didn't want it and she's taught me more than I ever thought would be possible. Not only has she taught me

about English and Journalism, but about life.

Some say that saying goodbye is the hardest part of leaving high school, but to me if that it shouldn't have to be goodbye, only see you later.

## Sabiha Bary - News Co-Editor

*"I've settled so comfortably into my own special place at school, a niche of which I never thought I'd find right here at the Del.Aware."*

How can I say goodbye to Delaware Valley? For as long as I can remember, DV has been that one place I could look forward to going to after every summer and now I have to say goodbye? This is too difficult.

Saying goodbye to DV is like giving away my favorite wooden chair. You see, when you first sit on the seat, it's cold, hard and lacks any familiarity in terms of touch. But after years of use, you know everything there is to know about the chair: the natural grooves, which position makes the chair squeak, and before you know it, it feels like home. It just feels right, just like DV does to me now.

I've settled so comfortably into my own special place at school, a niche of which I never thought I'd find right here at the Del.Aware.

The most influential class I've ever had, Journalism 2, has introduced me to some of DV's most talented people, many of whom are part of my journalism crew. From 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, my day will now be void of the comfort and love I feel amongst them and Mrs.

Lordi.

As a reporter for the Del.Aware, I've discovered the hidden gems at our school. From the custodian that cleans up after hundreds of students and staff to the kid sitting quietly behind you in class, DV is filled with amazing people - you just have to find them.

In fact, I found these people even before Journalism 2. They're called



## Katelyn Anderson - News Co-Editor

*"Thanks for all your support, and thanks for all the memories that I will never forget and was fortunate enough to experience at DV."*

Throughout my time at Delaware Valley, I have learned a lot more than I expected to when I first entered high school. The most important things I learned, however, didn't come from a boring text book, a monotonous lecture or tedious homework assignment. Rather, they came from the experiences I was lucky enough to have and the people whom I was blessed enough to meet.

Most of my unforgettable memories took place during the time I spent with the girls from the Delaware Valley cheerleading team and our coach, Jen Simonsen. They've seen me at my worst, as well as at my best and always provided me with a great support system. With them, I learned how to trust and be trusted, how to take the good with the bad and how to get back up after a tough fall (both figuratively and literally).

I know for sure that if I ever find myself getting homesick when I get to college, most of the moments I will reminisce on will be the moments I spent with my team - my family.

While I always appreciated the significance of my family and friends in my life, I didn't really understand the

impact of my teachers until recently when it hit me that soon I may never see them again.

I would like to start by thanking Mrs. Leslie Lordi for simply being a true inspiration for me. She is more than just a teacher; she is a genuinely good-hearted person. At a time when I doubted the decency of people in my life, Mrs. Lordi proved to me that good people do exist.

I'd also like to thank Mr. Thomas Burns, Ms. Elizabeth Katz and Mr. Gary Cotroneo for believing in me when I didn't even believe in myself. Without them I would've never realized my potential.

These people will always have a special place in my heart and my experiences from high school will stay with me in great nostalgia to guide me through the proceeding chapters of my life.

But due to my sentimental nature, I've never been good at goodbyes, so rather than goodbye; I'd like to leave my friends, family and teachers with my thanks. Thanks for all your support, and thanks for all the memories that I will never forget and was fortunate enough to experience at DV.



# SENIOR FAREWELLS

## Ronnie Ryder - World News Editor

*"I've realized recently that after high school a person reaches a new chapter in life."*

As I wind down on my last few days of senior year, I reminisce on all of the memories of my time at DV, my time in Milford, and my time spent with friends and family. It all leads me to one conclusion: I'm going to miss it.

This school and area has shaped me into the person I am today and I will always have a positive remembrance of DV. I have to give credit to the Delaware Valley School District for truly taking care of me through tough times, while keeping me academically focused and showing me that there are goals to shoot for, no matter the circumstance.

I've developed a great support system through the years, including teachers, administrators and more at DV, and it's truly made my high school experience the best it could possibly be. Although my teachers always challenged me academically, they also always provided the support and resources I needed to succeed.

It will not be easy by any means to say goodbye. Graduation has always seemed so far off, so distant, like it would never actually arrive, and now it's here. I can't say I'm excited, I can't say I'm



not. I've realized recently that after high school a person reaches a new chapter in life. However, just because things are changing doesn't mean I will ever lose the appreciation for those who shaped me into the person I am today.

The best part of graduation, for me at least, is walking away from DV with no regrets. I left it all here, I sold out for DV, I did everything I could to make a difference. I guess now it comes down to one question, did I leave a lasting impression on DV and my classmates? I can only hope so.

I know that when I'm packing it all up during summer and heading out to college, I'll be consistently thinking about all of my memories in high school, and although it all may be in my rear view mirror, I'll be looking back to it constantly. I will miss DV, I loved it here, and I plan to return as much as possible. Thank you Delaware Valley, for everything.

## Evan Beck - World News Co-Editor

*"I have yet to think of a way to return the favor for the influence the many students and faculty at DV have had on my life."*

High school consists of four years and within each year 180 days. Throughout a typical student's educational experience there are about 720 days that define who you are and how much you've changed from your first day freshman year to the day you graduate. At first glance there's a lot of time to do what you want, but looking back every second makes a difference.

That being said, you get out of life exactly what you put into it; the sleepless nights, the afternoons spent studying, the Saturday morning practices and the time given to friends and family all make you who you are when you leave.

Although I've heard the expression too many times to count, it's true. It really is. Take it from a guy who's survived four years of high school and is about to receive his diploma. It's been a long journey with many forks in the road, but when I get to say goodbye in front of over a thousand people at graduation, I can look back at every day and know that I'm standing where I am because of them.

Although I'm leaving Pennsylvania for Rhode Island in the fall, I know I'll be taking with me more than just clothes, an Xbox and my lacrosse stick, but countless memories and experiences that now shape

who I am.

I traveled to Europe this past summer on a tour with a large group of classmates and several teachers here at DV, and the trip changed my life. I'm used to travelling, I've lived in about 10 states, but travelling to the other side of the world with several people in particular has helped encourage my studies in university and is the reason why I'm majoring in International Business.

I have yet to think of a way to return the favor for the influence the many students and faculty at DV have had on my life, be it around the community, in the classroom or out at practice, but I do know that without it all I wouldn't be who I am now, and I wouldn't be where I am or be going in



life where I'm headed.

I've grown a lot while at DV, and although my leave will be bittersweet, all 720 days spent here at DV make it easy to move on knowing I'm prepared for whatever comes next.

## Fatima Ibrahim - Arts & Literature Editor

*"In the past four years I have discovered new qualities about myself and others around me."*

Remember the day when you didn't know anyone and you were afraid you would not have any friends? Now fast forward to the present and think of all the remarkable adventures you have traveled, and the ones that have yet to arrive.

In the past four years I have discovered new qualities about myself and others around me. Although I'm only 18, I feel as though the obstacles that I have gone through here at DV have shaped me into a more understanding individual with insurmountable maturity.

DV has denied me few opportunities I wish I was given, but in return it has granted me numerous helpful teachers who have assisted me in getting through all the little things that kept holding me back. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Gordon Pauling, Mrs. Leslie Lordi and Mr. Thomas Burns, for helping me realize that there is a bigger world out there and I have yet to take hold of it and achieve my biggest dreams.

I don't want to sound like a broken record, but this is

necessary advice, so here's some insight for everyone who is not a senior. I know exactly what you're going through, the emotions, stress, drama and petty issues. The truth is, all these problems exist and there really is no formula to avoid them. The only solution is to become indifferent to the comments and rumors, once you have done this, you've just defeated your enemy; gossip.

As teenagers we've trained ourselves to create stereotypes, label people and judge a book by its cover. We've become so self-absorbed in our own desires that we've forgotten how harsh words can truly be. As your high school career progresses, there will be a time in your life where you'll finally realize that getting to know someone not based upon their looks or their social status, may actually be beneficial for yourself.

This school has granted me the privilege and opportunity to excel in any subject, no matter

how difficult the topic. Whether it was the grueling math courses, or the time-consuming AP classes, every second spent here at DV was never a waste. I am proud to say that I am and always will be a DV Warrior.

So I wrap up my final sentence for The Del.Aware by advising every student to take advantage of every opportunity that surrounds you. Always remember to take advantage of everything that is offered to you, and live without regrets. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, it's a part of life and the cycle has only just begun.



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## Star Irizarry - Entertainment Editor

*"Even a place you hate can become a home to you when you grow so used to it."*

Writing a senior farewell is not something I've ever looked forward to. 300 predictable words sweetened with a handful of tiresome clichés is not my style, nor is it my interest. Given my position as the class of 2012's official cynic, such revelations should surprise no one. Still, I am told I must pen something, and thus, I at length present my reflections.

Post-high school I won't miss rising before the sun. I won't miss suffering in silence from my incredible anxiety. I won't miss the incompetence or the ignorance or even the nights spent pasting together a project none of my other partners could be bothered to glance at.

But I will miss the familiarity, the sense of belonging which overcomes me when I pass the same kids in the same halls in the same school every day. Comfort has a funny means of operation. Even a place you hate can become a home to you when you grow so used to it. Not to say

I hate DV—I don't—I have simply established a niche here which I am hesitant to leave.

You see, in these past four years, I became someone. I stepped away from my bullied, gawky shell and put on a brave face, a new face. I made acquaintances and I made friends; I built more relationships and opened more doors than I had ever dreamed possible in my fragile youth.

Most importantly, I established a legacy—a set of achievements, a style, and a personality which preceded my namesake. In college, I will be stripped of this, and I would be bluffing unnecessarily if I claimed the thought doesn't scare me half to death. Yet, I will endure as I have endured and take the time I have now to reflect on what has been the most overwhelmingly positive aspect of my high school career: my teachers.



Mr. Pope, Mr. Pol, Mr. Dippre, Mrs. Lordi, Ms. Lee, Mrs. Marcial, Mr. Marcial, Mrs. Sweeney, Ms. Correa, and Mrs. Dwyer—you have all changed my life. To me, you have been more than educators. You have been heroes and friends. I thank you most sincerely and hope to return to visit with you all as quickly as I can.

To the rest I leave the advice of Oscar Wilde: "A man who does not think for himself does not think at all." Cheers.

## Kelly Cappello - Sports Editor

*"You only have four years to practice before the real game of life begins."*

"The thing about teenagers is that they live in the moment." I don't know how many times I've heard that, but, it's a lot. And, every time I hear it, there's some negative connotation to it like we don't have enough concern for the future. Which based upon my experiences with at least half of my classmates, is completely false because at least half of them have their entire lives planned out: where they want to live, what they want to drive, who they want to marry, what they want to do, how they want to die, which isn't even a joke. I've heard so many conversations about people's ideal deaths, which I think is pretty sick.

But, I used to be the same way. I used to want a small house on the beach, a coffee shop on the boardwalk, a tan Volkswagen bug with a convertible top, a white tool wedding dress with a big bow in the back and I couldn't wait for all of it, until senior year.

If senior year taught me anything, it's to live in the moment. You only have four years to practice before the real game of life begins. You only have

four years to learn as much as you can, four years to take chances, four years to push your limits, make mistakes, learn from them, as long as you don't get kicked out of the game before you ever get the chance to play.

My four years are almost up, and even though I'm excited for a change, tears are dripping onto my computer. I guess Delaware Valley has been my Nanny McPhee. When I needed it, but did not want it, I had to go. And now that I want it, but no longer need it, I have to go away.

Coach Leiva, you are my hero. I have learned more from you, on and off the field, than I have in the 28 plus classes I've taken here. Thank you for all the sweat and the tears. Thank you for pushing me to the edge and pushing me off sometimes. And most importantly, thank you for the memories. I will forever miss being your player.

I am now down to the last couple lines that I will ever get to write in the Del.Aware with one thing left to say.

Krissy Cappello, you are amazing, and I am so proud to call you my sister. I love you.



## Brooke Houseknecht - Sports Co-Editor

*"Sometimes we don't realize what we have until it hits us that it will be gone the day we put on our gowns and turn our tassels."*

It's hard to believe that in a few days I, and the people I have been surrounded by and grown so close to for four years, will be graduating and going separate ways. As much as I'm fully ready to move on, it's what I will be leaving behind that will be hard.

They say your high school days are some of the best days of your life, and I've found that to be exceptionally true. Friday night football games, prom and those memories you won't forget with your closest friends. We will never get these days back, as cheesy as this all sounds, yet moving on will be easy because we have so much ahead of us.

Sometimes we don't realize what we have until it hits us that it will be gone the day we put on our gowns and turn our tassels. I've never taken a chance to step back and see how much classmates and teachers have impacted me at DV. I'm going to a great college, but I didn't achieve that on my own. My teachers taught me everything I need to know so that I will be successful. I whole-heartedly respect and thank my teachers. And my classmates here at DV are unforgettable. I've met some

of the funniest, craziest and quirkiest kids ever. Those "friends in your math class" or "friends in your combo class" are the friends that will leave lasting impressions in our minds.



Playing field hockey was definitely my favorite experience throughout high school. Even though the football players will forever deny it, field hockey is just as hard and grueling! Field hockey was an outlet for me and every time I stepped out on that turf I was instantly happier. My coaches were inspirational and I have so much to thank them for. On top of that, I've become great friends with amazing girls I would have never gotten a chance to get to know. Shout out to my field hockey girls!

I've made a lot of friends, learned a lot of lessons and grown as a person here at DV. And I will be leaving happy with the person that I have become. My future is bright, and I can't wait to find out what's in store for me.

