

*The Class of 2020 graduated Sunday, May 31, celebrating the end of their high school careers. We congratulate them as they go forward, prepared for a multitude of opportunities and challenges. The following issue honors their accomplishments, destinations, and serves to remind them of their past four years.*

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# Congratulations, Class of 2020!



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# May Day account helps provide closure

Instagram lets seniors experience May Day

by Cleo Pool

Despite not being at school for the traditional May Day, seniors are receiving the recognition through the New Trier May Day Instagram account.

It allows seniors to send a photo, their future plans, and major and minor. All information provided is then posted on the account, run by senior Kayla Okninski.

The account, with more than 1,300 followers and over 500 posts so far, is a way for seniors to connect with their fellow classmates while apart. Okninski created this account in April after realizing that her class would be unable to celebrate this special moment together. She had found a similar post honoring a senior and she knew that she had to step into action.

"I honestly am not exactly sure how I got inspired specifically, but I remember on my Instagram explore page I saw a mom post a tribute to their senior daughter and it was a really cute post," said Okninski.

Okninski made a draft post and sent it to her friends. After receiving positive reactions, she decided to create the account. It started off



slowly but with the help of some friends, she was able to reach more and more seniors.

"I was so nervous about it and kept forcing all my friends to send me their information so it didn't look that empty because it started off kind of slow. But after I asked a green team captain to post my account on their page, I woke up to 70 DMs," said

Okninski.

After this huge response, Okninski got to work. She created multiple posts per hour. With all the free time she had while in quarantine, Okninski didn't feel overwhelmed instead she was grateful that it had given her something to do.

"At this point, I have a system to make them quickly, and it gives me

something fun to do every day," said Okninski.

This concept has become similarly popular at many neighboring schools like Loyola Academy and Evanston. But the big difference is that Okninski has partnered with a New Trier parent to sell yard signs that mimic the posts.

These have become a popular way to display where students plan to go.

Since the account has grown, Okninski has seen many of her peers get the recognition they deserve.

After four years, their hard work has paid off and this account helps give them closure.

"For me, I've gotten a sense of closure seeing kids I've known or passed in the hall since freshman year, and even earlier, off to do amazing things," said Okninski.

The account is only open to New Trier seniors but is not connected to the school. Still, Okninski applauds the work that the school has done to help students cope with not finishing their senior year together.

"I also think that coaches are putting an immense effort to recognize their seniors with online banquets, senior nights, etc. I know a lot of seniors really, really appreciate all efforts from New Trier teachers, coaches, etc. to honor their hard work," said Okninski.

May Day is a day many look forward to because it provides

closure to the school year and connects the senior class in celebrating their achievements.

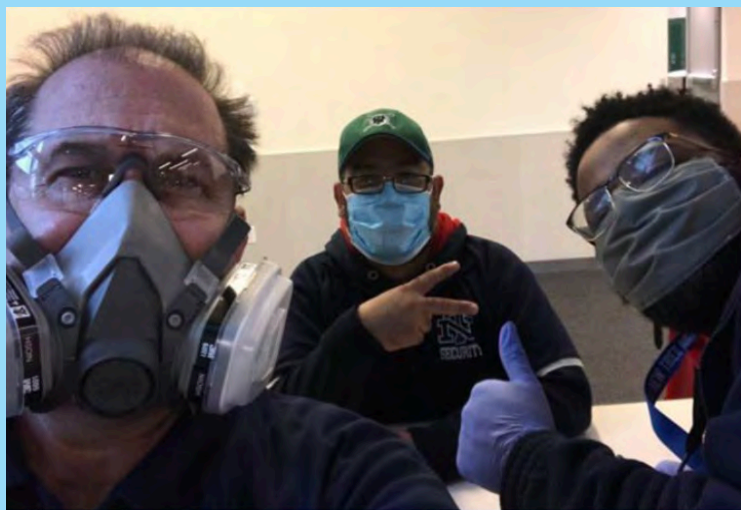
"I think after having so many things taken away so fast, anything that gives seniors a chance at something normal really helps," said Okninski. "I hope the account brings some sort of normalcy to everyone's lives during a time like this and honors a tradition we were all looking forward to."

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Although spending a fourth of their senior year in remote learning and not being able to spend their last day of high school together, this year's senior class is making the best of it.

"Overall, I think it shows how the class of 2020 has been able to grow stronger as a community despite any challenges they've encountered," said Okninski.

## Thank you, support staff. We couldn't do it without you



We at the New Trier News want to extend our immense gratitude to all of the security guards, janitors, and essential workers at New Trier. It shouldn't take a pandemic to recognize all of the incredible work you do year round for students. Your bravery and commitment throughout this crisis has been inspiring. School could not function without every single one of you. Thank you.

## Retiree destinations 2020



**Michael Clough**

"I have taught at New Trier for 26 years and taught for a total of 33 years. After retiring, I plan on continuing to travel. I have been to 49 states and will go on an Alaskan cruise next summer to complete my goal of visiting all 50 states. Also I have been to 240 national parks and have many more I am looking to experience."



**Heidi Hauelsen**



**Arnold Jean-Jacques**



**Kathy Lee**

"I began, in September 2008, as the assistant for the Senior Project, SILC and SAP programs. I left when my family moved and was fortunate enough to be re-hired eight years ago, as the assistant for the Social Work Department. My plans for retirement include spending more time with family in California, Colorado and Northern Michigan. I look forward to painting, gardening, exploring new hobbies and having the flexibility to go where the wind takes me."



**Jacqueline De Ment**



**Colleen Sheridan**

"I have been at New Trier for 15 years. My retirement plan is to spend time with family, travel, and live in Palm Springs during the winter."



**William Loris**

"I started at New Trier in 2003. My wife and I are relocating to our lake home in southern Wisconsin. We have some travel plans. We'll be doing plenty of outdoor activities and seeing more of our family and friends."



**Juan Fernandez**



**Brian Woodruff**

"I have been at NT since 1984. I believe that I might be the faculty member with the longest number of years at NT at this time."

# Staff Editorial

## To the class of 2020

We have reached the end of a typical, ordinary, and frankly unremarkable senior year at New Trier... just kidding. Obviously, COVID-19 has given us a final semester unlike any other.

Honestly, it's disappointing. We all had expectations for what our last quarter of high school would look like. None of us quite anticipated a college commitment day via Instagram, or having our final classroom discussions through Zoom. Prom went online, and graduation was a very peppy drive-through and virtual commencement. Though our teachers went above and beyond to ensure we continued to feel connected, this was not the ideal end to our high school years.

We have all had widely different experiences the last four years. We are talented student athletes, speech/debaters, engineers, dancers, artists, actors, student council members, do-gooders, fashion designers, entrepreneurs, coders, musicians, athletes, tutors, photographers, inventors, and out-of-the-box thinkers. While we may not always feel we have much in common, we now share this bizarre common experience.

We have come of age along with the Trump Administration, which has been a roller coaster. We have seen some of the largest protests since the late 1960s. We saw the #MeToo Movement, progress for the LGBTQIA+ community, the March for Our Lives, an impeachment trial, an international refugee crisis, and a trade war. Rainforests caught on fire, there were climate strikes, Twitter storms, and fears of World War III.

Now COVID-19, coupled with a national outcry that black lives matter following the gruesome death of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and more.

Our country has reached a breaking point. As thousands in every state take to the streets in spite of the continuing global pandemic, it is clear that change is needed now. After years of division, uncertainty, and animosity, we must demand that this shared experience paves the way for a time of empathy, reconciliation, and reform.

This past fall, our student body and staff at the Winnetka campus had a different shared experience when there was an accidental lockdown. Though it was only a false alarm and not the fault of the school, many were dramatically affected by the 15 minutes we huddled in classrooms, hiding from a potential shooter.

There was a lot to take away from that day. One thing that stuck out was an Instagram post later that afternoon. The ever diligent @newtrier203 had posted an update explaining what had happened. Underneath the post, an older (and surely well-meaning) gentleman had posted a comment saying that the school shouldn't focus as much on safety, because school shootings are so statistically unlikely.

Within hours, his comment had over a hundred replies saying: "Ok Boomer."

Honestly, it was pretty funny. Mocking insensitivity can feel good. One of our writers decided to write an op-ed about this infamous comment. She described why his response was misguided while working to understand his perspective. One thing that became clear is that there are more commonalities than differences between our generations. Just as Gen Z has experienced the laundry list of societal and economic transitions we rattled off earlier, Boomers had a similarly tumultuous coming of age.

It read, "When Baby Boomers were our age, they had to hide under desks during H-bomb drills. Today we similarly practice hiding from active shooters... Boomers marched on Washington D.C. to protest the Vietnam War, demanded Liberation for women, and fought for the Civil Rights Movement to expand equality. Today, Gen Z marches on Washington to demand gun reform, fights for the LGBTQIA+ community, and advocates for the preservation of our planet."

Feuding generations can find similarities, and what we can learn from Boomers is that protest is effective. We can not let the fire fueling the fight for reform die out. We are hopeful that out of this pandemic, there will be an increased understanding that despite all of our differences, there is always common ground. Generational differences aren't the only divisions we need to bridge for a functioning, free world.

