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Congratulations, Class of 2018!



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34 seniors will graduate from MHS this Saturday, May 19. Not pictured: Jaeden Dalke, Trevin Wiens, and Allie Sparks

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Seniors Celebrate Their High School Careers

There are 34 graduating seniors in Moundridge's Class of 2018.

The graduation ceremony will be held on May 19 at 2 pm in the high school gymnasium. The ceremony will include performances by the high school band, playing "Pomp and Circumstance," and the choir, singing "Light the Fire Within".

"To the senior class (A class of many eclectic personalities): I hope for them that they have not been rushing so fast to get to the end that they have missed opportunities to have 'moments'. Moments are pieces of time that you don't take for granted, because so much of how you spend time is a choice. Take the time to enjoy them, to make your fun,

and to be happy with what you have, not always searching for something else. Because sometimes like Dr. Seuss says, "You never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." Principal Hillarie Hecox said.

Senior class officers are President Noah Eichelberger, Vice-President Jerod Kaufman, Secretary Jessica Ullom-Minnich, and Treasurer Jasmine Walls.

"Obviously, with Noah in the class, I will miss this class a lot. Looking forward to speaking at their graduation," business computer teacher Lynn Eichelberger said.

Cayman Wiens



Photo by Mrs. Hecox

We are going to miss Mrs. Kaufman next year because...

"...she brings so much life to our school and community as a whole. She genuinely wants a relationship with all of her students and when she sees any of us having a bad day she is really good at asking us what is wrong and building us back up."

ZiZi Sebrant, So.

"...through all of her classes and through FCCLA she has taught us very valuable life lessons that will stick with us through the rest of our lives."

Alyssa Vaughn, Sr.

"...she has put so much hard work and energy into our community through the kids that she has taught over the years."

Mrs. Fast

"...she is a very dedicated teacher and she works well with all of her students. We will definitely miss her overall demeanor and attitude next school year."

Mr. Robb, Sr

"...no one in this world is indispensable, but some are harder to replace than others and she is definitely going to be one of those people, also I will have to go out to find her to sew up my jerseys now instead of just walking down to her room."

Mr. Unrau

Kaufman Will Be Missed

Mrs. Connie Kaufman has been the FACS teacher for 35 years and FCCLA sponsor for 25 years. This is her last year teaching for USD 423. After retiring she will spend time with her family. She has really enjoyed getting to be part of the growth of students over the years.

"Some of my best memories involve the FCCLA lock-in every year and the stories that students had after taking the Real Care babies home," Kaufman said.

Kaufman made a huge impact on everyone at Moundridge, especially the students who pursued her classes throughout high school or who were involved in FCCLA.

"I liked that FACS classes teach things that we are easily able to connect to the real world," junior Cassidy Finley said.

Many students are sad to see Kaufman go, but they also have an optimistic outlook for the new FACS teacher and FCCLA sponsor. The students do not know who the new teacher is but they will know soon when it is public knowledge.

"What I liked most about Mrs.

Kaufman is that she is a great role model and gives great advice. She also cares about her students and tries to help them in any way that she can. She has shaped many students into better people with her caring ways," Finley said.

Junior Mylaya Bell-Martinez has taken one of Mrs. Kaufman's FACS classes every year of her high school career, and she likes them because they teach life skills that the student is able to use later on. Bell-Martinez thinks that they are effective classes because Kaufman makes them hands on.

"I think that the hardest attribute to replace will be her dedication to all of her classes. She always goes above and beyond to allow kids to learn in the most enjoyable ways," Bell-Martinez said.

The absence of Kaufman next year will not only be felt by her students, but also by the whole district.

"Mrs. Kaufman is very community oriented and she works really hard to develop those relationships with her students, and that in turn affects the whole community because those kids go out as better people," Mrs. Tammy Fast said.

Mackenzie Porter



Photo provided by Facebook

On April 28, State Choir and Band went to Kansas Wesleyan in Salina to perform their solos and ensembles. The boys ensemble group received a 1 rating.

New Faces in the District



Photo by Ashleigh Accardi

This spring, new job opportunities throughout the district brought different faces to new locations.

Summer Creed is now the secretary at the elementary school.