# SENIOR FAREWELLS

## Ashley Raniero - Staff Writer

*"With graduation right around the corner, saying good bye is something I know for sure will not be easy."*

When I was told I could write a farewell about my high school career I thought it would be easy, being that every senior counts down the days until the night of their graduation, but I was completely wrong. Although I did my fair share of complaining about having to wake up at 6 am and having too many tests and assignments to do, I can honestly say that I will miss my high school days and Delaware Valley. I didn't believe people when they told me, as cliché as it sounds, your senior year really does fly by.

One of my fondest memories was being a part of the field hockey team for four years. Being a part of a team that becomes a family is indescribable and has certainly impacted me. I'm going to miss those overtime wins, practices where we all wanted to kill our coaches, and the bond that I have made with such personable girls. I'd like

to thank all my teammates and coaches, especially Coach Dwyer and Coach Sabo, for pushing me on the field and being there for me off the field.

Delaware Valley certainly provided me with many opportunities and has shaped me into the person I am today. Being a part of various clubs, teams, and community service events has impacted me and taught me to be leader; something I will take with me as I go off to college.

Over my four years of high school I have certainly learned that there are bigger and better things to worry about. You have your whole life ahead of you,



don't take any opportunity for granted. When you are given the opportunity to do something, don't hesitate; you never know how far it will take you.

With graduation right around the corner, saying good bye I know for sure will not be easy. I would like to thank all my teachers, coaches, friends and especially my family for supporting and encouraging me throughout my high school years.

Although I am graduating with my graduating year, twelve, painted on the mountain I know that I have left my mark behind and will always be a part of Delaware Valley.

## Anthony Reyes

- Staff Writer

*"People always say that high school offers the best years of our lives. But I don't believe that."*

It's a funny thing, moving on. It's kind of like finishing your favorite show, or a good book series or a challenging video game. There is a hole in your heart; the one that you feel cannot be filled. Emptiness.

I am happy to be moving on; I'll be heading to NYC to study to be a make-up artist at MUD (Make-Up Designory) and starting completely over, a fresh start in the center of the universe. But I can't help but think to myself: I'm never going to drive every morning down the streets I know, never going to walk these halls again and soon none of the kids here will even know who I was. But that's what's great about life, and that is why I can't be sad and I push the feeling of emptiness away.

There will be other people to fill that hole, new memories and experiences to fill my mind and a city that is full of opportunity. I don't want

to lose touch with some of the people that I have met, and I will never forget the life lessons that DV has taught me.

People always say that high school offers the best years of our lives. But I don't believe that. The best time of our lives is here and now, knowing that the decisions that you make from here on out will define who you are and what you can accomplish. That adrenaline rush of uncertainty and nerves is what propels me into the black hole of the future, you don't know what's on the other side and you just sit back and hope that everything is okay when you come out at the end.

I say goodbye with a smile, knowing that this was not the end. This was the premiere, the prologue, the game controls of the start of what is promising to be the adventure of a lifetime.



## Faith Torildsen

- Staff Writer

*"High school has been some of the best years of my life but I know I have so much ahead."*

I hated Monday mornings, tests on Fridays, and homework on the weekends just as much as the next kid but would not trade any of those things for my great times at Delaware Valley.

Four years flew by; it felt like just yesterday I was a freshman. I learned valuable lessons from my teachers over the years. They helped me to succeed and do the best for my future. I thank each and every one of them for pushing me to always be the best person I can be.

Delaware Valley also introduced to me to lifelong friends. Playing Varsity field hockey and lacrosse was the best experience throughout high school. The teams I spent a majority of my spare time with became a family and while we faced our own tribulations they were the ones always there for me. Also, my coaches were women that I have always looked up to; they treated all of us players as their own children and helped us get through anything. I was honored to be a captain for both teams my senior year and was sad when the seasons came to an end.

The clubs and activities I was involved in molded me into who I am. Being part of diverse groups opened my mind to so many new things.

I could not have done it without the support from my family. My parents helped me grow in to who I am and made me a

better person.

High school has been some of the best years of my life but I know I have so much ahead. I'm excited for my future and will take everything I learned with me; I want to leave my mark.





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**UTI Technical School**

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Micheal Parker

Xenia Lalicata

Alyssa Snyder

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Joshua Smith

Rebecca Ewald

Evan Wagner

Katelyn Anderson

Alexa Lipari

Jacqueline Hartenfels

Katie Koenig

Steven Zinner

Ronnie Ryder

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Hunter Molnar

Joey Hunt

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Fatima Ibrahim

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Malcolm Gilliann

Jaimie Kinkade

Jessica Bartsch

Ashley Tucker

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Caitlin Wardell

Autumn Reinhardt

**Bloomsburg University**

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Sam Famularo

Yesenia Mercado

Yasmeen Mercado

Emily Favaro

Kyle Weber

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Vincent Pallini

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John Bak

Amanda Dibble

Kevin Smith

Cassandra Bulkley

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**Clarion University**

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Kyle Zimnik

**Marywood University**

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Stephanie Holohan

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Macy Decker

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**Westmoreland CCC**

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## University of Hawaii (HI)

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## Boston University (MA)

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## University of Maryland (MD)

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Deanna Venello

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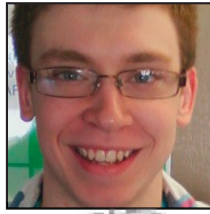
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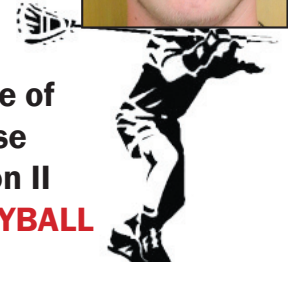
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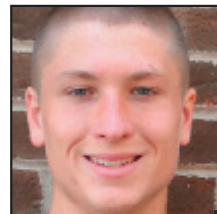
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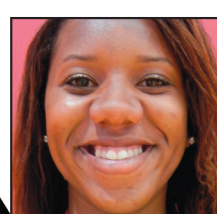
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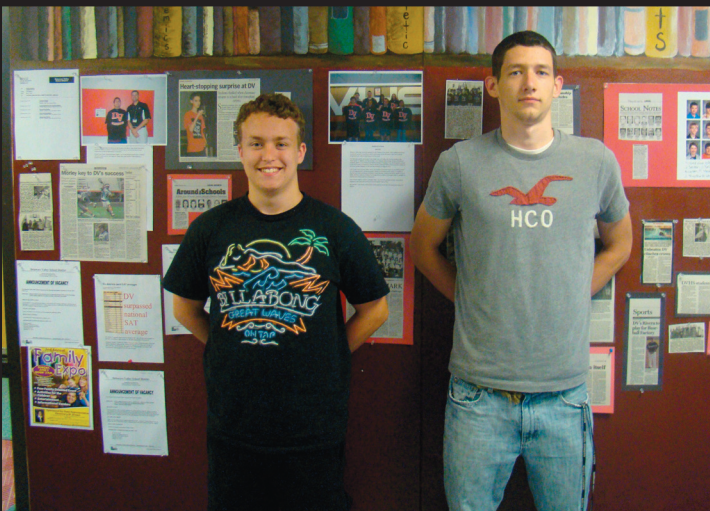


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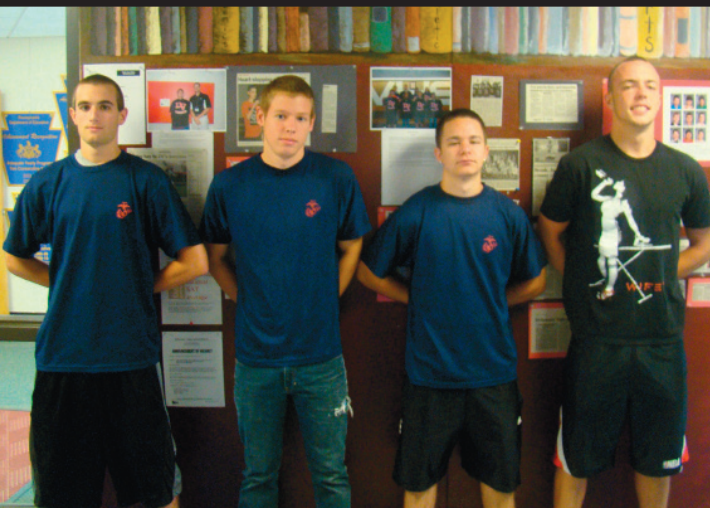


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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Community Rallies Together for Relay for Life

BY MORGANNE MALLON  
Circulation Co-Manager

June 2 kicked off the annual Relay for Life fundraiser, which proved to once again be a success as DV was able to donate over \$17,000 for the American Cancer Society.

During Relay teams comprised of students as well as other members of the community camped out on the practice field for 24 hours with the goal of keeping at least one member of the team on the track at all times.

On the track attendees could either walk, run or hang out on the turf, where students played sports as well as activities that were held every hour.

This year's Relay theme was "Never Fear the Cure is Here" which was celebrated by handing out capes and watching the superhero movie "Sky High" on the track at around one in the morning.

Despite the fun and games, participants never lost sight of why they relay. At six a dinner was held for survivors of cancer and at all participants attended the luminaria ceremony.

The ceremony began with a lap around the track

for survivors of cancer as well as those continuing to fight cancer. All attending Relay followed, holding candles to light the luminaries that lined the track. Each luminary was dedicated in memory of someone who lost

"The dinner and luminaria walk went well," said junior Erin Dalrymple, who will be a two-year survivor of cancer in July. "It was nice to celebrate with everyone who is in the battle and who had won their fight with cancer."

After hours of intense games, numerous coffee breaks and very little sleep, all those who survived the night trudged into the field house at 9 a.m. to watch a video taken during the previous 24 hours that featured clips of the participants having a good time as well as explaining why they relay while sitting on the famous purple couch on the track field.

Following one final lap around the track, the mostly exhausted relay teams packed up and headed home, many looking forward to coming back next year.

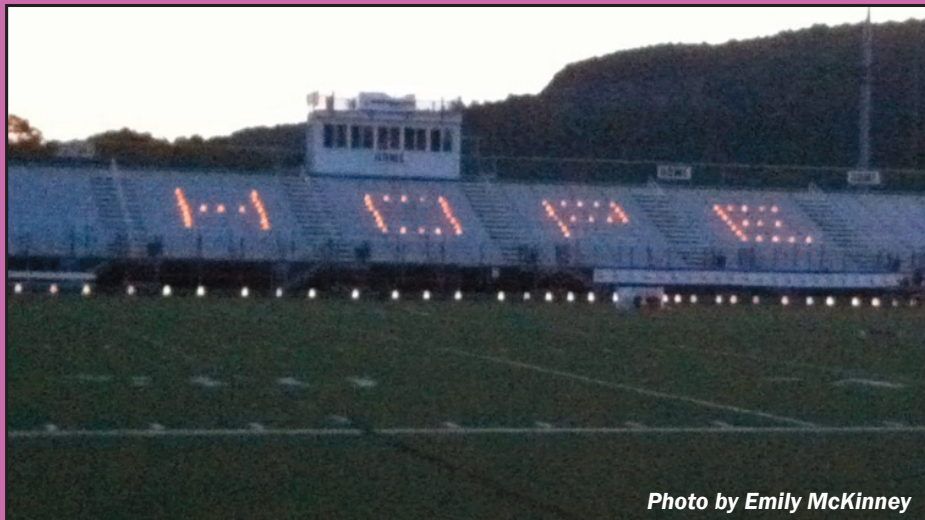


Photo by Emily McKinney

their battle with cancer or in honor of someone who overcame it.

## Senior BBQ Kicks Off Summer Season



On May 30, DV seniors enjoyed spending one of their last few days with their high school friends at the annual senior class barbecue. Senior class adviser Mrs. Amanda Pope and multiple Student Class Officer volunteers helped organize, set up and grill about 200 hot dogs and 200 hamburgers and clean. Mrs. Pope and her helpers worked diligently and quickly to serve approximately 400 seniors. In order to pay for the concessions, the senior class hosted fund raisers throughout the year, including sales from prom tickets. Seniors spent the rest of sixth and seventh period taking pictures and reminiscing with friends about their final few years at DV together.

Photo and Caption by Miranda Zinn

## Students Present Scientific Experiments



Senior Science Research Seminar students presented their projects on May 24 in the 9/10 cafeteria to an audience of parents and administrators.

12 students presented their work, which had topics ranging from personality study to solar power.

Each presentation, 15 to 20 minutes long, stated a hypothesis and used a designed experiment to give evidence to support the claim statistically and scientifically.

Ms. Liz Watson acted as the Master of Ceremonies for this program's 10th presentation night, which came with dinner and dessert to celebrate the achievements of the students.

Contributed Photo / Caption by Dan Favaro

# Recognizing DV's Retirees: ★ DR. CANDIS FINAN

By LAUREN GRADY  
Editor in Chief

For a woman who began teaching to her dolls and stuffed animals at a very early age, retiring Superintendent Dr. Candis Finan has clearly accomplished her goal of becoming an inspiring and effective educator.

"I was always that child that came home from school and re-taught every lesson that the teachers taught," said Dr. Finan.

Dr. Finan began to have the desire to educate while growing up in Honesdale, Pa. with her brother and parents. Immediately dedicated to her studies, she never missed a day of school and tutored fellow students in her free time. As well as helping those her age, Dr. Finan tutored her grandfather who was an immigrant; she taught him to read so that he could receive his citizenship and visit relatives in his home country.

"I always wanted to be a teacher and be in education. It was always something I loved to do," said the Superintendent.

Graduating as valedictorian of her class, Dr. Finan also found time to cheerlead, be elected secretary and president of her class and participate in track. She put her outgoing personality to further use and was accepted at Ithaca College where she became a Pre-Med major in order to follow her dreams of becoming a pediatrician.

