





THE TOM TOM | 2021-2022 **MISSION STATEMENT**

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EDITORS' NOTES

TO CHLOE, LOVE LILA

HEILIG

have never been great at saying goodbye. I'm always a little awkward, always a little hesitant; saying goodbye feels so final, and I don't know how to deal with that. That's why I've been putting off writing this Editor's Note.

I don't want to say goodbye. I'm so excited for the future ahead, but I'm terrified of losing Tom Tom. My safe place is in room 263. Some of my favorite work and memories are housed in this room. But most of all, I'm scared of losing some of my favorite people—my adviser, Ms. Soberano; my successor, Chloe, and all of my friends that have supported me, made me laugh and made me cry. I don't know how to say goodbye to all of those things.

But, I'm trying to remind myself that saying goodbye doesn't have to be forever, I can always return and visit, even if it's a little embarrassing, I can keep in contact with those friends I'm scared of losing. And, most of all, I'm never going to forget Tom Tom entirely. It will always be there, both the good and the bad, and I never have to fully say goodbye to my time in room 263. Thank you for an amazing year, and to the next Editor-in-Chief, Chloe: You're going to do some amazing things. You're capable, smart, and an amazing leader. You'll have some ups and downs, but I'm always here for advice.

Thank you for everything.

Sala Heils

BARBARISE

ords never come easily to me-something that is hard to admit, especially as my responsibilities continuously pile up. I do not truly know how I got to where I am today in some aspects of my life. Yet, I know one thing: I am forever grateful to my biggest inspiration since I stepped foot into room 263 this year. To Lila Heilig, thank you.

Sometimes, this room terrified me, and sometimes, Lila did as well. I looked up to her, though. I watched the way she worked, laughed and sometimes cried. I saw the ups and downs of being the Editor-in-Chief. At the end of it all, she became one of my best friends, and now it's time to say, "see you later" because goodbye is too definite.

However, this is only the end of a chapter, and as the page turns, a new one begins. The legacy of this executive team will live on, and next year, I hope to keep that legacy alive. To the executive team this year, thank you for paving the way for The Tom Tom, showing everyone what journalism really means.

Though this is a farewell to the 2022 senior class, our fourth and final magazine this year is a send-off to you all. Since saying goodbye is too hard sometimes, see you later. We'll always be right here, in the heart of Antioch, established in room 263.

Thank you. As always, we hope you enjoy.

The Barbaria

TO THE CLASS OF 2022:

IT IS TIME TO LOOK FORWARD

For each Senior Issue of *The Tom Tom*, the senior Tom Staff selects a faculty member to write a letter of advice to the graduating class. For the class of 2022, the seniors selected Assistant principal of student services Scott Leverentz.

To the Class of 2022,

Congratulations on approaching the end of your high school journey and graduation! The Class of 2022 has left an imprint on ACHS with academic and extracurricular success and with leadership in returning to school in the waning stages of a pandemic. It's impossible to reflect on the last four years without acknowledging that covid-19 had an undeniable and unimaginable impact on the high school experience of the Class of 2022. Classmates and families suffered personal losses, disruption, and heartache. And some of those have been slow to fade. Disease does not have positive outcomes or silver linings. But it does leave in its wake an opportunity for good to shine. For the best parts of us, the best parts of humanity, to rise again. You showed each other patience and grace. I think you came back to school kinder and gentler. (Even if we all had a metaphorical case of "bed head" hair from our time away from 1133 Main Street.) You showed, again, why I chose to be in a career that works with young people and why I'm thankful for the chance to be a Sequoit, here with you. And now, here at the end of high school, is the start of a new journey. One full of potential. So let us look forward.

Your next steps might be something that has been comfortably and confidently planned for the last decade of your life, or something that is still wholly uncertain. That's all in how we think about it though. David Foster Wallace once suggested that an education provides us with the freedom to choose our values and then, if we're brave enough, to judge ourselves not by the countless means that the world suggests (like money, beauty, power, and fame) but by how well we live out those values.

Our world is going to need a next generation of adults who can take care of themselves, as well as one another, and who believe that both are worth their time. Who have ideals and beliefs that they're willing to stand behind. But who are capable and eager to dive into courteous dialogue about those and what they mean for others. And, maybe, even to sometimes change their mind.

There is a new journey before all of you. Your potential is not some arbitrary definition of 'success' at the end of that journey. It is in deciding what you are going to work to stay concious of on that journey. Yes; soak in the joys and wins, allow your heart to break in the moments of anguish and sadness, and enjoy the journey whenever you can. But more importantly, stay conscious of what you are able to do for others on that journey, graduates. Value the gifts you have for the way they allow you to care for others. And care for others as much as you can. Be kind. Most importantly, be kind to yourselves.

Best wishes, Class of '22.

Leverentz







ACHS SAYS FINAL GOODBYE TO ERIC HAMILTON

As seniors prepare to leave, so too does principal Eric Hamilton. For the past five years, Hamilton has been a part of the ACHS community.

s seniors are in preparation to take on the next chapter of their lives, Principal Eric Hamilton will also be taking on the next steps as he has put in his resignation. For the past five years, Hamilton has played a major part in supporting the Antioch Community High School community.

Looking back on the past four years, seniors have all made a lot of memories, some that may last forever. Being principal is a hard job, but for Hamilton, it was more about getting to know the student body and connecting with everyone.

"The way that your class and other classes have welcomed me into your lives," Hamilton said. "Just giving high fives to kids as they're participating in sport and seeing them in the school, those connections with students are my fondest memories."

As seniors grow closer to the day that they will step on stage and say their final goodbyes to a place they have known for the past four years. Each of them have their own plans after high school whether it is to go to a university, a trade school, community college or going straight into working, however for Hamilton his plans are to grow with family.

"It was on reflecting with my family and myself and just came to the decision that it was time to move on,"

Hamilton said. "I have truly enjoyed my time here, but I am going to put my focus elsewhere, in particular, a little more focus at home."

Throughout the years, Hamilton has been in attendance to support the Sequoits

which many have admired him for. The future Sequiots may not get to experience the presence and the dedication that Hamilton has shown, which is why he will be missed greatly.

As this year comes to an end, looking back, these past three years have been a constant struggle for many. Going from in-person learning to e-learning, having both the academic and athletic worlds turned upside down, Hamilton was helping improve the hardships that were encountered. Having to replace Hamilton means that the new principal will have some big shoes to fill.

"I am going to miss his sense of humor and I am going to miss his support not only of the students, but also of the community," Dean of Students Kurt Sooley said. "Having two students of my own that are still in school, I am going to miss the fact that my kids are not going to get to know him like my other son did."

Sooley and Hamilton have been working together for the past two years and have grown a strong relationship. It is hard to say goodbye to someone that both students and faculty have grown so fond of over the years, but there is no doubt that he will continue to succeed in whatever the next chapter of his life holds, along with the graduating senior class of 2022. Students will take what they have learned from Hamilton over the past five years and use it for their future endeavors. ACHS wishes nothing but the best for Hamilton.

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TOP 10 MOMENTS FROM THE CLASS OF 2022

The four years may fly, but the memories stay strong. High school is a unique experience for all, but these top ten moments were shared among many of the class of 2022. Think of this as a time machine to step back to look back at our so-called "glory days."



