

# THE NUCLEUS



# CLASS OF 2020

# ***You know it's time to graduate when...***

**Staying at school past 12:30 is difficult.**

**You have an F in music class.**

**The teachers are counting down the weeks.**

**Your prom is the club penguin dance floor  
#corona.**

**You go to school for 2 classes a day.**

**You get on the group Google Meet call.**

**You get sick of being in the same place for so long.**

**Going home early to nap is a daily routine.**

**You come to school at 7:30 AM, fall asleep in the library, and wake up at 3:15 PM.**

**You start watching Netflix in class instead of working.**

**You're being asked this question.**

## ***Advice for Underclassmen***

**Don't waste your high school years wishing for them to be over.**

**It's never that big of a deal.**

**Savor these next 4 years, they go by in the blink of an eye. Do as much as you can and make people remember you.**

**Live your high school days. I didn't realize how fast high school would go until I realized I was about to graduate.**

**Do your work, come to school on time, maybe write down what happens at school so when you look back, you will have that segment of your life to remember like a story.**

**Start on your scholarships!**

**Stay up at night to meet deadlines, but not to cram.**

**The friends you walk in with your freshman year aren't always the ones you walk out with. It is okay to grow out of friendships and relationships.**

**Study for Biology.**

**Try out for everything you're interested in. You may find a new passion!**

**BE YOURSELF! Don't worry about what others think! Get involved as much as you can! If it won't matter in 5 years, don't stress yourself out about it for more than 5 minutes.**

**Be nice to other people, stay positive, chase your dreams, Stay Alive.**

**Whatever you do, apply for colleges as soon as they open up their applications. It'll save you so much stress.**

**Don't worry too much about what others think of you, because they're most likely not thinking about it as much as you believe they are. Focus on building a group of friends who you know care about you and support you.**

**Actually study for the SAT and AP's. Seriously. Thank me later.**

# ***Best High School Memory***

**Homecoming Week.**

**Being clutch at the end of every semester and going from an A to an F to an A or B within a week.**

**Meeting my two best friends when walking into high school.**

**Spirit week!**

**Singing “Stayin’ Alive” for the Fall pep assembly.**

**Going to the Special Olympics and being the boyd’ varsity basketball manager.**

**Sophomore year Honors Chem when Carl told us to use the D.I. (distilled) water for a lab, but we thought he said “the eye water” so we used the chemical burn emergency eyewash station to fill our beakers for the entire period.**