Due to a downturn in the economy and the lack of loans available at the time, Dr. Finan transferred to Penn State University and went into education, changing her major and eventually earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education and English. While at first disappointed, Finan admits that fate may have stepped in at this level of her education.

Dr. Finan found a place at Wayne Highlands School District following graduation but quickly inched closer to Delaware Valley as she received her certification for Elementary Principal. Dr. Thomas Finan, then DV assistant high school principal, informed his wife of an opening at his school and encouraged her to apply. She received the job and began her long, influential career in the district.

Although she faced adversity along the way, Dr. Finan climbed up the ranks at DV and eventually landed the position of Superintendent. As a female in a male dominated society in the beginning of her career, Dr. Finan had to work twice as hard.

"I think any female in a powerful position is going to face adversity. Always be better prepared than anyone else and do your homework. This helped me survive through those years and also flourish," advised Dr. Finan. In order to prepare, Dr. Finan took education more seriously than most, admitting that most of her life has been spent in education. She received her



Masters of Education Degree from the University of Scranton in Reading. Her Doctor of Education Degree was earned from Fordham University in Educational Administration. Her Post-Doctoral work was done at Oxford University.

She has experienced every level of education on both the student and the teaching side. Dr. Finan has taught every grade except for kindergarten; recently, she has taught undergraduate and graduate classes at East Stroudsburg University, Wilkes University, Marywood University and her Alma Mater, the University of Scranton. Dr. Finan dedicates most of her time to educating and influencing the future of education on all levels while she takes on each day like it's still new.

"I wake up ready to embrace each day. Even with trials and tribulations, I greet the day with a kind of magic," said Dr. Finan.

Adding to the magic are the members of her family who have supported her throughout the years. With her husband, she used to run a camp in their early years of marriage. While she claimed not to be successful at it, Dr. Finan took on yet another job as she cooked at the camp.

"My family is tremendous. They were always by my side; they were always supportive of what I did," said Dr. Finan.

Although the Finans moved on from the camp, they have found a place at Delaware Valley where their success is obvious.

"It has been an exhilarating time at Delaware Valley. I arrived in the early 80s to a district that was very small - 1676 pupils at the time- to watch it grow through a high of 6,500 (now 5,100). It was exhilarating to watch that and to grow programs through all this time," said the Superintendent.

Through increase in enrollment, Dr. Finan said that it has allowed the school to hire outstanding teachers and offer outstanding programs. She remembers the school's first AP class and currently, there are an "unheard of" 96 AP scholars.

Dr. Finan credits the school's success to the wonderful staff and its ability to challenge students.

"It really does take a village. I'm proud of the teams of people I've been able to put together to help me do my job so well," said Dr. Finan proudly.

Within her job, Dr. Finan has two favorite days of school: the first day and the last day. She loves to watch the expressions on the curious kindergarteners' faces as they get off the bus for the first time. She also loves the



culminating activity — standing in Warrior Stadium while overlooking the cliffs and the river is a moment made more memorable as she thinks of what the students have accomplished in their 13 years at DV.

"I'm very proud of the students that we have grown here. They're going out to wonderful universities and they make me very proud," stated Dr. Finan.

She is also proud of the school's facilities, activities and the staff's talent. She is confident in her staff when she thinks of how they handled the Sept. 11 attacks at the school. No child went home without guaranteeing their further safety, and Dr. Finan is firm in her belief that if and when a crisis occurs again, the school will once again rise to the challenge.

"I hope we continue on the positive course we're on. The world is different - very different. We're not going back to 1950. We need to meet the challenges for the students' futures. I hope whoever takes my seat continues to meet those challenges and provide an avenue that students can be excited about," said Dr. Finan.

She clearly remembers a day when no one had heard of lacrosse or even football. Needless to say, Dr. Finan's strength and dedication have aided the school in its improvements and have provided that avenue.

Dr. Finan will be a consultant to the new superintendent for a period of time to help him/her transition into the new year. She admits that there is no real way to be fully prepared for the job but that her replacement must take on a positive, exciting attitude and care for the teachers and students at each school.

"My legacy is to look back and to have watched this district grow in a positive, purposeful way. I'm very thankful that this community has supported me through the years. It's a great place to live, work and play. I thank them and the staff of DV because they are so amazing to work with. I'm so thankful for that," said Dr. Finan.

In her retirement, Dr. Finan plans to spend more time with her five-week-old and her two and a half-year-old granddaughters. She also plans on spending more time with her son, her daughter, friends and her husband at their beach house. One definite goal she has is to perfect her golf game, something she claims is "missing in action."

One other thing can be sure in her retirement; Dr. Finan will always remain a teacher at heart and will forever be remembered at Delaware Valley for her accomplishments and compassion.

"I have that ultimate teacher instinct. That's what I do," concluded Dr. Finan.

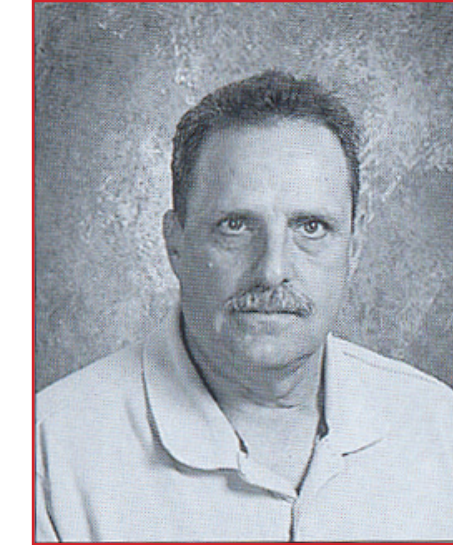


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# MR. AL ★ HOLTZER



By VALERIE LANNON  
Staff Writer



After 32 years of dedication to Delaware Valley, Mr. Allen Holtzer is retiring from the classroom, however his time at DV is far from being over; Holtzer will stay on as athletic director and a coach for years to come.

Holtzer's devotion, demonstrated both on the courts and in the classroom over the years, has been clear.

"I put myself in a position with everything I did and how I did things that I would have this opportunity [...] I think I definitely got here because of hard work and all the time I spent here...sometimes I feel like I should just sleep here," Holtzer said.

Though he is passionate about teaching, after nine years of being athletic director Holtzer has decided to put all of his focus onto one thing: the athletics of DV. Over the past school year Holtzer has dedicated himself to improving the Warriors by forming both an athletic council and holding leadership classes for athletes.

"I want to hear what the students have to say. I know what I think, but we need to hear the opinions of the students to be successful," he said.

With all of the athletic expansions both this year and in the near future, Holtzer felt he could better serve by concentrating solely on being athletic director.

"I was satisfied with teaching, but I wasn't satisfied with the job I was doing," Holtzer said. "I love the kids, but I really wanted to continue focusing on being athletic director."

Over the years, Holtzer has seen hundreds of students walk out the doors of DV, but he admits that one of the most rewarding things about being a part of DV is watching those same students walk back through the doors years later to be a part of the staff.

"It says to me that we're doing something right if those students want to come back to DV and be part of our teaching community."

Whether it is coming into school early in the mornings to work out to Shania Twain, being the president of four athletic leagues, visiting nearly every major league baseball stadium or building relationships with both athletes and students, Holtzer is committed to the athletics and his students alike.

"I love the athletics of the school, that is why I'm here doing what I'm doing," he said. "I'll still put as much time and effort into DV as I did previously; my goal is to be here for years to come."

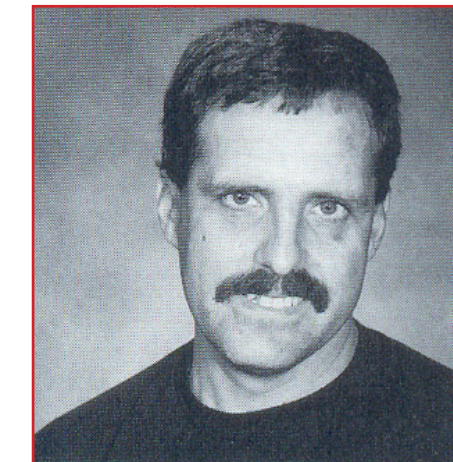
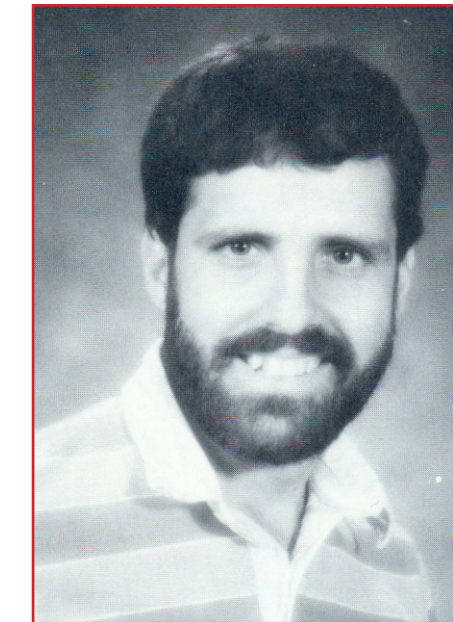


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## Brandon Angradi

Unlike many others, senior Brandon Angradi walks the halls of Delaware Valley High School confident that he is the same Brandon that he was when entered the school back in 2008. But, breaking hearts, breaking stereotypes and breaking records, Brandon Angradi has developed quite a reputation throughout his four years.

Basketball has been a staple in Brandon's rise to fame. The four year varsity player began his legacy as a sophomore team with the title of Fourth in League Scoring, first-pointers a game and second in foul shooting.

Brandon became a captain, team offensive MVP, league leading scorer, second in league three pointers, second in league foul shooting, first team all-league in the Lackawanna League and second team all-region in the Times Herald Record his junior year.

Brandon's senior year was particularly remarkable as the second year captain led his team to a district victory and commenced to the sweet 16 of states. Along the way, Brandon became second in league scoring, first in three pointers, second in foul shooting, second team all-region of the Times Herald Record, first team all-league of the Lackawanna league and the Scranton paper. He was chosen as one of Delaware Valley's senior scholar athletes and found his way to the trophy case with a record breaking career point total of 1519.

"He's just a big dork and if it weren't for basketball he'd be a nerd," said head coach Kris Holtzer chuckling.

But, there's more to Brandon than basketball, and junior girlfriend Katie Murphy knows it best.

"His funny and loving personality is what really makes Brandon, Brandon. He cares more about the people around him than himself, constantly tries to make everyone laugh and always has a big doofy smile. Brandon is the guy that everyone wants to be friends with," she said proudly.

**-Kelly Cappello**

## Shannon Baird

Academically driven, well-rounded, optimistic and musically talented describe the overall characteristics of senior Shannon Baird.

Though many seniors feel a need to belong and fit in, Shannon ultimately carved her own unique path and ended her high school career with many successful achievements.

Since middle school, Shannon has utilized her exceptional singing talent in chorus and Drama Club. She has taken an active role in seven school plays overall, and serves as the vice president of the DV Drama club; however, Shannon hasn't always been cast as one of the lead roles in drama productions. Her roles and voice have evolved overtime.

"I've learned to see the show from many different types of view. I know how it is to have a name and not to have a name," said Shannon.

Shannon also sings in public, performing during concerts, weddings and recitals. Her dedication to her music, both during and after school, has earned her the rightful role of President of Chorus.

Furthermore, Shannon has participated in ballet, tap, point and flamenco lessons in addition to lyrical and music theater classes.

In school, many subjects never fail to humor Shannon, but she is particularly attracted towards history.

"I've been blessed with history teachers since Mr. Lively in seventh grade all the way up to Mr. Burns this year... every single one has been wonderful," commented Shannon.

Shannon plans on attending Grove City College to pursue a degree in History. Though she isn't sure which specific time period she would like to major in specifically, she expects many opportunities that will lead her to an ideal career.

Overall, Shannon has felt that high school has been a wonderful and memorable experience.

"I'll miss having the close bonds with the people I've grown up with since elementary school, but I'm ready to move on to another chapter in my life," said Shannon.

**-Miranda Zinn**

## Chrissy Baram

Bubbly, smiley, happy and smart are all words to describe Christine Baram. Although she is better known as Chrissy, she seemed to always have a smile on her face when walking through the halls of Delaware Valley.

She was a member of the JV cheerleading team for one year and a member of the Varsity team for three years; she was a member of the Track Team for four years. She has been a member of PYEA, TATU, Peer Buddies and the Reading Team for three years and Rachel's Challenge for four years.



"I really enjoyed doing all the activities, because it is a way for me to stay active and Delaware Valley offers a wide variety of sports and extracurricular activities which I like to take part in as much as possible," said Chrissy.

To continue being an outstanding student she will now be moving on to Penn State University and majoring in Secondary Math Education or Elementary Education. She chose Penn State because she feels it is a good school and really fits her personality. Two teachers she had really influenced this decision, Ms. Elizaebth Katz and Mrs. Christine Marcial.

"I choose this major because I really love working with children," said Chrissy.

A lot of the teachers here have really influenced her but Ms. Thomas Burns and Ms. Erica DiMarzio really left a lasting impression on her. Her two cheerleading coaches Ms. Simonsen and Mrs. Wummer had an impact on her as well because they pushed her to be a better cheerleader and student.

With all the memories she has made at DV her favorite is be going to Nationals for the Varsity Cheerleading team. Even if her team didn't compete well she still had an amazing time with her team in Florida each time she went.

"Delaware Valley has given me great opportunities to succeed in the classroom and in the community," concluded Chrissy.

**-Kristin Carafano**

## Matt Bello

Apasionado. Appassionato. Passionate. No matter what language you say it in, tri-lingual senior Matt Bello exemplifies the term.

"Learning languages is important to a globalized world," he said. "Even if you just learn one, you're already making closer connections."