"I am enjoying the fact that there's so many people coming in and out all the time and now I get to talk to so many different people," Creed said.

With new jobs come new opportunities.

"I am handling more of the banking side of things in my new job than I did in the library, so that's taken some getting used to," Creed said.

Creed used to be the elementary school librarian.

"I miss hanging out with books all day and getting to pick out new books for the library," Creed said.

Shelby Graber is now the Board Clerk in the Central Office.

"I don't think there has been a day I haven't learned something new. It's a challenge to spend what feels like an eternity trying to problem-solve something I don't know the answer to. But it is also very satisfying when I uncover the answer. I have had a lot of help from my co-workers in the office too. I couldn't do it without their help," Graber said.

Graber used to be the secretary of the middle school before she accepted the

Board Clerk job.

"I met a successful entrepreneur once when I worked for an oil and gas company in Dallas a few years ago. He told me he was from Manhattan and I proceeded to say "You mean, Manhattan, KS? I go there all the time!" He didn't mean Kansas. He meant New York. I don't know if that was embarrassing, but the guys I worked for still like to joke about that conversation," Graber said.

Kim Frye is now the secretary in the middle school office.

Frye was the elementary school secretary for 11 years.

"My favorite part of my job is interaction with the students, teachers, and parents. I feel like I know most of the kids since I had them in elementary school and those relationships are still there, which is awesome! I enjoy being helpful and supportive," Frye said.

Ashleigh Accardi

Ullom-Minnich and Walls are Speech and Drama State Champions

KSHSAA State Speech and Drama Championships were held on May 4-5 in Wichita. Senior Jessica Ullom-Minnich was named State Champion in Extemporaneous Speaking, successfully defending her State title from the 2017 season. Winning back-to-back Championships is a pretty amazing feat, and Jessica turned in an almost perfect performance, receiving straight 1 rankings in all of her preliminary and semifinal round scores, and garnering ranks of 1, 1, and 2 in the final round. Jessica also received 6th place in Informative Speaking.

Christian Walls, also a senior, represented Moundridge in Lincoln-Douglas debate at State Champs. Walls turned in a record that was enough to get him a 5th place medal in what is now a 3-2-1A event. This is the first time in many years that Moundridge has been able to compete in LD, but a rule change to include

all schools 3A and below compete together made that possible, and Christian represented us well.

Also competing at State were seniors Allie Sparks in Improvised Duet Acting and Vivian Guenole in Serious Solo Acting and Informative Speaking.

Christian Walls received word that he is now officially representing the West Kansas NSDA District at nationals. Walls was the first alternate in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, but now has been bumped up to become a qualifier for Nats - which will be held in Lauderdale, Florida in June.

"It is the first time we have someone going to the national tournament in about nine years" Coach Tammy Unruh said.

Tammy Unruh



Photo Provided by Tammy Unruh

Seniors Jessica Ullom-Minnich and Christian Walls

Hadley Allenbach



Favorite Memory:
Going to judging contests with Mr. Marston
Most Embarrassing Moment:
Being inelligible for almost an entire school year
Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Winsor
Future Plans:
Going to North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit for welding

Damian Calderon



Favorite Memory:
Playing football
Biggest Impact:
Adam Robb
Future Plans:
Work at Bradbury and raise my baby boy

Mason Dyck



Favorite Memory:
Carlos at McDonald's
Most Embarrassing Moment:
Realizing I dated a raccoon
Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Chisholm
Future Plans:
Go to Bethany College and major in criminal justice and compete in Track & Field

Noah Eichelberger



Favorite Memory:
OSU basketball camp
Most Embarrassing Moment:
I woke up an hour late for regional music contest and almost missed my solo
Biggest Impact:
Mr. Lange
Future Plans:
Go to Kansas Wesleyan University and study biology and play basketball

Kadie Carrell



Favorite Memory:
Choir competitions
Most Embarrassing Moment:
Anytime I did a presentation during class
Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Kellum
Future Plans:
I got a scholarship to sing in the choir at Cowley County College

Jaeden Dalke



Favorite Memory:
Musicals and pep band
Most Embarrassing Moment:
Playing the drum set for 2 minutes after Mr. Begnoche cut the band off
Biggest Impact:
Mr. Begnoche
Future Plans:
Do something productive and construction