**Disney World!!**

**Brandon’s basement Valentines Day 2020.**

**Freshman year World Cultures with Woody!!**

**Going to meets with the cross country team.**

**The cafeteria’s paninis.**

**When I finally found my place at RHS when I joined Rebel Voices.**

**All my lunch moments with my friends.**

**Literally any EP/RHS game.**

**Going to state my sophomore year for the 4x100 and Angelika getting watermelon stuck in her nose.**

**E-learning days.**

**Meeting my best friends!**

# ***In 20 years I'll be...***

**On your TV screen.**

**Traveling the world!**

**A successful business owner.**

**In Europe.**

**38 years old.**

**Married with a career and 4 kids.**

**Married with 3 kids and living in a mansion.**

**A pharmacist.**

**Laying in my own couch INSIDE my own crib.**

**Married to Harry Styles in Hawaii.**

**A successful game designer, and a caring mother and wife.**

**An independent woman making her own money \$\$\$.**

**Living my best life.**

**A nurse.**

**Debt free!**

**A physical therapist, or maybe even a singer!**

**Hopefully starting my webtoons comic.**

**In my top floor office being a successful businesswoman.**

**An FBI agent.**

**teaching somewhere, hopefully in New York.**

**In the Bahamas.**

**Putting my artwork in a museum.**

**In the White House.**

**In a house with 30 dogs!**

# ***Where I'm Going & My Majors***

**Bradley University, to study  
Business.**

**Elmhurst College, to study  
Ultrasound Technology.**

**Purdue University, to major in  
Biology.**

**University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign.**

**Triton for 2 years, then switching to  
a 4-year university.**

**Nursing or Education.**

**Loyola University, to study exercise  
science.**

**Elmhurst College, to major in  
Forensic Psychology and minor in  
Sociology.**

**Rockhurst University, to study  
Nursing.**

**Northeastern Illinois University, to  
study Teaching.**

**University of Tampa.**

**Harvard University, to study  
Biomedical Science.**

**Pharmaceutical Science.**

**Biology.**

**Triton College, to study Diagnostic  
Medical Sonography.**

**Triton College, to study X-ray Tech.**

**Kankakee Community College, to  
study Special Education.**

**Marquette University, to study  
Secondary-Education in History.**

**Willian Penn University, to study  
Biology and Psychology.**

**Triton College, then transferring to  
DePaul or the Art Institute, to study  
Game Design.**

**Chipotle to become the next  
Gordon Ramsay.**

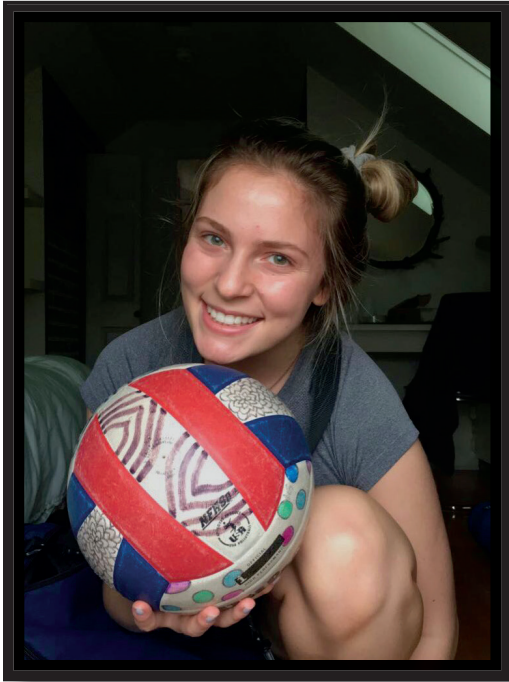


**CUTEST BUDDIES**  
**Angelika Brzoziewski**  
**& Melissa Schmidt,**

**Nathaniel Ringelstein**  
**& Michael Cizewski**



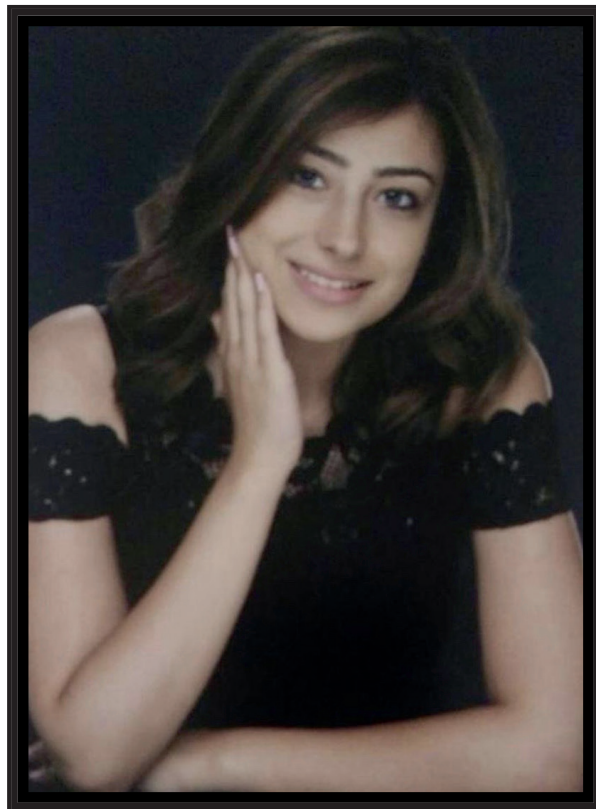
**MOST CHANGED SINCE**  
**FRESHMAN YEAR**  
**Julie Clark,**  
**Lance Juridico**



**MOST ATHLETIC**  
**Miriam Gueler,**  
**Zachary Ali**



**FUTURE NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLING AUTHOR**  
**Michael Ciszewski,**  
**Domenica Ferdinando**



**BEST DRESSED**  
**Samuel Manilla,**  
**Imoni DeJesus**



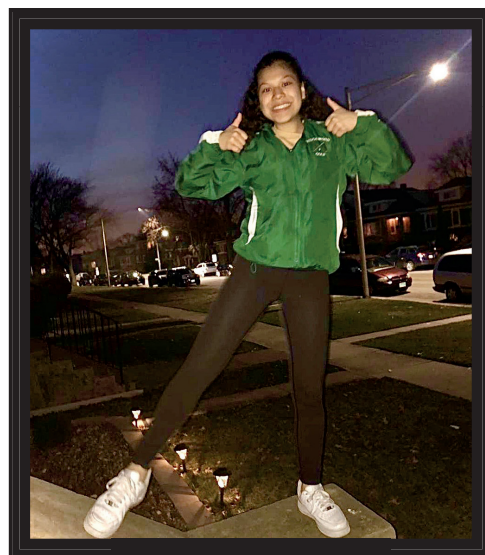
**CUTEST COUPLE**  
**Stavros Velasco,**  
**Destinee Torres**





