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class of 2025
**Senior
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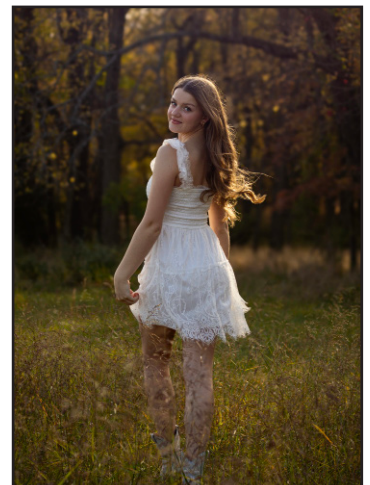
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By: Kate Gerding- Editor-in-Chief

I met my freshman-year self for coffee.
She was five minutes early, I was a couple of minutes late.
She spent an hour on her outfit, I wore a comfy sweatshirt.
She was anxious about what to order and asked what I was getting.
I ordered an iced brown sugar latte, she got the same thing.
I could tell she was self-conscious and unsure, but I smiled and asked how she was doing.
"Tired," she said.
She said she was up late doing homework and had dance until 9.
I laughed because some things never change.
She asked me if we found a group of friends,
I told her not to worry because she would meet some of her best friends at dance and grow close with people at school who love and appreciate her.
She doesn't believe me that high school will go by fast.
I told her we graduate in a week!
She wants to know if we have our future and career figured out.
I said, "sort of!"
I told her we are going to Mizzou for journalism so she should join newspaper sophomore year.
As we got up to leave, I hugged her and told her I was proud of her.
She smiled and I watched as she walked out the door.

"I met my
younger self for
coffee..."



FINDING YOURSELF IN THE UNCOMFORTABLE

By: Bailee Council- Assistant/Entertainment Editor

Moving to Lee's Summit and switching school districts all before starting my freshman year sent me into a spiral of questions: What are my goals?... What do I want to be?... Who do I want to be? As someone who needs a plan of direction, I was lost. When I met with my counselor she recommended I try newspaper as an elective; just writing, right? However, nothing could have prepared me for what was in store for me. The world of journalism opened its doors allowing me to find myself within it. After deciding I was going

to stick with it after the first year, I continued to grow opinions on the world, shaping my writing preferences. As a mixed female in a male-dominated country, I feel as though someone has to give the less fortunate a voice and somewhere to express their stories in a way they will be more heard. I formed opinions and interests in the community around me, from school, and work, to a cafe downtown. I began advocating for women's rights, small businesses, and unspoken achievements; giving me a sense of

connection to the communities around me. Through talking to different people and hearing a variety of perspectives, it intrigued me more than hearing about the latest touchdown. I learned that life isn't meant to be "comfortable", I never would have ended up where I am today if I hadn't taken a chance on something I had no previous knowledge about. Taking myself out of what I was used to and incorporating a brand new world exposed me to a career path that wasn't even on my radar. I want future students who feel like they have no



idea where they want to go; take a chance on the unknown. Rather than pulling yourself between the left and right; choose the middle. Explore deeper into where a simplistic hobby can take you, and you just might fall in love.

Writing the Road to Graduation

By: Talon Cleveland- Feature Editor

I entered high school as a quiet kid with no friends. I had such high social anxiety that I would avoid as many interactions as I could. And though that satisfied my anxiety, it left me feeling isolated from my peers.

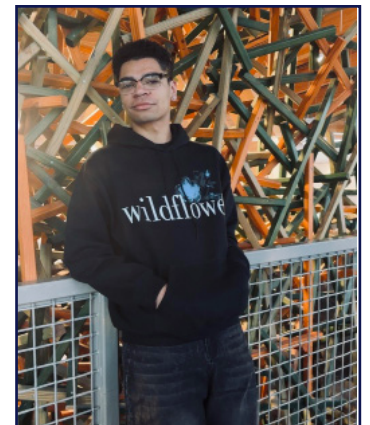
No kid wants to go through school daily, but it is easier when you have people to spend that time with. When I stopped being concerned about others' opinions of me and I started speaking up, I eventually found my people. It started with one person who remains my best friend and turned into having a support system.

