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By: Allison Bohman

# TO THE JETS...

As the year comes to an end, and graduation approaches, there can be mixed emotions about the future. Most go into college with lingering questions that never get answered. So with that in mind I have decided to reach out and get some advice from last year's graduated class. Many shared things they wish they had known before going into college, while others reflected on their college experience thus far.

## Jack Beckner

The transition went smooth. My advice is just talking to as many people as possible within the first few weeks. My intended major was Film and Television, although I'm still working with film, I've also started focusing on acting as well. Something I wish I knew before going to college was to save as much money as possible, because money goes quick. The biggest thing I've learned throughout being in college so far is to try as much as possible. I find trying new things outside of your comfort zone provides opportunities to meet new people, new interests, and grow in something you were uncomfortable about before. Life isn't as serious as everyone makes it out to be, take everything day by day and enjoy the journey.

**Columbia**  
COLLEGE CHICAGO

## Maya Lusk

I currently go to UW Green Bay at the Manitowoc location. I originally went to UW-Stout for psychology but decided to change my major to history and minor in education. I had to transfer because Stout did not have my major, which was a little sad. The transition from high school to college was a bit difficult the first month. You start to realize how much stuff you have to do on your own, but I was able to adapt pretty quickly. I found a great friend group at Stout (who I am still friends with now) and was able to rely on them if I ever got homesick. My roommate even talked with me when I was not sure if I should stay at Stout or not. The biggest thing I have learned in college is that it is okay to put yourself first and something I wish I would have known was how expensive college was. There are so many other payments other than tuition and room and board. I had to think about food, gas, groceries, and other miscellaneous stuff. While I am at the Manitowoc center now, I really enjoyed my time at UW Stout. I recommend the graduating class this year to get out of their comfort zone and put yourself out there!



UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN  
**GREEN BAY**

### Derek Reimer

The transition was pretty easy. I was rooming with my best friend so that made it a lot easier. My intended major is Mechanical Engineering and I have not switched. I wish I would have looked into sports before I went to college; I think it would have been fun to play a sport and meet friends. The biggest thing I have learned since being in college is being able to manage your own schedule. My advice to all is not to stress so much over college and just have a good time and work hard.



**UW-STOUT**  
**BLUE DEVILS**

### Elena Koss

For me the transition was very difficult. I had a great relationship with my friends at Roncalli and my family and just wasn't ready to leave all of that behind. I was sort of looking at nursing but wasn't completely set on it. I tried it and it wasn't for me. I am currently undecided. Something that I wish I would have known before going to college would be that making new friends is going to take time, you can continue to keep the relationships you have back home and still make new ones. Something I have learned since being in college is if you aren't happy, do something to fix it. I can speak from experience, don't go away to college because that's what everyone else is doing, or don't pick a major because you feel like you need to know right from the start, do what's going to be best for you.



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### Trevor Fiecko

It was definitely an adjustment going from 250 kids at Roncalli to 15,000 at NDSU. But I think it was an easy transition. Everyone is so nice and trying to make friends, too, that it is easy to find another group of friends. My major is math education, I haven't changed it yet but a lot of people I know are changing theirs. College seems very intimidating at first but once you get there it will be the most fun ever. Just make sure you go to class but after that you can hangout with friends and do whatever you want for the rest of the day. It can be easy to fall behind because you have nobody holding you accountable but yourself, so I would say try to build a routine either at night or in the morning to get all of your homework done and not save it until the last minute. After the first semester you will find that you have a lot of free time after your classes so I would try in the spring to get a job so you can have some extra money for the weekends or to help pay for your school.



### Ella Cvetezar

The adjustment was slightly difficult because I felt like I knew no one, but once you meet people it makes adjusting much easier. My intended major was civil engineering, but I recently switched to construction engineering. Something that I wish I knew going into college would be that the toughest thing about college is figuring out time management. The biggest thing that I have learned while being at school would be how important it is to make time for yourself. Get involved in organizations that you like in order to take a step away from studying. Don't overwork yourself. A piece of advice that I would give would be to put yourself out there. Everyone else is just as nervous as you are. Finding your group may take awhile, so don't get discouraged if you don't find it right away.



## Maddie Backhaus

I think the transition was fairly easy for myself. My intended major was a double: computer science/marketing, with a Spanish minor. I now have a double: computer science/English, with a Spanish minor. I wish I would've known how much/little to bring with me for my dorm room. The biggest thing I've learned is that you're given the opportunity to reinvent yourself however you want, so take advantage of it however you wish. I want the graduating seniors to know it's okay to step outside their comfort zone and go somewhere or do something completely new to them, it can be extremely refreshing.



## Anthony Gauger

I am currently attending Marymount Manhattan College in NYC. The transition from high school to college was absolutely riveting but equally terrifying. All throughout high school we are being prepared for college educationally, but mentally we can never be ready. It's such a beautiful but painful transition. Wisconsin to New York is very far away. Over 1000 miles away from family and old friends who stayed in the state. I have only gotten the chance to go back to Wisconsin twice in the last 7 months. My intended major was International Studies. Overall this interested me but I ended up changing. I changed my major to Behavioral Neuroscience with a minor in Drama Therapy. I wanted to go into college with a set plan in what I was going to major in but of course that changed and that is completely fine.