# **CLASS NARCOLEPTIC**

**Leslie Hernandez,  
Andrew Balacy**



# **DEAN'S HOME ROOM**

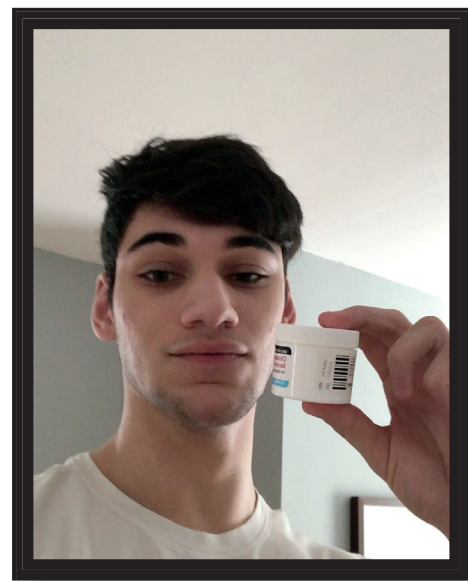
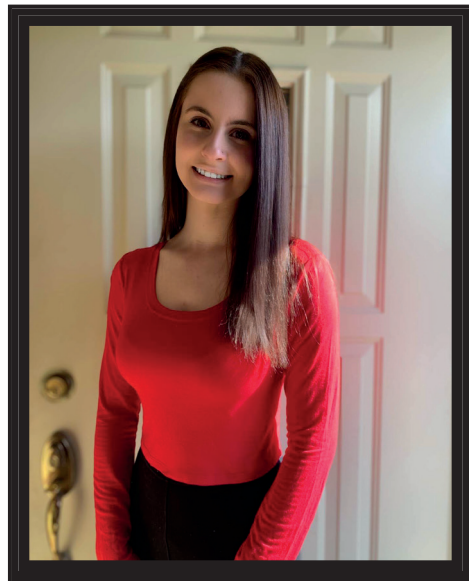
**Alyssa Birchfield**