10. RANDOM ACHS INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS (2022)

"I feel like everyone got a good laugh at it." - **Braydon Salata**



1. ANTIOCH VS. LAKES BASKETBALL GAME (2022)

"The energy was absolutely unmatched. It is such an important game because Lakes has been our rival forever, and it is also the two high school classes that all went to middle school together playing each other."- Zachary Lewis



9. RETURN TO PLAY (2021)

"I was really upset that they took the season away, but I'm glad we ended up getting our spring season."

- Austin Vasquez



2. BLACK OUT TO PINK OUT GAME (2022)

"I think it is important to have the Black Out to Pink Out game because it helps support people in the community who deal with it [breast cancer] everyday."

- Nina Albertini



8. MASK MANDATE LIFTED (2022)

"The mask mandate lift resulted in a lot of inconveniences being gone as well. It was also nice to see everyone's full faces again after so long."

- Ana Marcell



3. PROM "CITY LIGHTS" (2022)

"Having prom on a boat created such a creative and memorable atmosphere for all of us to remember."

- Anthony LaCerba



7. TWO WEEK SPRING BREAK (2020)

"What got me through quarantine was looking forward to seeing my friends again and being able to go out."

- Sophia Posey



4. FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS (2018-2021)

"So many people showed up every Friday night to support us and it was amazing. They brought the energy and liveliness to every single game, even that playoff game in the freezing rain in Lake Forest. They were awesome this season." - Joseph Haight



6. HYPE VIDEO BEEF (2022)

"The video added so much tension leading up to the huge game."

- Dean Wilson



5. CHEERLEADING GETTING 3RD IN STATE (2022)

"It was a surreal experience and it was a great way to end my Sequoit cheerleading career." - **Isabella Bussone**

HISTORY THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES

2008 STOCK MARKET CRASH

Too young to remember the impact of this event, the Stock Market Crash may have nevertheless left an imprint on our lives. For many Antioch Community High School seniors, it personally impacted their families by watching their parents struggle financially or find a new home. While the stock market's effect does not impact many people significantly anymore, the crash continues to have long-term effects on the net migration and economy.

2009 KANYE VS. TAYLOR BEEF

Likely one of the first pop culture memories many seniors have, the 2009 Taylor Swift and Kanye West VMA scandal not only served as a pivotal moment for the entertainment industry, but also began the significance social media would play in the future of our generation. Twitter, just three years old at the time, was the platform Kanye first took to following the event and for days following would host the conversations that drove notoriety, and everything that happened after, to remain ingrained in the public's mind to this day.

2010 OBAMA'S INAUGURATION

Many people would argue the first Black American to take office was the most impactful moment of the decade. It certainly was for social studies department chair Anne Eichman.

"I just think that moment of him taking office was so powerful and symbolic of how far we've come. I think there was a lot of hope there," Eichman said.

2011 ASSASINATION OF OSAMA BIN LADEN

Years following the tragic event of 9/11, U.S. troops raided the Pakistan-based compound and killed the terrorist behind it, Osama Bin Laden. The event symbolized a sort of "closure" to the terrorist attack that continues to affect American culture.

2012 SANDY HOOK SHOOTING

All seniors at ACHS can remember the school shooter drills done throughout elementary and middle school. The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting was a tragic

event that impacted the new era of shooter drills and forced the difficult conversation of safety with younger children to occur.

2013 BOSTON BOMBINGS

The domestic terrorist attack of 2013, the Boston Marathon bombings, impacted hundreds of lives and depresed the national averages of well-being.

2014 EBOLA OUTBREAK

The Ebola outbreak of 2014 had devastating impacts on countries such as Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone; however it caused major national setbacks on healthcare services and the research of treatments for other diseases such as HIV and tuberculosis.

2015 LEGALIZATION OF GAY MARRIAGE

Obergefell v. Hodges was a landmark United States Supreme Court decision that legalized same-sex marriage twenty years after the beginning of the LGBTQ+ fight for equal rights. The decision granted equal treatment under the law and unlocked a host of government benefits that assisted the children of same-sex couples and society as a whole (Courtesy of Vox).

2016 DEATH OF VINE

Sometimes considered the "last good year," 2016 was certainly impactful across social media. The death of Vine, a popular social media app that first introduced the idea of becoming an internet star overnight, led to the later arrival of Musical.ly and later Tik Tok.

2017 WOMEN'S RIGHTS

The year of women's rights, 2017 held women's march demonstrations supporting gender equality, civil rights and other issues. The #MeToo Movement also began to regain traction and experienced a tumultuous year with several successes and failures.

2018 PARKLAND SHOOTING

With 79 injured and 35 killed, 2018 was the year with the most casualties from school shootings to date. The year brought about one of the more emotionally stressful years for seniors as they entered high school. The most infamous: the Parkland shooting,

began a larger movement for gun control regulation and boosted youth voices for greater protection.

2019 IMPEACHMENT OF TRUMP

Another historical year for politics, President Trump became one of three presidents to become impeached. Additionally, seniors watched as demonstrations in Hong Kong grew as more than one million people protested a bill they believed would endanger journalists and political activists (Courtesy of History.com.)

2020 COVID-19

Undeniably the most relentless year, 2020 featured another presidential impeachment, Australian wildfires, Black Lives Matter protests around the nation and a global pandemic. While it seemed hard to find good moments from this year, it changed the way seniors entered their final year of high school making many of them come out stronger than when they entered.

2021 KAMALA HARRIS TAKES OFFICE

For many it was hard to distinguish 2021 from 2020 as the two continued to be dominated by the pandemic. However, as the year continued, outlooks seemed to improve and the light at the end of the tunnel grew. The election introduced Kamala Harris as the first female vice president as well as the first African-American and South Asian American woman to hold the position.

2022

The beginning of 2022 has brought, what looks like, the tail ends of the pandemic and may seem rather uneventful thus far compared to the previous ones. WIth graduation approaching, seniors can look back and appreciate the moments that have led them to the person they are today. Class of 2022 has had the privilege of being one of the first generations to experience real world events live through social media allowing them to be more socially aware and come into their voices. What the future holds will be different for every senior but the shared collective experiences have forever shaped the class of 2022.













have more privileges in the school environment. With a two year break in that cycle due to COVID-19, the timid freshman depicted in some comedy movies may appear to be a stereotype from the past.

"[Freshman today] are a lot more energetic than when we came in as freshmen," senior Emily Olszowy said. "I feel like our class was more scared of the seniors."

The idea of seniority has declined because of the temporary break in tradition. Even sophomores and juniors have not yet had a full year in high school, which leaves a gap in traditional structure. During sporting events such as football or basketball games when seniors sit at the front, some underclassmen have sat alongside upperclassmen instead of in the back.

While some seniors recognize differences in how freshmen act, they also realize that most of these are from the break in school during COVID-19. In early high school, expectations heighten, and with that, so does maturity. With the lack of accountability during this time period, current freshmen did not have the same experiences and opportunities.

Despite the visible differences between freshmen in the past and freshmen today, seniors would still like to see traditions

passed down in upcoming years. a rather unusual year, students find ways to "I would hope for students' pass down the little things that made their involvement in sports time at Antioch Community High School increase], because I have memorable. noticed a decline in that, especially with track," MEGAN HARDING | writer senior Tom Tom staff IZANA NORDHAUS | designer Tom Tom staff

Samantha Kempf said.