The product of a multi-cultural family, Matt taught himself Italian and Spanish during four short years of high school. He improved upon his skills throughout his educational career by taking AP Spanish and conversing incessantly with his Italian-speaking relatives.

"Not everyone speaks one language," he said. "It's proven that way since the time of the Roman Empire."

In spite of Matt's cultural and lingual experience, the AP scholar has no intention of pursuing a major in Spanish or Italian. Instead, he intends on majoring in Secondary Education with a specialization in History.

"Learning history is just as important as learning a language," Matt explained. "You need to know it. You need to know where we are and how we got there."



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When he wasn't chatting in Italian or instructing AP World students on the roots of communism, Matt was preoccupied with his plentiful extracurriculars. A Future Business Leader of America, Junior Historian, Geocacher and co-founder of the Chess Club, Matt also worked part-time at Price Chopper his senior year and volunteered as a teacher's assistant for St. Vincent's vacation bible school. His efforts earned him the AXA Achievement Scholarship.

"What I've learned from my activities is not to focus on one field," Matt advised. "Even if you don't like something, you're going to need to learn it. Don't close yourself off."

Matt will be attending school at Kutztown University this fall.

**-Star Trizary**

## Kyrsten Brockmann

For four years, track coaches have begged for her participation in awe of her lightning speed; for four years, volleyball coaches have gaped at her physique and competitive edge; for four years, basketball coaches have drooled at her height and her large hand size to match. But, only the field hockey and soccer coaches have been lucky enough to train one of the most, if not the most, athletic women in DV, senior Kyrsten Brockmann.



As a three year varsity field hockey player, Kyrsten has contributed the most assists in a season twice, has been the second leading scorer, has been awarded the title of offensive player of the year, has received the Gladiator Award for academic and athletic achievements and finished out her last season with the squad as a captain.

During Kyrsten's freshman year on the soccer team, she received more playing time than any other player contributing 90 minutes to varsity and 60 minutes to JV. She totaled 24 goals her freshman year; three of which were varsity. In the remaining years, she was a second team all-star twice, a second leading scorer, a leading scorer, Athlete of the Month and, once again, finished her last season as a captain.

The 5'11", 170 lbs. "tank," as Kyrsten is often called, can almost always be spotted with cake, cookies, French fries, ice cream and/or muffins.

"I eat breakfast, I eat lunch and I eat dinner and then I eat like five pounds of ice cream and cake," she said without a hint of her renowned and professional sarcasm, exaggeration or dry humor.

Yet, she continues to bewilder onlookers with her prominent six-pack - a six pack no t-shirt can conceal. Soccer coach Donnel Leiva-Vazquez sums up Kyrsten's persona:

"K-raf [Kyrsten's nickname] is head and shoulders above the rest in more than just the literal sense," he

said with a chuckle.

**-Kelly Cappello**

## Aaron Brown

By balancing a plethora of extra-curricular activities with a heavy class load, Aaron Brown has certainly taken advantage of the many opportunities offered at Delaware Valley High School.

Throughout his high school career, Aaron has been involved in co-curricular activities such as Science Olympiad, Scholastic Bowl and Peer Buddies while also participating in Cross Country and Track.

According to Aaron, his participation in several extra-curricular activities has diversified himself and the experiences that he has gained from the activities will impact him for years to come.

In middle school, Aaron was the victim of bullying; however, once 9th grade began, the 9th grade block program helped him meet the right people and generate close friendships.

Since then, Aaron has experienced immense success in the classroom; he has achieved high marks by attempting to get the highest grades possible through being morally responsible. Aaron has enjoyed his four years at Delaware Valley High School and his achievements have resulted from his hard work and dedication.

"Delaware Valley High School has always seemed to be the standout school in the area," Aaron said, "I was lucky to be able to attend DVHS throughout my high school career."

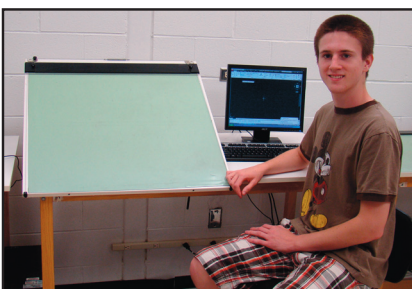
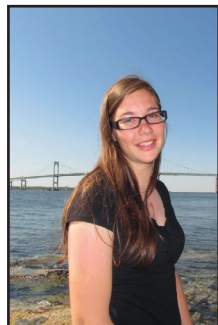
After high school, Aaron plans to attend Drexel University in Philadelphia for 5 years and he plans to attain a master's degree in civil engineering.

When asked what advice he would give to current underclassmen, Aaron said, "Life is going to get hard, but you should never give up on yourself. Once you give up on yourself, you start to wallow in your own pity; never give up and never wallow."

**-Dom Montemarano**

## Mary-Kate Burns

As far as first impressions go Mary-Kate Burns doesn't seem to leave much to the imagination. A tall and fair lanky girl, with long hair and glasses clad in a Notre Dame shirt mulling over AP Biology flashcards, seems to be the classic case of academia-but then someone makes her laugh.



The youngest of three Mary-Kate's unparalleled competitive nature stems from years of trying to find her niche.

"I was always competing with them when I was little, they always had their thing Zach was really fast and Sean could pole vault and there was nothing really that I could do so I decided to do well in school," said Mary-Kate

It is this specialized determination that has led the senior to her success. The first DV student to attend the selective Notre Dame University in almost a decade Mary-Kate is entering as Biology major with the aspiration of one day becoming a Neurologist.

"I want to go into the sciences because the brain is so interesting, but I'm not sure where I want to go with it-I'm more interested with working with people than with research," she added.

But her serious commitment to science doesn't limit her imagination; she uses any opportunity to indulge a more creative side.

"I always liked that stuff don't really have a lot of opportunities to do it so once a year I can sew a tree [Halloween] costume," she added.

Mary-Kate lives an active life but is always aware of the luck she has, with her mother working as a special education teacher she has gained a unique perspective.

"I really like working and seeing the kids, it really makes you aware of how lucky you are, any day I'm concerned about a Calculus of Literature test I have to think about the fact that some people have trouble doing basic things," she humbly concluded.

**-Aoife Dowd**

## Vanessa Cabral

Outgoing, happy and determined are only a few words you could use to describe senior Vanessa Cabral.

Being an active member in the DV community Vanessa took part in Peer Buddies, Spirit Cheer and Special Olympics in her free time after school.

"Taking part in these activities made me realize how much of an impact I can make in one person's life. I really enjoyed helping others and hope to continue this in my college career," said Vanessa.

Not only did she take part in after school clubs, Vanessa was an active member on the cheerleading team. Taking part in one year of JV cheer and three years on varsity cheer, Vanessa was always found throughout the halls of DV after school.

"It was so much fun being a part of a team, those girls became my family," said Vanessa.

When Vanessa was not in the halls of DV she was being very active in her community by taking part in the Day of Caring every year, along with numerous other small community service activities.

What most people may not know about Vanessa was that she is a passionate horseback rider. Owning her own horse at a family farm Vanessa grew up loving to ride. She also competed in numerous horse shows, winning many first place ribbons.





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"Not only is riding enjoyable, but the connection between me and my horse is something I couldn't experience with any other sport," said Vanessa.

Happy for the years and memories attained at DV Vanessa is happy to move on to bigger and better things. Attending SUNY Delhi in the fall she plans to major in Veterinary Technology.

"All the success that I have obtained through out high school has come from my coaches, teachers and family and I can't thank them enough, they have helped me become the person I am today," concluded Vanessa.

**-Sam Famularo**

## Yubin Choi

Self-titled procrastinator Yubin Choi has come a long way both academically and personally in her four years at Delaware Valley.

Even though Yubin admits to procrastinating often, she has challenged herself in both academics and extra-curriculars in her short high school career.

As a junior cellist, she reached new levels of success after making it to the MENC All-Eastern Honors Ensemble with three senior chorus members. Along with this accomplishment, Yubin has been in the All-State Orchestra for three years, breezing past Districts and Regionals, the two prior steps.



"I hope that between the three choir students and myself, we set a strong base for the musical department. Hopefully it can get the underclassmen to take the next musical step," said Yubin.

Academically, Yubin has developed a similar work ethic; while she claims to have regrets, taking such advanced classes has helped her learn from her mistakes, develop her character

and prepare for college.

"High school was just focusing on the GPA and getting the grades, but in college, I'll be studying what I want. I'll have the incentive to study," said Yubin.

In the fall, Yubin will be attending American University to major in International Studies. She was drawn to the university and the major after visiting Washington, D.C. for a conference in International Diplomacy.

Given the opportunity to visit the United Nations and the Department of State, Yubin said, "It opened up my eyes to the city and what I could study in the future."

At first reserved, Yubin comes across to her true friends as sarcastic and honest. She cleans to relieve her stress and practices her cello to forget her worries.

The senior also plays volleyball and is the president of the National Honors Society. She attributes her success to the great support of DV's staff and the opportunities the school provides for students to become leaders.

As modest as they come, Yubin said "I'm happy that I'm getting recognized as a musician because it is definitive to my character but I hope it's not the only

thing that defines me."

Leaving northeastern Pennsylvania behind for the capitol, Yubin will be sure to leave her mark on much more than music at Delaware Valley.

**-Lauren Grady**

## Tom Davidson

Senior Tom Davidson has spent most of his extra-curricular time working on either programming projects or working with the Odyssey of the Mind teams he has been on every single year since fourth grade.



"Odyssey of the Mind taught me how to be a team leader and adapt to working when conditions weren't exactly ideal. My experiences in the program especially taught me decision making skills and especially how to remain confident in my own decisions, even when they do not work out exactly as planned," said Tom.

Tom has participated in the Odyssey of the Mind program, in which teams from all across the world compete by solving specific problems in specific ways with several restrictions, especially budgetary ones. Tom has always worked on teams solving problems in the vehicle or technical category, which require the implementation of several devices, sometimes even a vehicle, to solve a problem while a skit is presented around it. Tom has reached the World Finals twice, once in fourth grade, and once in ninth.

Tom also helped out the school Environmental Club by sacrificing a day of class to ensure that the club could compete at their competition as they had one surprise vacancy on their team.

One of Tom's biggest passions is computer programming and computer science in general. He decided to go to the Pennsylvania College of Technology and major in information and security assurances, in the field of computer science. He specifically mentioned Delaware Valley teacher Mrs. Barilka's influence in his interest in the field.

"Mrs. Barilka's programming classes made me realize that I really wanted to work with computers and possibly even write programs for a living," said Tom.

**-Jim Herzog**

## Chiko Delgado

Senior Daniel Delgado, better known as "Chiko," is DV's Mario-loving, buff teddy bear.

This former wrestler, workout junkie and yoga practitioner can pin a person down in a matter of seconds, but is also the same guy who dons Mario and Luigi gear who lends an ear to anyone's problems or a shoulder to cry on no matter how few hours he slept.

Chiko, who originally aspired to be an ice cream

truck man in order to eat as much ice cream as possible and make people smile, feels his purpose in life is to be kind and make others happy - even if it is at the expense of his own pride; in fact, just last Halloween, Chiko paraded around school in a tiny Tinkerbell costume.

"Everyone deserves happiness and kindness, so I try to deliver that when I talk to people," said Chiko. "I try to be the highlight in everyone's day."

Whether whispering "I like turtles" in the middle of a test or giggling like a girl when someone in class feels embarrassed, his awkward, silly and random humor helps as well.

Fun and games aside, Chiko has also taken his time at DV seriously and has learned the meaning of perseverance from both his academics and extracurricular activities.

"Wrestling has taught me to suck it up when things get tough and to fight through it, because there will always be someone who's trying harder than you or someone who has it worse than you," he said.

In addition, this self-proclaimed math nerd thanks AP Calculus AB teacher, Mr. Gary Dennis, his most influential teacher, for challenging him.

"He taught me to be more efficient and to think more about topics and try to find correlations between different methods in solving problems," said Chiko.

Chiko plans on continuing to make people happy and hopes to save lives by creating medical technology. He will major in Biomedical Engineering next year at Drexel University.

**-Sabika Bary**

## Candice Delgardio

Although not being particularly loud or boisterous in her demeanor, Candice Delgardio has still managed to make some noise at DV through different means of discourse.

Whether it's the trumpet or singing, Candice has made some noise during her four years at DV. She's an active member of the chorus program and plays the trumpet as well. When off at college, she hopes to continue along with music, particularly the trumpet, by taking private lessons. She has really enjoyed the community aspect that the music programs have encouraged.

Besides musical programs, Candice is involved in a plethora of activities. On top of taking four AP classes- World, Government, Music Theory and Economics- she also takes part in Mock Trial, Martial Arts, Cross County and Gay-Straight Alliance club.



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Candice is most active in the Gay-Straight Alliance Club, better known as GSA. She actually plans on minoring in Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual studies while studying at Temple University this coming fall. She plans on making her major sociology and hopes to pursue a career in non-profit humanitarian work.

As for now though, Candice can be seen walking the halls of DV or to her various activities with her best friend, Tom DiAgostino.

"He brings a good light to any situation. He's a good energy to have around," said Candice about Tom.

Looking back on her academic career, Candice decided that peace studies with Mr. Thomas Burns was her favorite class and found that economics finished last.

"It's such a dry subject," she said, referring to economics.

And for DV? Candice says she will miss the community aspect and how people are, for the most part, civil and friendly.

**-Emily McKinney**

## Rick Diagostino

As his final year at DV comes to a close, multitalented senior Rick DiAgostino will bring his dedication to music and interest in mechanical engineering with him to college.

While at DV, Rick allowed a passion for music to come to fruition. Since his early days as a freshman, he has played the trumpet, violin and eventually the French horn for the high school's Jazz Band, Pep Band and Pit Band. He has also participated in multiple concerts hosted by Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA).