# **NEXT BROADWAY STAR**

**Valerie Gale,  
Nathaniel Ringelstein**

**BEST HAIR**  
**Nicole LoRusso,**  
**Zachary Ali**

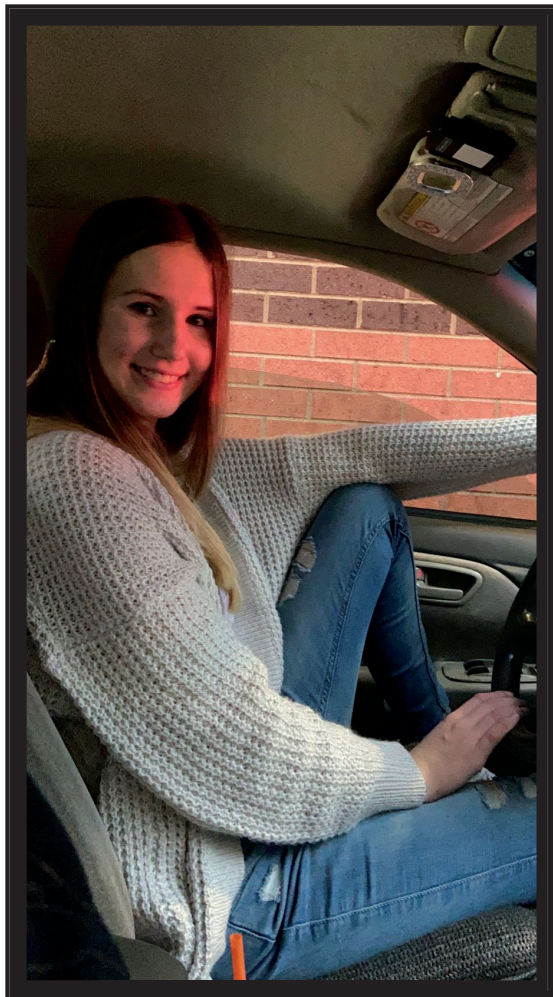


**MOST TALKATIVE**  
**Abriela Karemanaj,**  
**Gabriel Kishanov**

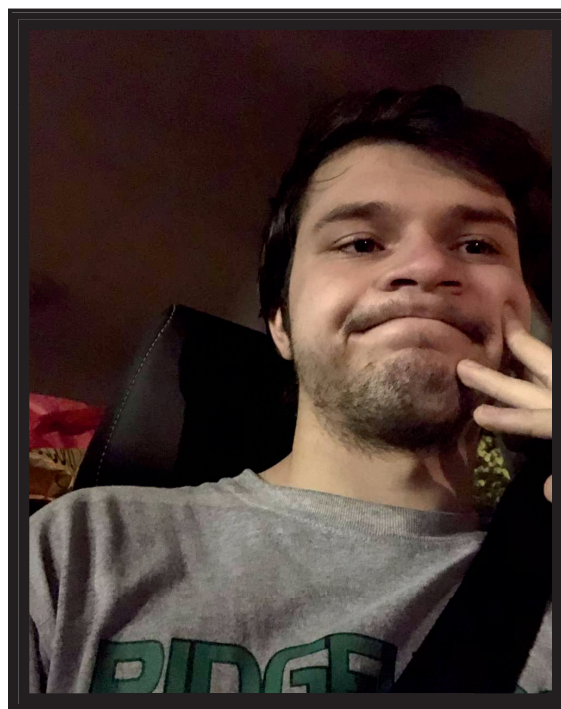


**MOST LIKELY TO**  
**WIN THE VOICE**  
**Valerie Gale,**  
**Eduardo Rodriguez**

**TEACHER'S PET**  
**Imoni DeJesus,**  
**Stavros Velasco**

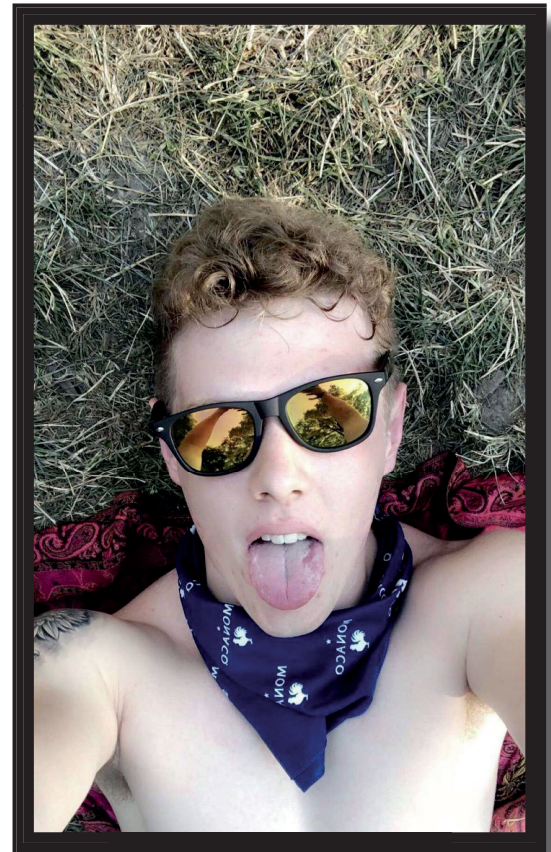


**WORST DRIVER**  
**Kasia Jackowski,**  
**Austin Ruman**



**BIGGEST PARTY/ANIMAL**

**Haley Pedd,  
Adam Tyszka**