Most of my current friends I had known before we became friends but had never talked to them. Once I did, I found that they were amazing people, and I would spend an ungodly amount of time with them. Those friends introduced me to more friends. I made more friends from sophomore to senior year than in my whole life combined.

This tree of friends I have made never would have started if Ms. Phi hadn't constantly told me to take a writing class. Instead of doing my math work, I would write stories with

crazy adventures and mystery. I had been on the newspaper staff at the time but needed a way to release my writing more freely and creatively. That led me to take Mrs. Baker's Intro to Creative Writing class, which then turned into me taking nine writing classes throughout high school, including newspaper and yearbook.

That fondness for writing has turned into a passion. I am now feature editor of the school newspaper, co-editor-in-chief of the school literary magazine, and copy editor for the Elementia literary magazine. My



poetry has been published in two national anthologies, and I received a Talent in Writing certificate from Young Writers USA.

Although high school wasn't for me, I am glad I found a community where I could be myself.

SENIOR *Send-Off*

By: Ireland Lucas - Staff Reporter

What advice do you have for the Class of 2025?

"My advice for the class of 2025 is to never stop learning. You live in a world of constant change with so much to take in."

- Mr. William Palmer, theater teacher

"And now abideth empathy, forgiveness, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

- Mr. Ben Jewell, history teacher



"My advice is to continue to follow your passions and find ways to be interested in the world and in people. Being interested makes you an interesting person in all of the very best ways!"

- Ms. Sarah Courtney, history teacher

"Stay curious as learning does not stop after graduation."

- Dr. Robert Rossiter, IB Coordinator

"My advice to the class of 2025 is to not see obstacles as insurmountable roadblocks but rather challenges to be overcome."

- Mr. Eric Davis, history teacher

"Things won't get easier, keep pushing through and working hard, you can do it!"

- Mr. Chris Walker, science teacher

"Remember to work through life with patience and a bit of empathy for those you encounter. Our world needs calm, kindness, empathy, and leadership. You are the next generation of leaders and we will soon look to all of you to make our world a better place. Good luck and remember to come back to LSN to visit or email your former teachers/educators to say hello and check in once in a while. All the best class of 2025!"

- Dr. Tim Collins, Principal

What will you remember the most about the Class of 2025?

"Perseverance is what I think of when I think of the class of 2025. I have the awesome opportunity to teach my orchestra students from 8th through 12th grade. The class of 2025 started their 8th grade year off with Covid restrictions. The orchestra students had to work harder than any other group I have taught in order to meet the curriculum requirements. Because of this they have proven themselves to be one of the finest groups of musicians I have taught. They have continued to receive the highest ratings at all of their competitions every year from 8th grade to their senior year." - Mr. Joseph Keeney, orchestra teacher

"I will remember the class of 2025 as the class who gave me my spark in teaching back after Covid. I had a large number of them as sophomores, and it was the first year we started our journey back to normal school life. They grew so much because they embraced the opportunities in learning that had been limited during Covid."

- Ms. Sara Witteman, English teacher



"I will remember how accepting and considerate this class is. I have had many students from the Class of 2025 be great mentors to my students with special needs."

- Mr. Ryan Kelley, P.E. teacher

"I will forever remember their ability to have passionate, respectful conversations with each other regardless of personal beliefs. They truly sought to understand each other at a high level and that makes me hopeful about our shared future."

- Ms. Kate Sweeney, English teacher

"The Class of 2025 began their LSN career during a Covid year, and together, we navigated a whole new version of school. Through every challenge, they found ways to have fun, even when the world around us felt uncertain. The #1 thing I'll remember is my mentor group - handsdown the best young people I've ever worked with!!"

- Ms. Shannon Underwood, math teacher

What Seniors Will Miss Most

By: Talon Cleveland - Feature Editor

"I will miss the unique individuals I have met through my extracurriculars. The best thing about our school is how we are all so different yet so open to forming relationships. I just miss the teachers and students."