Students gathering together is another way to build culture within the school. Assemblies and other events are a great way to do this. Typically, students of all classes gather together during special events such as homecoming or prom week, or to honor certain people such as veterans or accomplished students in the school.

"We used to have so many more assemblies than we do now and I think that was a good way to unite the student body," senior Katelyn Opal said. "We also had more dances and field trips."

Seniors have put in lots of effort to keep traditions going in an unusual time. Sequoit Senate has worked in traditional dress-up days such as senior toga day during homecoming and the ABC countdown for the end of senior year. The marching band has continued to play Friday mornings during home football games and during state walks, and sports still continue to wear formal clothes before meets, tournaments or competitions.

Tradition is an important part of any school because it brings students together while honoring past generations. It is the seniors' responsibility to pass the torch down to underclassmen so that they will be around for incoming students. Even in a rather unusual year, students find ways to pass down the little things that made their time at Antioch Community High School memorable.

YOU KNOW YOU GO TO ANTIOCH WHEN...

- **1.** When Culver's is considered fine dining
- **2.** When you have a term for getting stopped by a train, A.K.A. getting "Antioched"
- **3.** When there is a new security guard every week
- **4.** When you have to walk a mile from your car to get to school
- **5.** When the largest threat the school poses is taking away off-campus lunch
- **6.** When the parking lot is a warzone after school
- 7. When football games are seen as a national holiday
- **8.** When there's a state walk every other week
- **9.** When you go to the bathroom and the sink is missing
- **10.** When mullets are the top choice at Great Clips
- **11.** When your email is flooded with I-Search surveys
- **12.** When there are more people in the bathroom than in your class
- **13.** When your favorite breakfast place gets confused with a city in Nevada
- **14.** When the grand opening of Jersey Mike's is like Black Friday

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WHAT WILL ANTIOCH BE LIKE IN 10 YEARS?

The history of Antioch began in 1836 when the Gage brothers, Darius and Thomas, and their friend Thomas Warner stumbled across a lengthy stream shy of the border between Illinois and Wisconsin. At the time, what Antioch is now was not even a thought.



LILA HEILIG | designer editor-in-chief









HAPPY



FROM FIRST GRADE THROUGH SENIOR YEAR

(2011-2022)

(according to billboard.com)









ROLLING IN THE DEEP ADELE (2011) **SOMEBODY THAT I USED TO KNOW**

GOTYE (2012)

THRIFT SHOP

MACKLEMORE (2013)

HAPPY

PHARRELL (2014)

UPTOWN FUNK BRUNO MARS (2015) LOVE YOURSELF JUSTIN BIEBER (2016)

SHAPE OF YOU

ED SHEERAN (2017)

GOD'S PLAN

DRAKE (2018)

OLD TOWN ROAD

LIL NAS X (2019)

BLINDING LIGHTS

THE WEEKND (2020)

LEVITATING

DUA LIPA (2021)

AS IT WAS

HARRY STYLES (2022)



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Cody Basovsky
Tammy Bui
Teah Carbonell
Leahanna Davidson
Samantha Hansen
Delilah Hately
Jackson Highberg
Luke Listermann
Travis Powers

Travis Powers Garrett Ray Malia Walker AJ Whitmore Grace Yeager Marina Zahnen

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Colin Cameron Emily Olszowy

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY Faith LaCerba

LAKE FOREST COLLEGE Jacob Herstowski

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY
Alexander Le

MONMOUTH COLLEGE
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Camden Gugel

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Madeline Monroe

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Jasmine Ametovski

ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE
Luke Dragin

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Dykota Drije Logan Mabus





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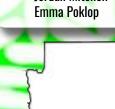
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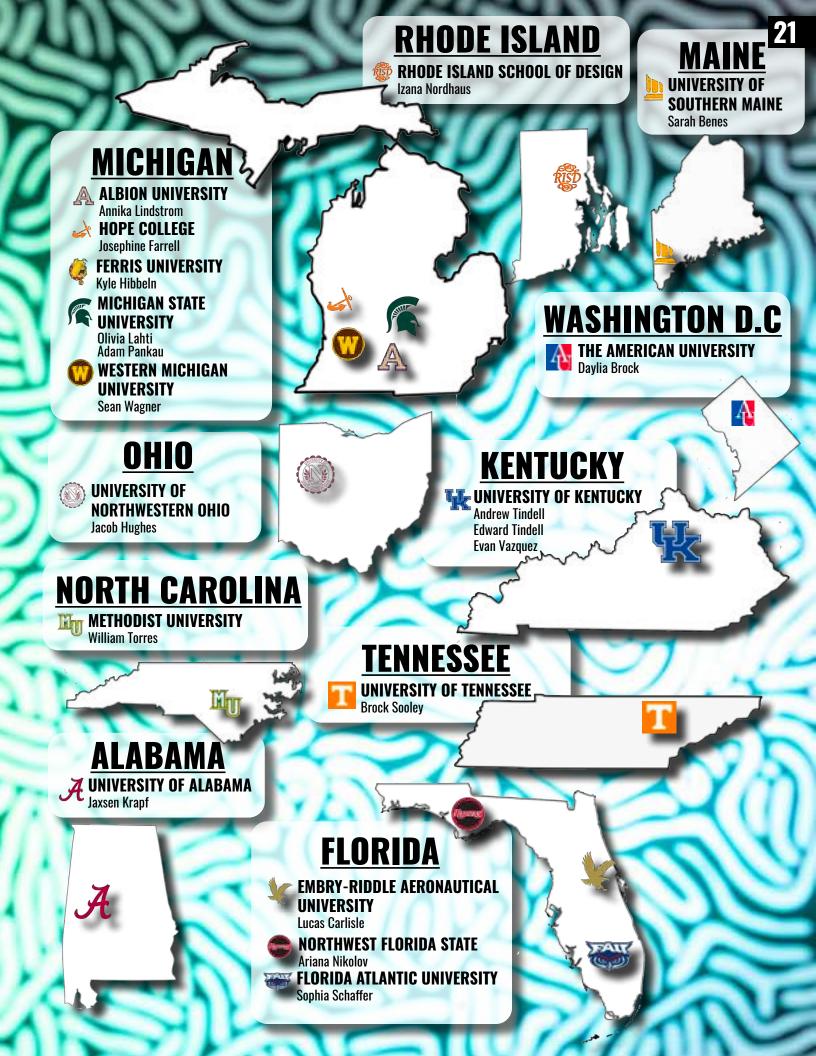
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Ever since she was little, senior Gabrielle Debevec and softball have gone hand in hand. With that in mind, Debevec is a Division 1 committed athlete, continuing her love for the sport until it stands impossible.

hen senior Gabrielle Debevec reached the age of six, she began playing the sport that led her to where she is today: softball. However, it would only be the start of her 13-year-long career, with an additional four years as Debevec committed to the University of Illinois as a D1 athlete.

For Debevec, her history with softball ran deeper than herself; her mom and best friend both played the sport before she did. Luckily, her mom recommended her to play the sport, and for almost Debevec's whole life, she has done just that.

"I don't remember what my life was like before it had softball in it." Debevec said.

Initially, Debevc played for the Antioch inhouse teams, slowly working toward travel softball, where she would join the Bordertown Bandits for four years. Then, at the age of 14, she made an elite travel team, Illinois Chill Gold, and stuck with it. She will continue her journey as a Fighting Illini, a dream she has grasped but had not come true until now.