**MOST LIKELY TO ART**

**Susanna Triantifillou**



**BEST LIVING MEME**

**Melissa Schmidt**

**NEXT CEO OF TESLA**  
**Amanda Dynak**



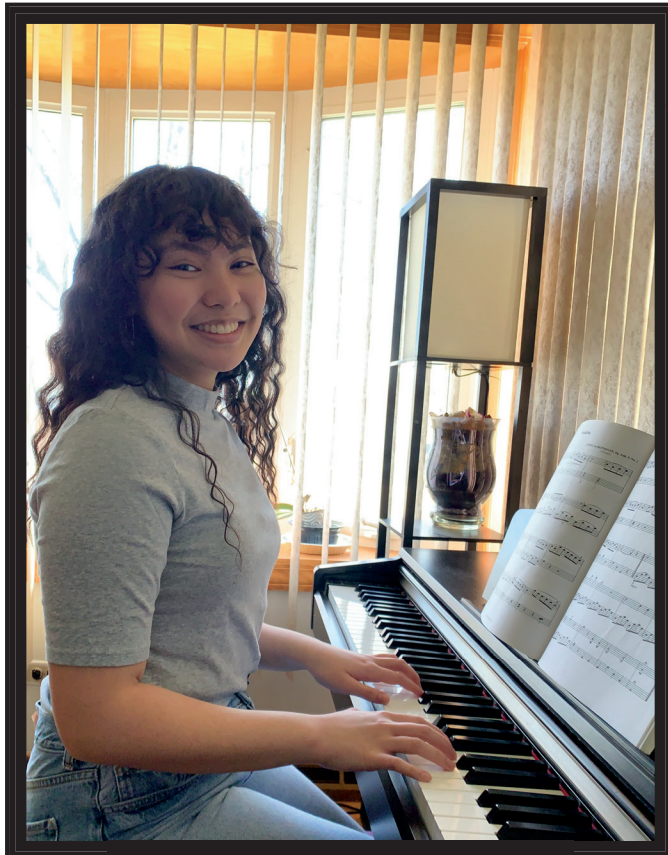
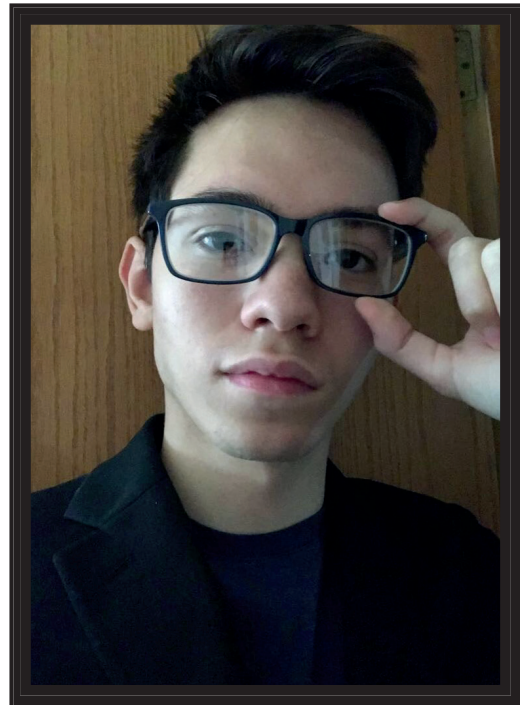
**TALKS THE LEAST,**  
**SAYS THE MOST**  
**Kasia Barnas**



**MOST ACCIDENT PRONE**  
**Katie Lorscheider**

# **MOST LIKELY TO INVENT SOMETHING GROUNDBREAKING**

**Amanda Dynak,  
Juan Luis**



# **NEXT BEETHOVEN**

**Adrienne Adaya,  
Eduardo Rodriguez**

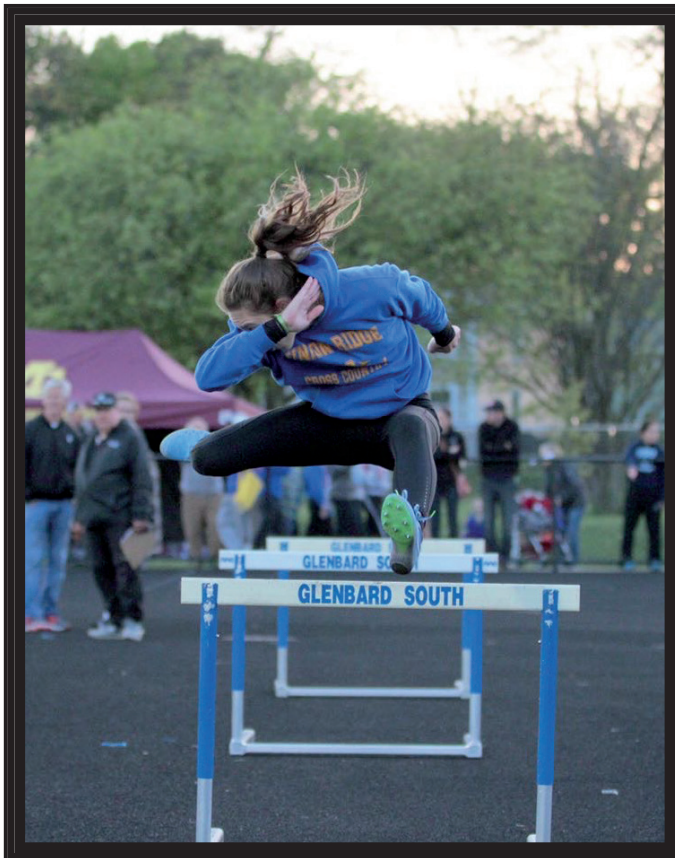
**MOST LIKELY TO TAKE  
OVER THE WORLD**  
**Alyssa Birchfield**