Marymount  
Manhattan  
College

There are plenty of things I wish I knew before entering college. The biggest thing I wish I knew though was, that you don't need to know what you want in life before throwing yourself in the deep end. I was always told it's fine to go into college undeclared, but that stressed me out simply because that leaves me wondering what is going to happen. That's one of the largest things that scares people before and during college, the unknown and unforeseen. But on a completely different topic, another thing I wish I knew about was taxes. All I ask is just why and how I don't understand. Please have your parents help you with taxes, they are scary. Very, very scary.

The biggest thing I have learned so far in college is that I have complete control of my life. Everyone does, and that is something absolutely beautiful you need to take advantage of. But every action has an equal and opposite reaction. Examples; if you want to work a job, you earn money so you can go to that concert with your friends. If you don't want to, you might not have the funds to always go out for those fun nights. If you want to study every single night to be top of your class or if you never do your work because you think you have more pressing matters. If you want to get back to your dorm at 5 am because you wanted to party on a school night, live that life. Everything in life is an "if", it's up to you. But bear the consequences.

### My message to all:

I am sure a majority of you guys are excited for college but also equally scared. That is normal! You will do great. One piece of advice I would like to give to everyone though is; take risks, jump on opportunities, and get out of your comfort zone. For me, moving to NYC was such a huge risk. It was something terrifying that I had no clue how it was going to work and impact my life. But I found opportunities, and I took them. For me, I have experienced some of the best events in my life recently. Here in NY I have, filmed a show for Hulu, had a shoot with Dolce and Gabbana for fashion week, and had an interview with Vogue. Those things were not handed to me though, I put myself out there, took opportunities, and worked for them myself. But I am living my childhood dream right now, and I want that for every single one of you, because you all deserve the best in life. Just go out into the world with your head up because everything will be just fine. If you are nervous or scared for the future just quote me on this, God placed the best things in life on the other side of fear.



# MEMORIES MADE TO LAST

By: Meghan Haney

The memories made in your high school moments stick with you forever, whether it's the moments where you laughed so much you cried or the moments you were scared but overcame it. When asking people what their favorite memories in high school are most respond with the basics, let's take a deeper dive into what made it special and how it has had an impact on them so far. One event that has had an impact on all of Roncalli Catholic Schools and Manitowoc County is the Roncalli Boys Basketball team winning the 2022 D4 state championship title. This is Roncalli's 10th appearance since the 1968-1969 season.

When asking Joe Witzack what his favorite part about the Kohl Center was he responded, "My favorite part of playing at the Kohl Center is the atmosphere that comes with it. One thing is to fight no matter what odds are against you. The family aspect is definitely what impacted me the most, knowing that there was always someone who had your back and that you're going into the game with your brothers." Ryan Fischer also agreed that "The atmosphere was by far a dream come true. Between the fans and student section rallying behind us it was by far a memory I will never forget."



A few lessons were learned by the players. Luke Pautz said, "The lessons that I took away from it were hard work pays off and if you set your mind to it, it's possible. It has always been a dream for me to play at the Kohl Center and I'm happy to say that we did it." Brayden Yanda agrees by saying, "Lessons I took away from my teammates are to never give up because the game isn't over until it's over." "One lesson that I learned is the importance of never giving up and playing as a team. Without playing for each other, we never would have won that game Thursday. The bench and other teammates cheering me on and boosting my confidence after a make or miss impacted me greatly on the court," senior Ryan Fischer stated.



You may be wondering what each of their favorite parts outside of the court are? Brayden Yanda and Joe Witzack both say it's, "Going to G's house on New Years. Reimer states." "My favorite part off the court was certainly celebrating after we came back to win the game against Marshall." Ryan Fischer states, "My favorite part outside of the court had to be the bus rides and just being with the team in general. Between going out to eat and practice, it made it such a fun place to be."





"This year's team was special because all of the hard work the boys put forth every day and how much they played for each other. Our postseason run was pretty remarkable and something I'll remember for a long time because of all the times when it looked like we were going to lose. But the entire team kept fighting for one another and now get to call themselves state champions. As an alumni, coach/teacher, it just makes me proud to be part of this community with how much everyone supports each other and wants each other to succeed," -Coach Joe Garceau



The experience is something the Roncalli community will never forget, the way we all came together to help the guys in the game against Marshall cheering, "Go Jets Go" to help the boys pull through and take back the lead and win. We are Roncalli Catholic Schools!



# A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES

**By: Maygen Ertman**

There are memories in time that we'll never forget. Our seniors of 2022 believed that these moments in time counted for life's greatest moments especially. Memories can go all the way back to when they first started school. Times of wonder are upon the seniors as they reach the end of high school and begin their journey of being an adult out in the world. Everyone has their most favorite and known memories through photos. In this article we'll go through the memories of high school and the background behind it.



My favorite high school memory is the 2021 girls' soccer season. We made the most memories from winning our first game with Coach Fellows to the memories we had captured on the buses. Meeting all my team-mates from last year, I learned a lot from carefully listening and watching. I've learned to trust my teammates especially when in a game, because your team-mates have your back no matter what.

Maddy Paczkowski said this was one of her favorite memories captured, because everyone had a great time after the fall musical. She explained how a bunch of her friends had decided to go to Culver's to eat, then went and sat on the grounds of Walmart. Maddy said this is a memory she'll never forget even though she said she wasn't sure why they did it. Maddy is a great example of how even though we don't know why we make the choices we do, we do have a bunch of fun memories created with these kinds of moments.



Senior Allison Bohman said that one of her favorite memories from high school was doing the fall musical with her friends. She expressed how she would not have wanted to do the late Friday night and Sunday afternoon practices with any other group. Allison said that even though everyone did not always enjoy the hours of practice, it was definitely worth it. She recommends that everyone goes out for the musicals and plays here at Roncalli. She stated, "You will not regret doing theatre here at Roncalli. Get a group of your friends to do it and you will have a blast!"





