

MONROE senior edition weekly

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Thanks Monroe!

Senior Journalism Students Signing Off



I would say that I am a mixture of excited and scared to graduate, because it's exciting to be starting a new chapter in life, but equally scary as it is so much drastically different from what I've known before and I'm afraid of that adjustment. I have learned that patience is a necessity when dealing with drama and other obstacles in high school, I've learned a lot about myself things that I enjoy, and the type of people I like. My favorite memories include doing the musicals, playing basketball with my friends, and spending summers with friends; a number of moments that would be impossible to forget.

- Scott Newlin



I think a good way to put it is that it is about that time. Monroe has given me a lot of memories and I surely won't forget about the times I had with my friends and certain teachers that made it awesome. It almost feels due for us to graduate, after Covid hit it really changed the world for the worse. Going through school during the pandemic we really had to work double time.

I'm thankful to Monroe for bringing me my friends and memories. I won't be able to forget about it ever. Now that it's the last week of high school it really hits you how fast time is going by.

- Blake Leonard



I have a mix of feelings about graduation. I'm very very sad that I'm leaving my home pretty much, all the friends I've made throughout the 12 years of school, all my favorite teachers, etc.

But at the same time I know it's a good thing to be happy about. I made it and that's something to be very proud of and I should be happy about this new chapter in my life I'm going to be experiencing. I just never liked change and I like things that I'm comfortable with, so I'm very nervous for everything. But, I will have a positive outlook on it and just take it all in. I'm thankful for all my amazing teachers that pushed me to become a better student and a better person in general. I've created amazing bonds with teachers as I've grown and I'm very grateful that I have that. I couldn't have amazing memories either without all my friends, football games, pep rallies, volleyball, school events, choir, and everything outside of school also. Monroe will always be my home and will always be the bulk of all the great memories I have...I cant believe its my last week here. It still seems surreal and like I'm just a little 3rd grader roaming the halls on the elementary being scared of the "dark side." Little did I know the "dark side" would be the best 4 years of my life.

- Macy Walton

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Class of 2022

SENIOR SPORTS IN REVIEW

Fall Sports: Braydon Defrates

BY: JACK MCCAUSLAND

Braydon is a 4-year member of the golf team, 3 1/2 years as a varsity member. He said that golf meant a lot to him and was often the only thing that he liked about school. According to Braydon, golf is proof that when something is important to him, he will put in the work. He loved the guys he played with over the years. He really will miss hanging out after golf and playing with them. His goal with golf in the future is to help other kids learn how to play and enjoy it as much as he did. His advice to high school athletes is to have as much fun as possible, don't be negative, and always make the best out of all situations.



Winter Sports: Gabe Dean, Chris Reber, & Parker Howland

Basketball: Gabe Dean

How was your senior season of basketball,?

As a team it was exciting and memorable. I have improved as a player since his junior year.

What do you plan to do after school?

Go to Miami Middletown, major undecided

Wrestling: Chris Reber

How was your senior season of wrestling?

Pretty good as a team, We won east side of the league. Personally season was cut short from a partially torn MCL

What do you plan to do after school?

Possibly play college football or do something in electrical industry or construction

Swim: Parker Howland

How was your senior season of swim? As a team we broke several records and as a player I broke multiple personal records

What do you plan to do after school? Attend Thomas Moore University for Biology where he will later further his career to Marine Biology

BY: JASON COCHRAN



Spring Sports: Adam Duff

BY: CHRIS REBER

Baseball had ups and downs; we've had four to three game winning streaks and games where we have lost a few times in a row. We've had some injuries here and there with Brady and Karson, but we fight through it and make it through as a team. our record is 7-11. As for soccer, I feel like for what we had and the competition that we played we did a decent job. We lost 11 seniors and 9 starters from last year, and one of our returning seniors was hurt last year. As for how he feels about graduation, Adam says Monroe gives me more of a sense of community and the people that are like me that I can be with. After graduation he is attending the University of Cincinnati for biomedical engineering.



Cheerleading: Kendal Hillebrand

BY: GABE DEAN

Kendal has cheered both football and basketball season for the past two years. She's really going to miss it, especially engaging with the fans. Although she doesn't have plans to cheer in the future, she is really thankful for her time cheering here at Monroe because it has provided her with some of her best friends. Her advice to anyone is to always put yourself out there and try something new, even if it's out of your comfort zone. That is what she learned herself through her past two years as a cheerleader. After graduating, Kendal plans to attend college and study primary education.