When not involved with music, Rick participated in Scholastic Bowl, Science Olympiad and the Mountain Bike Club. In his spare time, he works as a lifeguard at his community's pool during the summer and volunteers as a religion studies teacher at his church. He additionally enrolled in a variety of AP classes throughout his high school career and was part of the cross country team.

As a senior looking back on his past, Rick is both relieved and nostalgic. Though he will certainly miss his friends, dedicated teachers and the moments he spent with the band, Rick can't wait to start a new, independent life.

Rick credits many teachers for leading him through his years of high school, including Mr. Lance Rauh, Mrs. Susan Curtin, Mr. Bryan Pol, Mr. Marc Valentine and Mrs. Rosann Henigan. However, one of Rick's biggest academic influences was the teachings of Mr. Steven Rhule, Rick's AP Physics teacher.

"Mr. Rhule has pushed me so far academically; I would be nowhere near my current level of thinking

without him," said Rick.

In the fall, Rick will be attending Pennsylvania State University and plans on majoring in Mechanical Engineering and being a part of Penn State's Blue Band.

"I'm definitely going to miss the band room the most. It acted as a safe haven for me all these years," Rick concluded with a sad smile.

**-Miranda Zinn**

## Tom Diagostino

From his infamous nurse Halloween costume to his impossibly energetic personality, Delaware Valley will be hard-pressed to replace the exuberant personality of Thomas DiAgostino.

As a member of band, chorus and orchestra, music has always been a highly influential factor in Tom's life. Following the illness of a sibling, he used music to connect with her and also, as an escape.

Festivals and concerts around the area have helped him experience new things and meet people. Eventually though, Tom realized that music didn't need to be a crutch; he could enjoy music but didn't need it to survive.

Early in his high school career, Tom was convinced that he was going to be a music teacher. Only in his senior year, after the arduous college audition process, did Tom realize that he wanted to major in Sociology while possibly adding an LGBT or music minor in the future.

After getting a half scholarship to Westminster Choir College, one of the most prestigious in the country, he realized that a musical career wasn't for him.

"I didn't need it. It was just too competitive and too much," said Tom.

Now decided on a major, Tom is heading to Temple University- a school he thinks will "hit all of the marks."

In high school, Tom was heavily influenced by Mr. Thomas Burns who helped guide him through the trials of his first AP class. Mr. Burns also advises the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), a club that Tom has had a huge hand in creating and running.

Beyond school, Tom advises the GSA, cooks like a professional chef and runs long distance like a madman. He also finds pleasure in taking care of others, something he also realized while helping his sibling.

Another of Tom's siblings and his twin, Rick, has also shaped Tom into the student he is today.

"I don't think I would have gotten through high school without Ricky. He's my best friend," said Tom.

With Rick going to Penn State in the fall, Tom said he is ready to be even more independent than he is now. Armed with his strong will and magnetic personality, Tom will be sure to take Temple by storm.

"You are your own individual. Don't let anyone judge you because you are your own person. No matter what,

just make sure to be yourself," concluded Tom.

**-Lauren Grady**

## Carissa Dube

Receiving an offer to play sports at a collegiate level is a dream had by many high school athletes, but achieved by few. After years of serving, spiking, blocking, senior Carissa Dube has finally become one of those few.

"For me, volleyball isn't just a sport," the DV varsity captain said. "It's a part of my life."

Carissa's love for volleyball began in the grade as little more than a decision to try her hand new sport. Now an official Division player for the College of Saint Rose, Carissa's drive for the sport and her skill at the net are nationally known and celebrated.

"Back then I didn't think volleyball would end up meaning so much to me," she said. "But now it's my main focus."

When Carissa wasn't busying playing for DV's varsity team all four years of high school, she was off showing her skill with one of her two traveling teams, the Delaware Rafter's and the Kaepa Woosh Volleyball Club. A Wyoming Valley Conference Division I MYP, All Star Team member, Iroquois-Empire Volleyball Association representative, and World Volleyball Training Center delegate, it's a wonder Carissa barely found time to breathe, let alone partake in four APs.

"Always try your hardest," she advised. "When you think you're pushing yourself, push yourself even further."

Though volleyball consumes most of Carissa's time, she has been able to participate in another equally unique extracurricular during her senior year: adaptive gym class. Here, Carissa assists the special education students and works with them to ensure they get the most out of their physical education.

"I absolutely love it," Carissa said. "When you teach the kids a new skill and they get it, the feeling you receive is awesome."

Carissa intends to enter the College of Saint Rose next year and major in Forensic Science.

**-Star Trizarry**

## Gladys Eeckhout

After eight months in America, exchange student Gladys, or Gigi, Eeckhout is preparing for a totally different departure from the halls of DV than the average student. As her last days dwindle down, Gladys won't just be making the transition to college, but the move back to her home country, Belgium. However, no matter how far from DV she travels, Gladys will take this experience with her.

"It's the best thing that could have happened in my life. I will probably never have the chance to do this



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again, going to another country where you don't know anybody... it's kind of an amazing thing, now I have friends from all over the world," she said.

While in America, Gladys uncovered a passion for the arts and singing that she never had the opportunity to discover in Belgium; she is an active member of the art club, chorus and took a handful of art classes.

To Gladys, her journey was more than a learning experience, but a life changing gift.

"I had the chance to meet wonderful people. I went to Hawaii, and after graduation I'll go to the west coast", she said. "It's really nice to be able to share the lives of other people and live those moments with them. I had the chance to participate in American traditions like Thanksgiving, Christmas, prom and spirit week.



When Gladys returns back to Belgium in July she will be attending college in the capitol for nursing, which she has decided during her time in America.

Though she admitted to just settling into American culture and she will be sad to depart, she will always carry the lessons that coming to America has taught her.

"I learned a lot about American culture and a lot about me, like who I want to be and how I want to make decision for the future. I grew a lot," said Gladys.

**-Valerie Lannon**

## Jeremy Engel

A warrior on and off the field, Jeremy Engel has the true Delaware Valley spirit. A great friend, supporter and athlete, Jeremy is one of the people with the ability to improve the days of those around him without truly putting forth much effort.

A smiling face in the hallway and a comical jokester, Jeremy is someone people like to be around. In football he is a leader on the field and in the locker room, and in the hallways Jeremy is simply put, a person you can lean on.

Basically his entire life Jeremy has played football, participating in his transition to School Football in high school each and every year. He has been extremely and has made each and every year. become a lifestyle for a hobby.

"Football has been something consistent in my life, looked forward to actually pretty tough to it earlier this year, but I've definitely



learned a lot and had some great experiences with my teammates," Jeremy said.

Additionally, Jeremy was a part of the track team and was often involved in helping in various school events and volunteering activities such as Alex's Lemonade Stand. He was part of the combo class both sophomore and junior years as well.

A helping hand and a passionate athlete, Jeremy is one of the more unique students in Delaware Valley. Not exactly the typical jock, yet not exactly the typical student, Jeremy has always found a way to bring smiles to the faces of his surrounding classmates.

Jeremy plans to attend East Stroudsburg University in the fall, majoring in physical therapy.

**-Ronnie Ryder**

## Emily Favaro

Known for her caring and compassionate personality, Emily Favaro is taking her next step in life at Bloomsburg University next fall to pursue a career in Nursing. This choice comes from a lifelong commitment to caring for her partners in one of the biggest parts of her life – Dressage horseback riding.



Emily has been riding ever since she was seven, and has been very successful throughout her career. She placed 3rd in Pony and won the Caitlyn Hammerman Jr. Young Rider Dressage Reward. She hopes to keep dressage a part of her life, possibly riding for a club team in Bloomsburg and eventually teaching the fundamentals of horseback riding to the next generations, although a back injury suffered in a car accident may delay those aspirations for some time.

Emily has a loving, supportive family who has helped her pursue her dreams throughout her life. She is very close to her mother, who takes her to competitions and would help her succeed in any way possible. She has a loving father, and will always be her "daddy's little girl". She also has the best brother in the world, and they would do anything for each other, through the good times and the bad times.

"Me and my brother are very close," Emily said. "We always have each others' backs; Family is forever."

Emily is also a well rounded student; she is ranked in the top 13% of the class and is a Class Officer. She also spent volunteer time at Bon Secours Community Hospital, which introduced the possibility of a career in Nursing.

In Emily's free time, she enjoys fishing, working around the barn and baking with her best friend Reva. She also enjoys going on vacations. She has gone to Aruba with her family and went on a school trip to Europe the summer of 10th grade, on which she made lifelong friends.

"I'm a different person that I would have been

because of that trip," Emily said. "Going to Europe has opened my eyes; there is so much more to the world than what we see every day."

Emily aspires to possibly pursue a Doctorate degree once she specializes in a nursing field. This goal will be chased with love and support from her family.

**-Dan Favaro**

## Jen Feiler

A teenagers' biggest concern may be about what to wear to school the next day, but senior Jen Feiler's main concern has been trying to stay alive.

Diagnosed with thyroid cancer at age 14, Jen lives anything but a normal life.

"I remember watching my mom fall to the floor crying. It broke my heart seeing my family hurt. And I kept wondering "why me." Why not anyone else? As selfish as that sounds, I couldn't believe that I actually had cancer," said Jen.

Facing years of chemotherapy and months at a time in a hospital, Jen did not have the typical high school career.

"When your only choice is literally fighting for your life its amazing how much you can push through. It took away a lot of my pride, and I felt worthless for a while but it turned out making me so much stronger," said Jen.

While in school, Jen took a special interest in the medical field after gaining a new respect for the people who helped her. Joining HOSA her sophomore year, Jen grew a passion for helping others like they have helped her. Joining HOSA has helped Jen attain a job in the medical field at such an early age and advanced her in her new profession.

"I enjoy helping people. I've been in need of help at times and I know I would wanted every extra hand and support I could get," said Jen.

Wanting to give back to the community as others had done for her, Jen participated in annual blood drives, Relay for Life, Day of Caring and numerous hours of volunteering at the nursing home.

Currently in remission, Jen plans on joining the Navy to be a nurse.

"My life is an ongoing battle, being cancer free tomorrow is never a promise and I don't know if I'll get another chance at life again so I want to live every day to the fullest," concluded Jen.

**-Sam Famularo**

## Jenny Forgit

Most people do not know that Delaware Valley High School has a Career Tech program for Early Childhood Education. This program gives students college credits and the chance to teach children twice a week for the DV pre-school program. One of the most recognizable students in the program, well loved by her friends and



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by the kids she teaches, Jenny Forgit has left her mark on this school.

Jenny has loved her experience in the Early Childhood Education program and when she is with the children she has the biggest smile and definitely has found her place.

"It [Early Childhood Education] confirmed that I wanted to be a teacher, and I'm going to miss the kids."

On top of all of her classes, Jenny has also found time for an abundance of after school activities and clubs. She has been Tennis Captain, a part of PYEA (Pennsylvania Youth Education Association), is National Honor's Society Secretary, the President of Friends of the Children's room, and an active member of Relay for Life.

Of the teachers who have been the biggest influences to her, Jenny mentioned a few committed advisors in particular: Mrs. Jill Farr, Mr. Bryan Pol, Mr. Jayson Pope, Mrs. Christine Marcial, Mr. Marc Valentine and Mr. Tomas Burns. And when asked what she was going to miss the most about DV, Jenny smiled.

"Probably the teachers, that's kinda sad isn't," laughed Jenny, "But it's true."

Most seniors have been terrified about graduation, and the fact of moving on is scary for most, except for Jenny.

"I feel prepared to go, and I'm not scared about leaving."

Jenny will be attending West Chester University this fall and will be majoring in Majoring in Early Childhood and Special Education.

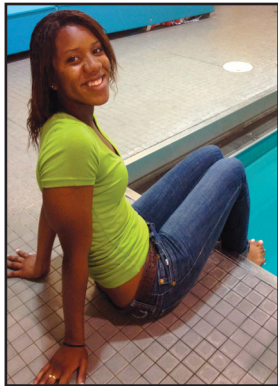
**-Anthony Reyes**

## Kendall Glaster

Kendall Glaster is a senior whose main interest throughout her high school career was swimming. Even though academics did not always come first, Kendall still enjoyed her experience at Delaware Valley. She will always remember the many memories that she had inside and outside of the pool.

"I'm so excited about leaving high school, four years was more than enough for me! I had so many good times, but it's definitely time to move on. High school is what you make of it, you either enjoy it or you hate it," said Kendall.

Kendall will be attending Marshall University in the fall to major in Exercise Science. She plans on becoming someone who can help people achieve their athletic



dreams either as an athletic trainer or a coach. She loves being able to work with people that want to get better.

"Ms. Dimarzio has inspired me to strive for anything I do in life whether it was swimming, school or just life in general. She has been a great mentor and an amazing coach, and has always supported and encouraged me no matter what. She made me a stronger swimmer and human being, and I thank her greatly for that. She is one of the people that I want to stay in touch with for the rest of my life," said Kendall.

Kendall said that her favorite experience at DV would have to be swimming. Being able to go to districts and qualifying for states each year was an experience that she will never forget.

"Swimming is something that I'm definitely going to miss the most. I think it's more so the people I got to swim with that made the experience so much better. I can't thank those kids enough for making my swimming career so much more enjoyable! The time I had with them is something that I will never forget, and never be able to experience again. I'm truly going to miss the time I spent swimming and practicing everyday and the good times that I spent with the other kids on the team. They really made me thankful for being able to be a part of such a great sport," said Kendall.

**-Audrey-Renee Creegan**

## John Harsch

Senior John Harsh is not only a Warrior on the field but a Warrior during the school day as well. Athletically and academically talented, John is an all-star student and athlete.