"I dreamed about becoming a D1 athlete for so long," Debevec said. "The University of Illinois has been my dream school since I was in eighth grade. The coaches are absolutely incredible [and] the environment the team has is like a family."

Though it is a huge change and a different venue than the one in Antioch, Debevec is prepared and will not be alone in the long run.

"I am most excited to play with my best friend, Reese Hunkins, who also plays on my travel team and will be attending U of I with me in the fall," Debevec said. "I cannot wait to make all new friends and find my home away from home." Alongside the excitement of the unknown future lying ahead and her official

CLASS OF 2

SCHOOL:

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

MAJOR:

SPORT:

BUSINESS SOFTBALL

FUN FACT:

VERBALLY COMMITTED TO ILLINOIS AS A SOPHOMORE

commitment this past fall, pressure arose, surrounding Debevec on and off the field. However, her ability to overcome this adversity within her mentality enables her to push onward.

"There are times where I get frustrated with myself if I do not perform well because I feel like I let people down or make people think I don't deserve the scholarship," Debevec said. "I have to trust that I got to where I am today because I am talented, and I don't need to prove anything to anyone, only myself."

Throughout the recruitment process and her softball life, Debevec did not face the overwhelming pressures alone. Her two biggest fans supported her every step of the way, sacrificing time and money for their eldest daughter. Debevec is forever grateful for them.

"I would like to say to my parents, 'I would not be where I am today without you guys, and I thank you both for sticking with me throughout this crazy journey, but it's not over yet;" Debevec said.

"WHEN I GO ON TO PLAY MY SPORT IN COLLEGE, I WILL PROUD-LY REPRESENT ANTIOCH."

GABRIELLE DEBEVEC // CLASS OF 2022

The softball environment is not where an individual can barrel through it alone; after all, it is a team sport. Though her parents were an essential part of extending her softball career, others lent a helping hand also.

As she has grown older, she has countlessly grown inspired by coaches and players involved in the softball world. Whether they know it or not, an everlasting impact was made upon her.

"My biggest inspiration is my 14u coach Olivia Duehr; she is an incredible person who has taught me a lot of what I know about the game," Debevec said. "I do not think [softball players in her organization] know how much of an impact they have made on the way I play the game."

While leaning on others furthers her

career, there is no person she relies on more than herself. When participating in any sport, whether at practice or a game, perseverance can falter when met with failure. At times, the losses may outweigh the victories, but when she prevails, it is the only feeling that matters to Debevec.

"Softball is a very competitive sport, and you often fail more than you succeed," Debevec said. "What fuels my passion is the feeling I get when I overcome challenges within the game; it makes me feel on top of the world."

Looking back at her younger self compared to now, Debevec excelled. At U of I, she will not only become a member of the D1 softball team, but she will also propel her academic career forward, receiving an education in business.

With the numerous triumphs Debevec accomplished throughout her career, she gained indispensable memories as well: playing Colorado with the highest level of competition from around the country, or her favorite, accepting her offer at U of I.

"I have never been more proud of myself than I was at that moment," Debevec said.

To become a D1 athlete and earn her own pride, Debevec surrendered her time and worked hard to be the best on the field. Over the years, the lifelong athletic dream neared, but not without a fight.

"Pushing [myself] to become the best player I could possibly be is what helped me get to where I am today," Debevec said.

For her last year as a Sequoit, Debevec is the starting shortstop on the Antioch Community High School varsity softball team, wearing the number four on the back of her jersey. As she opens the door to this new chapter in her life, she leaves her chapter at ACHS behind, appreciative of her four years here.

"This community has shaped me into the person I am today," Debevec said. "When I go on to play my sport in college and receive an education, I will proudly represent Antioch."

Next year, as Debevec moves onto a new team and into a new school, the story she left behind will remain. She left her mark upon the atmosphere at ACHS, something attainable even without her D1 commitment.

Debevec lives here, in the small town of Antioch, Ill., that lies along the border of Wisconsin. Yet, she was a small-town kid with big dreams, a singular dream of achieving greatness through becoming a D1 athlete. As she graduates in the class of 2022 this spring, she will accomplish that dream as she is a committed D1 athlete at U of I.





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A conversation with Ravyn Edran through her ACHS career; drive, burnout and rediscovering one's purpose within it all. Proving her worth every day makes the struggle for balance all the more difficult.

rials and tribulations of high school have tested the character of each student and one's coming of age journey in the past four years at Antioch Community High School. ACHS senior Ravyn Edran has demonstrated the foundational pillars of an exemplary student and well-rounded human being throughout her career.

Adaptability is a prevalent characteristic Edran has consistently stayed true to. Trying new strategies in organization, time management and social life is a must in order to keep up with her rigorous schedule, and she has found her way through her daily demands.

"I have a planner every year, but I don't end up finishing the year using it," Edran said. "This year actually, I just stuck Post-it notes to my Chromebook."

The mile-long to-do lists shaping a singular day can be an unseen detriment to the practice of self-care. As is quite common for such successful students, applying time management skills to mental health is a struggle felt for all four years of high school, but there are positive outcomes and lessons to be learned.

"We're still getting there," Edran said. "I felt like if I don't finish everything, then I can't reward myself, but that's not true. I should still reward myself. I should still go to bed at a fairly decent hour."

Sleep, hunger and personal well-being hit the backburner of priorities during the stress and pressure of day-to-day pursuits, but the compassion found within tension is a remarkable trait maintained by Edran; supporting her friends and community is of utmost importance.

"Even though I'm so busy, I'm always there,"

CLASS OF 2

SCHOOL:

MAJOR:

SCHOLARSHIPS:

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

MATERIAL SCIENCE ENGINEERING

Matse outstanding scholarship, Hamer foundation scholarship Edran said. "I'm very empathetic and people can feel that; that's why a lot of people tell me things, I started to become a little therapist."

The composure required to keep up with Edran is impressive; however, she deals with being a human in a fast-moving world the same as a striking majority of high school students. The constant pressure to succeed and make the most of each moment can seem crippling at times, but the quiet moments of growth pushes Edran to be her very best. In general, it is important to recognize the burden that accompanies being such a well-performing student in order to grow. The road gets difficult.

Concluding a seven-minute run-through of her day, Edran finally got to explain how she wraps up her night.

"I do homework for three to four hours before I prepare to go to bed at like 11:30 p.m., and then if it's a good day, I'm asleep by midnight," Edran said. "That is my day."

"WHATEVER I'M LABELED AS DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF."

RAVYN EDRAN // CLASS OF 2022

Exhaustion is difficult to avoid as someone with a nonstop schedule. Edran remains honest about the toll her schedule has on her being difficult to handle at times. Edran may not afford herself much free time in her schedule, but she is able to act as a support system for the people she cares about and continue improving herself in all aspects of her life simultaneously.

The long journey to the top, however, has not come without unprecedented obstacles. Being Asian American in a predominantly white community has presented hurdles for Edran that she hopes to prove trivial to her ability to achieve whatever it is she truly wants.

"You can feel that there are people that notice, and the way they treat you and their expectations of you," Edran said. "Just because I'm a minority, I'm a female, whatever I'm labeled as, it doesn't have

anything to do with what I'm capable of and what I can accomplish."