This is essential, because the virus has oftentimes served as a way to "otherize" those who are different from us. Dangerous scapegoating rhetoric surround China through the presidential election, and even now there has been racism towards Asian Americans. People have protested stay at home orders, garnering praise, disbelief, frustration, and every emotion in between. The narrative about current protests for racial equity has at times been shifted to emphasize looting rather than the disgusting racism and violence black people face every day in our country. The virus has cast a spotlight on the gross economic, and healthcare disparities this country is facing.

Empathy, cooperation, and innovation are the tools we will need to rebuild the world once this crisis is over. It is going to come down to our generation to fix this enormous mess. This is a moment that will forever shape the collective conscious of our generation. We will make mistakes, but we will only be successful if we work together and invite those whom we do not agree with to be part of the conversation.

There are people in this world that are simply never going to agree, but we cannot take the easy path of simply dismissing or demonizing those who are different from us. We at the NT News have struggled to understand the mindset of those who would endanger their lives and of others in order to protest quarantine orders and bring AR-15's inside the state capital building while simultaneously condemning current protests for black lives. But we must try to understand, because the truth is that no one is planning on leaving this country anytime soon. In the US, we are stuck with a diverse, wonderful, crazy, divided, varied and stubborn population.

Regardless of what side of the political aisle you are on, there has never been a greater need for communication, transparency, and at the very least civility. It is also critical to remember that racism is not a political issue.

We are hopeful that this year's graduating class will help to lead this charge of bridging the divides and healing the wounds of our nation. We have no doubt that our peers are up to the task because we have seen it in action.

As editors at the NT News, we have watched our peers track down stories after the shut-down of local papers because of the pandemic. A senior created a "May Day" on Instagram, and others compiled videos to honor our high school experience. Symphonies have been composed via Zoom, dances choreographed in bedrooms, and messages of gratitude for our teachers have been shared online. Trevians raised money and supported community members through this crisis. Applied Arts teachers 3D printed PPE for hospitals, and our Special Education staff had car parades to ensure their students didn't feel so alone. Barrier Battles teamed up with the NT Habitat for Humanity Board to continue its mission to provide affordable housing for a family. We have shared petitions, educated ourselves and others, raised money, emailed our representatives, and taken to the streets.

We have the potential to be the visionaries, rebuilders, and leaders of a more empathetic world. It is up to us to make the decision not only to listen, but also to take action. To the class of 2020 - we have no doubt you will do incredible things. Go into this world with a mindset of kindness, action, and a healthy dose of skepticism.

Congratulations, and we will miss you.

# Hindsight is (the class of) 20/20



by Julia Nagel

Even though I had my fair share of crappy days and bad grades, looking back at my 3.75 years at New Trier, it's clear how incredibly lucky I am.

Yes, juggling college applications with the rest of my schoolwork was challenging. At times, it seemed as though I was taking two English classes. And for some reason, I decided that taking the ACT not once, or twice, but a total of 5 times was a good idea. The language lab is also a form of torture that should most definitely be outlawed.

Having to run across the courtyard in December with wet hair from the swim unit in order to be on time to English was a mildly traumatic experience. And even though I have never gotten a spray tan, my face in my student ID picture was somehow a bright shade of orange.

But looking back at all of these experiences, I find them more amusing than overwhelming, challenging, annoying, or frustrating.

And in hindsight, these experiences seem insignificant compared to all the amazing memories I made at New Trier. I am thankful for late nights in the newsroom, golden hour at photo club, and lunch/free periods at the third floor counters. And I would also like to sincerely thank my friends who helped keep me sane throughout it all.

High school was a crazy, wonderful, and tiring rollercoaster. Some tears were shed, but then again a mental breakdown or two is practically a job requirement for high school students. And I am admittedly a little frustrated when I think back on the thousands of hours I spent on homework assignments—time I probably could have spent doing something more worthwhile. But amidst all the chaos of high school, I learned how to actually take notes and to study, how to write articles, how to think critically about what I read, and that I actually do enjoy history (shoutout to Mr. Heineman).

Perhaps more importantly than my growth as a student, I also grew as a person. I learned to celebrate and appreciate the little moments, to take myself less seriously, to ask questions and put myself in others' shoes, and that it's okay if something isn't perfect (although Trovato may argue that I still need to work a little on that last one).

As I look back on my senior year, I am sad that I didn't get to celebrate a true May Day, prom, or graduation. I never did get a chance to go to the Habitat site and help build the class of 2020's house. I had planned to fly to Washington for my

Grandma's 80th birthday celebration and publish the last few issues of the New Trier News.

The Senior Art Exhibition was cancelled. And it is disappointing that I probably won't be able to say one last proper goodbye to many of my teachers. But I don't think that the loss of this handful of events deserves to overshadow the sheer number of other amazing experiences I had at New Trier.

*I am thankful for late nights in the newsroom, golden hour at photo club, and lunch/free periods at the third floor counters.*

So to all of the wonderful teachers, librarians (especially Ms. Straube), custodians, PPS staff, social workers, administrators, lunchroom workers, coaches, bookstore manager Khryss Holland, and any other staff I may have left out, thank you. Thank you for all the hard work that you put in each and every day so that us students have the opportunity to attend a school as great as New Trier.

I will always remember the friends I met and the memories I made at New Trier. And if climate change doesn't screw us over first, I hope that 50 years from now I am back at New Trier, reading this newspaper at the 150th celebration of the New Trier News.

# Open your minds and use your voices



by Nadia Jaikaran

I'd like to start off by thanking New Trier for all the wonderful people that would not have been brought together without this school—teachers, students, PPS, support staff, coaches and more. While our senior year was cut short due to the historic COVID-19 pandemic, it has allowed me to have plenty of time for reflection.

Through this reflection, I've realized how much I've taken for granted. There are so many everyday things that I thought nothing of while doing. I subconsciously felt entitled to going to the store, hanging with friends, and sitting in a classroom because they were part of my daily routine.

However, with social distancing measures put in place, I've realized that there is one thing that I miss the most: conversation.

While we can speak to one another digitally thanks to Zoom and other technologies, I now realize nothing quite feels the same as talking face-to-face with another person. There is something intimate about having a conversation with

others—it connects us and makes us feel more human.

To the graduating seniors of New Trier, I truly believe we Gen. Z's have the capability to surpass the accomplishments of previous generations—not just technologically, but socially.

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We have so much to overcome, but I know we can hurdle over any obstacle that comes our way by having open minds and inviting conversation.

In digital conversations, we can hide our thoughts and emotions behind our screens. A civil face-to-face conversation forces us to think critically.

Regardless of whether two people disagree at the end of the conversation, they've both exercised their greatest asset—their mind. Conversation allows us to acquire new ways of thinking, making us richer individuals.

It allows us to engage with difficult topics, destroying ignorance. And it helps us to form meaningful relationships, creating a more lively and joyful society.

Some people may claim that simple conversation is unimportant due to lack of time, discomfort, or disinterest. I urge them to reconsider and offer a sentiment from entrepreneur Robert Kiyosaki.

The moment you close your

mind and tell yourself you can't do something, you kill your human spirit. So, why shy away from conversation—something that offers so much to us? If we avoid conversation, we sell ourselves short by ignoring our souls and spirits, the deepest sectors of our being.

Fellow seniors, as sappy as my message may seem, I truly believe that we will learn more if we are willing to listen to and converse with others, but we will also make the world a better place, whether you're taking a gap year, going to college, advancing your job skills, joining the military, or whatever else,

I ask that we all put our phones down more and seek conversations with others. We have so much to learn from one another. By speaking with our fellow humans, we can arrive at a better understanding of other people and the world around us.

I am immensely grateful for the time I was able to spend at New Trier and for all of the wonderful people I've met. I am thankful for my friends, teachers, and all those who have guided me throughout my high school journey.

Also, on behalf of many students, I want to express special gratitude to PPS and support staff. Truly, this wonderful team of people are the foundation of our school. I am so grateful for the friendships I was able to form with them and the time they dedicate towards making New Trier a better place.

There will never be enough words to fully express how blessed I feel to have attended New Trier. I have received a great education and formed incredible connections with others. With a happy heart, I say thank you and goodbye.

# Embrace the chaos and run towards the confusion



by *Alex Rubenstein*

I started high school at 4'11. I'm now 5'7 and proud to say that during these past 3.75 years, I've grown both in stature and, more importantly, as a person.

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend New Trier as it has allowed me to meet so many amazing people and to explore my interests.

During my high school career, I discovered that it is possible to function on four hours of sleep, and that walking outside after swimming freshman year was less than enjoyable (thankfully I developed a "chlorine allergy" sophomore year).

However, I also found my passion for journalism, my love of art and the satisfaction of the coffee bar.

I started at the newspaper as a shy observer, scared of going after the big stories. The New Trier News, however, taught me to step out of my comfort zone. Along with interviewing, writing, and editing skills, the New Trier News has given me confidence that I will carry with me as I go to college and onto the next chapter.

Over the past four years, I have had the opportunity to learn from so many incredible teachers.