Zachary Blaszyk said that his favorite photo was one taken with Dawson Wheelis and Jackson Erb in their first class of the day. Zach said that he, Jackson, and Dawson always seemed to have the first hour together and they just like to take pictures together. Friendship is always the best to capture especially when you have your best friends in the same class as you.

This picture is of a close friend group with a mixture of freshmen all the way up to juniors. These young ladies in the picture said that this picture was taken on Valentine's Day to resemble how their close friendship is important in their lives. Daniela Cano Leon had said that this is the photo of besties who are single-pringles. This group is something that is rarely found; you'll never see a close group of friends like these girls who don't care about being single and are living life to the fullest with each other.



Aliyah Hanson said this was one of her favorite memories captured, because it was the celebration before Homecoming 2021 where all her friends met up and had a gathering to celebrate how far they've come since starting high school. She believed that she had made the best memories hanging out before and after the Homecoming dance. Homecoming truly did bring friend groups even closer and be able to experience something they have never experienced before.



It's memories like these that show our true friendships and hardships we've been through. Each moment captured will always have a story to tell from the friendships in our life to families we've created with others to building a home.





# Where Life Takes Us

By: Madison Kvoriak

As you know, the seniors will be graduating here shortly and will now create a path of their own. Whether this is going to a 4 year college or a 2 year college, or even not going into college, everyone has an idea of where life is going to take them. I am interviewing a variety of seniors that will share what their plan is.



Chloe Wood, "I plan on staying in Manty for a year to complete my gen-ed classes. Then, going to UW-Eau Claire for music education".

Miranda Schneider, "I will be going to Lakeland University." Miranda is going to school for a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. "I chose to go there because it is close to home and it provides the degree I need. Since I was little, I wanted to be a writer. It wasn't until the start of the school year that I considered it for a career. Once I made my decision, a BFA in Creative Writing seemed to be the best avenue to take".



LAKESHORE  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Madison Kvoriak, "I am planning on attending Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) for Early Childhood Education. I'm choosing to go to LTC because it's close to home and they have the program I want to do, and I am the type of person that doesn't need that "college life experience" and if I could save a few thousand dollars by staying at home while attending an affordable college then so be it. At first I had no idea what I wanted to do, so I chose to go into the Dental Assistant program. I had applied and everything and then the more I thought about it the more I second guessed myself. I thought about what is something that would be more interesting to me and I was like I enjoy working with kids. So I ended up observing at the elementary school and really enjoyed my time there and so now I am choosing to go into the Early Childhood Education program."

Maddy Paczkowski, "I am going to ASU (Arizona State University). I'll be a member of "Barrett, the Honors College." At ASU, "I'll be studying Business Entrepreneurship as my major and am looking at minoring in either Political Science or Human Rights." Maddy wanted to go there because she said she "always wanted to go out of state, but the amenities, support, and campus were all amazing at ASU. I also have a cousin who lives in the area, so it will be nice to have someone I know since I'll be so far away from home. I love the idea of working for myself and having a hand in creating my own future. I also am always trying to better the lives of others, hence the potential minors."



Jena Garceau, "I am going to Stevens Point for Natural Resources and Conservation but have not decided on a specific major yet. I choose to go there because of their great natural resources program and to play softball. Natural resources was my field of choice because I want to work in nature."

Will Kapic, "After high school, I am going to Liberty University in Virginia. My brother, Christopher, had told me to check Liberty out because he had heard really good things about the school. My sister, Bridget, goes to William and Mary which is also in Virginia. This made the distance from home easier knowing I would be close to her. So last fall, I toured the school and instantly knew that Liberty was going to be my new home. I am very excited to start the next chapter of my life. I am excited to meet new people from all over."





Olivia Valenta, "My original plan was to attend Columbia College Chicago for Social Media & Digital Strategy but I backed out and I am now moving to Washington. I like the vibes there and there's a lot of nature. Over spring break I'm going there to check out a bunch of different cities and see which one is best for me. I'm going to be working at Walmart when I move because I've been working there for a while and the pay is decent. I think that this is going to be a fun adventure and I'm so excited."



Ethan Isselmann, "I have committed to the University of Wisconsin - Madison. I am currently admitted into the College of Letters and Science, pursuing a Legal Studies Bachelor's degree to then continue at the University of Wisconsin Law School to get my Juris Doctorate. But, I have also thought of switching to the College of Business to pursue a marketing degree, and then I would continue to get my MBA in Marketing Management. There are several reasons for choosing Madison. One, I know that they offer great programs in both areas of study that I am considering, so if I decided to switch I can stay at the same college. I also really enjoy the environment in Madison: big city, sports teams, beautiful campus. I just think Madison is the perfect place for me to grow both academically and as a young adult I am interested in law for two reasons: one it requires and involves the type of work and mindset I enjoy (research, study, debating, reasoning), and two it allows me to pursue the type of personal life I want (steady income, moderately consistent schedule, and overall respected career). I am attracted to marketing for similar reasons: one, the type of work involves a mindset I enjoy (creative, problem-solving), and two, it offers those same personal life qualities such as steady income and a consistent schedule. Overall my post-high school plan is to use the new freedom I have to start living and preparing for the type of life I envision for myself."