With all of John's amazing memories at Delaware his favorite memory is his entire football career throughout high school. Playing football on the turf under the lights every Friday night was always a really special experience for him.

Being a part of football really changed John's entire high school experience. It kept him focused on school instead of things that he shouldn't be doing. It also helped him make more friends and made him a better person in general.

"Football is like a brotherhood and the friends you make from it, like I didn't know some of the kids from DV when I was a freshman and now some of them are my best friends just because of football," said John.

John doesn't regret much about his high school career but something that he regrets not doing is taking AP courses and taking an SAT prep class. One thing that John is going to miss about high school is being able to see all of his friends every day and even seeing some of the teachers.

"I got good grades in my normal classes but I should have taken AP classes just to challenge myself," said John.



After high school John will be attending a two-year trade school and a two-year community college to become a power-line man.

"Coach Olsommer and the other football coaches have really helped me a lot whenever I needed them when I was going through a hard time which really meant a lot to me," said John.

**-Audrey-Renee Creegan**

## Erin Hartmann

Senior Erin Hartmann is one of the most interesting girls you'll see around the halls of Delaware Valley. Instead of spending her time gossiping, she can be found in the chemistry lab working on fascinating projects.

Erin has accomplished many things around the school. None of which she is more proud of than helping reinstate the school's Senior Science Research Seminar as a class. She worked with her mother, Mr. Rhule, Ms. Martin and Mrs. Pope to have the class that was shut down due to budgetary reasons reopened to seniors.



"It [leading the effort to re-instate the Senior Science Research Seminar class] felt good because making that kind of impact on the school meant a lot to me."

After she did this, she took the class, and performed a project on bacterial transformation efficiency and antibiotic resistance. In this project, Erin modified a strain of E. Coli bacteria that was not harmful to humans so that it would glow when exposed to UV light and certain sugars. Much of this biology project was self-researched and taught.

"In ninth grade I fell in love with biology. It came very easily to me. I just like the fact that this [biology] what we humans are based upon; this is what is really going on inside of us. I feel like learning about this can allow me to help people who are sick or suffering," said Erin.

Erin plans to study at Penn State Wilkes Barre campus but then transfer into the main campus with a major in bioengineering to further her goals.

"It [my work] is for science, that's my basis. I just want to do something that will help people."

Erin is a huge proponent of science classes, as she took AP Biology, AP Chemistry and AP Calculus BC at the school.

**-Jim Herzog**

## Ashraf Hassan

With a bright smile and friendly demeanor, many may not see the dedication Ashraf Hassan has for his passion—business.

Ashraf has spent all four years of high school as a member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

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With the help of his teammate, Sam McGintey, he has made it all the way to FBLA National Competition in San Antonio, Texas, competing in the Business Financial Plan category.

"FBLA was a great experience for me. I was able to meet a lot of new friends and I had a lot of fun," Ashraf said.

His FBLA experience will come in handy as Ashraf heads out to college at Kutztown University. He plans to major in Business Administration and Finance.

"I love dealing with people, interacting with people and money," said Ashraf when asked about his career choice.

After college, Ashraf hopes to get a job in the business world where his college, as well as his FBLA experience, will come in handy.

"I hope I can get a job where I use my major. I want to start working and hold down a job. I also will be really happy if I can pay off all my student loans quickly," Ashraf said.



In the long run, Ashraf hopes to open his own business. While he doesn't quite know what his business will focus on, he hopes it will involve working with people.

"I want to open my own business, something where I can work with people. I really want to be successful and make a name for myself in the business world."

As his senior year draws to a close, Ashraf wants to thank the people who made his time at DV

so enjoyable.

"I want to say thank you to all the staff," Ashraf said. "I want to thank all the teachers, janitors and lunch ladies who make the high school experience as enjoyable as possible."

**-Zach Smickle**

## Joey Hunt

Balancing sports virtually all year long as well as AP classes, volunteering and having a social life is no easy task for anyone. Over the past four years though, Joey Hunt has done an exceptional job doing all four of these things.

During all four years of his high school career, Joey has been a part of the now District Champion tennis team. He was also part of the soccer team during his freshman and sophomore year as well as the football team from sophomore year onward.

Although Joey was avidly involved in sports throughout his years at DV, he doesn't plan on continuing athletics in college.

Joey is planning on attending Penn State University Main Campus in the fall of the oncoming year. While there, his plans are to major in engineering and take classes that are geared towards success.

He hopes to attain a job as a mechanical engineer after graduating college. After that, Joey would like to

work a stable job so he can start up a family.

As for high school though, Joey has had some good times and bad. His favorite subject throughout the years has always been math. His least favorite has been English.

Tennis though, has been the highlight of Joey's high school career. This year, the boys won their District Finals and advanced on from there. The team though, has been a main source of inspiration and encouragement even before the win.

"My tennis team has really inspired me to do well on and off the courts," he said.

**-Emily McKinney**



## Amanda Hutchison

Whether she is playing clarinet in the concert and jazz bands, reporting for Broadcast Del.Val or working hard in her numerous AP classes, Amanda Hutchison has proved herself to be a prime example of someone who has made the most out of her time at Delaware Valley.

Amanda, a member of Student Council and a Senior Class officer, lent a hand to the Junior Historians when she performed at the annual Veterans Day Dinner, something she describes as one of her favorite moments at DV.

Another favorite memory from high school was the opportunity that DV gave her to travel to Washington DC to the National Youth Leadership Forum last year.

"It was the defining moment where I knew I wanted to have a career in government," Amanda said. "It was one of the greatest experiences I've ever had."

Amanda plans on working towards a career in government once she majors in Political Science at West Virginia University. Despite her excitement over being able to attend the school she had her heart set on, there are still some aspects of DV that Amanda will miss greatly.



"There are a lot of things I'll miss about DV, but I think the one thing that is going to be hard to leave behind is room M5, Mr. Burns' room," she said. "The past two years I've felt at home in his room and thinking about not being able to go in there and take a break and let off some steam and have my heart to hearts with Mr. Burns makes me sad, but I'll treasure my time

there forever."

Amanda is thankful for all of the support and help she received from the students and teachers she met at DV.

"When you are around the same people every day for four years, you become sort of like a family, and that's something I'll always be grateful for at my time in Delaware Valley," Amanda concluded.

**-Morganne Mallon**

## Lauren Jones

At 18, Lauren Jones has had more experience in the artistic community than most twice her age.

The product of a self-proclaimed "creative family," Lauren's involvement with the arts appears to have come as naturally to her as her talent has.

"When I was younger I would always sketch little outfits," said the one-time Fashion Marketing major. "I thought the idea of designing my own clothes was really cool."

Since her early days as a fashion enthusiast, Lauren has expanded her practiced mediums to include photography, painting and computer graphics. She is also an avid jewelry-maker who constantly designs trinkets for her friends and family.

"Jewelry is definitely my passion," Lauren said. "I want to open up my own business selling it."

Lauren's gift for the craft of jewelry-making speaks for itself. Throughout her high school career, she has had numerous pieces displayed and sold in local art galleries. Lauren's work, which is distinguished by its ornate eloquence, even earned its creator a National Scholastic Art Award this year.

"The recognition meant a lot to me," she said. "My whole life is art."

When Lauren wasn't busy making jewelry fresh-

man, sophomore, junior or senior year, she was busy involving herself with DV's artistic extracurriculars. In the past four years, she has served as president of the Art, Computer Graphics and Photography Clubs. She has additionally participated in the Foreign Film Club and the Junior Historians.

"The extra knowledge I gained from getting involved really helped me shape my ideas and inspiration," she said.

Lauren plans on attending the Fashion Institute of Technology in the fall with a major in Jewelry Design. She offers the following advice to all those wishing to explore their creative tendencies as she has:

"Find what you love and stick with it. There are great teachers here who are willing to do whatever it takes to help you succeed in life."

**-Star Trizarry**



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## Dean Johnson

You can hear him in the hallways as he always has something to say. But there's more to Delaware Valley's Dean Johnson than what you can hear. Dean, while never failing to make light of a situation, is a truly insightful and personable student and friend.

Dean is known through DV for his killer sense of humor and overall personality, and his friends can attest to this.

"It's a hate-love relationship with Dean," said senior Brandon Angradi, a friend of Dean. "But at the end of the day, I know he's always going to be there for me."

Dean advises current students to start working hard early as it will pay off. Dean takes his own advice to heart, having played three years of varsity soccer at DV.

If Dean isn't playing soccer then he can be found training after school, either by running the school's cross country course, working out in the school's field house or at the local Planet Fitness.

Come fall, Dean will be attending Drew University in Madison, NJ and plans to major in Political Science and Pre-law. Dean will also be playing soccer for Drew University.



"I'm excited about playing soccer in college," said Dean. "I'm also looking forward to the city and all of the new people I'll get to meet."

DV has been fortunate to have such a well-rounded student-athlete and genuine guy. It goes without saying that the halls of DV won't quite be the same without

Dean Johnson, and his absence will be noticed.

"He's awesome," concluded Marc Wagner, another friend of Dean. "That's it."

**-Evan Beck**

## Marygrace Kennedy

She is a star athlete with strong academic morals in the focus of the Liberal arts, along with strong beliefs made to change the world. Marygrace Kennedy has revamped the definition of determination, intelligence and righteousness.

On average, a typical teenager's primary concern would be to suffice their own needs and desires. In contrast, Marygrace breaks this stereotype by placing her main concern onto the environment.

Growing up, Marygrace has always been exposed to the harmful environmental issues that the world still continues to create. Her mother, a firm activist in environmental problems, was her biggest influence. This influence left a huge impression on Marygrace, which helped her realize her own passion for salvaging the environment.

Marygrace has taken part in numerous rallies and

protests concerning the environment, in order to raise awareness on issues such as global warming and alternative energy usage. Most of her protests took place in Washington DC, where she had the opportunity to work with Bill McKibben, who was the first author to raise awareness and write about global climate change.

In particular, one of her outside school activities, the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, was where Marygrace prospered her true abilities and concerns.

This is where Marygrace took part in aiding kids of all ages who had just got out of a juvenile retention center and helped them receive community service hours by participating in the Delaware River clean up.

Marygrace plans on attending Boston University in the fall with a major in history and a minor in international relations. She would like to thank her English and History teachers for helping her realize her passion for the Liberal Arts. Marygrace plans on pursuing a career as a museum curator and intends on attending graduate school where she will pursue a degree in anthropology.

Her advice to all underclassmen is to: "Take advantage of what's around you, don't waste time trying to be someone else, be an individual and find your true purpose," concludes Marygrace.

**-Fatima Jbrahim**

## Katie Knapp

Seldomly heard Katie Knapp is an average teenage girl on the right track. Staying cool, calm and collected all throughout high school she is on the road to success.

Katie was involved in lacrosse and Future Business Leaders of America throughout her high school career. Come late June, she will be traveling with FLBA to San Antonio, Texas.

But the activity that took up most of her time was her after school part-time job. Every day after school Katie would go to work at a Public Relations and Marketing firm in Milford. The firm represents clients such as Bethel Woods and Kittatinny. While other high schoolers were doing homework, she was reviewing press releases



and social media.

"My job is so different than what teens would typically work as. Working at an advertising agency has really helped me figure out what I want to be and its directed me to be passionate about wanting to be a successful business woman in my future," said Katie.



Mrs. Maura Angle was the teacher who impacted Katie the most at DV and led her into the business path. Following graduation, Katie will be attending West Chester University with an undeclared major. After her college education she hopes to live in the south and become an owner of an event planning company.

Katie is a smart and independent girl with a bright future ahead of her. Her ups and downs throughout high school have led her to where, and who she is today.

"The craziness of the past four years have helped me mold my ideas for my future," said Katie. "I'm ready to start the next chapter in my life."

**-Brooke Houseknecht**

## Alyssa Loveall

Athletic and with a knack for math and physics, Alyssa Loveall has made the most of her four years at DV.

From the beginning of her high school career, Alyssa has always been interested in math, but it was teacher Mr. Kevin Devizia who inspired her to take it further.

"Mr. DeVizia was the teacher who really inspired me to pursue a career in math," Alyssa said. "His statistics class made me fall in love with that branch of math... he made me want to continue with math for the rest of my life."

Alyssa went on to be involved in the Peer Math Tutoring program and was also part of the Scholastic Bowl team and the Geo Cashing Club. Alyssa is also particularly proud of taking AP Physics.

"I'm glad I took AP Physics, Mr. Rhule always encouraged me and I'm glad I had the chance to take AP," she said.

Alyssa has also succeeded in the world of athletics at DV. She was on the track team until junior year and ran cross country all four years of high school.

Alyssa will be attending the University of Rochester in the fall. She will be majoring in Mathematics and Statistics and is considering a minor in Political Science.

While many students might worry about the extra work that comes with attending college, Alyssa does not.

"I am not worried about college; I am looking forward to the changes and challenges that it will bring, and I feel that it will be an opportunity to discover what I really want to do with my life," Alyssa said.

Although excited, she'll miss her friends and cross country team mates.

"I'll miss being able to see my close friends almost every day," she said. "I will miss being on the cross country team because that team has been one of the things that never seemed to change."

**-Zach Smickle**



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## Lia Matz

Intelligent, athletic, and driven are a few words that describe 2012's Student Council President Lia Matz.

Throughout her years at DV, Lia was an active participant in various extra-curricular activities including Softball, Cross Country, Student Council, T.A.T.U, Peer Buddies and National Honor Society.

There will be a lot of great memories and people Lia will have to leave behind when she graduates. Come fall, she will be attending New York Institute of Technology to major in Business Management and Advertising. She will be playing softball at the Division II level for the school. The two teachers who have impacted her most here at DV are Mr. John Farrell and Mrs. Nicole Cosentino.