Thank you Lombo (Mrs. Lombardi) for always being there with a ready ear and a batch of pancakes every Tuesday.

Thank you Mr. Trovato for teaching me how to write a proper lead, and to NEVER use exclamation points.

Thank you Mrs. Fajerstein for teaching me about derivatives and au pairs.

Señora Simons, I always looked forward to getting a high five each day on my way out of class.

Mrs. Kollar, you always had the best holiday themed outfits, and

whenever I'm stuck in pouring rain, I can't help but think about the fact that I'm saturated.

Thank you Mr. Kajfez for having a check valve on the final.

Mrs. Estberg, you had so much going on, and yet you still brightened everyone's day with a smile and some candy.

Finally, thank you Mr. Weiler for teaching me to always "run towards the confusion."

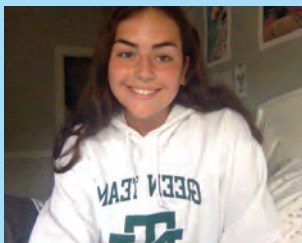
There's also so many amazing faculty members behind the scenes that also greatly enhanced my high school experience including the librarians, lunchroom workers, social workers, security guards, and PPS. Shout out to Camille for taking the time to learn the names of everyone who regularly crossed the street at the corner of Winnetka and Essex.

The ending to my high school career was abrupt, and nothing like I expected. Admittedly, I spent the majority of my senior year counting down the days until graduation. Now that I am finally here, saying goodbye was increasingly confusing and difficult.

I am speeding towards the future, and due to the lack of May Day, senior prom, a traditional last day of school, and commencement, it feels as if we missed the chance to get any sort of closure.

However, instead of dwelling on the strange ending, I guess that it's time to take Mr. Weiler's advice and run towards the confusion.

## Happy and sad at the same time



by *Emma Mansour*

Here we are. Last article. Let's get it.

When I was a junior, I had predicted that I would spend most of my senior year soaking in every moment before I had to leave.

In reality, I spent a lot of senior year counting down the minutes until I got to leave high school, go across the country to college, and never look back. I would miss my friends, of course, but I was ready for change.

And then school was taken away from me, and I realized how much I wished I hadn't taken every moment for granted. I wished I hadn't skipped Early Bird so many times or gone to the nurse during French so often. I wanted my time back.

Upon reflection, I realized that I didn't really need my time back. Sure, it would have been nice to finish out senior year at school, but that ultimately wouldn't have changed much.

The bulk of my high school experience, all the highs and lows that made me like it so much, had already been experienced.

I spent 3 and a half years (ish) learning, growing, and changing A LOT. I went into freshman year wanting to be a fashion designer. Lol. I can confidently say that I no longer want to be a fashion designer,

and that's a result of everything that high school gave me. It gave me the opportunity to find what I care about, what makes me genuinely happy, and pursue it.

And all of that was done in the earlier parts of high school, not the second semester of my senior year.

Above the opportunities and interesting classes and cool cafeteria, what made high school special was the people, some of whom I've been going to school with for 13 years. When I went back to school to get all of my stuff, I wasn't sentimental because of the pretty new building or less pretty old building.

I was sentimental because every staircase, hallway, and chair in the third floor commons reminded me of memories I had made with people. So many places I had laughed, or cried, or shmoooped a book, or taken a nap. All surrounded by some high quality people.

As much as I complained about the workload, the stress, and the administration, I really loved high school. I owe a lot to New Trier: the teachers, the extracurriculars, Vicky at the coffee bar, they all made my time worthwhile and meaningful.

So thank you New Trier. Sometimes it wasn't so great, and I definitely have some long-term damage from the consistent lack of sleep. But more often than not, I was smiling. It gave me a good four years, and I wouldn't have wanted to spend them anywhere else.

It's really weird to think that high school is ending. By the time this paper is out, it will be over, which is crazy. It's sad. But also happy. I don't know.

Fingers crossed that they let me graduate.

## The world's a mess; we'll have to step up



by *Katy Pickens*

A year ago, almost exactly to the day I am writing this, I took my last AP test. It was the final essay on the final exam of what had been a truly exam-heavy year. The prompt was straightforward: What is something you think is overrated?

Being my smug self, my answer was "high school." I described my own sadness (and disdain) for people who constantly relive their glory days and how those classic high school moments (prom, homecoming, pep rallies) haven't affected my coming of age. "High school didn't look like High School Musical" and all that... I mean I guess now I can say, thanks to COVID-19, that high school truly has not resembled the wonderful journey of Troy and Gabriella.

Since prom was an hour-long (and hilariously awkward) live stream of a DJ talking to himself, my feelings about those quintessential high school moments are a little less cynical.

And while I would have liked to experience the typical fourth-quarter most seniors expect, I know that

## A bittersweet goodbye to NT



by *Hope Talbot*

Dear New Trier,

You and I have always had a complicated relationship. Every day from when I was fourteen, you've watched me speed-walk across your lawn at 8:16 in the mornings and trek back across that lawn at twilight, exhausted after a long night of newspaper or carrying some kind of sports gear.

You've seen me at my highs and absolute lows, from hysterically laughing in the cafeteria to the occasional math-induced cry in your bathroom stalls.

During KW, I pretended not to have my entire outfit on under the atrocious green top and sweatpants and resentfully ran laps, thinking about all the things I would do once I got out of high school.

I always thought it would be easy to leave you, New Trier. At first, it was. In the early days of quarantine, I reveled in the fact that I no longer had to bake under fluorescent lighting or struggle against the surge of humanity going up the main stairwell after lunch. It still didn't hit me emotionally even when Governor Pritzker announced we wouldn't be returning. Writing this letter though has forced me to reflect on what a difficult goodbye this is.

I thought you were the place I hated the most but in reality, you

were just trying to expose the most uncomfortable truths about myself and the world to me, and for that I thank you. You taught me how to truly think for myself, to question and be brave, that if you put aside judgment you can find yourself with unlikely people and in unlikely places.

I learned that good and bad must coexist, and I discovered how it felt to grieve and to love. I have felt humbled countless times in that building. New Trier has brought people into my life that taught me what it means to be a decent human being.

While I probably will never miss pep rallies, the most important parts of high school are the small moments, the interactions you don't consider until they're behind you. Driving to school with my best friend, softball practices, the chaos of the newsroom.

Most of all though, New Trier, you have taught me that how you choose to react during times of uncertainty defines what kind of person you are. This lesson has never been more essential to bear in mind than during the challenges of this pandemic.

This is not the goodbye we all wanted, but maybe it's the one we needed? I don't think I would have reflected half as much about my high school experience if I had the classic graduation experience. What I'm trying to say is that I've realized I've been childish and jaded about high school. While parts of it might have been a hot mess, it's made me the person I am today and I shouldn't have taken it for granted.

I hope we can leave off as friends, New Trier because, in a weird way, I love you.

I have squeezed every last bit of growth that I could out of my time at New Trier.

I learned that failing my algebra final freshman year did not cause my world to crumble.

I learned how to think for myself, listen to other people, and disagree respectfully.

I have learned from an incredible group of students and teachers and found out that critical thinking and healthy debate is a hell of a drug. I learned that I actually don't know anything and will always have more to learn.

I learned that I like learning. And most importantly, I discovered my own voice.

It is amazing how much a firmly worded letter or article can change minds or move people to action.

I have seen the best and worst parts of NT, and I am grateful for the freedom I have had to speak my mind. And I am grateful for the adults in the building who not only listen, but listen with respect.

New Trier has helped me realize that I can (and should) use my words and take action to create change, and it has never been more essential for us to take ownership and responsibility for what we want our futures to look like.

And I believe that we, as some of the best young minds in this country, have a responsibility to fight for a better world. We must fight to expand

the privileges that we have been given to reach more people.

So I may need to revise my thesis from my snarky essay on my AP Language test last year: I still think some parts of high school are overrated and undeniably contrived, but the true value in high school is how it allows kids to begin learning and thinking for themselves.

It's where we become productive members of society and actually use our brains. New Trier has been quite the launchpad.

We might not cross the finish line in the way we envisioned, but it was still quite the journey. I think our class is in the unique situation of having an amazing graduation that will actually impact our lives. For most people, graduating high school is just a hazy memory of a long list of names or sweating in a cap and gown. This experience has the capacity to change our worldview and futures, and I am hopeful that it will be for the better.

So thank you to all of my classmates, my friends, my teachers, and my parents (I occasionally expressed that classic teen ~angst~ and they were endlessly patient). I could not have asked for a better education, or a better group of people to guide me and push me when I needed it.

We really have no clue what the next chapter will look like, but I cannot wait to see what we do next.

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 Amelia Atteberry - U. of Texas, Austin  
 Cammi Avery - The American Musical and Dramatic Arts Academy  
 Ryan Avrick - Indiana U.  
 Chiara Awatramani - U. of Illinois  
 Kiran Awatramani - U. of Washington  
 Seth Babbitt - George Washington U.  
 Mary Baillos - Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
 Ayah Bajwa - U. of Michigan  
 Luke Baldwin - Cal Poly State U.  
 Paige Baldwin - U. of Arizona  
 Andrew Balestrery - Tulane U.  
 Ryan Ball - U. of Michigan  
 Kayla Banh - U. of Illinois  
 Shae Baron - Loyola U. Chicago  
 Griffin Barr - Purdue U.  
 Amanda Barry - Tulane U.