Allison Bohman, "I will be attending Carroll University in the fall pursuing my Bachelors of Science degree in nursing. My hope is to work in a pediatric hospital or clinic. I would even love to potentially work in the NICU one day. I recently started a new job as a CNA at Aurora BayCare in Green Bay and I love it so much. I realize every time I work that this is what I am meant to do. I am living out my younger self's dream of helping people. I am very excited for this next chapter in my life, and cannot wait to accomplish all my dreams."



Megan Rotter, "This coming fall I will be attending Marquette University in Milwaukee. I am beyond excited! As of right now, I am very indecisive though, I got into the college of communications. I either want to be a real estate agent, or a newscaster. It is definitely going to be a hard pick, but I am looking forward to internships and opportunities that I can do to help me decide. After touring many schools, my mom took me to Marquette. I had no interest if I'm being honest, I really had no hope of going to college there. We toured and I instantly fell in love with the school. It just felt like the place where I am meant to be. Milwaukee has always felt very home-like to me, a lot of my family lives there. I have always thought of living in either Chicago or Milwaukee. My path is set towards Milwaukee and I am just so excited to start a new chapter in my life. One of my plans while attending college is to definitely study abroad. Hopefully somewhere in Europe, it has always been a goal of mine. My advice is to always believe in yourself and to never underestimate yourself. I had no idea that I was going to go to Marquette, and now I am counting down the days until I move in, it feels so surreal. I am just so excited."



Logan Arnold, "I will be going to Lakeshore Technical College for a degree in criminal justice and law enforcement. I will also be attending the police academy there. I chose to go there because it is a nice school. I chose my degree because I want to be a police officer."







**Samm Schultz, "I am going to be attending UW-Milwaukee. I chose this school over others because of being there as a kid and enjoying the city, having family there and many opportunities. I will be studying finance and economics also".**

**Lydia Maternoski, "I am going to the University of St. Thomas which is located in St. Paul, Minnesota. I will be double majoring in exercise science and psychology. The campus is beautiful and it felt like a place I could call home. I have heard nothing but great things about the specific programs I am going into from the school's alumni. I chose to major in exercise science because I plan on becoming a physical therapist. Psychology is fascinating to me and I want to have a good base of psychological knowledge going forward in life, so I decided to make it a second major rather than just my minor."**



**Natalie Putman, "I'm going to school at Lakeshore Technical College. I am going for early childhood education. I chose to go to LTC because I want to save money and I'm able to live at home for a little longer, not having to pay for room and board. I chose my degree because I absolutely love working with little kids, specifically kindergarten and younger."**

**Marshall Maternoski, "I plan on becoming an electrician. I chose to do this for the money and my grandpa was an electrician and it's something I think I could be good at. I had an interview at a local electrical company, but nothing concrete right now. I feel like being an electrician would be really cool and the money is super cool and it would be cool to help my dad with projects and stuff like that."**



**Emjay Hilliker, "I'm headed to University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. I'll be majoring in biochemistry with intentions of entering the medical research field. I hope to use gene editing tools such as CRISPR to fix mutations in DNA that cause genetic diseases such as cancer, cystic fibrosis and AIDS. I chose UWL because it has an amazing science program, the surrounding area is beautiful and I love being outdoors, it's far enough from home but not out of state, and it felt like home."**

**Will Falconer, "After a great deal of thought and prayer, I have decided to play junior hockey next year. Junior hockey is a collection of leagues that players can be in between the ages of sixteen and twenty. In turn, colleges generally recruit from these leagues. I chose to do this because I want to continue playing high level hockey through college, and this is how I have to do it. So I have not decided exactly what I will major in or what I will pursue, but I know I will do it as I am playing hockey."**



**Joseph Witzak, "I am attending St. Norbert and going to school for pre-physical therapy. I chose St. Norbert because of the opportunity it gives me by being in the Green Bay area. I chose my degree because I love being around sports and doing so I would be able to do something while being around the sports I love."**

# SUMMER FUN!!!

BY: RILEY MCANDREWS

Throughout our lives, we take the time to perform particular tasks that can help us make a living or build stairs to our future and careers. However, with these mandatory tasks, most of us also do things we enjoy doing. Such activities are called hobbies. Hobbies are activities that help us escape the daily routine of life and work and give us pleasure and tranquility. All hobbies give us a soothing effect on our brains. Different people have different hobbies so everyone enjoys it.

## **Preston Wallander**

His hobby is fishing. He says fishing is very relaxing and is awesome when you have a boat and are able to find good spots to fish. Normally Preston fishes with one or two people at a time since it's better to fish with less people. He got interested in fishing when his dad would always take him fishing at his cabin up north.



## **Ashton Mielczarek**

His hobby is skateboarding. Ashton has been skateboarding for most of his life. He likes to skateboard because he gets to learn and do cool tricks and go places to skate and meet new people. Ashton says that his brothers are the ones that had gotten him into skating and have been skating with them ever since childhood. He also said that he would like to pursue a career in skateboarding if the opportunity ever came about.





### **Xavier Piper**

His hobby is flying planes. He said the reason why he likes flying planes is because of the feeling of flying, and the absolute freedom you have when you are up in the air with no one around you. Xavier said, I got into this hobby by myself, but I have met many amazing people who have given their time and resources to help me have these experiences otherwise I would have never been able to. He also has been interested in flying since 6th grade and on January 27, 2019 he flew for the first time.



### **Samuel Zirbel**

He says that his favorite hobby is fishing. The reason why he likes to go fishing as a hobby is because it can help relieve him of stress and it is very peaceful at times. His dad is the person that had gotten him interested in fishing and has been fishing with him for many years.