COLLEGE-BOUND

Athletes who signed

- Candace Boyd - Girls Basketball / Wittenberg University
- Alayna Fierman - Swimming / Wilmington College
- Brandon Hampton - Baseball / Wright State U. - Lake
- Molly Hayes - Soccer / Thomas More College
- Gabe Maxwell - Wrestling / Lourdes University
- Hazel Moon - Softball / Miami University - Middletown
- Gretchen Dineen - Volleyball / Miami U. - Middletown
- Vanessa Temple - Soccer / Indiana University - East
- Chelsea Turner - Volleyball / Miami U. - Middletown
- Alex Pitsch - Wrestling / Lindenwood University
- Luke Borneman - Boys Basketball / Defiance College



SENIORS ENLISTING IN THE ARMED FORCES

- KARSON GOMIA: MARINES
- BLAKE JAMISON: AIR FORCE
- JESUS BERNAL-RIOS: ARMY
- KIERSTEN SATTERFIELD: MARINES
- ZACHARY SLONE: AIR FORCE RESERVE
- CONNOR THORNTON: AIR FORCE RESERVE
- TANNER CHASTAIN: MARINES
- LAINY BROWN: NAVY

Marines Recruit: Kiersten Satterfield

BY: GABE MAXWELL



One of Monroe's Seniors, Kiersten Satterfield is enlisting in the marine corps for a eight year contract. Her job assignment will be combat support, which is general logistical support throughout the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. She is excited for the opportunity to prove herself as one of the females in the Marine corps and the benefits that come from being enlisted. One worry of hers is not making it through bootcamp.

First in Class *Casey Rilling*

Prepping for Graduation

BY: HOLLI RHODUS



For every senior of Monroe's class of 2022, this has by far been our most emotionally conflicting week. It's our final week of normalcy before heading straight to graduation, and after that, it's no more high school. We're all be out, be the same time, nervous. Some of us have plans and some of us don't. Some are going to college, to the armed forces, or straight to the workforce. We're all off to somewhere, chasing our dreams and climbing to new heights.

"The only word I could use to describe my feelings towards graduation is bittersweet," says Casey Rilling, one of two grad speakers. She, like us all, is conflicted on her feelings about finally leaving the nest. Still, with her Hornet pride in her step, she moves forward for what awaits. She plans to talk to seniors, families, and teachers about how far the class of 2022 has come. From our humble beginnings and chaotic middle, to how each and every senior has made a name for themselves and the stories they carry. Casey plans to attend Ohio University in the fall to start her major in Spanish Education. A few other Monroe faces will be there with her, I'm sure. While all of us may never be in the same place ever again, we'll still have our friends with us along the way.

So, to Class of 2022, cheers! To one chapter ended and another beginning!

Erin Burrier's Advice: Join a Club

BY: CHELSEA TURNER

What clubs are you in/things you're involved in?

Interact Club, MHMB, Student Voice, National Honor Society, Pep-Band, Thespian Troupe 1709, Chick-fil-a Leadership Academy, Student Council, Chorale Choir, and the Concert & Symphonic Bands

What positions did you hold?

I was the treasurer and president for Interact club. As well as the head bear and trumpet section leader in MHMB.

What did you learn from these extracurriculars and positions?

Every club taught me more about myself and my passions. For example, being involved in band and Thespian Troupe 1709 taught me that I love being creative. Interact Club taught me that I love helping others in any way that I can. Holding positions of leadership in clubs have taught me invaluable skills like responsibility, time management, and cooperation.

What will you miss most?

I'm going to miss the people the most. I've met my closest friends by joining clubs. Not being able to see the other passionate individuals that make up Monroe's clubs every month will be hard for me.

Do you have any advice to give?

Join a club! There are so many options and you can always start your own! Go to a meeting. See if it's the right fit for you. You will learn so much about yourself by joining a club and you'll make connections that will last a lifetime!



Monroe/BT Mechatronics Seniors Earn Associates Degrees

Wyatt Holmes is graduating with an associates degree in electromechanical engineering. After high school he plans to work at Belcan. Wyatt says that Butler Tech has opened more doors for him than he could have imagined.

During his time at Butler Tech Ayden Snedigar had the opportunity to speak with lawmakers, Ohio Board of Education members, and CEO's about growing educational opportunities for students in Ohio. He's also had the opportunity to lead the Robotics team that consists of 57 students. Ayden also been approached by several companies for engineering internships or full time jobs. After graduating, he plans on working an internship over the summer before attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Wade Valerius-Johnson says of his time at Butler Tech, "I made it through the year. I also competed in the first robotics competition, and I got a job at P&G." Wade plans on working at P&G directly after



graduating. He says his time at Butler Tech meant a lot. He spent a lot of time on school, but also a lot of time making some cool friends. There were a lot of ups and downs, but ultimately, it's been great. Lainey Brown has enlisted in the navy and will be heading to boot camp in July. She says, "The time I have had at Butler Tech has meant the world to me, I got to meet so many new people, learn so many new things, and create so many new and lasting memories."