Margaret Baxter - U. of Arizona  
 Harrison Bazianos - Junior Hockey  
 Clara Beatty - U. of Dayton  
 Julie Beaucaire - Ohio State U.  
 Mira Becker - Harvard U.  
 Zachary Becker - Northwestern  
 Alec Bender - Carnegie Mellon U.  
 Hannah Bender - Indiana U.  
 Ali Benedetto - Brown U.  
 Caroline Bennett - Marquette U.  
 Max Bennett - Northwestern



Annie Berlin - American U.  
 Dillon Berlin - U. of Michigan  
 Sahil Bharwani - Southern Methodist U.  
 Heidi Bianucci - U. of Miami Ohio  
 William Birck - Indiana U.  
 Alia Birgé - Ohio State U.  
 Henry Blasingame - U. of Southern California  
 Maia Blomberg - Culinary Institute of America  
 Laila Blum - U. of Arizona  
 Jacqueline Blumin - U. of Illinois  
 Maggie Bodman - U.S. Naval Academy  
 Conner Boehm - Dartmouth College  
 Trevor Boehm - Elon U.  
 Felix Boeing - Ohio State U.  
 Bridget Boyle - UC San Diego  
 Arman Bozkurt - Wake Forest U.  
 Julia Braham - U. of Richmond  
 Daniel Braxton - Vassar College  
 Rebecca Brodne - U. of Illinois  
 Jules Brown - Loyola Marymount U.  
 Kate Brown - U. of Dayton  
 Peter Brown - U. of Southern California  
 Sara Bunge - Loyola Marymount U.  
 Noah Burfield - U. of Illinois  
 Jordan Burnett - U. of North

Carolina at Charlotte  
 Peter Caldwell - U. of Illinois  
 Isabelle Calkins - Butler U.  
 Blake Campbell - Indiana U.  
 Lydia Campbell - Colorado College  
 Maggie Cao - Yale U.  
 Sarah Carlson - Indiana U.  
 Caitlin Carr-Smith - Northwestern  
 John Carragher - Carleton College



Francesca Caruso - U. of Illinois  
 Anna Casey - U. of Iowa  
 Marisol Cassis - U. of Michigan  
 Ian Cata - U. of Dayton  
 Mia Cavalier - Arizona State U.  
 Cate Chan - U. of San Francisco  
 Min Kyung Chang - Purdue U.  
 Courtney Charchut - U. of Wisconsin  
 Xariah Chase - Redeemer U. in Ontario, Canada  
 Kathy Chen - U. of Illinois  
 Sara Chin - Cal Poly State U.  
 Emma Chipman - Rice U.  
 Lily Christopher - UC San Diego  
 Charlotte Cleary - U. of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Margaret Cole - U. of Wisconsin  
 Annika Coleman - U. of Southern California  
 Sabrina Comess - Amherst College  
 Cameron Compall - Boston College  
 Patrick Condon - U. of Notre Dame  
 Garrett Cook - Clemson U.  
 Sophie Cook - Syracuse U.  
 Catie Corley - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Theodore Cornejo - Denison U.  
 Emma Cortina - Middlebury College  
 Nicholas Crispino - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Thomas Criswell - Villanova U.  
 Cooper Crnich - Indiana U.  
 Bradley Cui - U. of Illinois  
 Xinyuan Cui - U. of Illinois  
 Anna Culbertson - American U.  
 Maxwell Curl - Tulane U.  
 Ellie D'Attomo - Emory U.  
 Maddie Dadura - Tulane U.  
 Jane Dean - Carnegie Mellon U.  
 Eleanor De Fer - New York U.  
 Margaret De Fer - Carleton College  
 Reese Dekker - U. of Illinois  
 Karrine Denisova - U. of California, Los Angeles  
 Celia DeNunzio - U. of Colorado  
 Kelley Deveny - U. of Colorado  
 Nadharm Dhiantravan - Northwestern  
 Maddie Dieffenbacher - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Alexander Dillon - Marine Corps



Claire Dillon - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Nick DiPatri - U. of Iowa  
 Carter Dodd - Oakton Community College  
 Isabel Dolan - Occidental College  
 Harper Dold - Wake Forest U.  
 Eamon Donnelly - Santa Clara U.  
 Erin Donohue - U. of California at Santa Barbara  
 Pranav Doradla - Northwestern  
 Nicolas Doret - Beloit College  
 Sam Dorfman - U. of Richmond  
 Madeline Drilling-Coren - U. of Illinois

Mery Drilling-Coren - Bradley U.  
 Sabrina Dudra - Carroll College Wisconsin  
 Isabel Dube - U. of Illinois  
 Joey Duris - U. of Colorado  
 Jenna Dushman - U. of Colorado  
 Ryan Dushman - U. of Illinois  
 Caroline Dutkiewicz - U. of Illinois  
 Benjamin Eberle - George Washington U.  
 Lindsey Economos - Indiana U.  
 Graham Eisen - U. of Richmond  
 Paul Ellison - Lake Forest College  
 Phillip Ellison - College of William & Mary  
 Violet Ennis - U.S. Army  
 Maeve Eskandari - Hamilton College  
 Keegan Estrada - U. of Alabama  
 Quinton Eudy - Belmont U.  
 Kyle Evenson - U. of Southern California  
 Sophia Ewing - Cal Poly State U.  
 Trevor Faber - Indiana U.  
 Liam Fagan - Berklee College of Music  
 Lindsay Falk - U. of Notre Dame  
 Jack Farrell - Indiana U.  
 Avery Faulkner - U. of Alabama  
 Caroline Faurot - U. of Wisconsin  
 Katherine Fawcett - Northwestern  
 Julia Fay - Cal Poly State U.



Lindsey Feeley - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Anna Feinerman - Pitzer College  
 Lily Feinerman - Princeton U.  
 Grant Feldman - U. of Illinois  
 Regina Fernandez - Northwestern  
 Isabella Figlioli - Skidmore College  
 Luca Figlioli - Colgate U.  
 Katherine Figura - Dartmouth College  
 Tommy Figura - Cornell U.  
 Charlie Finks - Southern Methodist U.  
 Beth Fisher - U. of Pennsylvania  
 Madison Fisher - U. of Colorado  
 Lucy Flanagan - Colorado College  
 Kaeleigh Flannagan - U. of Miami  
 Madison Fleetwood - U. of Miami  
 Liam Fleming - United States Military Academy  
 Jackson Flick - U. of Wisconsin  
 Catherine Flood - U. of Pittsburgh  
 Charlotte Fondren - U. of Illinois  
 Matthew Forman - U. of Denver  
 Marlee Fradkin - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 William Free - Santa Clara U.  
 Emma Friedman - U. of Maryland, College Park  
 Mia Gabelev - Loyola U. Chicago  
 Lilly Gaechter - UC San Diego  
 Summer Gaines-Wheeler - American U.  
 Sydney Gaines-Wheeler - Denison U.  
 Aahil Gangani - Boston U.  
 Jacquelyn Garabedian - UC San Diego  
 Whitton Gardiner - U. of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Samantha Garrison - Drake U.  
 Grace Garrou - Chapman U.  
 William Gerstein - U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 Maggie Gifford - Wake Forest U.  
 Tyler Gilley - U. of Alabama  
 Jaden Gilley - DePaul U.  
 India Glennon - U. of New Mexico  
 Joshua Glucksman - Gap Year then Middlebury College  
 Rachel Glucksman - Scripps College  
 Alex Glueck - Tulane U.  
 Nikki Golberg - U. of Texas, Austin  
 Jamie Goldman - Roger Williams U.  
 Jose Gonzalez - U. of Kansas

Marco Gonzalez - U. of Kansas  
 Isabelle Goode - DePaul U.  
 Audrey Goodwin - U. of Illinois  
 Eli Goroff-Behel - U. of Denver  
 Katie Graf - Indiana U.  
 Ian Graves - Iowa State U.  
 Jack Greco - U. of Wisconsin  
 Donovan Greene - Kalamazoo College