### **Will Falconer**

William's favorite hobby is playing the trombone, and he loves making music. Will said it fascinates me how I can play by myself or contribute with my sound to a band, a small group, or just one other person and it all can sound good. In addition to this, I can create so many different moods through different styles and sounds. He says that he typically plays the trombone for little over three hours a week including time in school.





# HEAT ON THE FEET

**By: Maxwell Senfleben**

Shoes have become a major component of today's culture. Spending hundreds of dollars on shoes used to be ridiculous, however, now it has become normal. There are many reasons why people buy shoes. People will mostly buy shoes to sell them to make a substantial amount of money and they are bought for fashion. There is a large array of different popular shoes that are liked for price, popularity, style, etc. Here at Roncalli people own a huge variety of shoes.

Students from all different grades have an interest in the shoe world. Freshmen to seniors there is a common interest in shoes all across the age group. Seniors have many students that spend money on nice shoes. While guys are more commonly buying shoes than girls, some girls are interested. Madison Kvoriak says, "My Yeezys are my favorite shoe that I own which are the Sesame Colorway. I paid \$260 for the shoes. I bought the shoes because I listen to Kanye, the designer of the shoe, and yeezys are popular. The shoes are also the most comfortable shoe that you will ever buy. Kanye West and a lot of people influenced me to buy this shoe and hop on the trend. It was worth the money for the comfortability and they are super convenient." For the guys Samm Shultz says that his favorite pair of shoes are the Jordan One Mochas. Samm got them from his parents for his birthday. The shoes have his favorite darker colors; black and brown. They cost about \$350. It was worth the money because if you understand the worth of the shoes there is more reason for wearing them. I chose the Jordan brand because of the history it has with Michael Jordan and how far it has come. The Jordan brand has become one of the largest if not the largest shoe brand around.





The juniors have a lot of interest in shoes. A large fan of shoes is Brayden Reimer. Brayden's favorite shoes that he owns are the Travis Scott Jordan 4s. These shoes were designed by Travis Scott and collaborated with the Jordan brand. Brayden paid \$950 for these shoes. He says that the price was not worth the shoe, because the retail price for these shoes is about 10 percent of the price he paid. Genessa Shultz, another junior, owns Off-White Converse. The cost of the Off-White Converse ran up to about \$350. This pair of shoes matches everything and is worth the money. The shoes are worth the price because she dresses to impress. She likes to wear nicer shoes so she does not feel out of the loop.



Grayden Holsen enjoys his Adidas Ultra Boost Version Six Parleys. Grayden likes these shoes because they are very comfortable. Grayden loves all-white shoes and these fit the category perfectly. Grayden says, "Michael Jordan inspired me to buy these shoes." Olivia Potter's favorite shoes are the Ultra Boost Multicolor because they are so comfy. She says, "I paid \$200 for the Ultra Boost shoes. They were worth the money because it is the most comfortable shoe I have ever owned. I chose the Adidas brand because they are known for their comfortability. Adidas makes comfortable shoes. "While both Nike and Adidas are good brands, Nike makes more stylish shoes but Adidas develops more comfortable ones. My brother Quirt inspired me to have shoes like these because he owns a lot of similar cool shoes."



Out of the freshmen, Landon Chalupny has many shoes. He owns the UNC New Balance 550s. Landon found himself spending \$250 on these shoes. He believes they are worth the money for the amount of use he gets out of them. They are durable shoes that have a unique style. The vintage wave started and these shoes fit right in. Landon says that shoes have become the largest part of style these days. The brands influence people and other brands that reach so far out of being just shoes.





# Expanding your Interests

By: Megan Rotter

Hours of community service, sports clubs, you name it, all look great on college applications. Nowadays there is a new item on the record: internships. Internships are a great way for students to experience what it is like to have real world skills by exploring possible career paths. Many students here at Roncalli High School have taken the chance to experience internships. Kids here have worked at schools, banks, dermatologist offices, and more. Read more to find out how a simple internship can set the path for your future.

## Natalie Putman



I chose my internship site because of the age of the students that go to school there. I absolutely love the energy that preschoolers have and it makes me smile when they come up to me excited about something that happened in school. I like when I have the opportunity to talk to the kids as they're working on a paper, I help by making the little dotted lines of letters that they can trace, which is very helpful to them I've noticed. I mainly sit there and help students as they ask for it. A lot of the time I'm asked to sharpen someone's pencil. It's so nice when the students have manners towards me too. Lots of them will say thank you after I sharpen their pencil which is good at their age. A few times already I've looked at the clock and it was past 9, which I'm supposed to leave the school by 9, but I just have so much fun with the little ones, I lose track of time.

## Emma Persch

My internship includes me going to Roncalli Elementary School and working with Ms. Julie Neuser. I work alongside her helping out second and third grade students with understanding their math facts. A main goal is for the students to understand their math facts quickly and accurately. I also help with kindergarten during the days I am there for Mass. Working with the kids is super rewarding and I am very excited to spend the rest of the school year with them.

## Jenson Wetenkamp

I chose to do my youth apprenticeship because I enjoy learning things from experience, and the youth apprenticeship program is a great way to do this. I have learned a lot about warehousing, freight, and logistics at AIM Manitowoc.