Along with the other four students, senior Noah Denney also earned his Associates Degree in Electromechanical Engineering Technology from Sinclair.



TOP 5 IN THE HIVE PODCAST
SENIOR EPISODE

CREATIVE CORNER

Chelsea Turner & Laura Hale

BY: ADRIENNE ROPER



Laura Hale and Chelsea Turner are the only seniors at Monroe High School who were a part of every school play and musical that they could partake in. When interviewed together they shared some of their favorite memories. From their first musical in 7th grade, "Musicville", Chelsea told how her favorite memory was having her first solo in the song, "Fun Fun Fun" and that her sister was the stage manager. That same year in their play "Big", Laura recalled Ben Jeffers accidentally throwing an airplane at a girl's head offstage. In the musical, "Shrek" which was performed their 8th grade year, both Laura and Chelsea laughed as they recalled Jordan Pete's wig falling off as he played Lord Farquaad. Freshman year, in "High School Musical", Chelsea laughed about how on the night of the show, Davis Dudleson shot a basketball off stage but it rolled back and over Carmen Roh at the end of "Get your Head in the Game", then he tripped on someone. Laura remembered the girl who broke her leg during pit runs and had to perform in crutches. Some memories weren't as fond though as both told how during a run through for "Grease" they were given the heartbreaking news that the show was canceled until further notice, or how "Charlie Brown" was the most stressful experience they had in theater because they had to learn two parts. Both agree that their favorite show was "Baskerville"

because it was a unique set up and all their friends were leads and got to act on stage together. It was also the play in which Chelsea played her favorite role as Mrs. Beryl Stapleton. She says she didn't get into her comfort zone until "Annie" though. Laura said it was cute to work with 6th graders and that her favorite role was Ms. Hannigan. Both also agree that "Annie" was their favorite show experience and that it was nice to perform in front of the first full audience since 2019. Laura and Chelsea were brought together through theater and made many more friends and memories as well as gained a safe place in high school that they will miss dearly. One very important thing that they would like to leave is a reminder that "plays are not musicals and musicals aren't plays."

CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION WEEK AT A GLANCE

**MONDAY
MAY 16**

senior exams
7th & 8th bells

Be in the auditorium at 7:40 am regular schedule
-senior tailgate
-graduation rehearsal
-senior walk
-senior picnic & field day

**TUESDAY
MAY 17**

senior exams
3rd, 4th, & 5th bells



**WEDNESDAY
MAY 18**

senior exams
1st & 2nd bells



**THURSDAY
MAY 19**

exam
make-ups



**FRIDAY
MAY 20**

Be in the auditorium at 7:30 am
-senior assembly

pay outstanding fees

GRADUATION!!
report by 6:30

**MONDAY
MAY 23**

Return your gown and receive your **DIPLOMA!!**



SENIOR GRADES WILL BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY, MAY 13TH. EXAMS ARE ONLY FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT MEET EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS.

FAVORITE MONROE MEMORIES

6TH GRADE TALENT SHOW

THE HOLIDAY SHOP

DREW DIRKSEN CONCERT

"BANNED" ITEMS:

SLIME, FIDGET SPINNERS,

SILLY BANDS, BOTTLE

FLIPPING, DABBING

CAMP CAMPBELL

GUARD CHAOS

WASHINGTON DC TRIP

D.A.R.E. GRADUATION NIGHT

JUNIOR HIGH INCENTIVE TRIPS

FRESHMAN YEAR

HOMECOMING

THE STUDENT SECTION

FIELD DAYS WITH

KONA ICE

"WORST CLASS" TO COME

THROUGH MONROE

FIELD TRIPS

SENIOR PROM



Good Luck journalism seniors! Thanks for being willing to try new things this year! You did it!! Love, Mrs. Frye

Senior Journalism Students Signing Off

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Part of me is really excited to graduate and start the next stage of my life. I'm going to go to college and try to figure out what I want to do for the rest of my life. But another part of me is going to miss everything about high school and is going to be very sad to leave it. Going to Monroe has taught me a lot and has given me so many amazing memories and friends. It's so weird that in just a couple of days it will all be over. I'm going to miss my teachers and the choir so much. I've grown very close with a couple of teachers and a lot of friends over the years, and I can't imagine what it's going to be like not seeing them anymore. I'm so thankful for choir, and it always being the class that I could look forward to even on my worst days. I'm thankful for Mr. Langjahr because he's taught me not just about music, but how to work with people as a team to do great things. I'm thankful for Mrs. Green, who puts me out of my comfort zone but from that I've learned to how to be confident when I speak, which is something I've struggled with for a long time. I'm thankful for Mrs. Frye, for always being the most kind and understanding teacher, and for always making her classroom positive and comfortable. There are so many other teachers and friends that I am thankful for. I have made so many memories throughout school that I am going to cherish forever. The teachers and friends I've met in high school will always hold a special place in my heart. I'm really going to miss Monroe, and I will never forget the school that has shaped me into the person I am today.