**WORST CASE OF SENIORITIS**  
**Sarah Shehade**



**MOST LIKELY TO WIN AN  
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL**  
**Angelika Brzozewski**

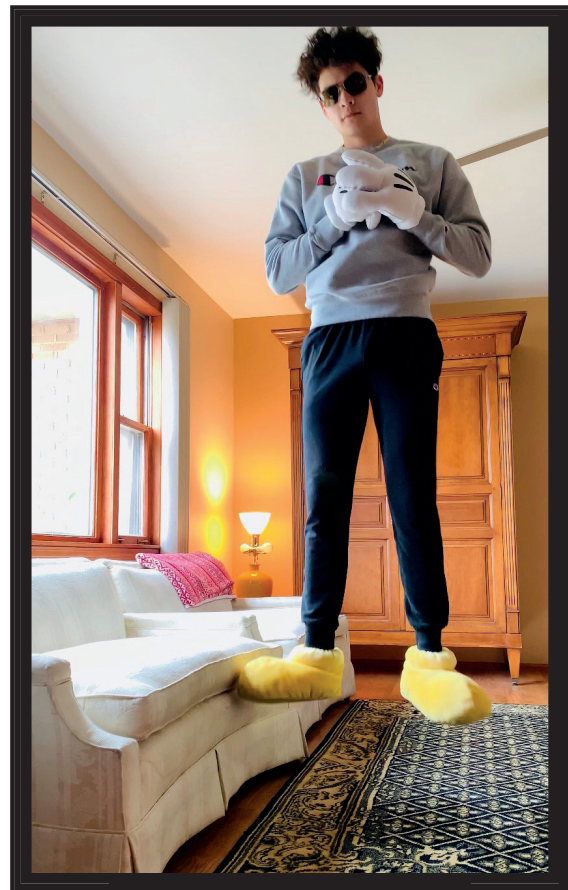




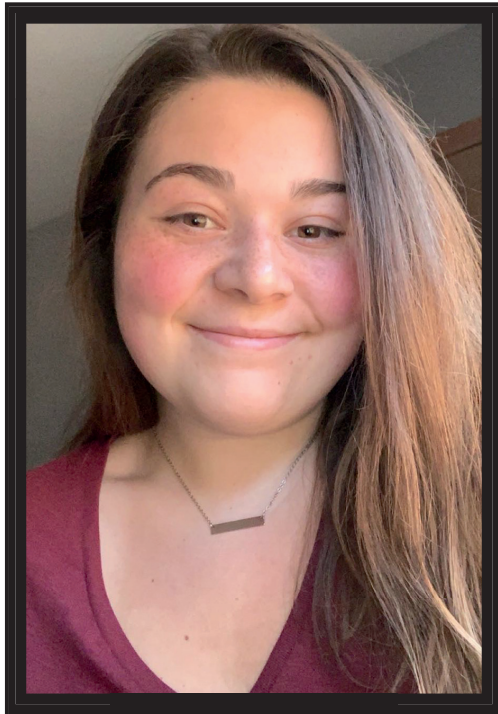
**MOST LIKELY TO DROWN  
IN A PROTEIN SHAKE**  
**Audrey Trevino,  
Daniel Ludston**