## AIM Manitowoc



## Ryan Jacoby

I am a youth apprentice at Forefront Dermatology in the biology laboratory in Manitowoc, off of York Street. The reason that I chose to work at Forefront is because it was the most biological and science oriented option that I could find. The goal, in my opinion, of the youth apprenticeship is to prepare each person for things that they may encounter in the job field that they intend to pursue after graduation and perhaps after college. In my case, that would be biomedical engineering, so being able to work in a lab and also be involved with healthcare was a very good fit for me. What I like about Forefront is that I am able to work in a very professional setting in which it is almost nothing like the typical jobs that high schoolers get stuck with and it's nice that the environment is preparing me for what to expect once I join the full-time workforce. There are some days where I get to shadow the doctors and PA's in the Manitowoc clinic and get to see firsthand where the specimens come from and why it is so important to have them analyzed as quickly and effectively as possible. Other days I am able to test the formalin containers to make sure that they have been deactivated of any aldehydes so that they are safe to pour down the drain. But most days I am opening packages of specimens from Forefront's various clinics across the U.S. and checking them to make sure that all of the patient information matches. It also involves judging whether the specimen needs to be processed differently because of a multitude of factors such as date of procedure, location taken from the patient, container color, container material, the size of specimen, the classification of specimen, the location of the clinic, or the clinic dermatologist's diagnosis.



## Megan Rotter

Throughout high school one of the biggest pieces of advice I have gotten was to simply get involved. I listened, and ended up doing cross country, track, and gymnastics. For my senior year I wanted to try something different. A fellow classmate of mine had done an internship at a preschool, I thought that had to have been so much fun. I knew right then and there that next semester I had to put my name on the list. My biggest regret was not doing this internship at the beginning of the year. As the second semester rolled around it was time to start, I was nervous but super excited for what was to come. Going to preschool is beyond rewarding to me. I feel so special and so loved every time I walk into the door. The kids' faces light up when they see me, they smile ear to ear. They will run as fast as they can to hug me when I leave. It inspires me to always have a smile on my face, and to simply be kind no matter what. I have learned so much about how the interaction with children can really have an impact on me as a person. Although I cannot see myself being a teacher, I still feel as if this has been a great and rewarding experience as well as a life lesson.

## Greg Oberbroeckling

I chose Shoreline because of the opportunity it gave me to get real life experience in an adult workspace. I loved who I interviewed with and Shoreline seemed like the best fit for me. I love this job and everything I do. The people are very supportive and helpful, and will always assist me in case I am uncertain or confused. I work as a bank teller at Shoreline and have different responsibilities. Some things I do are deposit money, withdraw money, print out checks, and deposit checks. Overall, my experience has been amazing and I would recommend anyone who is thinking about getting an internship to move forward with it.

## Erin Schermetzler

I am a Card Operations Associate at Bank First. One of my roles when our customers travel to various states or countries outside of Wisconsin is changing the geographical area so both of the debit and credit cards will function without disruption. Fraud prevention is crucial for our card operations department. So far, I have learned bank regulation, bank policies, and customer service techniques. In the future I will be working on the conversion team as Bank First will be merging with another banking institution. My daily tasks mainly include printing debit and credit cards for customers and handling fraudulent cases. Sometimes these tasks change because I am given projects like verifying customer portfolios with the corresponding branches where our customers normally do their transactions. As an intern I am also learning more about the bank's deposit operation functions which includes checking, savings, certificate of deposit, and loan accounts.





# Failure or success?

**By: Mar Barba**

**"Success is most often achieved by those who don't know that failure is inevitable."  
—Coco Chanel.**

Have you ever heard or seen a quote such as this? This article reveals what teenagers think about the idea of failures and why it affects them that much. Do these quotes truly mean anything in real life?

Right now, we are teenagers in high school and in the next few months some of us will have to make very important decisions in our lives. Some of us are full of fears, full of things to care and worry about. Nothing guarantees us that the decisions that we will make in the future will be the correct ones. Not everybody gets what they want at the first try. Sometimes we could feel more safe in our failures if we realize that successful people have failed over and over to earn their success.

**"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again. That is why I succeed." - Michael Jordan.**



I was looking for some articles about failures and successes and I found a study. Two world-renowned psychologists, Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky, studied why we are so averse to failure. They found that the effect of loss is twice as great as the gain from a win. This conclusion shows the negative impact a loss has on you, which is much greater than the impact of a win. This study explains why humans would avoid a loss or a failure.

Could the term failure be subjective? It is determined as a bad or negative term. It has the wrong meaning. In every single failure there are tons of good things that are positive in anyone's life. The problem is that it is difficult to see those good things right away. Maybe 9 things out of 10 are good and 1 is bad, however people tend to focus on the negative things. Why do we focus just on the bad thing? This is the question that I will be asking a couple of students.

I asked Laura Martinez, who said "It's easier to concentrate only on the bad because it has affected you more at one point of your life and therefore, even if you try to move on, it's always more difficult."

Also, Max Senfleben said, "I think that there is a common mindset on a positive outlook on people and the community. Days go by filled with positive thoughts and nice people filling these days with hopefulness. When something bad happens we are shocked, because of how common good things are, it is harder to handle the negative things."



Allison Bohman said, "Focusing on the negative seems like the easy solution in a moment when nothing seems to be going right. But in reality it takes the same amount of time to focus in on a positive thought as it does to focus on a negative thought. I think everyone can think of a moment where you thought everything was going wrong, and there was no positive thought in sight. But in hindsight everything will be okay, you will get through it, you just have to take control of the situation and handle it to the best of your ability."

It is the "bad things" that grab our attention, stick to our memories and, in many cases, influence the decisions that we make. Psychological phenomenon explains why bad experiences can be so difficult to overcome and why past traumas can have such long effects. In almost any interaction, we are more likely to notice negative things and later remember them for a longer time than good ones.