Leaving labels behind along with their preconceived notions and prejudices can be difficult in a world with such weight attached to heritage. Accepting the success experienced by Edran being earned with determination is something she has had to work for. Being reduced to an aspect of her identity is an unfairly common assumption Edran fights to overcome; she will continue to fight as she enters the next chapter of her life.

The endless paths open to Edran can be intimidating at times. Finding the best college, best program, and best community to become a part of can seem like the make it or break it choice for many second-semester high school seniors. With a high school resume and teacher testament like Edran's, difficulties arise when deciding between university offers.

When seeing the uncertainty of the future that lies before her, it is easy to forget about the all-too-familiar feeling of stepping into ACHS four years ago. Dwelling upon what could have been is useless to Edran now, but advising her past self can serve others entering the new world of high school and put university into a different perspective.

"It's not that serious. It literally isn't that serious," Edran said. "Even if you try really hard, you study and you prepare for a test or project, sometimes you're still not gonna do good. It doesn't mean that you're not smart. That was really hard to get for a while."

In the journey to growth, mistakes must be made. Even Ravyn Edran, the picture of a wonderfully well-rounded student and friend to all, has made her fair share of mistakes like every other senior, or person, for that matter. Imperfections do not deserve to be pushed down or hidden away and that is easier said than done; however, Edran has become the person she is today by acknowledging the immense value she truly has along with all of the people she cares about and who care about her in return.

"Set your mind to the hard work and effort that you're willing to put into stuff that will make you successful," Edran said. "We deserve to be respected."

The success achieved by Edran did not come without many battles fought for her seat at the table, but without the drive pushing her forward through adversity she would not have created such a life for herself and she would not have been able to become such an integral piece of the Antioch community at large.





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WILL TORRES | writer
Tom Tom staff

As an all-around laid-back individual, Daxton Foote has made an impact on not only ACHS but his peers as well. He is excited for what college has to bring for him in the future and hopes to continue to be impactful.

axton Foote, just like any other incoming student, had certain expectations for high school. He was excited for a new chapter in his life and was looking forward to having a good time while he was still home for another few years. Over the last four years, Foote has participated in soccer in the fall and tennis in the spring as well as playing soccer for a club team. Playing multiple sports throughout high school has taught Foote about teamwork and leadership, both important things in high school, especially in sports. Being a leader is a great example for the younger students on the team; they can watch and learn how to be a good leader.

"My expectations were to have lots of fun and just enjoy my time while I am still at home," Foote said.

For Foote, high school has been all he expected it to be; he has had fun and has tried many new things. He has been able to experience high school without many problems or distractions, and because of this, has made many memories with friends both inside and outside of school and in sports

"My favorite memories in high school were when I was in my sports seasons and just having fun in life," Foote said.

Leadership and teamwork are not the only skills Foote has learned throughout high school; he has learned how to be more productive and has learned a great work ethic. Being a student-athlete is tough, especially when there is a large amount of homework at once. After a practice or game, one may not have much time to catch up on school, so staying up late to finish it is a

CLASS OF 2

SCHOOL:

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE

MAJOR: SPORT:

FINANCE SOCCER

CLASH OF CLANS RAISING CANE'S ENTHUSIAST necessity. Foote not only dealt with school and sports, but also dealt with having a job at the same time. Having three responsibilities like these can be stressful for a high school student, but Foote has been able to figure out how to manage these responsibilities.

"Something that I learned in high school that I can use for the rest of my life is learning how to be productive," Foote said. "I also learned a great work ethic with balancing sports, a job and school all at once."

Foote did not get through high school alone; his friends and family helped him majorly and were there to support him throughout his high school years no matter what. Since Foote had so much support from friends and family, his experience was made easier than it may have been for others. High school may not have been much of a challenge for him, but Foote was glad that he was able to experience it before getting to those tougher challenges after high school.

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"My friends and family are a huge reason why I got through high school," Foote said. "I get that high school wasn't too difficult and I will face harder challenges in life, but it was a great experience for me and I have learned a lot."

Throughout high school, Foote has made many accomplishments. His definition of success may differ from others in his class; his classmates may believe that getting honor roll and good grades are accomplishments, but Foote

believes that success in high school is something else.

"My biggest accomplishment in high school is probably just meeting a lot of new people and becoming friends with them," Foote said. "I think I have created a lot of bonds and friendships."

Foote has been passionate about soccer for as long as he has been playing the game, but the now-committed Division 3 athlete has changed his mind about his future since childhood.

"I wanted to be a professional soccer player, but that's not really in the reach anymore," Foote said.

With his high school career coming to a close, the next chapter of Foote's life may be more of a challenge. He has chosen to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and is ready for college and is looking forward to change. He is also excited about new experiences and new opportunities that may come up throughout college.

"My plan for after high school is to go to college, have some fun and join a fraternity," Foote said.

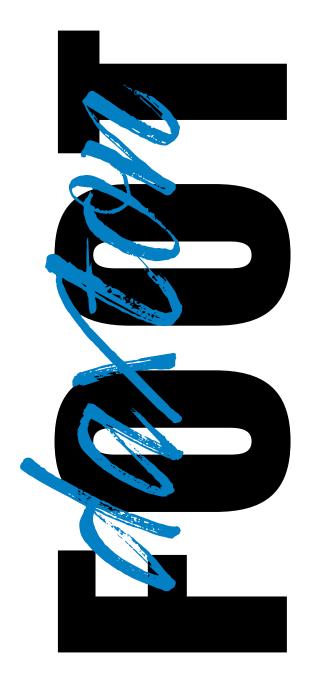
Students may have different thoughts on their favorite thing about high school, and that is no different for Foote. In high school, Foote did not have many difficulties when it came to his education or getting good grades. He believes that college is much more important.

Foote mentioned that friends and family helped him get through high school, but there is someone that he has been able to look up to that helped him throughout the past few years: his dad. Foote looks up to his father for a few reasons, including the fact that he is a good person and has pushed Foote in many different ways to succeed.

"I have looked up to my dad a lot in high school," Foote said. "He has a great work ethic and he is a very personable person."

Foote has been able to make it through high school without many problems and has also had help from friends and family. Now that high school is coming to an end for Foote, he has realized that the last four years have made some of the best years of his life. He now looks forward to college and is excited to gain a college experience away from home. Foote now hopes to make his parents and the town of Antioch proud from a few hours away.







JACOB SLABOSZ | designer lifestyles online director

EMMA POKLOP | writer Tom Tom staff

As a music major with an undecided future, Jana Paulsen is excited to pay it forward to other musicians just as her role models did for her. She is thankful for her experiences in the fine arts department at ACHS.

ana Paulsen is currently a senior at Antioch Community High School. Throughout her time at Antioch, she has been involved in a variety of activities, the most notable being her participation in the fine arts department. Paulsen has distinguished herself among her peers through her involvement in almost every ensemble offered, including many different bands.

"I'm pretty much in everything: wind ensemble, pit orchestra, marching band and jazz band," Paulsen said. "I also play clarinet and saxophone, so that gives me more of a variety of options to do."

In addition to music, Paulsen is involved in many other ways, even outside of ACHS. Working in many different areas occupies a lot of her time.

"My freshman year I played field hockey, and this year I'm in yearbook," Paulsen said. "Outside of music, I do love media, like taking pictures and photography, and I help my brother with his TikTok and Instagram videos."