- Hannah Jordan



It's been quite a ride here at Monroe. The road for me at Monroe has gone on for 4 years. I've gone here since my freshman year, and now I'm a senior about to graduate. I am thinking about the teachers and students who became my friends here at Monroe and the happy, fun times I spent with them. I feel happy right now because I am very grateful for the fellow students, the teachers, the faculty, and the staff that have had my back and looked out for me during all the 4 years I have been here. I am also very grateful that Jesus has used the hard and difficult times that I have gone through while attending Monroe to guide me back to Him, strengthen my faith and trust in Him, and make me the man I am today. I have learned to never give up, I don't have to be afraid about asking questions, stress management skills, how to be more confident when speaking, how to communicate my thoughts and ideas more effectively, and that even the smallest gesture of kindness goes a long way and means a lot to others. Some of the memories that I will always remember are the Senior Dress Up last October, the great times my Drama Class with Mrs. Norsworthy had, and the kindness that everyone at Monroe has treated me with. Thank you for giving me memories that I will forever cherish in my heart! May the God bless you!

-Ben Mighler



I can't believe this is my last week of high school. It feels like just yesterday that I was a scared little freshman girl with no idea what I wanted to do with my life, not that I know now but I have a way better idea than I did then. I'm scared for the future and what it looks like for me but I'm also very excited. There are so many things to look forward to in this next chapter, I just wish I didn't have to leave this behind. I'm thankful for theater, volleyball, and choral choir because I would be so lost without them. Of course my rocks Mrs. Norsworthy and Mr. Langjahr as well. Monroe has given me so much and will be one of the hardest goodbyes I have ever made by far. I will cherish these memories forever, Monroe will always hold a special place in my heart. Once a hornet always a hornet.

-Chelsea Turner



I am happy to graduate though I know I will be missing parts of my high school experience come this fall. It doesn't feel like my last week. It feels like any other school year in May but I know I'm not coming back; that just hasn't really caught up with me yet. My years throughout school, not just high school, has given me a lot of memories. Some good, some bad, and some most definitely embarrassing. It might be hurtful to Monroe to say this but, I don't think I'll be too sad about being gone. There's a lot that's happened in this school in terms of personal and grade wide experiences, that I'm not sad to say goodbye to. Will I forget what happened to me at Monroe? Most likely the small details and even what I saw as unimportant, but I'll still carry something with me.

-Hollie Rhodus



It's a bitter sweet moment, I am both happy and sad. I'm happy because I'm excited for this new chapter in my life and looking forward to see what's to come. I'm sad though that I don't get to see all the friends that I have made over the years. Not going back to Monroe will be weird for me as I have been here most of my school life and I have been in this building specifically for so long. I am thankful for all the friends that I have made over the years, they have been a big part of my development as a person and have brought many memories. I am thankful for my parents for pushing me to do my work and value my education and see school as an outlet for opportunity and fun rather than a place I am forced to go to. I am also thankful for my teachers as I have never had a teacher I'd consider bad, all of them were good. I am also thankful for my girlfriend, she has gotten me through tough times and she is one of the best things to come out of coming to school here. Most of all though I am thankful for myself. While it may seem narcissistic to say I am glad with my determination to better myself both mentally and socially. I, in the past have always struggled with the social aspect of school and my drive to make things better for me really opened the doors to what I could and what I could achieve. I have learned the value of leadership, teamwork, responsibility, and many more things that will help me along the way in walking the path of the real world. I will always carry the memories of the friends I've made and the fun and laughter I've had in class. One of my favorite memories is of the trailers that were used to occupy the 2nd grade classes, I always thought those were so cool and it truly was an experience like no else compared to the typical indoor classroom. I am glad that I attended Monroe because I can't imagine myself being anywhere else but here. J Sizzle out.

-Jason Cochran



I am so glad and relieved that I am graduating. It feels like a good accomplishment for me, as I have completed 12 years of school. I am both happy and sad, because I am not really a school person, so I am glad that it is over. I am sad because I know that I won't talk to a lot of the people that I am friends with now once I graduate. I am thankful for all of my close friends and teachers who have helped me get to where I am today. My senior year of basketball was a major pinpoint in my life. It has given me a lot of joy and I am proud of the player that I become. I have only been going to Monroe for 3 years, so I don't have memories like some people from middle school or elementary. Although, I do have a lot of memories from basketball and also memories with my friends. I have been to a lot of schools in my lifetime, but Monroe is one of my favorite just because of the relationships that I have made. Monroe has taught me a lot and it was a good experience being apart of the school for the last 3 years and it is a perfect fit for me for graduation.

-Gabe Dean