Amy Griffin - Middlebury College  
 Claudia Grochowski - U. of Iowa  
 Adina Grossman - U. of Denver  
 Lauren Grote - U. of Richmond  
 Angelina Grzeslo - Marquette U.  
 Raghav Gupta - Santa Clara U.  
 Carlos Guzman-Cruz - U. of Wisconsin  
 Jack Haduch - Saint Louis U.  
 Bridget Hagedorn - U. of Illinois  
 Kelly Hagedorn - U. of Kansas  
 Sabrina Hagedorn - U. of Dayton  
 Marc Hagist - Indiana U.  
 Rainer Hakenen - Indiana U.  
 Hannah Half - Michigan State U.  
 Nicholas Hancock - Southern Methodist U.  
 Mia Hakenen - U. of Oregon  
 Rainer Hankenen - Indiana U.  
 Ellie Hanlon - Butler U.  
 Yida Hao - Boston College  
 Dylan Hardt - Gap year, sailing from Bali to South Africa  
 Torie Hardt - Saint Mary's College  
 Grace Harris - Denison U.  
 Ellie Hartman - Wake Forest U.  
 Minnie Hauser - Colorado State U.  
 Samantha Heiman - U. of Illinois  
 Blake Heller - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Kathryn Hemmer - Yale U.  
 Kevin Hillesland - U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 Teddy Hines - Georgetown U.  
 Anna Hinrichs - Indiana U.  
 Briana Hinrichs - U. of Edinburgh  
 Caroline Hinrichs - Cologne Business School, Germany  
 Avery Hirschfield - Northwestern  
 Moriah Hirsh - U. of Iowa  
 Charlie Hoban - Post-graduate year at Lawrenceville, to play football or lacrosse  
 Aidan Holmberg - U. of Wisconsin



Maeve Holmberg - U. of Vermont  
 Emma Homer - U. of Illinois  
 Tinah Hong - Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Tyler Horvitz - Indiana U.  
 Michael Howie - U. of Missouri Columbia  
 Andy Hubbard - Butler U.  
 Zoe Huertas-Erikson - U. of Glasgow  
 Courtney Hufton - Miami U., Oxford  
 Katelyn Hughes - Syracuse U.  
 Sam Hulbert - U. of Illinois  
 Cain Humphrey - Tulane U.  
 Ethan Ille - DePaul U.  
 Petra Ilic - Washington and Lee U.  
 Kate Immesberger - Denison U.  
 Andrew Ishaya - U. of Illinois, Chicago  
 Jonna Izenstark - School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 Molly Jacob - U. of Iowa  
 Shelby Jacob - U. of Iowa  
 Amelia Jacobson - Tulane U.  
 Charlotte Jaffe - Denison U.

Nadia Jaikaran - Loyola U. Chicago  
 Clayton Jambor - U. of Colorado  
 Isabella James - Tulane U.  
 Millie James - U. of St. Andrews  
 Tenzin Jamyang - U. of Illinois, Chicago  
 Madeline Jednorowicz - U. of California at Santa Barbara  
 Megan Jenson - Colgate U.  
 Cole Jiaras - U. of Michigan  
 Brett Johnson - Loyola U. Chicago  
 Davis Johnson - Denison U.  
 Quinn Johnston - U. of Illinois  
 Lillian Jones - New York U.  
 Samantha Jones - Georgetown U.  
 Brian Joseph - U. of Notre Dame  
 Treng Kadin - Colgate U.  
 Aidan Kalish - Tulane U.  
 Ava Kalman - Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 Lizzie Kalt - U. of Colorado  
 Janice Kang - U. of Michigan



Chloe Karabas - U. of South Carolina  
 Luke Karabas - U. of South Carolina  
 Charlotte Karr - U. of Iowa  
 Brianna Karras - Butler U.  
 Anna Katz - U. of Chicago  
 Jaden Katz - U. of Illinois  
 Lydia Kaup - Yale U.  
 Arjun Kaura - New York U.  
 Andrew Kearney - Northwestern  
 Ava Kelber - U. of Texas, Austin  
 Simon Kellman - U. of Miami  
 Amelia Kelley - Oakton Community College  
 Casey Kennett - Loyola U. New Orleans



Jenna Khalifeh - DePaul U.  
 Val Kilborn - Cal Poly State U.  
 Jae Heon Kim - Northeastern U.  
 Eun Taek (Peter) Kim - U. of Illinois  
 Charlie Kinsky - U. of Dayton  
 Nolan Kiser - U. of Southern California  
 Caroline Kissane - Miami U., Oxford  
 Alexandra Klapperich - Columbus College of Art and Design  
 Katie Klassen - U. of Iowa  
 Max Kleinmann - Ohio State U.  
 Gabe Klewin - Fairfield U.  
 Alyssa Knaus - U. of Denver  
 Sarah Kravitz - Purdue U.  
 Kirsten Krieman - DePaul U.  
 Nicholas Kuras - Miami U., Oxford  
 David Kurschner - U. of Oregon  
 Peter Kurschner - U. of Vermont  
 Stella Kustra - Tulane U.  
 Maria Kyriakopoulos - Marquette U.  
 Rosie Kyriakopoulos - Marquette U.  
 Aaron Lamm - Rutgers-New Brunswick  
 Alexis Lampe - Wake Forest U.  
 Juliette Lana - Michigan State U.  
 Marcelo Lanuza - Babson College  
 Brendan Larkin - Santa Clara U.  
 Olivia Laske - Macalester College  
 Margaret Lasonde - U. of Michigan  
 Maia Law - Indiana U.  
 Justin Lee - U. of Illinois  
 Connor Lee - U. of Chicago  
 Bella Leon - U. of Colorado  
 Ethan Lestrud - U. of Kansas  
 Alex Levin - Tulane U.

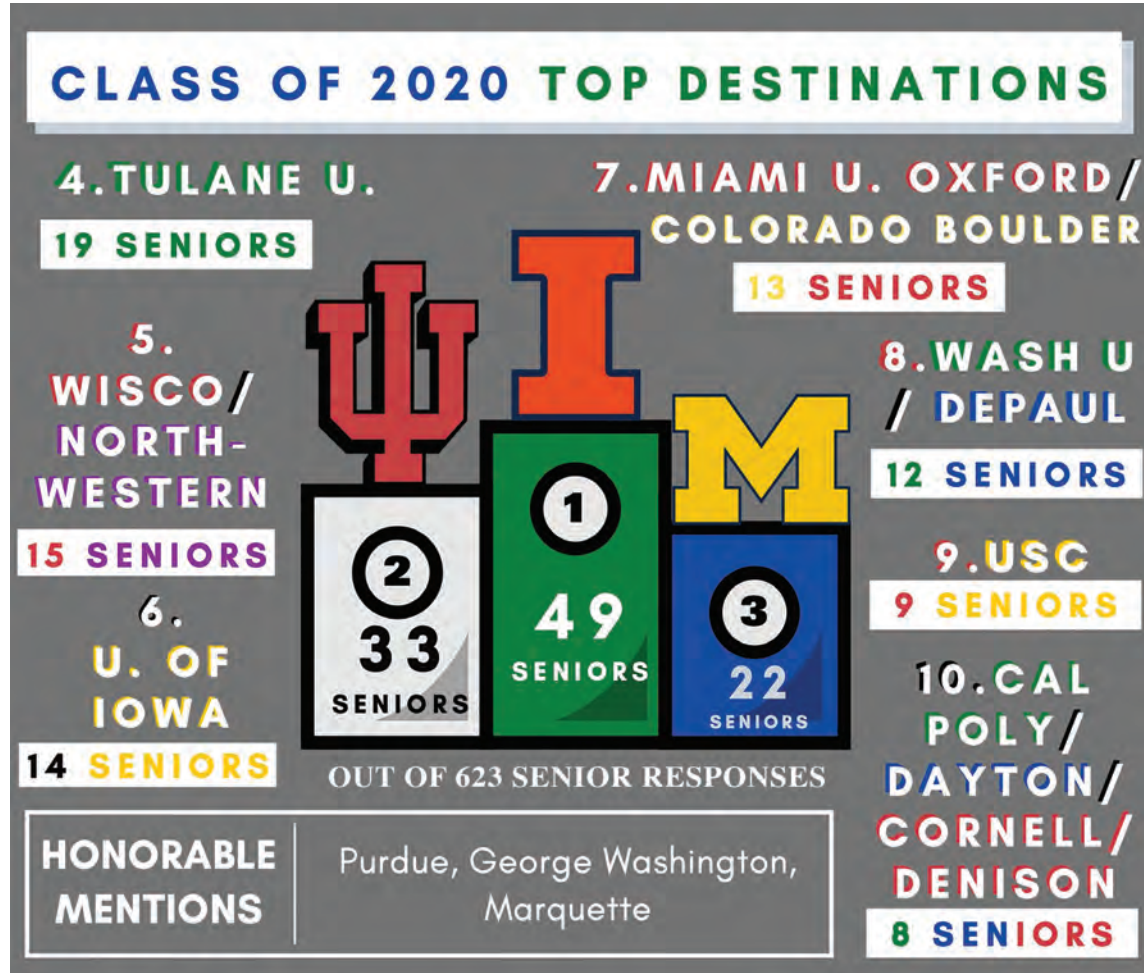
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 Kyle Levy - U. of Miami  
 Maximilian Levy - U. of Rochester  
 Taft Lewis - Miami U., Oxford  
 Laura Lien - Saint Mary's College  
 Margaret Lin - Georgetown U.  
 Samuel Lin - Purdue U.  
 Thomas Lipinski - Montana State U., Bozeman  
 Katie Lipsey - Tulane U.  
 Aidan Lodolce - U. of Illinois  
 Charlotte Loehr - U. of Colorado  
 Brianna Logvinsky - U. of Illinois  
 Noah Lolli - U. of Oxford  
 Emily Lorenz - Indiana U.  
 Brandon Lowell - Colorado State U.  
 Michelle Lu - Illinois Wesleyan U.  
 Ted Lutton - Bates College  
 Gwendolyn Lyman - Boston U.  
 Gary Lyman - U. of Michigan  
 Bella Macakanja - Vanderbilt U.  
 Mason Mackenzie - Indiana U.  
 Greer Mackenzie - Tulane U.  
 Audrey MacVicar - Gap year then U. of Dayton  
 Terrence Maday - Marquette U.  
 Pranav Madhu - Indiana U.  
 Kathryn Madigan - U. of California, Los Angeles  
 Grace Magner - Denison U.  
 Nadia Malik - Purdue U.  
 Katy Malueg - U. of Iowa  
 Emma Mansour - Scripps College  
 Kate Marino - U. of Dayton  
 Joshua Markscheid - Oakton Community College  
 Payton Marshall - Tulane U.  
 Zachary Marshall - Oberlin College  
 Janey Matejka - Scripps College  
 Francesca Mattozzi - Loyola U. Chicago  
 Reagan Maydew - Colorado State U.  
 Chase Mazzier - Marquette U.  
 Anna McBride - Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
 William McCall - Northwestern  
 Kevin McCarthy - New York U.  
 Willem McCarthy - U. of Iowa  
 Ian McClellan - North Park U.  
 James McColl - U. of Southern California  
 Kevin McDonald - U. of Illinois  
 Ellie McGregor - Tulane U.  
 Reagan McGurk - U. of Florida  
 Matt Mckenna - U. of Michigan  
 Kate McLaughlin - U. of Michigan  
 Erin McNally - U. of Notre Dame  
 IonaMcQuiston - U. of Vermont  
 Lauren McShea - Gap Year, Americorps  
 Charley Meier - Harvard U.  
 Nick Melnick - Southern Methodist U.  
 Emma Merk - Claremont McKenna College  
 Katie Merk - Tulane U.  
 Bella Merrick - Xavier U.  
 Henry Merrilees - Post graduate year at Blair Academy in New Jersey  
 Kristin Merrilees - Barnard College  
 Rachel Miller - U. of Wisconsin  
 Katie Miller - U. of Iowa  
 Izzy Miller - Santa Clara U.  
 Michael Miralles - Villanova U.  
 Andrew Moerschel - Hofstra U.  
 Benjamin Morabito - Cornell College  
 Samuel Morabito - NT Life Skills  
 BJ Moses-Rosenthal - Gap Year  
 Chloé Moslener - McGill U.  
 Caitlyn Mulligan - McGill U.  
 Alec Mulvaney - U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
 Connor Mulvaney - Syracuse U.  
 Sender Munkhgerel - Georgetown U.  
 Caroline Murphy - Loyola U. Chicago  
 Charles Murphy - U. of Vermont  
 Teagan Murphy - UC San Diego  
 Thomas Murphy - Denison U.  
 Gus Murray - Indiana U.  
 Matt Murray - Indiana U.  
 Alexander Nagel - Cornell U.  
 Julia Nagel - Cornell U.  
 Alexander Naumann - U. of Michigan  
 Nicholas Naumann - Indiana U.