I found a study that says that humans tend to:

- Remember traumatic experiences better than positive.
- Recall insults better than praise.
- React more strongly to negative stimuli.
- Think about negative things more frequently than positive ones.

**"The biggest risk is not taking any risk. In a world that is changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks." —Mark Zuckerberg**

**"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at." - Stephen Hawking**

Our tendency to pay more attention to bad things and not caring about the good things is a result of evolution. Earlier in human history, paying attention to bad threats in the world was literally a matter of life and death. Those who paid more attention to the bad things around them were more likely to survive.

The evolutionary perspective suggests that this tendency to stay on the negative more than the positive is basically one way the brain tries to keep us safe.

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I found another study by psychologist John Cacioppo, participants were shown pictures of positive, negative, and neutral images. The researchers then observed electrical activity in the brain. Negative images produced a much stronger response in the cerebral cortex than did positive or neutral images. This happens because negative information causes a surge in activity in a critical information processing area of the brain, our behaviors and attitudes tend to be shaped more powerfully by bad news, experiences, and information.

**"Failure is success in progress." — Albert Einstein**

**"You have to be able to accept failure to get better." — LeBron James**

**"It's fine to celebrate success but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure." —Bill Gates**

# *Friendly Companions*

**By: Preston Wallander**

Pets are a beautiful part of one's life. They reduce stress and make us feel happy and calm. People feel very happy when they are with these animals, they spend their time with pets to get rid of their unneeded stress. They forget their worries and are back to work with greater energy and spirit. People who live alone at home find very good comfort in the form of a pet. Pets are a great blessing in anyone's life. They are the only ones who love us unconditionally. The goal of any pet's life is to make his or her owner happy. People easily get attached to them and enjoy playing with them.

## **Jarid Ertman**

Jarid got his first pet dog when he was 4. They rescued a dog named Lacy. She was a black lab and part retriever. She enjoyed walks and playing fetch. Jarid currently has two rescue dogs named Lovely and Mallow and soon after got them another companion named Sprocket.



## **Vincent Harrison**

Vincent's first pet was a goldendoodle named Sawyer. He got Sawyer when he was ten years old from a barn and is still with him. Sawyer is an active dog that likes to swim and play tug of war with a rope. Sawyer is a very important part of Vincent's life because he enjoys playing with him.



### **Will Falconer**

I have a ten year old teddy bear dog named Aila, and a four year old black lab named Murray. We got these pets because both my parents always had dogs growing up and so have I. So we have always had dogs in the house. I remember one time when Aila ate an entire chocolate bunny. We naturally thought she was going to die because dogs can't eat chocolate. However Aila didn't seem bothered by it one bit. I also remember Murray was a puppy and she was kind of learning to walk. She could only run diagonally. We all thought this was very funny. We often go for long walks in the woods with Murray and Aila. Aila usually ends up demanding to be carried because her legs are so short, and Murray tends to find every possible body of water to swim in. One thing that I always enjoy about my dogs is that they are happy to see me when I get home.



### **Brendon Dvorachek**

Brendon has a pet dog named Piper. Brendon got Piper three years ago from a puppy breeder. He has shared lots of memories with Piper. His favorite memory is when he blamed her for breaking the TV when it was actually his fault. Brendon says Piper always effects him by getting in his way.



# SOCIAL MEDIA



By: Laura Martínez

I'm sure that most of you have tried TikTok trend or Challenge even though it was not a very smart idea. Well we are more influenced by social media than we think, in the way that we communicate, we do things or even change our opinion because of what someone said. So how can it be possible? Well, we live surrounded by them. But which ones are our favorites and what do we use them for?

Nowadays the world is changing and our ways of communication, making friends or researching things are changing too. The internet and electronics have their faults, but it doesn't mean that it's a bad thing, as with all things, there are pros and cons, that's unavoidable. Social media benefits teens by expanding their social networks and keeping them in touch with their peers and far-away friends and family. It is also a creativity outlet.

## So here are some pros and cons of social media:

Pros:

- It spreads information faster than any other media.
- Law enforcement uses social media to catch and prosecute criminals.
- Social media allows people to improve their relationships and make new friends.

Cons:

- It enables the spread of unreliable and false information.
- Social media lacks privacy and exposes users to government and corporate intrusions.
- Social Media can lead to stress and offline relationship problems.

It has helped us a lot but also it has stopped us from doing more things in person. Now, we can shop online instead of going to the actual shop. It's more comfortable for people that can't do it or don't want to do it. But sometimes disconnecting from social media or electronics by going to look for something in a shop is not a bad idea.

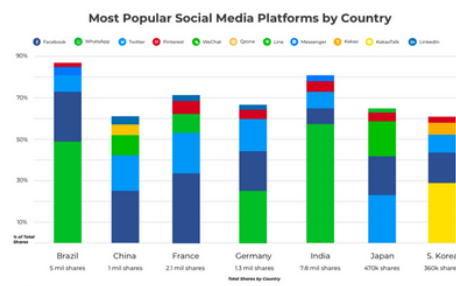
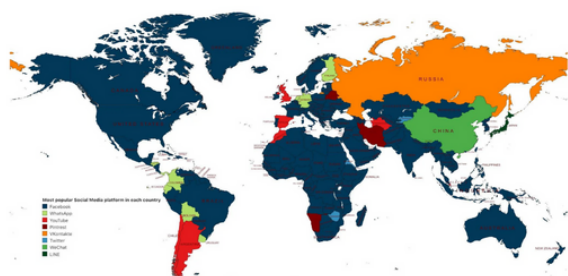
It affects us in many ways but a very important one is mental health. When reviewing others' social activity, people tend to make comparisons such as, "Did I get as many likes as someone else?" or "Why didn't this person like my post, but this other person did?" They're searching for validation on the internet that serves as a replacement for meaningful connections they might otherwise make in real life.