With all of her various activities, Paulsen knows how to fill her time well. This is evident in her advantageous plans for posthigh school; Paulsen enrolled to continue her academic and musical education at Carthage College.

"My plan for the next few years is to go to Carthage College to study music," Paulsen said. "After I get my bachelor's, I plan to get my master's in music. I'll probably be some sort of educator, director or something like that"

Within the coming years, she will need to decide on a more specific angle to further her education.

"Right now, [my major] is just music," Paulsen said. "In two or three years I think I have to decide either

CLASS OF 29

SCHOOL:

MAJOR:

INSTRUMENTS:

SCHOLARSHIPS:

CARTHAGE COLLEGE

MUSIC

CLARINET & SAXOPHONE

TOO MANY TO COUNT

education or performance as well. I'll probably do education, but right now it's just playing music."

Her hard work in high school has definitely paid off in the scholarships she has received. Paulsen received the Presidential Music Scholarship, Founders Scholarship, Carthage Alumni Scholarship, Southport Scholarship, Carthage Endowed Scholarship and a performance scholarship as well.

"I was one of the 10 people that received the Presidential Music Scholarship," Paulsen said. "I basically got a full ride."

The money will be put to good use through the many goals Paulsen has in studying music. In her time at Antioch, Paulsen has been mentored by teachers like Michael Riggs and Jonathan Untch on how to become a better musician and person. In gaining her education, she wants to help others as her teachers have

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JANA PAULSEN // CLASS OF 2022

helped her.

"[I want] to just be a better musician," Paulsen said. "My [goal] is to make an impact on people, so by being an educator, I'm hoping to inspire people, not only with music, but to explore themselves."

Through being a director or an educator, Paulsen hopes to be able to help others realize their potential in music.

"My goal is if I see someone that has a lot of potential, I really want to make them reach their goals," Paulsen said. "I want them to see who they really are and help people find themselves and what they like to do."

While music is not a common choice for a major, Paulsen often questioned how she could not at least try music. For her, it seemed like an obvious choice as it is what she does best. Music has always been a part of Paulsen's life and a way for her to express herself creatively. "I think it's more creative and that's what I like," Paulsen said. "No other major really catches my eye."

Due to her experience with college applications, Paulsen has advice for her peers when it comes to choosing a major.

"I would definitely say take your time," Paulsen said. "It may not seem like you have a lot of time to figure out what you want, but honestly, take your time. Really think about what you want to do and where you see yourself, and just find something you really like to do."

Paulsen has the philosophy that the worst thing someone can do is never try. It is better to try and fail than to never try at all. In addition, she has felt like she is called to do music.

"If you're even thinking about doing it, I think it's the universe kind of telling you, 'hey, you should at least try it,'" Paulsen said.

Paulsen would like to thank the people around her for helping her become successful. Without them, she would not be the musician or person that she is now.

"I'm really grateful for Untch and Riggs because I feel like no matter what decision I make, they would always be so proud of me," Paulsen said. "The fine arts department is always so accepting, and they really encouraged me to try new stuff like new instruments or auditions."

In addition to the teachers at Antioch, Paulsen owes her success to her family and friends. Paulsen fully believes she would not be where she is today without their approval of her pursuing music.

"[I would like to thank] my friends, family, mom and brother for pushing me to do that stuff; that's what I need in my life," Paulsen said. "I think without their encouragement and support, I would not have been drum major or [Tri-M] president."

Paulsen also wishes to thank her teachers for the ways they have invested in her throughout her time at ACHS.

"I'd say a big thank you to Untch and Riggs for always pushing me and always being there for me," Paulsen said. "Even at the lowest parts that I've had in high school, they've always been so supportive."

Paulsen's accomplishments speak for themselves through her work ethic and success. During her time at Antioch, Paulsen has made a lasting impact on the fine arts department through her dedication and commitment to the program. Whether Paulsen decides to become a music director or educator, she is bound to be prosperous in her career and in the impact she makes through music.





JACOB SLABOSZ | designer lifestyles online director

MEGAN HARDING | writer tom tom staff

Senior Will Torres has left his mark on Antioch Community High School through his hard work, positive attitude and involvement in sports and activities. While embarking on a collegiate path after graduation, he plans to carry this work ethic into his future. He looks forward to fulfilling his business goal of owning a golf course.

ust like any other incoming freshman, William Torres' view of high school was filled with anticipation. He was worried about his workload but was also excited to get involved and make new memories. Throughout the last four years, he has been involved in both golf in the fall and tennis in the spring. Being a two-sport athlete, Torres has learned the importance of teamwork and friendship. These experiences not only taught him about athleticism but also instilled a sense of responsibility within him.

Torres' life has shifted beyond what he had imagined as a freshman. He has gained a sense of maturity along the way by finding a greater level of respect for the adults in his life. His mental growth allowed him to invest his time into what is important; when he was young, his goal was to play golf professionally but he has since shifted to what he views as more realistic for himself.

"I'm going to school to be a head pro or a general manager of a golf course instead of trying to be a professional athlete," Torres said

Golf has always been something that Torres has dedicated his time to. He had already played five years before joining the high school team his freshman year, where his love for the sport continued to grow. He has formed lots of tight-knit relationships with the other players on his team, which he believes will become life-long friendships he will continue to cherish. He is

CLASS OF 2

SCHOOL:

MAJOR:

METHODIST UNIVERSITY PGA GOLF MANAGEMENT

TALENTS:

MARIO GOLF, REAL LIFE GOLF, GOING FAR FOR OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH

thankful for all the times they have shared at fun practices and rewarding tournaments.

Torres' involvement in ACHS' golf program boded well for the success of the team. In his eyes, the team's biggest accomplishment was at a home tournament on Sept. 11 during his senior season.

"We were all wearing red, white and blue," Torres said. "It was a lot of fun that day, and we came in second [as a team] in that tournament. Getting fifth [individually] at that tournament was really cool."

As a senior, a big challenge is finding the right fit for future education plans. Torres was unsure of his exact plans before receiving mail from Methodist University in Fayetteville, N.C. They sent him a packet of information on their PGA Golf Management program, and after researching, Torres found out that it was the perfect fit for him.

"I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT PEOPLE NO MATTER WHAT, AND BE ABLE TO WORK AS HARD AS [MY MOM] DOES."

WILLIAM TORRES // CLASS OF 2022

"[On the East Coast], there's just a ton of great golf courses, and the landscapes out there are beautiful," Torres said.

The East Coast is a popular destination for golfers for this exact reason; it also offers great internship opportunities. The PGA program at Methodist University is four and a half years, with a three-month-long internship at a golf course each summer except for the last year, where the internship is

seven months long. These internships help future PGA managers to practice skills such as running the pro shop, managing employees through payroll and instructing customers.

Torres does not just want to stop at managing a golf course—he has a goal of designing and owning his own course. This will allow him to have more freedom while doing the thing he enjoys most.

Torres' top priority is graduating, but he cannot help but think of how his life will be after he earns his diploma. He imagines his future to be waking up early, working his 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift and spending the rest of his day sharing his expertise with others—teaching them the sport of golf.

"[I hope] to teach other people about the [different] golf swings," Torres said. "[It is] just a good experience to be able to teach others."

Playing golf until sundown is the way Torres pictures his day ending. His outgoing personality mixed with a passion for the sport is what will drive his career.