- Avaya Hall

"High school Soccer." - Kara Robinson

"North Sanctuary and passing periods." - Jalen Turner

"ITS PROXIMITY TO MY HOUSE (SAVE ON GAS)" - Katie Bruns

"Nerf war." - Greyson Cooper

"My great times."

- Corey'Aun Blewett

"LACK OF PHONES."

- JACK NORMAN

"Meeting new people and being in an environment for opportunities."

- Nicolette Wayne

"All my CLOSE friends!!"

- Brandon Marshall

"The friends I have made and the clubs

and activities I am a part of." - Rylee Ekiss

"Football." - Garrett Studer

"MY FAVORITE TEACHER,

MS.LASTER!!" - KAYLEE SAPP

"My friends and teachers."

- Kinley Little

"THE PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENT, AND MY COLOR GUARD TEAM."

- JUANLUIS CARDOZA ZEPEDA

"I will miss leaving school early!"

- Jocelyn Heinecke

"I will miss all of the lovely teachers I've had the pleasure of getting to know!" - Katie McQueen

"Mrs. Hood." - Amelia Stroud

—Favorite Memories—

"Being on stage acting for theater for the first time last year. When people laughed it made all my nerves go away."

- Riverr Deskins

"Crop dusting people,"

- Greyson Cooper

"Winning cheerleading state twice in a row!"

-Elizabeth Songer

"State championship football game."

-Tyler Mackey

"Being down on the field for football games." - Eve Martinez

"Beating Lee's Summit every single time."

-Quinn Dooley

"It would have to be working on THE INK and Quill magazine."

- Emma Johnson

"The shop classes with Clover, Shockley, and Cantrell."

-Dominic Mitchell

"Going to the park with Mr. Davis' Anthropology class instead of finals."

- Julien Germain

"When Quentin kicked the crap out of a trash can."

- Bryce Rudolph

"The first 24 hour play at Lee's Summit North." - Noah Rider

"Class parties in Hojo's room." - Aaliyah Brown

"Being on Homecoming court with my best friends

senior year."

- Tessa Visconti

"Senior Sunrise," - Khylei Rinard

"Getting our own Robotics shop."

- Corban Zabroski

"All of the dances. I love getting ready with friends and taking pictures." - Addy Potts

"Royal Rumble." - Tyson Tingle

"Going to Orlando my freshman year on our band trip." - Tim Sebolt

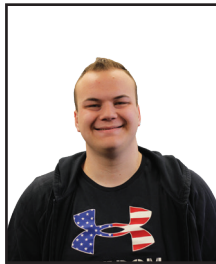
"AFJROTC's last year award ceremony with that practically all you can eat Olive Garden." - Dakota Stanley

Committed

By: Kate Gerding- Editor-in-Chief, Isabelle Flood- Social Media Editor, and Morgan Hill- Sports Editor



Football



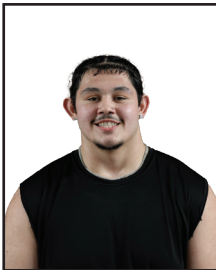
Quinn Dooley
*Southwest Baptist
University*



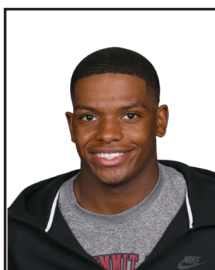
Javion Douglas
*Missouri Baptist
University*