Billy Nayman - U. of Southern California  
 Amanda Neslund - UC Berkeley  
 Charlotte Newman - Northwestern  
 Olivera Nikolich - U. of Miami  
 Kira Noe - Cal Poly State U.  
 Silas Noe - Southern Methodist U.  
 Sarah Norrick - U. of Maryland  
 Luke Novosel - U. of Illinois  
 Ryan Novosel - U. of Nebraska at Lincoln  
 Martin O'Connell - McGill U.

Gavin Porter - Miami U., Oxford  
 Halle Powell - Loyola Marymount U.  
 Kinar Prasad - U. of Chicago  
 Olivia Prendergast - U. of Virginia  
 Evan Prendergast - U. of Virginia  
 Haley Price - Miami U., Oxford  
 Charlotte Pu - U. of Michigan  
 Jakob Quezada - U. of Illinois  
 Soleia Quinn - U. of Portland  
 Julia Ramsey - Boston U.  
 Jake Rasof - DePaul U.

College  
 Lauren Schwaab - Penn State U.  
 Jen Schwabe - U. of Illinois  
 Charles Schwartz - Indiana U.  
 Brennan Scott - Texas Christian U.  
 Camille Scrine - Indiana U.  
 Mina Seals - U. of Michigan  
 Olivia Sergot - Texas Christian U.  
 Tommy Serrino - Georgetown U.  
 Anna Shah - George Washington U.  
 Yael Shaw - Washington U. in St. Louis

Shivam Tailor - U. of Illinois  
 Hope Talbot - U. of Vermont  
 Markus Simon Tam - U. of Illinois  
 Ruiyang Tan - Northwestern  
 Liam Tangney - U. of Wisconsin La Crosse  
 Marie Tasiopoulos - Illinois State U.  
 Christian Tegtmeier - Miami U., Oxford  
 Maddy Tevonian - Lawrence U.  
 Nick Thabit - U. of Michigan  
 Hale Thomas - U. of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 Hannah Thompson - U. of Maryland  
 Maggie Tinsley - Oregon State U.  
 Grace Tobey - Miami U., Oxford  
 Olivia Tordella - Miami U., Oxford  
 Marco Torresarpi - Cornell U.  
 Danielle Towers - George Washington U.  
 Isabella Troglia - U. of Illinois  
 Sofi Troglia - In memoriam  
 Emilia Tschids - U. of Iowa  
 Nicolette Tshilds - Illinois State U.  
 Eloise Tuke - NT Transitions  
 Olivia Tussing - U. of Michigan  
 Kasey Umlauf - U. of Michigan  
 Jeffrey Urban - U. of Texas at Austin  
 Leona Useni - Milwaukee School of Engineering  
 Lindsey Van Metre - U. of Michigan  
 Claire VanDamme - Miami U., Oxford  
 Julia Vexelman - U. of Illinois  
 Jake Vile - U. of Illinois  
 Lyla Vivian - Butler U.  
 Tessa Vivian - U. of Illinois  
 Evan Vlahandreas - Northwestern  
 Mark von den Steinen - U. of Texas at Austin  
 Chris Vongher - Marquette U.  
 Elias Wachtel - Columbia U.  
 Connor Walker - North Dakota State U.  
 Charlie Walter - U. of Colorado  
 Pema Wangpo - Lake Forest College  
 Brendan Warning - Eckerd College  
 Meghan Warshauer - Santa Clara U.  
 Maddie Watson - U. of Colorado  
 Sam Weber - U. of Wisconsin  
 Jack Weisenberger - Lehigh U.  
 Emmy Werd - U. of Michigan  
 Mason Werner - Virginia Tech  
 Keyler White - Northwestern  
 Alex Wigdale - San Diego State U.  
 Reid Wilson - San Diego State U.  
 Aaron Wineberg - U. of Chicago  
 Jeremy Wint - U. of Virginia  
 George Wise - Miami U., Oxford  
 Zak Witaszek - Indiana U.  
 Nicholas Woehrle - Stanford U.  
 Isabella Wojewski - Lake Forest College  
 Katie Wolters - Miami U., Oxford  
 Markson Wu - DePaul U.  
 Esther Xu - U. of Illinois  
 Irene Xu - Yale U.  
 Andrew Xue - Vanderbilt U.  
 Cooper Yaccino - Trinity College  
 Won Yang - Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Yanbin Yang - Oakton Community College  
 Jesse Yang - Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Irene Yang - U. of Pittsburgh  
 Iris Yoon - Purdue U.  
 Gavin Yuan - Baylor U.  
 Jason Yuan - Cornell U.  
 Hannah Yulish - U. of Illinois  
 Jancarlos Zaldivar - Auburn U.  
 Ariana Zawacki - U. of Alabama  
 Frank Zawrazky - Loyola U. Chicago  
 Renee Zhou - DePaul U.  
 Emilia Zientara - Pitzer College  
 Greta Zimmer - Gap Year then Loyola Marymount U.  
 Amy Zun - Northwestern  
 Rachel Zun - Cornell U.  
 Catharine Zwick - Indiana U.  
 Julia Zwolinski - U. of Alabama  
 Huntsville



We at The New Trier News intend for the Destinations Issue to be a source of pride, not ridicule. While there is competition surrounding the college process, this list is meant to be a source of recognition and celebration for the accomplishments of seniors. The Class of 2020 arrived from different places four years ago, and now we are honored to present where they are heading next year. This list was compiled based on self-reported plans.