While his knowledge of golf was passed on from his dad, an avid player, he believes his work ethic comes from his mom. She goes above and beyond to support Torres and his older sister by always taking care of the things behind the scenes. This inspires him to match her attitude while pursuing his career and going through life in general. Making her proud means a lot to him because she is one of his biggest supporters.

"I want to be able to support people no matter what, and be able to work as hard as [my mom] does," Torres said.

His older sister and his mom are the people that have stuck by his side during his high school years and they are proud of all Torres' accomplishments. They will continue to support him from afar as he travels halfway across the country for school.

PGA management mixes marketing strategies with the sport of golf, which is a very specialized major. Torres wants to assist people while also improving his craft, making this his dream opportunity. While going down such a unique path, Torres hopes to make Antioch proud from over 800 miles away.











AS STRONG AS Chow



With time, dedication and pride, the Iron Athletes of Antioch Community High School have participated in a sport every season for all four years. The class of 2022 Iron Athletes are Maggie Volkmar, Leo Reband, Brock Sooley, Evan Vazquez and Briar Russell.

ecoming an Iron Athlete is a major challenge, and the five Sequoits who have made this accomplishment have demonstrated pride in being dedicated athletes and students. Along with their hard work comes a great deal of memories.

Brock Sooley has had plenty of memories he will remember for the rest of his life; a few of his key moments came from the basketball season.

"Senior night for basketball was super cool," Sooley said.

The memories these athletes have created over the past four years will forever be remembered by these young athletes. The Iron Sequoits have made countless lifelong memories from being a part of a sport every sports season for all four years of their career at Antioch.

The countless coaches these athletes have worked with have paved them into proud young adults. These coaches will have had an impact on not only their players' athletic careers but also their growth as young adults. For Volkmar, Coach Dewing has impacted her the most.

"Coach Dewing has always supported me on and off the field, and always gave me the best opportunities," Volkmar said.

Surrounding teammates made a huge influence on athletes throughout the years at Antioch Community High School. The best friendships between athletes come from meeting new people during different sports seasons throughout high school.

"My biggest influence throughout sports in high school was always the kids older than me," Reband said.

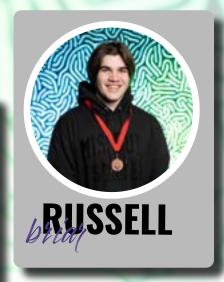
The Iron Athletes that have decided to move forward with their athletic careers are Volkmar and Vazquez. Volkmar is playing field hockey for Marian University. Vazquez is attending the University of Kentucky and is continuing to play soccer.

No matter their future paths, the Iron Sequoits have undoubtedly made an impact on ACHS. Their accomplishments and sportsmanship will continue to be celebrated and remembered.

JAKE TUBBS | writer Tom Tom staff LILA HEILIG | designer editor-in-chief













BOOTS ON THE ANOmial

There are many different paths one can take after high school, from college to trade school. Some choose to embark on a more daring route: the military.

fter leaving Antioch Community High School, seniors are left with a multitude of choices. College, trade jobs, the workforce and the military or ROTC are a few. Going into the military is often overlooked, though it is an important role to fill. Going into the military means providing selfless service. Those in uniform sacrifice their freedoms so that other people can have theirs. With that being said, many people were born to serve.

"As a kid, I was always fond of the military, so once I realized I had the chance to join, I made sure to not waste any time to enlist," senior Andrew Wackenhuth said.

Despite still being in high school, Wackenhuth has made progress towards his future goals as a marine; working in confidential intelligence is his ideal future path.

"I love working with computers, and currently, I've done many cyber security tests and FBI interviews to clear myself to do intelligence in the marines [currently my MOS is intel]," Wackenhuth said. "One day, I hope to be the brains of a big operation."

As a senior going into the military, Wackenhuth is looking for a very successful career and is looking to serve his country to the best of his ability.

Senior Daniel Hammond chose to enlist in the Navy due to many different reasons. The biggest, however, is the impact that enlisted family members and friends have had on his life.

"Since I was a child, I grew up with enlisted personnel everywhere I looked," Hammond said. "The amount of "uncles" I had was insane, from [almost] every branch, too."

Hammond also decided to enlist in the Navy due to practical reasons, such as healthcare. Most of all, he would like to follow in his dad's footsteps.

"I wanted to follow in my father's footsteps... I've always idolized my father," Hammond said.

No matter the reason for joining, Antioch Community High School wishes well to all graduating military seniors and to all ROTC seniors on their future endeavors. The military has become a viable option, and is an important role to fill.

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THE MOST anding

The two Outstanding Sequoits, Ravyn Edran and Hannah Benes, have met the requirements classifying them as the class of 2022 role models; a rolling GPA of 3.75, zero behavior referrals and no unexcused absences are all criteria certifying an ACHS Outstanding Sequoit. The two were voted by the ACHS staff and students and ultimately selected as this year's Outstanding Sequoits.



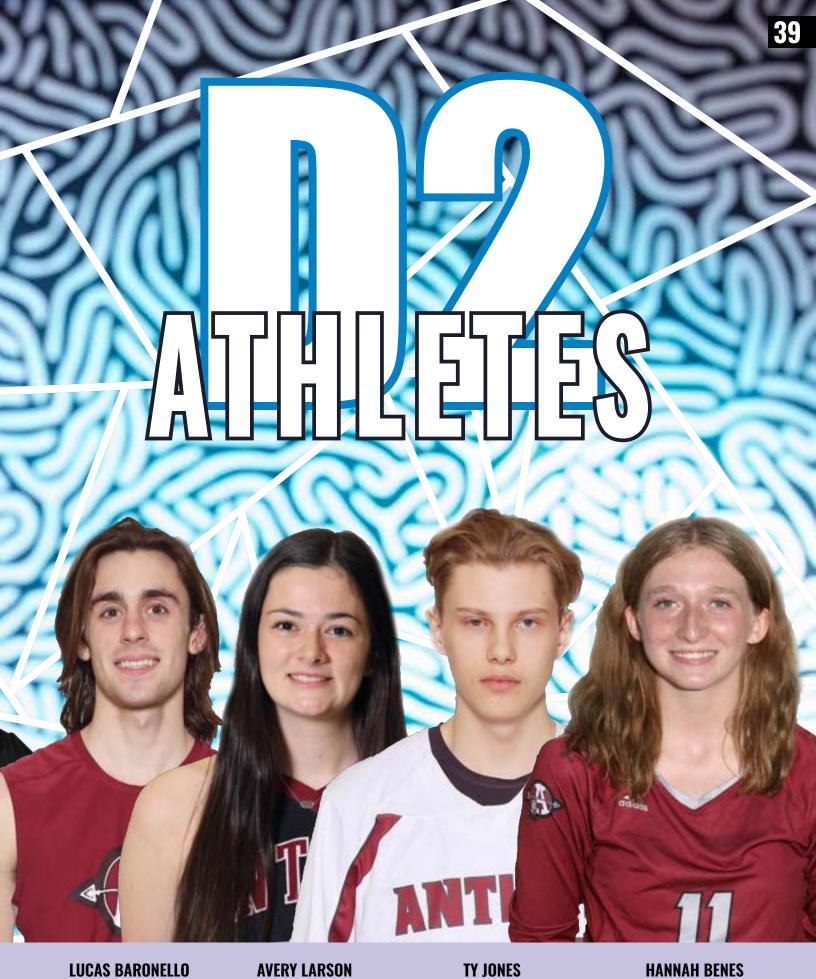
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Dance