**CLASS CLOWN**  
**Nicholas Lagorra,  
Melissa Schmidt**







**BEST LAUGH**  
**Christina Sciuillo,**  
**Andrew Balacy**

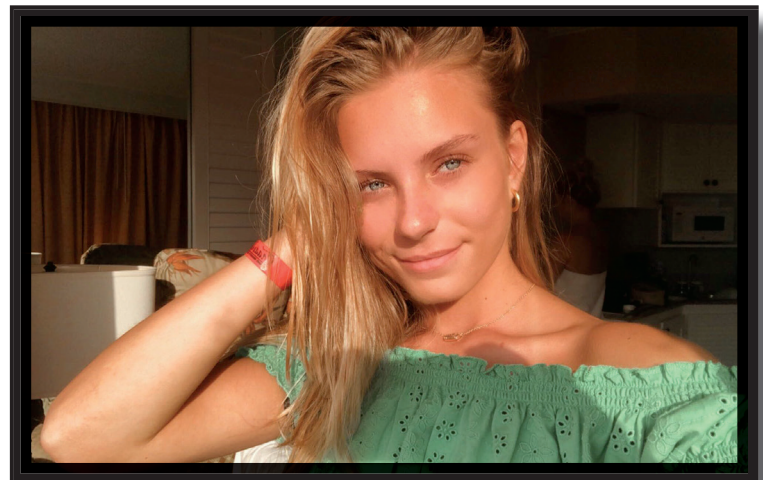


**MOST LIKELY TO WIN THE LOTTERY**  
**BUT LOSE THE TICKET**  
**Jan Cwieczkowski,**  
**Angelika Broziewski**



**FUTURE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.**

**Samuel Manilla,  
Amanda Dynak**



**FUTURE AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL**

**Julia Dolegiewicz,  
Kevin Czyzewski**

**MOST BASIC**  
**Jan Cwiczkowski,**  
**Isabele Lipski**

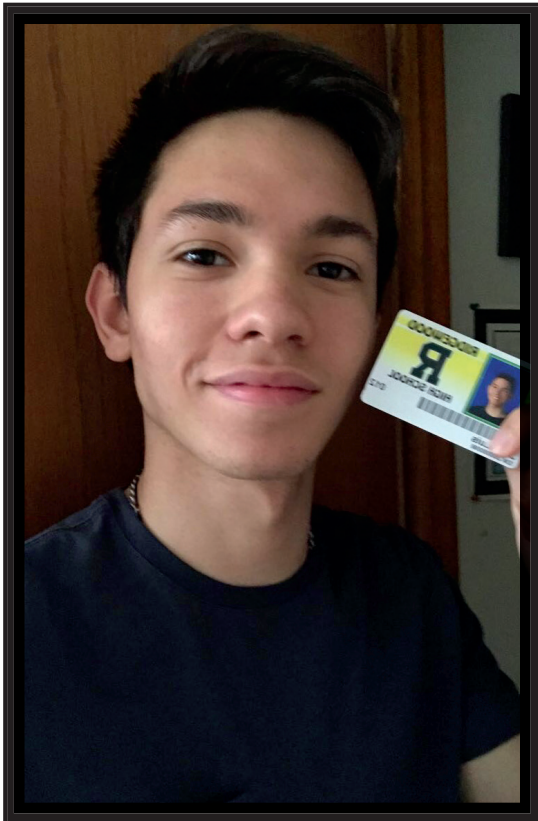


**DOESN'T OWN AN ALARM CLOCK**  
**Alyssa Birchfield,**  
**Austin Ruman**



# MOST LIKELY TO GET CARDED AT 35

Juan Luis,  
Abby Poulos



# NEXT FOOD NETWORK STAR

Jan Cwiczkowski,  
Sophia Rasche





## **ADDITIONAL AWARDS**

**MOST LIKELY TO WIN AN  
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL**  
**Damian Las**

**WORST CASE OF SENIORITIS**  
**Brandon Ducar**

**MOST LIKELY TO TAKE  
OVER THE WORLD**  
**Nathaniel Ringelstein**

**MOST ACCIDENT PRONE**  
**Brandon Ducar**

**TALKS THE LEAST, SAYS THE MOST**  
**Joshua Bortis**

**NEXT CEO OF TESLA**  
**Sebastian Radziszewski**

**BEST LIVING MEME**  
**Luis Rodriguez**

**MOST LIKELY TO ART**  
**Klaud Hyseni**

**DEAN'S HOMEROOM**  
**Dean Loose**

**MOST LIKELY TO GET  
MARRIED IN LAS VEGAS**  
**Nataliya Oliynik,  
Adam Kassam**

# Words of Wisdom



## **Julia Wicklund**

Just remember that every path has obstacles. Your job is to just keep going. Never stop moving towards your goals.

## **Sarah Machaj**

Graduates - as Ralph Waldo Emerson put it, "The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." I wish you all the best! Have fun, be safe, make good choices and Happy Graduation!

## **Elizabeth Romano**

You are now entering a world where deadlines matter and there are no retests. But, you will be fine! You are strong and resilient. You are history-making. You are you! So, be the best you can be and embrace life. Make RHS proud and know that we look forward to all of the amazing things you will accomplish. A mis estudiantes de español, Felicidades y Enhorabuena. Van a vencer el mundo y estoy orgullosa de Uds. Muy buena suerte.

## **Kristi Meade**

Everyone wants to be great. What are you doing to separate yourself from being average? Never settle for mediocrity. Work as hard as you can to be extraordinary.

## **Kristy McCabe**

Promise me one thing: take a lot of pictures, because you'll only regret the ones you didn't take.

## **Jennifer Kelsall**

Remember what you have learned and experienced throughout your high school journey. Believe in where you are going and what you want to accomplish. Only you can determine your destiny. Whatever you choose to do, do it well and enjoy the journey!

## **Andrew Anastasiades**

It's time to graduate proudly  
We've shared amazing memories  
I wish you all well  
Forever Rebels  
Congrats class of 2020!

## **Jennifer Tan**

Always put forth your best effort – your success is in your hands!

## **Krystal Randazzo**

Don't be afraid to fail. Make mistakes and learn from them; that is how you grow.