**FOMO** is a very important term on this topic, is the fear of missing out. If everyone else is using social media sites, and if someone doesn't join in, there's concern that they'll miss jokes, connections, or invitations. Missing experiences can create anxiety and depression. When people look online and see they're excluded from an activity, it can affect thoughts and feelings, and can affect them physically.



In 2018, a British study that social media use led to decreased, disrupted, and delayed sleep, which is associated with depression, and poor academic performance. Social media use can affect users' physical health. Researchers know the connection between the mind and the gut can turn anxiety and depression into nausea, headaches, etc.

As we know in the world there are different types of cultures, ways of living and social media uses so here is a chart comparing the most popular social media in different countries.



There are a lot of them but here are the most popular ones in the world.

**Facebook: 2.79 billion monthly active users.**

**YouTube: 2.291 billion monthly active users.**

**WhatsApp: 2 billion monthly active users.**

**Instagram: 1.2 trillion monthly active users.**



A few years ago there was not as huge a variety of apps as there are now so I asked a few students what their favorite social media is, and what they like about it.

**Gretchen Kapic, sophomore, says Snapchat because, "I'm able to quickly communicate with my friends and they're able to see what I'm doing and I'm able to see what they're doing."**

**Grace Pribyl, sophomore, said, "Snapchat because I can connect with my family and friends from everywhere."**

**Mar Barba, an exchange student junior says "TikTok, there is a lot of variety of content to entertain yourself. Besides, the music helps a lot, makes it more enjoyable and fun. More and more people have this app and that helps to meet people from other countries and learn about their cultures through their videos."**

**Lorena Burgaleta, an exchange student sophomore says, "Instagram because it gives you many options of entertainment, you can chat with friends, make Facetimes, post pictures..."**

**Sofía García de Viedma says, "TikTok because you can have any interests of videos, that you're always going to find something that you like."**

Social media has taken its position the real world and has interfered with the lives of many. So we just have to live with it and be careful, not to let them remove us away from the real world.

# CAR NICKNAMES

**By: Brendon Dvorachek**

Do you ever see a car and immediately give it a name? Yeah, neither do I, but some people do. There are a few cars in our school's parking lot that are named.

One car in our parking lot that has a name is Meghan Haney's. Her car is a Chevrolet Cruze and she named it Bane. She told me that the name is from Batman and it took her a month to think of. One memory that she has in the car is when she was looking at a pole while backing up and ended up running right into another pole in the parking lot. She plans on keeping the car until "the little Cruze dies."



Another nicknamed car in the Roncalli parking lot is Preston Wallander's 2001 Toyota 4Runner. He named his car "The Shakester" because it shakes when he gets up to 40 miles per hour. He also got inspiration for the name from when he "shakes people off when they're driving on his rear." He claims to do this while listening to the Taylor Swift song "Shake it Off." Preston also likes to roll down his rear window and stare at the person driving behind him. He plans on keeping the car until it is dead or can not drive anymore (which might have come a lot sooner than expected).

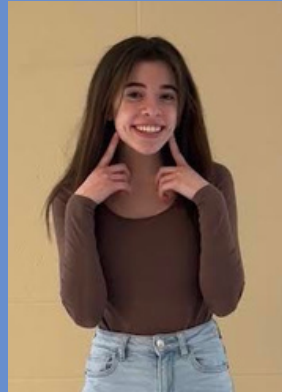


# SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

**Class Clown**



**Most Contagious Smile**



**Most Athletic**



**Most Likely to be Late for Class**



**Life of the Party**



**Best Dressed**





**Worst Case of  
Senioritis**



**Most Changed Since  
Freshman Year**



**Best Rapper**



**Best Bromance**



**Most Likely to Brighten Up  
Your Day**



**Most School Spirit**





# EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**Allison Bohman**



"Allison Bohman has been Roncalli's Editor in Chief from 2020-2022 for the student produced magazine, the Pilot. Allison has been committed to formatting, designing, editing, planning, writing articles, interviewing students and alumni, and taking pictures for The Pilot magazine. She has worked many long hours to help produce the magazine. She has brought many fresh and creative ideas to our Pilot. She will be greatly missed." -Mrs. Garceau

"Having been the yearbook and Pilot editor these past two years, has been such an incredible opportunity. I have gotten to explore my creative side immensely. Mrs. Garceau never failed to challenge me to get out of my comfort zone. She always tells me that your comfort zone is where your dreams go to fail. This along with the thousand other pieces of advice she has given me will forever resonate with me. I want to thank Mrs. Garceau for teaching me so many life lessons these past two years. Along with challenging me creatively she also challenged me to be the best version of myself." - Allison Bohman

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF...

Sophomore, Maygen Ertman will be taking over the lead role as chief editor for our school magazine, *The Pilot*.

"Looking up and observing Allison was a great experience, and it's definitely taught me to take publications seriously. She has inspired me to work my hardest and be dedicated to my work. I'm excited and can't wait for next year when I can bring new ideas to the table, and encourage other students to join." -Maygen Ertman



**Maygen Ertman**



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