Hunter Emerson



Favorite Memory:
Getting breakfast with Taylor
Most Embarrassing Moment:
Shoving my thumb into a biscuit joiner
Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Hecox
Future Plans:
Go to lineman school at Manhattan Technical College

Peyton Fast



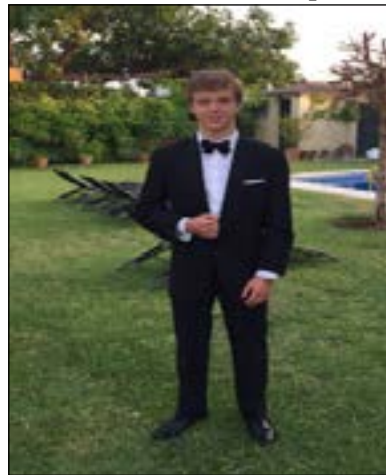
Favorite Memory:
Basketball... with Modd
Most Embarrassing Moment:
Constantly getting 40% on my vocabulary tests
Biggest Impact:
Mr. Modellmogg
Future Plans:
Attend Emporia State University and major in Elementary education

Sierra Diehl



Favorite Memory:
Graduating early
Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Krehbiel
Future Plans:
Work and go to Hutchinson Community College part time

Pedro Domecq V



Favorite Memory:
Homecoming
Most Embarrassing Moment:
The first day of school because I didnt know anybody and I was late to all of my classes
Biggest Impact:
Everyone
Future Plans:
Study bachelor business Administration

Nathan Feldkamp



Favorite Memory:
Playing basketball
Most Embarrassing Moment:
When Mr. Robb said that Sierra and I were freshmen at the red carpet before prom
Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Krehbiel
Future Plans:
Go to Hutchinson Community College

Greta Frosio



Favorite Memory:
Prom, being a homecoming candidate, sport events
Most Embarrassing Moment:
In British English "eraser" is called "rubber"... I asked for a rubber
Biggest Impact:
Nina
Future Plans:
Study Economics and Management for Arts, Culture, and Communication in Milan, Italy

Viviane Guénolé



Favorite Memory:
Being taller than Mason at Homecoming

Most Embarrassing Moment:
I was planning on weeping the floor instead of sweeping it

Biggest Impact:
Paul and Marla Ullom-Minnich

Future Plans:
Two years of high school in Germany. Then a year of volunteering abroad.

Jerod Kaufman



Favorite Memory:
Pep band at state my freshman/sophomore years

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Getting detention in pre-calc for dropping a pen down Bryant's crack

Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Dick and Mr. Robb

Future Plans:
Go to Bethel and study natural sciences. Get a Master's in atmospheric science at KU.

Bryant Olson



Favorite Memory:
Carlos goes to McDonald's

Most Embarrassing Moment:
When the baseball helmets were in my truck for a week

Biggest Impact:
Colton Stucky and Trenton Olson

Future Plans:
Study ag business at Kansas State University and take over the family farm

Taylor Potts



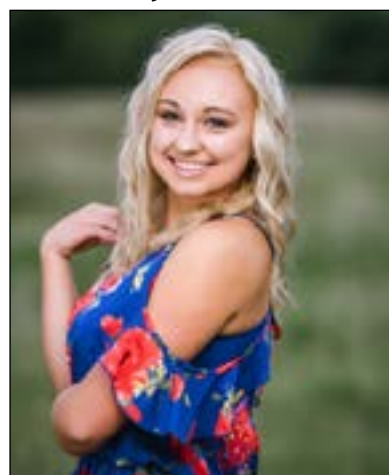
Favorite Memory:
Getting breakfast with Hunter

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Tearing my ACL from falling off my bike

Biggest Impact:
Kreb's

Future Plans:
Barton Community College, and major in nursing

Kassidy Kaufman



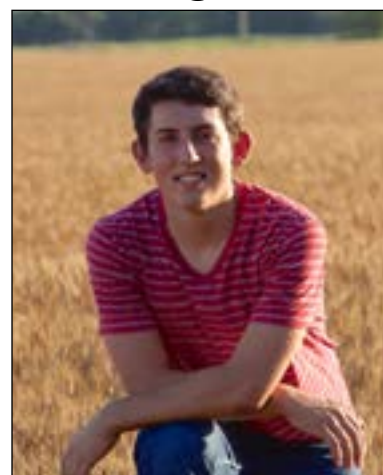
Favorite Memory:
Basketball and softball season my junior year

Most Embarrassing Moment:
I fell asleep during seminar and had a bad dream. I woke up and yelled something really loud and everyone looked at me.

Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Dick, Mr. Robb, Mrs. Krehbiel

Future Plans:
Attend Baker University

Josh Knight



Favorite Memory:
Band Trips

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Ripping my pants at Winter Formal freshman year

Biggest Impact:
Mr. Begnoche

Future Plans:
Go to lineman school at Manhattan Technical College

Luke Ratzlaff



Favorite Memory:
Carlos goes to McDonald's

Most Embarrassing Moment:
My moments in the monkey cage with all the teachers tapping the glass and hitting me with "disappointed teacher" looks.

Biggest Impact:
Colton Stucky and Trenton Olson

Future Plans:
Go to McDonald's with the CUP18

Benjamin Schrag



Favorite Memory:
Putting a raccoon on Jacob Ewy's truck

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Had one every day

Biggest Impact:
FFA advisors

Future Plans:
Hutchinson Community College for farm and ranch management

Christopher Leddy



Favorite Memory:
Beating Remington in baseball freshman year.

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Breaking a light in the ag shop with a broom

Biggest Impact:
Mr. Adam Robb and Mr. Lange

Future Plans:
I will be going to college at Hutchinson Community College and getting my associates degree in welding.

Jessica McKay



Favorite Memory:
Playing at state softball my freshman and junior years

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Kissing a dead frog in Neufeld's biology class my freshman year

Biggest Impact:
Mr. Modellmog, Mrs. Drier, Mrs. Wooldridge

Future Plans:
Nursing School at Hutchinson Community College

Dalton Scobee



Favorite Memory:
Community work day with Mr. Marston

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Getting dunked on in dunkball

Biggest Impact:
Mr. Robb, Sr.

Future Plans:
Work at Midway Motors

Jakob Sindermann



Favorite Memory:
Everything around school like prom, homecoming, football, and baseball.

Most Embarrassing Moment:
I've only been here for less than a year so I don't really have one

Biggest Impact:
My brothers

Future Plans:
Go back to Germany for another two years of high school

Allie Sparks



Favorite Memory:
Going to play pep band for basketball at state.

Most Embarrassing Moment:
I said the woodwind choir was going to sing their song, not play their song.

Biggest Impact:
Mr. Begnoche

Future Plans:
Go to Butler Community College

Jonah Spore



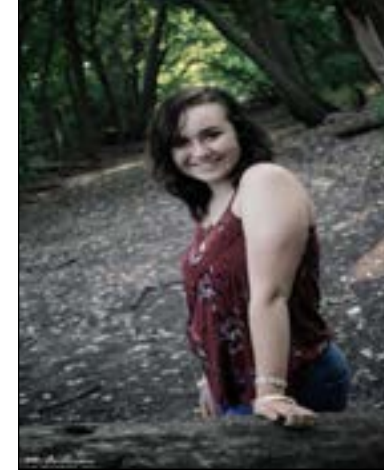
Favorite Memory:
Going to Vo-Tech every day

Most Embarrassing Moment:
When Coach Meeks yelled at me and you could hear it across town

Biggest Impact:
My sister

Future Plans:
Attend Pratt for Automotive Technology

Alyssa Vaughn

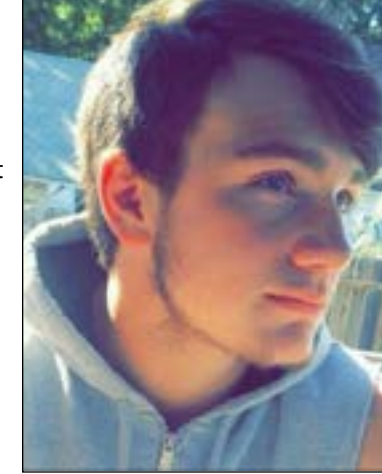


Favorite Memory:
Softball

Biggest Impact:
Mr. Neufeld

Future Plans:
Go to study pre med at Fort Hays State University

Christian Walls



Most Embarrassing Moment:
One of the 3 morning practices I went to in track, I tried to kick and I fell on my butt.