## **David Wlodarczyk**

It is with heavy heart and tearful eyes that I bid you adieu, but not without a last minute plea:

Travel. Go out and see the world every chance you get!  
Be respectful and tolerant to everyone... yep, everyone.  
Treat them to the best you.  
Dance! When faced with the opportunity... have at it!  
Have an amazing life and create your own adventures!  
I will miss most of you.

## **Matthew Bennett**

"What we do in life echoes in eternity."  
- Maximus

## **Tristan Kumor**

"Sometimes you have to run before you can walk."  
- Tony Stark

## **Renee Rudnicki**

To the Class of 2020,

A quarantine has robbed you from your Senior moments and that is unfair to you. However, there probably have been many memories that can put a smile on your face from the time you entered Ridgewood High School. So, look back at those times. Remember Restorative Circles? The teachers who cared about getting to know you by putting you in a circle, giving you a talking piece and having you answer a question. The teachers and friends who made your school day enjoyable. The friends you made here and the fun times you had with them. The sports, dances, clubs, music or theater events that you were either a part of or attended should make you proud of being a Rebel. Remember, you are a part of living history right now so make a new graduation tradition.

Congratulations! You are moving onto the next chapter of your life.

## **Claudia Barlea**

Ernest Hemingway once said that the best leaders possess "the courage to take risks, the discipline to tell the truth and the capacity for sacrifice." Each of you has had to sacrifice much during this unprecedented time, but your future should not be defined by these sacrifices. Instead, allow your future to be defined by your courage to continue on to a bright future only you can attain. Congratulations Class of 2020!!!

## **Zach Paus**

"The best is the enemy of the good."  
- Eric Matthews

***Amanda Nolan***

“Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.”

- John Wooden

***James Smith***

Actor Steward Stafford stated, “The curtain rises even on an actor’s worst day.” And you may be aware of the old adage of the “show must go on.” But why does the curtain rise when there is no audience? How do we perform when we are told the theatres are closed? Shakespeare, who he himself was out of work because of a little pandemic known as the black plague, wrote, “All the world’s a stage, / And all the men and woman merely players; / They have their exits and their entrances, / And one man in his time plays many parts” (As You Like It, 2.7). So we play. We play our parts when it is our cue. It’s your cue now. Your time to take center stage, and as Alexander Pope in his “Essay on Man” wrote, “Act well your part; there all the honor lies.” Break-a-leg, class of 2020. We look forward to your many brilliant “performances,” and when the time comes, hear our applause, see our standing ovation, and take your bows.

***Toni Pemberton***

“We know what we are, but know not what we may be [...] This above all: to thine own self be true.”

- Hamlet

***James Gyori***

“You can’t go back and change the Beginning, but you can start where you are and change the Ending!”

- C. S. Lewis

***Cristina Zajac***

Find your identity through the truth you live and let no one else define you.

***Candace Reid***

Live each day to the fullest because tomorrow is not promised.

***Danielle Brucci***

“In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.”

- Albert Einstein

***Brian Collier***

If it doesn’t stick and it should, use duct tape. If it sticks and it shouldn’t, use WD-40.

***Jennifer Snyder***

To all of my beautiful, talented, resilient, AMAZING Seniors...

I hope that as you graduate in this most unusual way, you find connection in unexpected places, joy with the people who absolutely matter, and strength within. Until we meet again, know that I love you and I believe in you!

***Pamela Mundy***

To all the seniors: You are amazing; you are resilient. Your senior year did not end the way we wanted it to, but your next steps will be big and important and will eventually replace these moments. Remember, “Your present circumstances don’t determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.”

***Mark Lippstreu***

As one grows older one sees the impossibility of imposing order on the chaos with brute force. But if you’re patient, there may come that moment when while eating an apple the solution presents itself politely and says, “Here I Am.”

- Albert Einstein

“Stay Gold.”

- S.E. Hinton

# **Top 10% GPA**

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**Adaya, Adrianne I.**

**Barnas, Katherin A.**

**Biel, Piotr J.**

**Bortis, Joshua**

**Dynak, Amanda**

**Ferdinando, Domenica R.**

**Gale, Valerie M.**

**Hrushka, Diana**

**Kolaczewski, Olivia**

**Kozuch, Daria P.**

**Lyons, Aoife**

**Magnelli, Angela M.**

**Piechota, Gabrielle**

**Radziszewski, Sebastian**

**Rasche, Sophia M.**

**Ringelstein, Nathaniel J.**

**Trevino, Audrey M.**

**Triantafillou, Susanna E.**

**Van, Melinda M.**

**Wilk Juraszek, Mateusz**

**Zelichowski, Thomas C.**