Tyler Harris
Lincoln University



Tyler Nevarez
*Iowa Central
Community College*



Mickhi Mitchell
*Missouri Western
State University*



Cirron Harrison
*Southwest Baptist
University*



Soccer



Kylie Binger
Drake University



Pistil McMillin
*Metropolitan
Community College*



Kara Robinson
*University of Central
Missouri*



Bella Yeager
*Culver-Stockton
College*



Mallory McWillie
*Kansas City Kansas
Community College*



Jacob Freund
*Buena Vista
University*



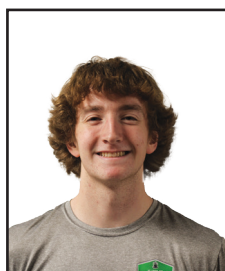
Jeremy Freund
*Buena Vista
University*



Cam Risner
Evangel University

College Athletes

Volleyball



Quentin Huhman
Rockhurst University



Dance



Navi Hodge
*University of Central
Florida*

Cross Country



Brenley Webb
Columbia College

Softball



Gracee Fryberger
Baker University



Paityn Ford
*Central Methodist
University*

Dual Sport



Asa Johnson
(Track & Field and
Cross Country)
Bethel College



Isaac McIntosh
(Football and Baseball)
*Southwest Baptist
University*

Baseball



Brandon Hill
*Butler Community
College*

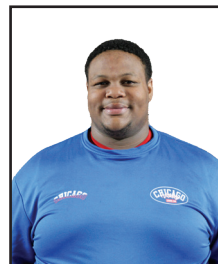


Zechariah Cragg
*Moberly Community
College*



Preston Stout
*Missouri State
University- West Plains*

Track & Field



Daniel Marshall
Park University

Disclaimer

The committed athletes on these pages participated in the Feb. 5 and April 16 NLI Signing Days at LSN

Where is the Class of '25

By: Isabelle Flood- Social Media Editor and Morgan Hill- Sports Editor

University of Arkansas



Abbey Euritt
Annika Spacil
Noelle Jensen
Anika Fleury
Garrett Studer

Baker University

Gracee Fryberger

Baylor University

Liam Snow

Belmont University

Kinsley Ward

Bethel College

Asa Johnson

Buena Vista University

Jacob Freund
Jeremy Freund

Butler Community College

Brandon Hill

University of Central Missouri



Kara Robinson
Kylie Sibbing
Tenneson Gardenhire
Dawson Childress
Ty Schroeder
Liam Fry
Madison Johnson
Emma Hungerford
Noah McEwen
Leilah Gonzalez
Olivia Reis
Khylei Rinard
Tyler Mackey
Jaydlie Lawson
Kiya Shavers

University of Central Florida

Navi Hodge

Central Methodist University

Paityn Ford

Columbia College

Brenley Webb

Concorde Career College

Addy Potts

Culver-Stockton College

Bella Yeager

Drake University

Kyren Ward
Kadden Kilgore
Kylie Binger

Evangel University

Cam Risner

Florida A&M

Brandon Marshall

Florida Gulf Coast University

Elizabeth Songer

University of Houston

Adrianna Vella

Iowa State University

Braden Gilbert
Audri Minshall

Iowa Central Community College

Kai Reed
Tyler Pate

Kansas City Kansas Community College

Mallory McWillie

Kansas State University- Salina

Jackson Metcalf



Kansas State University

Natalie Hodges
Ariana Visnich
Chloe Adkins
Kelsie O'Connell
Rylee Jones
Lily Trout
Greyson Cooper
Aariyon Walker
Pierre Thorpe

University of Kansas



Norah Mason
Lisette Cantrell
Tara Dinh
Tessa Visconti
Olivia Fuentes
Corban Zabroski
Jack Norman
Jackson Holferty
Devin Mathis
Kaelyn Bobal
Bailey Passanisi

Liberty University

Solomon Cole

Lincoln University

Tyler Harris

Loyola University- Chicago

Avaya Hall
Bellamy Hall

Metropolitan Community College



Olivia Martinez
Eve Martinez
Bentlee Nielsen
Pistil McMillin
Kate Thompson
Addie Town
Amelia Harris
Addison Kerley
Emma Johnson
Maddy Acton
Corey'Aun Blewett
Sloan Manley
Nikhil Clasen
Miles Stewart
Justin Touch
Andre Hass
Riverr Deskins
Evan Mendenhall
Zac Scherer
Kaylee Sapp
Joseph Hansen
Alexander Grubb

MidAmerica Nazarene University

Asa Light

Minnesota College of Art & Design

Virgil Wright

MCC-Penn Valley

Anna Jasper

Going After Graduation?