Biggest Impact:
Mr. Neufeld and Mr. Lange. Also my impact was being an absolute Beast, but never unleashed.

Future Plans:
I plan on attending Sterling College and debating for 4 years before I become a teacher

Nina Steinmetz



Favorite Memory:
Prom and watching sports events

Most Embarrassing Moment:
When I wanted to say that something was big but I said "dick" because dick means big in German

Biggest Impact:
Greta

Future Plans:
I still have 2 years of school in Germany, and then I will go to a university.

Bethany Stucky



Favorite Memory:
Senior prom

Most Embarrassing Moment:
When I fell in the hallway during passing period and everyone walked by and laughed

Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Winsor, and Ms. Dick

Future Plans:
Play basketball at sterling, study to be a elementary teacher/athletic trainer

Jasmine Walls



Favorite Memory:
Going to state softball freshman and junior year

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Falling over the fence at state last year

Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Krehbiel

Future Plans:
Nursing at Hutchinson Community College

Trevin Wiens



Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Hecox

Future Plans:
Work at Mid-Kansas Coop

Anthony Suarez



Favorite Memory:
Maxing on bench press with 315 lb.

Most Embarrassing Moment:
I was in band, but I couldn't figure out how to play the baritone

Biggest Impact:
Mr. Modellmog

Future Plans:
Continue to work for 2 years then go to Cloud County for a degree in Wind Energy Technology

Jessica Ullom-Minnich



Favorite Memory:
I "broke" into the school to practice with the team.

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Faceplanting during the three leg basketball game at the homecoming pep rally

Biggest Impact:
Mrs. Krehbiel

Future Plans:
Attend Pacific Lutheran University and major in English and psychology

May/June Events

- May 11.....All Schools Day
- May 11.....League Track
- May 14-15.....Regional SB and Bsb
- May 17.....State Swimming
- May 18.....Regional Track
- May 19.....HS Graduation
- May 21.....8th Grade Promotion
- May 22.....4th Grade Promotion
- May 22.....MES Fun Day
- May 22.....Last Day of School
- May 25.....State SB and Bsb
- May 26.....State Track
- June 2.....Black Kettle Festival



Photo by Kelsi Chisholm

Kelsi Chisholm displayed her artwork



Photo by Greta Frosio

Some of the artworks at the Art Showcase on April 26

Moundridge Hosts the Art Showcase



Some of the ceramic planters which were sold at the Art Showcase

Kelsi Chisholm, the art teacher, hosted an art showcase on April 26, 2018. It included one art project from every student K-12.

"I think it is a great event that allows students to be seen for a different type of talent we have in our school, other than

academics and sports", principal Hilarie Hecox said.

"I like the Art Showcase because all the artworks from grades K-12 are all in one place, and everyone gets a chance to see all of them", Chisholm said.

This is the second year the Art Showcase is in the district. It was a Chisholm's idea but also classes besides art showed their projects. Those classes were: Family and Consumer Science with Connie Kaufman, woods taught by Greg Fast, Digital Media with Brian Holloway, and the Ag class with Ali Torr.

The Art Showcase is a great way to let community members from Moundridge see the talents of the students.

"Families are always surprised to see how talented their children are. I guess projects don't always make their way home and they don't always get a chance to see them on display. Also it is a way

for families to support their children in another area", Chisholm said.

Usually the musical arts are included, but this year the band and choir concert was on the same night.

A lot of students helped Mrs. Chisholm set up the Showcase.

"The worst part was getting everything ready. The best part was that there was a lot of attendance and a lot of art works that people liked", senior Mason Dyck said.

Mrs. Chisholm is really happy with the amount they raised, because the money will support next year's art show.

Also the cinnamon rolls and the ceramic planters were popular and sold out early.

This year the People's Choice Award went to Jacob Schwartz for his Flash Drawing.

Greta Frosio