Softball has always been a big part of Lia's life. Playing softball throughout high school was a great experience



for her. Starting varsity her sophomore year, she had the chance to play that season with her older sister.

"My favorite memory of softball was being able to play that year with my sister. Not many kids have the opportunity to play with their siblings," said Lia.

Lia has high expectations for her future. As an ambitious girl, she is determined to be the best she can be in whatever she

sets her mind to.

"I want to be successful in whatever I do, but I want it to be a challenge so I can be proud of what I was able to accomplish," she states. "I'm excited about what the future holds for me."

**-Brooke Houseknecht**

## Austin McMickle

Is he just your average teenager or a boy-genius? One would be hard-pressed to find another person with as many outlandish and unique characteristics as Delaware Valley's Austin McMickle.

Austin is most known for his personality and his smarts. Teachers and faculty members have described Austin as extremely bright, a pleasure to teach, and have stated that he has great potential.

"Austin is an out-of-the-box thinker with an out-of-the-box personality that does not simply go unnoticed," said senior Jake Kovarsky, a friend of Austin's.

After four long years of high school, Austin knows that while he's really excited to graduate and that it's something he's looking forward to, he'll also find himself missing his friends from DV.

While Austin has mixed feelings about taking the next step, he admits that college will be a nice change of pace and will definitely be fun.

Austin will be attending Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pa. next year and will be

majoring in nuclear engineering. Austin also plans on devoting some of his time while at Penn State to finding work and making money to help support himself in the future.

After four enriching years at DV, Austin is leaving more prepared for where life will take him, and advises any current or incoming freshmen not to spend time worrying as time flies by.

"You should work hard," said Austin, "but don't work too hard. Be sure to enjoy yourself too."

The halls of DV won't be the same without Austin's sense of humor and personality, as he has had an influence not just on the school itself but many of its students and faculty. Austin will undoubtedly add to Penn State with his m e m o r a b l e personality.



**-Evan Beck**

## Hunter Molnar

Often, people don't hear Hunter Molnar speak a single word in school, except maybe a few comments here and there. A very quiet and soft spoken student, it would be tough to judge Hunter to be one of the more interesting students at Delaware Valley, but most people that know him would disagree.

An extremely intelligent and hard working student, Hunter has had great success academically. Although not in the block honors program, Hunter somehow managed to keep a GPA comparable to those with that the full-weight block students receive.

"I figured that if I wasn't in block, in order to have a good chance at being accepted at a good college, I needed to really push myself in school," said Hunter.

Along with being a great student, Hunter is also a very dependable and reliable friend to many others throughout the school. Someone a person can always talk to and depend on in tough times, Hunter is one of the most unique and multi-faceted students of Delaware Valley.



His hobbies include playing the guitar and sometimes the piano, as well as working with computers. Rather than staying after school, Hunter often goes home and spends his time experimenting musically.

"I like to teach things to myself and see how far I can go

with it," Hunter said.

Hunter plans to attend Penn State University in

the fall and major in bioengineering, implementing all of the skills he has gained in high school in math and science into his profession. Hunter has prepared himself by taking AP Biology, AP Calculus, and Honors Physics at DV while maintaining good grades in each of them.

Although one of the more quiet kids at Delaware Valley, Hunter is sure to be a stand out in the future.

**-Ronnie Ryder**

## Hunter Newman

The pressures of high school are tremendous, whether they result from sports, academics or a combination of both. There aren't many students that can balance them both as well as Hunter Newman does. A multiple sport varsity athlete and a phenomenal student, Hunter truly has figured out the perfect balance in order to have true success in high school.

Hunter has taken high level courses since high school began and has had tremendous success in each of them. Hunter is the definition of an "A+ student."

"DV offers a lot of high level, diverse classes that allow me to excel in different subject areas," Hunter said.

Hunter took the block honors math and science courses freshman and sophomore year and was one of the few students to take AP Biology and have great triumph. As a junior, Hunter took three additional AP courses, and as a senior he has taken four more. Hunter's workload however, has never been too much, as he has always stayed involved in extra-curricular activities.

Starting freshman year, Hunter involved himself in volunteer work and student leadership as a class officer, while at the same time volunteering to help DV's student council whenever possible.

Not to mention during his freshman and sophomore years, Hunter played three sports: soccer, basketball and baseball. Hunter took his transition into high school in stride, never skipping a beat.

Arguably Hunter's greatest accomplishment is the effort he has put into working at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City during each summer and several times throughout the academic school year.

"Working at the hospital has allowed me to truly be introduced directly into the medical world by giving me hands on experience," Hunter said.

Hunter plans to attend Boston College in the fall, majoring in biology and after four years there, he hopes to attend medical school, starting his venture into being a full time doctor.

**-Ronnie Ryder**



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## Jarrood Padgett

Jarrood Padgett is a man of few words. His great sense of humor and positive attitude shine through even in just passing in the halls.

During his time at DV, Jarrood has been an active student. He took AP Environmental and Euro. He also ran varsity track.

Jarrood never had much free time throughout high school, though. A majority of his year was devoted to playing ice hockey. He played forward for the WBS Knights from Wilkesbarre. He practiced six days a week during season and attended summer camps to improve his play. His greatest memories come from his time spent with his team.

"Being on the Junior U-21 hockey team has been a great experience," said Jarrood.

He plans to further his education and athletic career at University Maryland Baltimore County in Baltimore. He plans to study Physical Therapy and play for their Division II hockey team.

He credits much of his success to the teachers that he has had through the years. Mrs. Christine Marcial has been a family friend for many years and a great math teacher. Also, Mr. Thomas Burns taught Jarrood the values in life like not to sweat the little things. Both of these teachers have helped Jarrood to be who he is today.

Jarrood also thanks his parents for always being there for him. They have supported him through everything; in school, hockey and life in general. He has learned many things from him experience at Delaware Valley and plans to take that with him as he goes in his future.

Jarrood said, "Don't worry about what you hear, because you have so much more to live for after high school."

**-Faith Torhildsen**

## Jenna Peters

Senior Jenna Peters has never been one to let things discourage her, especially the unexpected news she received in the fall of her junior year.

"When I first found out I had a brain tumor, I was terrified," she said. "But I soon realized I could not live in fear. I always kept a positive outlook and my doctors were positive which helped a lot. I took it day by day and now I don't take a moment for granted."

Jenna had surgery on October 1, 2011 and was homebound until March of her junior year, when she returned to school full time. Jenna's homebound teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Katz, had a tremendous impact on her recovery and is one of her most memorable teachers from Delaware Valley.

"We had a good bond from the start. She helped me get back into school mode and caught up to where my classmates were," said Jenna.

After overcoming this tribulation, she now plans to attend West Chester University, following a year at Sussex County Community College for a year, in the Nursing field.

Jenna was a four year member of the basketball and lacrosse teams, where she played varsity on both teams starting her freshman year. She'll always remember the numerous practices with her friends on both the basketball court and lacrosse field as one of her favorite memories of high school.

"I'm going to miss my coaches a lot. They were always there for me and pushed me to do my best to succeed."

As Jenna graduates and continues on to college, she would like to thank her friends, family, teachers and coaches, especially Ms. Gina Lee, Ms. Bernadine Salak, Ms. Katz and Mrs. Laurie Oszczepinski for supporting her throughout her high school years.

"I've lived here my whole life. It's molded me into who I've become today," Jenna said recalling the impact Delaware Valley has had on her.

**-Ashley Raniero**

## Maura Schaffer

Her teammates call her "the girl on fire," but Maura Schaffer can smack a ball on the Hockey or Softball field faster than any post-apocalyptic heroine can shoot an arrow.

"Best All Around Athlete," may have been the superlative the class of 2012 placed upon the two sport (not including off season clubs) athlete, but that title only grazes the surface of Maura's many talents and abilities. An active volunteer with Junior Historians, Peer Mediation and Relay for Life, Maura feels that she has made good use of her time at DV and had been inspired by her many teachers.

Maura couples her lifestyle with several academic pursuits including Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science and Senior Science Research Seminar. But some may ask what a self-proclaimed anglophile and future history teacher is doing in the sciences.

"I did consider science for a long time, it was my favorite study, but it isn't as creative [as history]," started Maura. "But History, just interests me, it's basically a big story- I can see it repeat itself today and I love seeing the relationship between old and new."

Maura will be studying History at Appalachian State University in North Carolina this fall. As the youngest of three she will be the first in her family to venture out of state for college, but this doesn't phase the future Mountaineer.

"I'm a little nervous about it because it is far away, but it's the school I've wanted to go to for the past year so I'm really happy I can fulfill my wish," she said.

As the involved Maura leaves behind DV she looks fondly upon the halls that have been her home. Most interestingly the closet Glee fan and band member will miss her friends and the way DV has allowed her to grow.

"Sure, I'd prefer our school drama if people broke out into song when they were upset about things. I myself would love to break out into song but I have an awful voice," she jokes. "But I don't like upsetting others so I need a release and different ways to channel my anger so, the wonderful school atmosphere and help me to understand my problems aren't as bad and well with the drums you get to hit stuff!"

**-Aoife Dowd**

## Reva Scheibner

As a two sport athlete and member of various school activities throughout high school, Reva Scheibner is ready to move on to bigger and better things.

Reva was a member of the girls' volleyball team from seventh to twelfth grade and the track team her junior and senior years. She was also a member of Junior Historians, T.A.T.U. and the National Honors Society.

"Being involved was a great experience. I really enjoyed volleyball. It was a lot of fun and I loved the team aspect," said Reva.

As Reva leaves Delaware Valley, she said she will miss the familiar faces in the halls and the typical routine of high school every day. She recalls the impact that Delaware Valley has had on her.

"The clubs I was a part of and volunteering in the community helped me see the importance of giving back."

One of her favorite memories was being District Champions in volleyball during her junior and senior years. She would like to thank Mr. Thomas Burns as being one of her favorite teachers.

"He [Mr. Burns] would do anything for anybody. He's like a grandpa to me."

Reva will be attending Salisbury University in the fall to major in secondary education. She says her mom had an influence on her decision, as she is a teacher as well.

Looking back on her four years of high school, Reva's advice to underclassmen is that "the little things don't matter." She says you still have your whole life ahead of you to worry about things that won't matter in the future.

Although Reva will no longer walk the halls of





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Delaware Valley, her brother Josh and cousins Liz, Rachel and Katie will follow closely in her footsteps. She will miss them, but tells them to “hang in there” because high school will go by quicker than they think.

**-Ashley Rainero**

## Cody Sebring

As a member of the Odyssey of the Mind team and a varsity football team, Cody Sebring has left a lasting impression on Delaware Valley.

By excelling in the classroom and on the athletic field, Cody has certainly experienced a well-balanced high school career.

Throughout his years at DV, Cody participated in Odyssey of the Mind, and he was part of the structure team. Cody and his teammates not only developed and performed an eight minute skit, but they also constructed a small wooden structure that could sustain an ample amount of weight.

Cody's structure team qualified for the state tournament in three out of his four years and in 2011, the team placed 6th in the state.

Aside from being apart of the Odyssey of the Mind team, Cody has also been inducted to the National Honor Society. As a member, Cody has maintained a solid GPA and volunteered for several hours.

According to Cody, the main thing that he is going to miss about DV is playing in Friday night football games. “The football games were awesome,” Cody, who played cornerback, said. “They really gave me a hometown feeling.”

Cody will continue his football career at Grove City College, which is located in western Pennsylvania; he will be studying engineering.

Other than the experience of playing in Friday night football games, Cody said that he is also going to remember waking up early everyday and performing the same high school routine.

When asked what advice he would give current underclassmen, Cody said, “Stay strong and never give up because all the hard work pays off in the end.”

**-Dom Montemarano**

## Jen Siggia

Funny, energetic, and independent are a few of the many adjectives used to describe Jennifer Siggia. Those who know Jen have laughed at her corny jokes and had their day brightened by her vibrant smile.

Peers and staff recognize Jen for her great personality. She brings her positive attitude into everything she does. During her four years at Delaware Valley, she has been

involved in many adverse clubs and activities. She was a former Glee Club participant and a current student council member. Jen was also a four year football manager and feels that the team has become a second family to her.

Some of her best high school memories came from the time spent with the football team, especially the trip to Disney World. Also, some of her favorite memories came from the two years she was in the Combo class. Her times in DV made an impact on her life. “I grew up here and learned who I want to be and especially who I don't want to be,” Jen said.

She will further her education at Bloomsburg University next fall. Jen plans to major in Medical Imaging. She chose her major because of what her mother had been through. The medical field was an interest to her because she wants to help her mom as much as possible.

Jen thanks the staff for all her success at Delaware Valley. She felt everyone was very understanding and lenient toward the things she needed. She especially felt Mr. Larry Marcial was a huge influence on her since she met him. “He was so influential, he always gives you the deepest meaning, and I aspire to be like him,” Jen stated.

Through AP Composition, Literature, Government and German she has learned a lot, but the over-all experience throughout high school is what taught her the most. Jen said, “No matter what life throws at you, push through it. Your future is the most important thing.”

**-Faith Torquildsen**

## Josh Smith

Eleven years of experience and four instruments later, Josh Smith's high school musical career is finally coming to a close; however, it is not ending without numerous contributions to DV and many fond memories.

While Josh has been involved in many activities both apart and outside school such as geocaching, biking, Science Olympiad, composing music, accompanying the chorus, band and cross country, his most favorite memories lie within the jazz band.

“I think I've had my most interesting time in the musical part of high school...my most distinct memories are going with the jazz band to different places like NYC and theaters...we even got the chance to play with Lou Marini, a famous saxophonist in The Blues Brothers who gave the jazz band feedback on our playing,” Josh said.