University of Missouri

Abbie Scheer
Carter Harrington
Kate Gerding
Emma Stafford
Elsa Haasis
Bryce Rudolph
Alex Keeting
Ellie Armstrong
Katie McQueen
Jocelyn Heinecke
Parker Estlund
Marisela Farrell
Tim Sebolt
Noah Rider



University of Missouri-Kansas City

Sarah Hashemi
Ava Ware
Kaitlyn Lavery
Katie Bruns



Missouri S&T

Dominic Mitchell

Missouri State University

Violet Wright
Alexandra Calvillo
Megan Allison
Garrison Volkmer
Tilly Bresette
Samuel Mazariegos
Julia Washburn
Hannah Robertson
Rebecca Sharpe
Danica Wise



Missouri State University-West Plains

Preston Stout

Moberly Community College

Zechariah Cragg

Missouri Valley College

Theron Jennings

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Marin LaCour
Kinley Little
Sydney Stoecklein

University of North Dakota

Alexander Sukaromya

Northwest Missouri State University

Kylie Mead
Ryder Brewster
Keeley Savage
Scott McCord



Rockhurst University

Quentin Huhman

Southern University

Amiyah Long Lindsay
Teiana Carter
Kylie Stone

Southwest Baptist University

Quinn Dooley
Isaac McIntosh
Cirron Harrison

Syracuse University

Sam Jacob

Truman State University

Franki Farmer
Chloe Stanford

Entering the Workforce

Nursing- Reese Bradford
Jobs for America- Tyson Tingle
Real Estate- Kevin Cooper
Fire Fighting- Chris Caruthers

Marines

Garett Gibbs
Jason Lewis

Ozark Technical Community College

Juanluis Cardoza-Zepeda
Sa'Ryah McKinley

Park University

Daniel Marshall

Pittsburg State University

Rylee Ekiss
Pari Smith
Mallory Ochoa

Navy

Mia Grados

Air Force

Dakota Stanley
Christian Brown

Army National Guard

Jaden Wright

Army

Liam Fry
Josh Wagner

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Information posted on these two pages was reported to the NE Staff by the March 28 deadline.

Favorite Teacher:
Ms. Witteman



Favorite Class:
IB Psychology



Senior Class *favorites*

Must Watch:



Actor:
**Timothée
Chalamet**



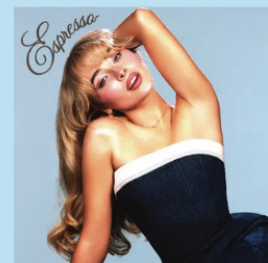
Actress:
Zendaya



Now Playing



"Nokia"
Drake



"Espresso"
Sabrina Carpenter

FOOD & DRINK:



By: Kate Gerding- Editor-in-Chief Photos Courtesy of Google Images

'25 Senior Best...

By: Bailee Council - Assistant/Entertainment Editor

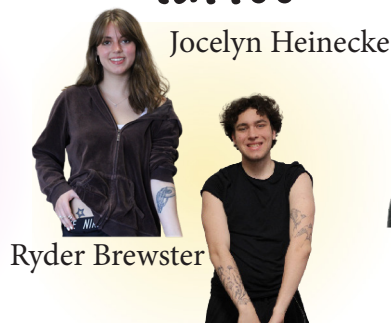
Hair



Eyes



Tattoo



Smile



Personality



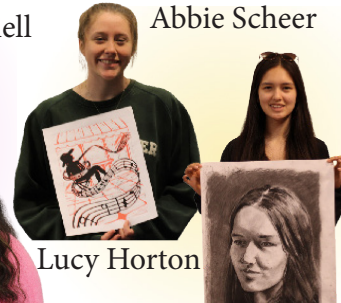
Private Story



Laugh



Artist



Dancer



Car



To Bring Home to Mom and Dad



Social Media



WHO'S MOST LIKELY TO...