LUCAS BARONELLO
University of Illinois
Springfield
Cross Country

Truman State University
Basketball

Lindenwood University
Hockey

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Volleyball



St. Ambrose University Football

WILLIAM TORRES

Methodist University Golf

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Baseball

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Soccer

JACOB HERSTOWSKI

Lake Forest College Football

ANDREW BOWLES

University of Wisconsin-Platteville Football

JOSEPH HAIGHT Carroll University

Golf

THOMAS VAN SICKLE Carthage College Football

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LUKE DRAGIN

Rock Valley College Baseball

KATHLEEN QUIRKE

Concordia University Field Hockey

St. Ambrose University Baseball

ANNIKA LINDSTROM

Albion College Volleyball

VERONICA HENKEL College of Lake County Volleyball

MAGGIE VOLKMAR Marian University Field Hockey

NATALIE LABICKI Monmouth University Tennis

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ALEXIS BARBOSA

Tom Tom. Six letters, two words. What I would give to learn what those two words meant all over again. The summer before my freshman year of high school I came to eighth grade night. The Tom Tom stand immediately caught my attention. I knew that I wanted to be a part of this so called "Tom Tom" immediately. And here we are. I have had the privilege of being on staff for the last three years. Late nights turned into beaming smiles of those reading the magazine. As soon as you feel like you cannot stand to edit another story, the beautiful print is right in front of you. Tom Tom is a magazine. Tom Tom is a reason to push yourself out of your comfort zone. Tom Tom is a friend. Tom Tom is a family. Tom Tom is a shoulder to cry on. Tom Tom is the most bittersweet goodbye I have ever had to say. I miss you already.

DAYLIA BROCK

It is more bitter than it is sweet to say goodbye to the Tom Tom program. I have learned from and fallen in love with the process of creating magazine after magazine from "unpaid intern" introduction to journalism freshman to Lifestyles Writing Editor. There has been a fair share of changes throughout my time in the program but it never ceased to feel like home. Watching my peers grow alongside me and eventually be able to create something of our own is a process not many others get to experience (keep in mind, I may be slightly biased) and the luck that brought this team together is something I may never understand. It was an absolute privilege and honor to contribute to the legacy of the ACHS Tom Tom; it taught me more than just AP style;)

LEIGHTON COSTELLO

I joined Tom Tom junior year not knowing what to expect. I quickly fell in love with the atmosphere and how the class was run. I have not had many classes throughout high school that I would wake up and look forward to, but I found myself waking up and counting down the minutes until I stepped foot in 263. Senior year rolled around and I was given a role to create video content for our sport programs. This required a lot of hard work and time spent outside of class to produce videos. I would not have been able to do it without an amazing adviser like Sobes. I am forever grateful for the relationships I made throughout Tom Tom and all of the lessons I learned. TTOD.

LILA HEILIG

Saying goodbye to something that has been my rock over the past four years is difficult. When I entered high school, I was so unbelievably insecure. I didn't know who I was, and I couldn't figure out exactly where I fit. Slowly, Tom Tom became a place where I truly felt comfortable. I learned important things about myself that I never would have realized otherwise; my leadership skills, my passions in life and my paths in life were formed because of my experiences these past four years. Now, I am facing change. I don't really know what I'm going to face in the future, but Tom Tom has shaped me into the person I am today, and the things I have accomplished, the friends I have met and the mentors who have advised me have prepared me for whatever I may face. Thank you.

IZANA NORDHAUS

Tom Tom made up some of the best 4 years of my life; I built life-lasting connections, and was able to do so while creating content I am proud of. I learned so much about my true passions, and was able to experience the journey with my friends. Tom Tom was more than an elective class—it was a community. We each depended on each other to get the job done, but were also able to have fun and get to know each other more along the way. I will forever remember the creative and fun community we built in room 263. Goodbye:)

JACOB SLABOSZ

The things I would give to be joining my first class of Tom Tom on a Google Meet. I joined Tom Tom as a junior without any previous experience in journalism. At the time, I really had no clue what I was doing; further, I had no idea how much I would come to love journalism and graphic design. The friendships I made through my two short years in Tom Tom are hopefully ones that I will maintain forever. The countless hours spent at the school after dark were something I grew to love. While I sit in the lab at 10:26 p.m., three days after my "last day" at ACHS, I realize I would give the world to have another year as a part of the Tom Tom family. The skills I gained throughout my time here will stick with me forever. It's almost concerningly hard to say a final goodbye to room 263, Megtron our lovely printer, classmates, friends, family. Thank you, Tom Tom, for everything. Much love.

OLIVIA GERHARDT

Never in my life has there been a more transformative experience. It was a class I tried on a whim just because a teacher in middle school gave me praise for my writing skills, but spoiler alert: I didn't end up writing for The Tom Tom. I found a new outlet for my creativity- design. When I met the executive team for the first time, I'm not going to lie, I was extremely nervous about the coming year. But they proved me wrong. I can't count the amount of times I have died laughing to the point where I was crying on the floor, or the amount of times I've had a yelling match with the other staff members over something dumb. Or even the late nights where we deliriously try to push out a magazine before school. Tom Tom is and will always be one of the best moments of my life. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to contribute to Tom Tom. Thank you.

JAXSEN KRAPF

There has been a Krapf in Tom Tom since 2017, but it didn't come up on my radar until the end of my sophomore year. My sister Madisen always told me about how amazing this class was but it never crossed my mind that I could be doing that too. I joined my junior year with the intention of just having fun with my friends, but by the end of the first semester, I realized that I might have had a knack for it. Applying and earning an exe c position was the best decision I've made in my high school career. Seeing all of the hard work we put in come to life and having people enjoy it is a feeling that is irreplaceable. I've formed so many amazing relationships with people that never would have happened without Tom Tom. Being a part of this family has changed my life.

PATRICK SHEEHAN

I have been living in Antioch my whole life. My parents went to Antioch and my grandparents went to Antioch. Ever since I was a kid I wanted to be in high school. I wanted to be on the football team , the baseball team, and I wanted to be in the Tom Tom. Looking back I accomplished my goals and now I'm leaving Antioch for the first time on my own. For me I made my high school experience as special as I could. I have some of the closest people in my life around me and have made memories that'll last a lifetime. Thank you to Tom Tom for everything it has taught me and the people I have been able to meet. Thank you football for giving me some of the greatest friends I've ever had and the most amazing memories. Thank you baseball for everything you have done for me and everything I was able to learn. Thank you to everyone who made my high school experience as amazing as it was. Go Sequoits!

LOGAN VAN ALSTINE

For 18 years I have lived here and I said the same thing for the longest time. "I cannot wait to leave." But now that it is really time to say goodbye, I'm scared for it. I spent so much time waiting for it be over, that now that it is actually ending I'm worried for what might be next. Tom Tom was something that was completely off of my radar till senior year, that was my biggest regret. I've laughed, cried, and everything in between here. Tom Tom is a family, a family I was accepted into with open arms and smiles all around. You all have improved my life and made me a better person in the end and I love all of you with my whole heart, through my yelling about batteries and about cameras. Camera Guy Logan signing out, and I'll see you all later.

