

# Kevin Quinn looking to shine in Hollywood

by Joey Schuman

Most New Trier seniors have spent the past year performing the same types of tasks: balancing schoolwork, extracurriculars, a social life, and perhaps most importantly, college preparations. Kevin Quinn, however, is not your typical New Trier senior.

In addition to making sure his school life goes steadily, the 17-year old Wilmette native has seen his professional acting career blossom the past two years.

In July, Quinn landed a role in an episode of "Chicago P.D.," an NBC drama featuring Sophia Bush and Jesse Lee Soffer. The episode will air Oct. 1.

According to Quinn, his agent informed him of the opportunity one day before the audition, and he was offered the role within two hours of his tryout.

"I spent four days filming," said Quinn. "We worked from 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., constantly filming. I did a lot of location work where I would go to a certain location and we'd film, for example, a chase scene. We filmed on the L tracks, we filmed in tunnels on the L, we filmed in different neighborhoods on the south side- basically all over Chicago."

This wouldn't be the first time



Kevin Quinn will make his television debut on "Chicago P.D." | Facebook

that Quinn appeared on national television. In 2013, Quinn appeared on the reality show "American Idol," where he made it to the Hollywood auditions, but was eliminated during the final cuts of the Hollywood auditions.

Quinn's musical ambitions didn't stop there. He published a song on Apple's iTunes titled "When You Were Mine."

After his television debut on Chicago P.D., Quinn appeared in a smaller role on an episode of the Showtime comedy-drama "Shameless." This role was followed

up with a performance in an independent film that, production pending, could end up on the Disney Channel or another cable channel as a made-for-TV movie. Quinn's run of success came in spite of the difficulty in finding roles consistently.

"As an actor, you just don't get jobs as often as you audition," said Quinn. "If I had to guess, I'd say for every ten auditions you get one job, so getting 'Chicago P.D.' [and other roles] over the summer was amazing."

Adding to the success was the fact that these TV and movie

appearances served as Quinn's introduction to film acting. Prior to his acting for Chicago P.D., Quinn had only done stage theater. Now that he has accomplished the goal he set in 2013 to land a film role so that he could see the difference between film and stage theater, Quinn considers himself a more well-rounded actor.

"When I finally got the gig, I wanted to see which gig I liked better, and I actually ended up liking film a lot," said Quinn. "Stage will always hold a special place in my heart because I love being on stage, but film is so cool. There's so many special effects you can do."

Finding a way to balance school and acting responsibilities has proved to be a challenge; at one point last year Quinn was in a Steppenwolf play and a Shakespeare play at the same time, cumulatively missing approximately two months of school. But Quinn praised New Trier's handling of his unique situation.

"[Former Assistant Principal for Administrative Services] Mr. Ottaviano told me to go for it. He was great about it. I actually haven't had that much trouble balancing schoolwork because whenever I'm backstage, or even during a show when I'm offstage, I'm getting homework done," said Quinn.

According to Quinn, his most difficult role so far was his work in

Henry V at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater, in which he was the only actor or actress under 35 years old. Instead of reading the play, he ended up reading the simplified 'No Fear Shakespeare' version of his lines online. He also had to research numerous historical events such as the Battle of Agincourt.

"It required a lot of technique about how to approach a certain text for acting," said Quinn. "I just remember walking in on the first day of rehearsal and reading the script and thinking, 'wow I have a lot of work to do.' I ended up accomplishing and understanding the play and its characters, and it is now one of my favorite plays."

Quinn has decided to graduate a semester early in hopes of continuing his recent success. He is looking at colleges specifically in Los Angeles because of the film scene and is interested in a career in politics if acting doesn't work out.

"I'm moving to Los Angeles for all of February and March. I'll be visiting a lot and I'll still try to make it to school dances and [other events], but I'm not going to be in school. I'll be auditioning out there. I've been pretty good with landing these parts, and so my goal is that if I can keep the momentum, I would like to continue acting."

## Leghorn Chicken brings some southern flair to Chicagoland

by Max Borushek

Leghorn Chicken is an inconspicuous chicken joint located in Chicago on Western Ave., always buzzing with customers looking to eat fantastic chicken.

If you plan on visiting Leghorn Chicken be prepared to bring some cash, as the store doesn't accept any type of payment card. They proudly follow the Cash Rules Everything Around Me (C.R.E.A.M.) motto. If you're strapped for cash, the store does provide an ATM.

The menu at Leghorn Chicken is basic: you have the option of a Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Tenders (they are limited in quantity) and a Chicken Bowl with quinoa, kale, carrots, cucumbers, and bleu cheese.