By: Isabelle Flood- Social Media Editor and Morgan Hill- Sports Editor

Become President



Avaya Hall

Become a Movie Star



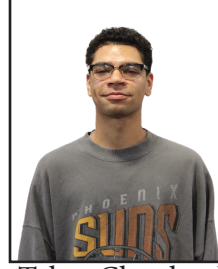
Brandon Marshall

Become an Influencer



Elizabeth Songer

Author



Talon Cleveland

Change the World



Avaya Hall



Host a Talk Show



Tessa Visconti



Marshall Mosier

Be on Reality TV



Adrianna Vella

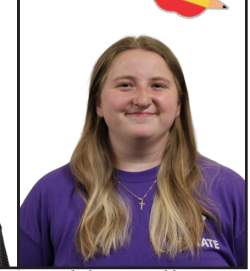


Greyson Cooper

Teach at LSN



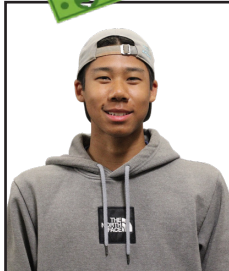
Keeley Savage



Chloe Adkins



Be a Millionaire



Alexander Sukaromya



Duy Nguyen

Live Overseas



Danica Wise



Bellamy Hall



Amelia Harris

Marry Their HS Sweetheart



Addie Town & Quentin Huhman

Get ID'd at 30



Anthony
Wisniewski



Alexander
Sukaromya

Become a Pro Athlete



Isaiah Mozee



Johann Ortiz

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WHO'S THE _____?



Class Clown



Marshall Mosier Greyson Cooper

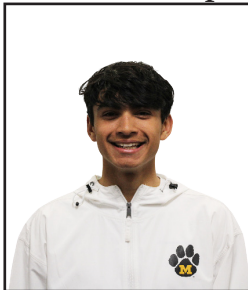
Cutest Couple 



Reese Bradford & Oliver Scofield



Most School Spirit



Dominic Metcalf

Gym Addict 



Theron Jennings Boden Lankford

Most Changed Since Middle School



Adrianna Vella Lily Trout



Friendliest



Tate Barker Jocelyn Heinecke

Most Photogenic



Anika Fleury

Fashionista



Pierre Thorpe Navi Hodge

By: Kay Haas- News Editor

“My most embarrassing high school moment was...”

Prom. - *Jack Norman*

Forgetting my senior dance in our cheer team. - *Sarah Hashemi*

Falling in the middle of the hallway. - *Carter Harrington*

Tripping up the stairs and face-planting by the front door. - *Jaydlie Lawson*

Accidentally screamed in my sleep during silent reading time. - *Kara Robinson*

When someone posted a pic of me captioned “Orange you glad you voted for Anni” on their main story on Snapchat, my spray tan was completely completely orange. - *Annika Spacil*

Tripping in front of the entire choir of 150 people. - *Parker Estlund*

Freshman year. - *Josh Wagner*

Falling on a folding table in the middle of the lunch room. - *Montae McLaughlin*

Crashing my car not even 24 hours after getting my license. - *Tyson Tingle*

Hitting the side of the backboard during the district championship basketball game. Mind you it is the only game people went to. - *Khylei Rinard*

My pants split at homecoming and prom. - *Brandon Marshall*

Freshman year. - *Corey'Aun Blewett*

My best friend ran me over in the school parking lot. - *Mallory McWillie*

Getting lost in the hallway. - *Neveah Burnett*

Walking into the wrong class freshman year and not realizing it until the class was over. - *Makala Sule*

In my sophomore year Algebra 2, I was listening to a romance audiobook and it started playing out loud in class. It was a bad scene too. - *Avaya Hall*

I was sitting on the wrong side of the bleachers during an assembly when I wasn't in season with a team. - *Isaac McIntosh*

When the Jostens guy called me the ‘class of 2025 representative’ in front of the entire grade. - *Tessa Visconti*

**"Dream big. Work hard.
Market louder. Your story
starts now."**

**This isn't goodbye—it's
your time to shine!
You mattered here. Now
show the world the person
you are!
You were built to make
waves—go continue to
make me proud!" - Wilson**



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-The Northern Exposure Staff



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