Dan O'Grady - U. of Kansas  
 Joshua Oh - U. of Illinois  
 Joelle Ohr - Cornell U.  
 Kayla Okninski - Indiana U.  
 Zach Oliver - U. of Iowa  
 Olivia Olson - Ohio State U.  
 Emilene Olson - U. of Wisconsin  
 Aidan Olson - Tulane U.  
 Gabriel Oreskovich - U. of Kentucky  
 Lara Orhon - Wake Forest U.  
 Matthew Osborne - U. of British Columbia  
 Lauren Osburn - Embry Riddle Aeronautical U.  
 Zoe Oslan - Indiana U.  
 Ava Palatnik - U. of Wisconsin  
 Evan Palatnik - Miami U., Oxford  
 Sofia Papakos - DePaul U.  
 Robin Park - U. of Dayton  
 Emma Parks - Penn State U.  
 Danny Parks - Working full time at a consulting company  
 Aryoman Patel - Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Kyriakos Pavlopoulos - DePaul U.  
 Chris Pearce - Virginia Tech  
 Arden Pedraja - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Elena Pedraja - Tulane U.  
 Cavan Pellegrino - U. of Michigan  
 Ellie Perl - Indiana U.  
 Helen Peterson - U. of Arizona  
 Cate Pettersen - Butler U.  
 Robby Phillips - Indiana U.  
 Katy Pickens - Brown U.  
 Evan Pigott - Columbus College of Art and Design  
 Henry Pigott - The U. of Utah  
 Lauren Piotrowski - Florida State U.  
 Nina Pofcher - Cornell U.  
 Anya Polonsky - U. of Illinois  
 Bailey Pommer - Oakton Community College  
 Alina Popatia - U. of Illinois

Ella Ratarac - Penn State  
 Zoe Ray - U. of Illinois  
 Stefanija Rekasius - U. of British Columbia  
 Cassidy Rescorl - Case Western Reserve U.  
 Ben Resnicoff - Georgetown U.  
 Mia Rhee - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Emily Rhee - Cal Poly State U.  
 Coco Richard - U. of Wisconsin  
 Audrey Richardson - Michigan State U.  
 Peter Roberts - U. of Denver  
 Isabelle Roberts - Northeastern U.  
 James Robinson - Kenyon College  
 Luke Rogers - U. of Arizona  
 Samuel Rogers - U. of Arizona  
 Max Rosen - George Washington U.  
 Jane Rosin - U. of Chicago  
 Amanda Rossi - DePaul U.  
 Alexandra Rothstein - George Washington U.  
 Nicole Rothstein - Boston U.  
 Alex Rubinstein - Brown U.  
 Janie Rudolph - U. of Texas at Austin  
 Will Ryan - U. of Miami  
 Francis Ryan - Vassar College  
 Lily Ryan - Scripps College  
 Hayden Ryan - New York U.  
 Maddie Sadovi - U. of Iowa  
 Seth Salkin-Weiss - DePaul U.  
 Billy Saltzman - Ohio State U.  
 Olivia Savino - U. of Colorado  
 Abbey Sawtell - Drake U.  
 Boyana Seckic - Saint Louis U.  
 Talia Schacht - U. of Southern California, Bocconi in Milan, and HKUST in Hong Kong  
 Peyton Schilder - Ohio U.  
 Nikki Schmidt - Indiana U.  
 Laura Schneidman - U. of Puget Sound  
 Finja Scholz - Brown U.  
 Alina Scholz - Harvey Mudd

Kate Sheldon - U. of Pittsburgh  
 Mitchel Shelman - The College of Wooster  
 Rosemary Shelton - Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
 Claudia Shevitz - U. of Southern California  
 Jordan Shonfeld - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Michael Shores - Indiana U.  
 Anita Shubert - U. of Michigan  
 Zoe Siegel - American U.  
 Easton Silverman - U. of Illinois  
 Josh Silverman - American U.  
 Jordan Simberg - U. of Tennessee, Knoxville  
 Tyler Simms - Tulane U.  
 Saskia Simorangkir - U. of Illinois, Chicago  
 Magnus Sivertson - U. of Rochester  
 John Slone - Penn State  
 Claire Snedegar - U. of Pittsburgh  
 Matt Snell - Miami U., Oxford  
 Eden Snower - U. of Puget Sound  
 Britt Soudan - Indiana U.  
 Spencer Spahr - Duke U.  
 Sidney Speicher - Washington U. in St. Louis  
 Lauren Spillane - U. of Wisconsin  
 Bonnie Sprenger - U. of Richmond  
 Annie Spring - Penn State  
 Karthik Srinivasan - U. of Chicago  
 Gus Stamer - Michigan State U. ROTC  
 Jake Stamer - Carthage College  
 Eleanor Steger - U. of Wisconsin  
 Jack Stein - George Washington U.  
 Zachary Stein - U. of Iowa  
 Sammy Stilp - Lehigh U.  
 Ilana Stolberg - U. of Colorado  
 Audrey Stremmel - U. of Illinois  
 Ellie Sullivan - U. of Denver  
 Nolan Swain - Southern Methodist U.  
 Caroline Swanson - Cal Poly State U.

# More seniors taking gap years

Seniors across the country feel uneasy about tuition, remote learning

by Eva Roytburg

COVID-19 has shaken up college plans for high school seniors across the country. About one in six high school seniors say they definitely or most likely will change their plans to attend college in the fall of 2020 because of COVID-19, according to a survey of 1,171 students conducted by the higher education research firm Art & Science Group. Of the one-sixth, 16 percent say they will take a gap year.

During most years, there are fewer than 3 percent of first-year students at four-year institutions who took off a year or more before attending, according to the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles.

With the growing chance of colleges moving classes online for the fall, many students are wondering whether a semester of online classes provides the same benefit of regular,

brick-and-mortar school.

There have been many college students demanding refunds from their colleges due to the switch to remote learning. As uncertainty over college grows, New Trier seniors have been asking the same questions about whether online college is worth it.

This year, about 22 Trevians indicated that they were taking a gap year. That is 4.2% of the respondents, the highest percentage of gap-year-takers in the last 15 years. Some are doing programs such as Americorps and Seamester while others are playing junior hockey.

Julia Hertel is one of those seniors who are taking a gap year due to the virus crisis. She was interested in taking service trips during her time, but she was unsure if those trips are feasible in the next coming months.

"It all depends on how travel bans are going to work, and if programs are still going to happen...I'm currently in Brazil and I might stay around here if things don't change," she said.

Other seniors, however, planned to take a gap year before the coronavirus hit. Trey Bess made the choice to play junior hockey in Peoria for a year a couple of days before the

coronavirus hit.

After that year, he will make a choice about where to go next.

"Unless I get picked up by a higher level team or a college picks me up, I'll probably go to a community college for two years and transfer out," he said.

Senior Dylan Hardt also decided to take a gap year for other reasons than the virus. He said that pretty early in his senior year, he knew "I needed to take like a year just to figure myself out and figure out what I want to do the rest of my life, what I want to do in college."

Hardt plans on attending a gap year program in the Fall called Seamester that offers educational voyages across the seas. His program is a 90 day trip from Bali to South Africa, and in the end, he'll earn college credit. If his program doesn't run due to the virus, Hardt said, he plans on getting a job in order to save money for college.

Hardt believes that a gap year is a great opportunity for students.

"I think a lot of people should look into taking a gap year. There are so many benefits to it — not a lot of people can say I went sailing for three months right as I got out of high school and it's such a unique



## THE TOP DESTINATIONS FOR TREVIAN'S FROM 05'-19'

- 1 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN (7.7% OF RESPONDENTS)
- 2 INDIANA UNIVERSITY AT BLOOMINGTON (4.9% OF RESPONDENTS)
- 3 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON (3.5% OF RESPONDENTS)
- 4 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (3.2% OF RESPONDENTS)
- 5 MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD (3.0% OF RESPONDENTS)



### PERCENTAGE OF TREVIAN'S TAKING A GAP YEAR FROM 05'-20'

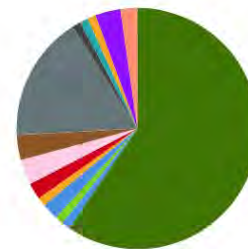


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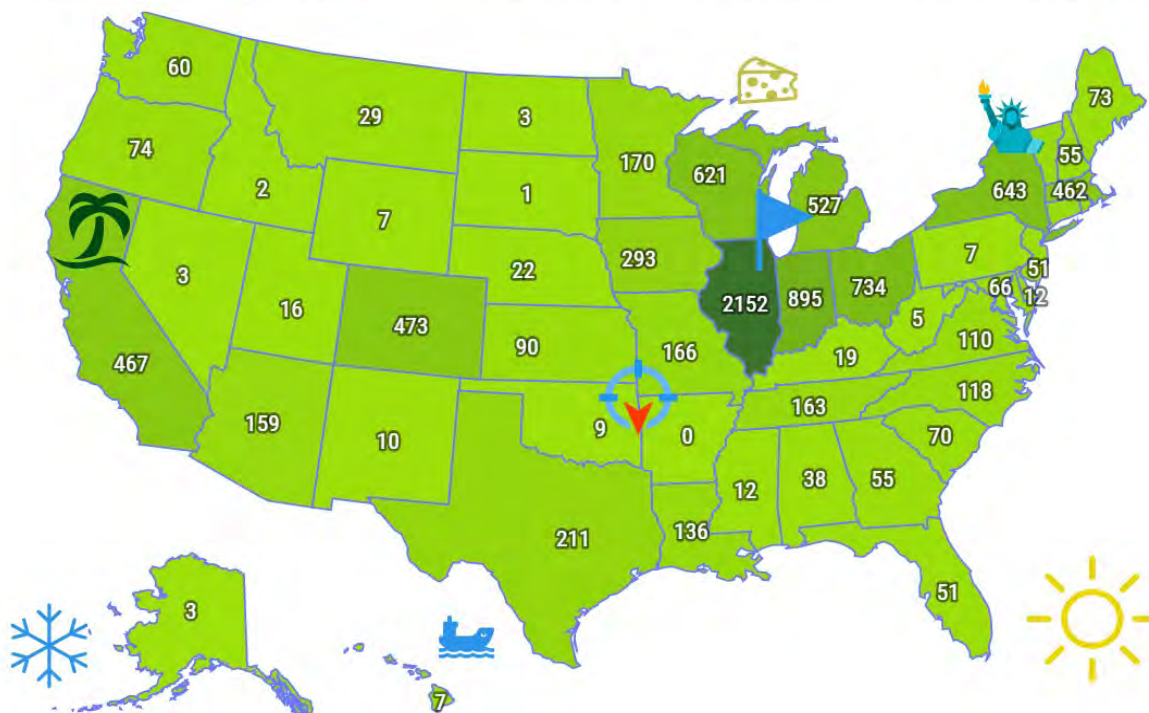
### International Destinations of Trevians from 05'-19'