During the past summer, Josh reached one of his most monumental educational achievements when he won a \$1,000 scholarship at the COTA Jazz Festival for having the highest GPA; however, there was also another accomplishment Josh was extremely proud of.

“My most important educational achievement was

understanding how to use equations in physics and chemistry,” Josh said. “Mr. Rhule taught me how many of the things that I'm interested in relates to physics.”

With five APs during his senior year, Josh admits to often having to cram the night before a concert, but one of the biggest lessons music has taught him during his four years at DV is “to always be prepared”.

Though Josh says music will always be a part of his life, he plans on going to school for computer engineering and material science.

“I'm always going to play music no matter what, I'm bringing my keyboard to college and I'll probably perform with groups to fundraise,” he said

For the remainder of his time in high school, Josh plans on working on his solar powered bike and hopefully starting to work on a pedal powered airplane.

**-Valerie Lannon**

## Alex Spencer

Whether he is in T19 creating a masterpiece, using expressionism, or just compiling a casual piece of art in his spare time, Alex Spencer epitomizes the meaning of passion, aspiration and determination.

Having enough talent to create artwork that is permanently displayed in the school and receiving numerous awards has proven to establish Alex's artistic abilities. Among all these talents, what is the underlying factor that created his motivation and how has he come to be one of the most talented individuals at DV?

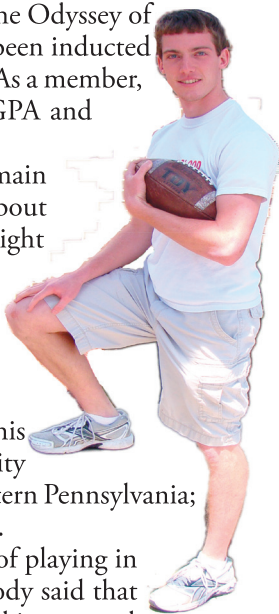
Growing up as a little kid, Alex would always scribble together a doodle that would evolve into something more unique than others, and doing all this only at the age of three. Ever since the day he knew that his artistic abilities made her proud, he credits his mom for being his biggest influence.



“If you have something that you're passionate about, never give up on it. If you truly believe you can achieve something, then you can do it,” said Alex.

Alex had an advantage when he enrolled in the computer graphics courses at DV, because he had spent the majority of his time with the program in prior years before high school.

Although his main focus was on computer graphics, gaming and programming, Alex realized during his senior year of high school that all different types of art can be meaningful, both culturally and historically. One of his favorite classes, AP Art History, has broadened his horizons in the art world. It taught him how art



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has evolved throughout history and how different eras affected artists and their artwork.

Alex plans on attending the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan in the spring, and hopefully further a career in art and open a studio in New York City.

"If you feel passionate enough about something, it'll happen no matter what you do," concluded Alex.

**-Fatima Ibrahim**

## Victoria Steiner

Cheerleading, Peer buddies and the Spirit Cheer team are all the activities Victoria Steiner has surrounded herself with during her time at Delaware Valley.

"I made new friends by being involved in all these activities and it has taught me to appreciate things more because the kids in peer buddies really appreciated me," said Victoria.

Being a member of the varsity cheerleading team all four years of high school, Victoria is keeping her cheerleading career going. She will be on the cheerleading team at Kutztown University where she will be attending college.

"I chose Kutztown because it is a really nice school and my sister goes there so I will get to cheer with her too," said Victoria.

Out of all the things she is going to miss about Delaware Valley the biggest one is her cheerleading team, and being every day. Not only is she is going to miss the favorite memory, cause Kutztown competition to the multiple ones she had during school cheer-seasons.

"Going to times with the team was my favorite memory because it was always so fun and I love competing in front of such a big crowd," said Victoria.

Even though she will miss all these things she is looking forward to going off to college and starting her life. She wants to major in sonography, since Kutztown does not have that program she will only be attending there for one year.

Delaware Valley has left a lasting impression on Victoria Steiner and taught her many important life lessons she can take with her where ever her future brings her. "DV has taught me responsibility and how to manage my time properly. It has helped shape me into the kind of person I want to be and has really prepared me for my future," concluded Victoria.

**-Kristin Carafano**



## Ashley Tucker

Most high school students spend their time trying to fit in and follow the crowd, but senior Ashley Tucker has made her mark at DV by expressing her own style, uniqueness and vivacious personality.

Ashley is most known for her success in the art department, her gregarious persona and her status as homecoming queen that she admits is one of her favorite memories from her time spent at DV.

She will be attending East Stroudsburg University in the fall, where she plans to major in Business Marketing and eventually transfer to a fashion institution to fulfill her dream of one day becoming a fashion designer.

Throughout her time in high school, Ashley has had many experiences that she claims have contributed to her decisions and successes. One of her most influential experiences was her time spent at Banson Fashion Camp which she attended for a week in NYC.

"[Banson Fashion Camp] helped me learn to live on my own," she said. "I also made some really great friends whom I had a lot in common with."

Her experiences aren't the only contributions to her success; Ashley contributes much of her success to some of the influential people in her life. "Mrs. Lantz has been one of the greatest influences on my achievements," she said. "She taught me how to open myself up and use my confidence to be successful."

Along with Mrs. Lantz, Ashley claims her friends and family have helped mold her character and ability to thrive.

"My parents have always stood behind me in every decision I have made. I have met some great friends through DV and learned a lot about myself, so leaving will be bittersweet" she said. "I'm so excited, but I'm sad to leave everyone behind."

**-Katelyn Anderson**

## Robert Vargas

Despite missing out on a year of school at DV due to spending his junior year abroad in Brazil, Robert Vargas has still managed to become one of the most recognizable faces among the hallways of DV during his limited time here, thanks in part to his starring role in this year's play.

Robert landed the main role of J. Pierrepont Finch in the Drama Club's production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

He said his proudest moment during his school career was "after the show, because to me it is the biggest thing I did in high school."



He has also succeeded in orchestra, where he played viola, and chorus, where he has placed in districts, regions, and states.

"[My favorite memory from high school] is probably when I went to my first district chorus festival," Robert said. "It was the first time I actually succeeded in something in high school, and it felt good."

In addition, Robert can be credited with starting DV's first Gay-Straight Alliance Club with fellow senior Star Irizarry this year.

He gives credit to Mr. Thomas Burns for helping getting the club off the ground, as well as being his biggest influence in high school.

"He's pushed me in always telling me to do what I think I should do," Robert said. "Especially with the GSA, he definitely helped us along and gave us a lot of support with what we wanted to do. I don't think we would have done it without Mr. Burns."

Robert advises the underclassmen to, like him, "try as many things as you possibly can."

"Even if you are set on one major for college, it can change very easily," he added. "The possibility of finding the one thing you really like is greater if you try everything."

Robert will be attending Scranton University in the fall to major in Neuroscience and minor in either Foreign Language or Biology.

**-Morganne Mallon**

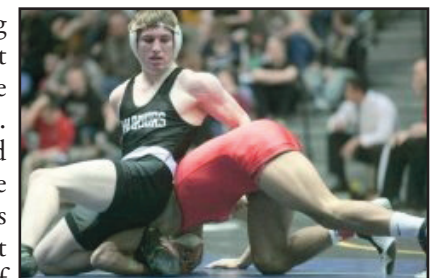
## Marc Wagner

A champion on the wrestling mat and a scholar in the classroom, Marc Wagner is known for letting his actions do the talking.

Marc has been a high achiever in his wrestling career, winning District 2 and Regionals and qualifying for the State Championship for the second year in a row. Marc is also DV's first Intergalactic Space Champion, although the PIAA does not recognize this prestigious achievement. However, the PIAA does recognize that he is a part of the 100 win club and is a captain of the wrestling and football teams.

Wrestling has been a part of Marc's life since fifth grade. Hard work and consistency have been key to his success, but not without the help of his family.

"My parents have encouraged me and given me



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the right tools throughout my life. I also give credit for my success to my little brother Matt. He has always been there to beat up in practice so I could build my confidence and stamina before matches," Marc said.

With a modest demeanor and respectful attitude, Marc is a quintessential student athlete that the military often pursues to recruit to the service academies. He plans on attending the Coast Guard Academy this summer, and will be a part of their division three wrestling team.

"I like the challenge," Marc said about the Coast Guard. "I also enjoy swimming, and I look forward to keeping our country safe. Even if that includes the need to fight a shark, which happens more often than you'd imagine."

Marc's academic achievements are also of the highest caliber. Marc is a first team All-Academic District 2 wrestler, with a 3.9 GPA and class rank within the top 10%.

With character and optimism, Marc will be leaving DV this summer and taking on the world, aspiring to become a Coast Guard officer.

**-Dan Favaro**

## Jacob White

He's that person that helps you pick up your books in the hallway. He's that special "gatekeeper" who eagerly opens the 11-12 sidedoor for you whether in rain, snow or sleet. He's that ray of sunlight who never fails to greet you with a wide beaming smile.

He is senior Jacob White, the one person who has reached out to students from all different sorts of backgrounds and classes, with his geniality and many acts of kindness.

"I learned when I was younger to open the door for the person behind me. But there was always many people behind me, I never got a chance to go in," Jacob jokingly exclaimed.

From the young children he helps on his summer vacations in Columbia to senior citizens in nursing homes, Jacob can strike up a conversation with nearly anyone and upholds an infectious cheerful demeanor.

His secret? Gratitude and lots of it. This "weapon" against worry and other dispiriting moods, helps him value the little "gifts" in life.

"Even on a rainy day, I find the beautiful things in life," said the optimist.

In fact, seeing other people change and act kind towards others evokes a delighted "yes!" from Jacob.

Besides being goodhearted, Jacob is a pocketfull of surprises. An avid runner, fencer and hiker, he rows boats, sails in Nantucket, and has even hiked through the Labrynth, which is composed of a series of caves, boulder fields and woods. At school, Jacob played varsity boys' volleyball and sang in Chamber Choir.

Next year, Jacob will attend Franklin and Marshall



College as an undecided major but expresses an interest in education, the environment and Middle Eastern studies.

**-Sabika Bary**

## Matthew White

For former fencer, Merit Scholar, Scholastic Bowl participant, violin player and singer Matthew White, the halls of Delaware Valley High School have provided a haven of opportunity and accomplishment.

Though Matthew appears to be a "Renaissance man" to many, he admits that juggling his priorities in high school was challenging, and he often fell asleep during class.

"I'm used to going to bed at one or two in the morning... I can easily fall asleep in five minutes," said Matthew with a chuckle.

One of his biggest academic influences was Mr. Steve Rhule, Matthew's AP Physics teacher. According to Matthew, Mr. Rhule implemented critical thinking skills that have helped him view science in an entirely new light.

"I can really appreciate Mr. Rhule's teaching style and the way he helps you think for yourself. He's an incredibly easy person to talk to," said Matthew.

In addition to his academic participation at DV, Matthew was a center for the boys' volleyball team.

In the fall, Matthew will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to major in Mechanical Engineering and hopes to join the volleyball team and a cappella group. Surprisingly enough, Matthew's twin brother, Jacob, will not be joining him at MIT, and will instead be attending Franklin and Marshall College.

"Actually, Jacob and I have always planned to go to separate colleges. It will be strange, but we're definitely going to keep in touch," said Matthew.

As his final year of high school is coming to a close, Matthew confesses that he was blessed to be able to attend DV.

"It's good to have something to miss, something to remember. That's what makes it so special," Matthew concluded on a nostalgic note.

**-Miranda Zinn**

## Maura Zimmerman

Maura Zimmermann may have been voted as "Most Quiet" by her peers this year, but this fiery redhead has a stellar personality and a sense of humor that can make anyone fall in love with her, despite having to deal with a life threatening situation.

Having been writing since she was young, Maura has been accepted into Susquehanna University and also was accepted into the college's selective Creative Writing course. The course only accepts 150 students each year.

In addition to a major in Creative Writing, she will



also be majoring in Biology, with a minor in editing and publishing. Biology is her fall back until one of her novels is published.

Influenced by Edgar Allen Poe, Maura enjoys writing dark and twisted stories, and says that her AP English courses here at DV have helped improve her writing and reading skills.

Maura has also dealt with safety concerns for four years. Having been highly allergic to peanuts her whole life, she has overcome the obstacles set before her.

"Not doing as much [because of the allergy] has given me more opportunities to write," she said.

Maura would like to thank all of the people who have helped to keep her safe during her years at DV, and will miss her friends the most.

**-Anthony Reyes**

## Paige Zimmnik

In the halls of DV it is easy to find athletically talented, academically driven students. But senior Paige Zimmnik epitomizes what it means to be a student-athlete.

Paige has been a part of the DVHS cheerleading program for the past four years and the track and field team for three years, achieving numerous accomplishments, while maintaining an exceptional GPA and dedicating her extra time to several volunteer activities, such as the United Way Day of Caring. She also put forth a great deal of her time to the Spirit Cheer Team; a cheerleading squad created to give special needs students the opportunity to compete.

"Working with the Spirit Cheer team really made me realize that I want to help people in some way," said Paige. "I want to make a difference in peoples' lives".

Although Paige is very excited about college and her future endeavors, she admits that there are a few things she will miss about high school, particularly her experiences in cheerleading and the people who were there along the way.

"Coach Simonsen and Coach Stish have inspired me to work as hard as I can to achieve my goals because the effort I put forth will make me successful," said Paige. "They taught me how to be a leader and a positive influence on others".

With her irrefutable passion and optimism, there is no doubt that Paige will carry the same success to Clarion that she has had at DV.

"Paige is one of the hardest working athletes I have ever had the pleasure of coaching. Her dedication to her team and teammates was priceless," said Coach Jen Simonsen. "These qualities will ensure the greatest success in her life".

**-Katelyn Anderson**