For the chicken sandwich your options are between a biscuit or bun. The chicken is a thigh or breast prepared in two styles: Nashville Hot and a Pickle Brine. If the latter style sounds unappetizing, rest assured it tastes a lot better than it sounds.

One issue first time customers may experience is the lack of options for food. Those who enjoy fast food restaurants with a varied menu are going to be disappointed in the basic approach of Leghorn Chicken. However, once you have a bite of your chicken sandwich or some chicken tenders, the flavor and freshness makes up for any perceived lack of choice.

The chicken itself is very good. Scratch that, it's amazing. The breading on the chicken, whether it's Nashville Hot or Pickle Brine just tastes right. Fried chicken lovers will be in heaven, and even then it isn't really "fried" chicken. It tastes like a chicken breast should, juicy and flavorful.

The chicken tenders are also very delicious, although the breading comes off easily if you try to dip it in one of the many sauces.



Leghorn Chicken in Chicago offers freshly butchered chicken | Borushek

Speaking of sauces, Leghorn has a wide variety of dipping sauces. They have the basics, such as ketchup, honey mustard, and homemade BBQ. In addition, they have more unique options such as Buttermilk Rancho Verde and Spicy Mayo. All of these are available to put on your sandwich, along with sandwich staples like lettuce, tomato, cheese, pickles, and vegetable slaw.

The side dishes are tasty, albeit a little basic. The fries are salty, just like they should be, and are hand-cut every day. Along with the fries, they have a homemade biscuit with a side of bleu cheese caramel butter (again it tastes better than it sounds), hush puppies, coleslaw, potato salad, and a kale salad, all priced reasonably. The biscuit and the fries are probably the best options, but be warned that the biscuit is very big.

If there is anything to truly complain about, it's the beverage selection. Leghorn doesn't have any fountain drinks. They offer "Mexican" Coke (made with real sugar), a lemon shake up (lemonade),

cream soda, iced tea, and root beer. The drink options aren't very good (except for the coke that is also overpriced) and they have unusual brand names many of us north siders may not know. You're better off sticking with the water, unless you're willing to pay a little more for a coke.

All in all, Leghorn Chicken provides fried chicken enthusiasts with a lot to be happy about. Even people like me who don't like fried chicken much will find plenty of good things to say about the food and the atmosphere. Taking the 20-30 minute drive to eat at Leghorn Chicken is definitely worth it, even if it means having to listen to DMX and Wu-Tang Clan while eating your meal.

Leghorn Chicken is located at 959 N. Western Ave. in Chicago, IL. It is open Monday-Thursday 11 am to 10 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 am to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 11 am to 9 p.m.. Again the restaurant only takes cash, but they have an ATM for customers.

## Miss Mac: iconic teacher, feminist, and football fan

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1976, when she led the field hockey team to an IHSA state championship.

"It was women like Miss Mac who really brought girls sports to where they are today," explained Rodgers. "When Miss Mac was coaching [the girls] wore gym uniforms, they played in the back gym, G110 was called the 'girls gym'. It was really through efforts like Miss Mac's that brought girls athletics to the forefront and made them into the great [sports] they are today."

Miss Mac continued to coach and teach at New Trier until her retirement in 1996, but as any New Trier fan knows, she never really left. She's the face of New Trier athletics.

"No matter where we go, she knows everybody and everybody knows her," added Rodgers. "And if she's not with us, people will ask, 'Where's Janie Mac, where's Miss Mac?' and that just shows her personality." Miss Mac doesn't miss many New Trier athletic events, however.

"Miss Mac has been to every single one of our games, both home and away," said senior basketball player Kate Conaghan. "She is always the first one there encouraging all of us, and when she gives us tips when we are subbing into the game, we know to listen."

Fellow senior Kate Klein agreed. "She brings so much positive energy to our team," said Klein. "We can always count on her to scout out the other team during warmups and give us feedback on who's shooting well that day."

This past May, Miss Mac was the recipient of the Friend of Athletics Award, given by Illinois Athletic

Directors Association, the highest recognition of service and support given to student-athletes. There was no better way to celebrate her legacy than Jane McNamara Night at the football game against Niles North.

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New Trier honored Miss Mac by inscribing a plaque placed on the New Trier memorial wall, a tribute to her commitment and contributions to the school and athletic program.

"I never had a bad day coaching or teaching," McNamara said in an interview with the Winnetka Current. "I just was truly blessed. I tell everybody the New Trier community, the parents, the students are the wind beneath my wings."

The magnitude of her impact on New Trier is immeasurable, but even without her, New Trier will continue the excellence that she brought to the school.

The public address announcement at Jane McNamara Night summed it up best.

"Miss Mac is always welcome at New Trier and I hope we continue to see you on our fields, our courts, and our concession stands."