- Canada (59.55%)
- Belgium (1.12%)
- Armenia (1.12%)
- Australia (2.25%)
- Bosnia (1.12%)
- China (2.25%)
- France (3.37%)
- Germany (3.37%)
- United Kingdom (16.85%)
- Japan (1.12%)
- Thailand (1.12%)
- Spain (1.12%)
- Sweden (3.37%)
- Costa Rica (2.25%)



# WHERE ARE THE NT GRADUATES?

## MAP OF GRADUATE DESTINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES FROM 05' TO 19'



DESTINATIONS PER STATE





# Student Views

## What are you looking forward to once quarantine is over?



**Audrey MacVicar, Senior**

“Hugging my friends and just being able to see people in big groups and be closer than 6 ft. apart.”



**Frank Cui, Senior**

“Seeing my friends, of course. I just want to have like one week to go to the city or go to the beach whenever I want and not worry about catching the virus, lmao.”



**Mira Gupta, Junior**

“Getting to see some of my extended family.”



**Henry Armstrong, Junior**

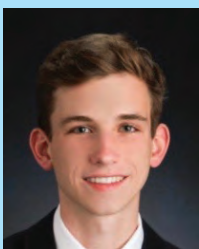
“I’m ready for things to stop being so weird. I’m also looking forward to getting my hair cut.”



**Alia Birgé, Senior**

“I can’t wait to hang out with friends and volunteer again.”

## New Trier: the epilogue



*by Matt Murray*

When I walked out of school with my younger brother on the afternoon of March 12, I had a sneaking suspicion that it would be my final time exiting the campus as a student. While I was holding out hope that we would be able to return to school in early May, the rapid escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the prior days gave me the sense that those dreams wouldn’t become a reality.

However, instead of being saddened by the thought of having just completed my last day of high school, I could only feel grateful for the three-and-a-half years that I had gotten to spend here.

My experiences at New Trier have been the greatest tests of character that I have ever faced, but there is no doubt in my mind that I am a better person for having

gone through them. As I left the building for the final time on that March afternoon, I knew that I was significantly more intelligent, confident, and resilient than the 14-year-old kid who waltzed onto the Northfield Campus back in August of 2016.

The Matt Murray going to Indiana University next year would not have come to be without my experiences at New Trier, and I had the privilege of sharing those experiences with some of the most talented people on the planet.

The tremendous work ethic that my classmates and teachers exhibited on a daily basis always inspired me to strive for my personal best, and getting to say that I got to share a high school experience with such a brilliant and driven group of people is something that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

I definitely wish that my high school journey could’ve ended on a more festive and joyous note, but that will never diminish what New Trier has meant to me.

I will forever hold a special place in my heart for New Trier High School, and I will forever be proud to call myself a Trevian.

## What to take away from my time at NT



*by Sofia Papakos*

My freshman year, I vividly remember seeing a poster welcoming the new class of 2020, plastered on the door of the A building. As cliché as it sounds, that moment was surreal. I was entering a new chapter in my life. I remember thinking how far away my senior year seemed.

I feel like this all came to an end way too fast; whether it was my last football game, last school dance, or just the last day of high school, I could not be more grateful for the

many memories I have made.

I’m relieved that my high school experience was a time in my life that I am actually happy with.

Despite the friend group drama, the parties, and the several all-nighters a month, I am extremely proud of how far I have come. Thank you, New Trier, not only for the incredible academics and resources, but the memories and experiences that I have been able to write about weekly.

Honestly though, in the beginning I hated the idea of being an opinions editor. It was uncharted territory for me and I felt uncomfortable knowing I was letting strangers know my beliefs and feelings toward sensitive issues.

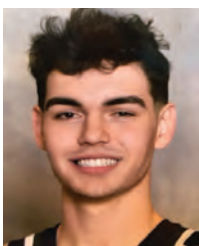
Thankfully, Trovato did not give me much of a choice. The conversations and experiences I have had because of my articles gave

me some of the most memorable moments I have ever had. But what I am most grateful for is the opportunity I was given to be a part of a community that was constantly supportive and motivated me to be my best self. Thank you for teaching me the value of my voice and the importance of seeking out the truth.

Before I go, I want to encourage you to do the same in college. I don’t mean to pursue the truth in everything you hear because it gets tiring. But if you can, share your experiences with people. It sounds weird but the power of your voice is exactly what gives you the unpredictable memories you will have for a lifetime and builds that supportive group around you.

Anyway, if you have made it this far, thank you for reading my last piece.

## I survived the NT grind



*by Grant Feldman*

It’s crazy to think that by the time anyone reads this, I’ll no longer be a high school student. My time at New Trier went by in a flash, while simultaneously providing some of the most grueling days (and class periods) I can remember. It was an absolute grind, but now that I’m at the finish line, I can see how much I’ve grown the past four years.

When I arrived freshman year, I had no idea what to expect. I didn’t really do homework in middle school, and I pretty much thought I would just chill and play basketball throughout high school. I tried out that strategy first semester. My mom’s reaction when she saw my report card told me that might not be the optimal approach.

I grew immensely as a student, but even more so as a person, both literally and figuratively. I still remember freshman year when I skipped all the school dances because I was so introverted. I remember when my curly hair

almost reached my shoulders, and when I used to wear size 14 bright red Harden 1’s that my freshman history teacher referred to as “clown shoes” (thanks, Mr. Pinos).

Looking back on my progression from a 14 year old boy to a soon-to-be 18 year old man, I barely recognize my former self.

*I grew immensely as a student, but even more so as a person, both literally and figuratively.*

Most of my best moments have come senior year. Playing varsity basketball was unforgettable (I repped #23 for the GOAT— up to you whether it’s MJ or LeBron), and the season taught me lessons about perseverance and mental toughness.

I loved writing and being a features editor for the NT News, and the opportunity to have a platform in my community was really cool.

I was a senior helper, giving tips from all my learning experiences to the freshmen in my advisery (Shoutout Hjelmsvisery—miss you guys!).

Now I’m headed off to UIUC to major in engineering. If nothing else, the past four years have prepared me for the grind ahead. Trevs forever.



## Letter to the Editor

It was not easy for me to attend New Trier. There was no denying that I was one of few black students and even fewer black females. I knew that I was going to stand out, regardless of what I did or where I was. Discomfort was an expected state of being for me. The hallways, the classroom, the bathroom. I was a surprise to all who saw me, even those who knew me. How did a girl like me end up at a school like New Trier? I knew this was the question on everyone’s mind. But my question was always definitely “Why not?”

I tried to ignore it, escape it, run away from the elementary discussions about race, the pressures to prove myself, the inevitable reactions I would receive from people in every corner of the school, but I couldn’t. It only ruined me to be in denial. So after much fighting, after much mental misery, after all, I decided to stand up and not just stand out.

My memories of New Trier will not be difficult to recall. For me, high school was more than a formative time of teenage exploration. No high school experience is shallow, even if you want it to be. Friend groups, temptations, Friday plans, and the crushing crush are simply background noise. There is something brewing inside the heart and mind of all high school students, no matter how average they may seem. Although my own curiosity and pride almost reduced me to a statistic, there was a story in the making that I wasn’t writing.

I was forced to succeed against the impossible, and given the grace to do so. Just when I had lost hope for a better reality, the lowest depths of sorrow ended up giving me the confidence to stand tall in a challenging environment. Without question, I could not have done this without many of New Trier’s staff and resources. Having access to social work and student-directed affinity groups was monumental to my triumph. These outlets may not have been available in another high school reality. There is a sense of gratitude that I can not shake, no matter how many difficult days I had at New Trier.

It is not a mistake that I ended up at New Trier. I am more than a questionable outlier at an affluent white institution. The walls and halls of New Trier have given me priceless wisdom and unique perspective on life, people, and stories. Everything that seemed like an obstacle was actually an opportunity. This blessing had a really good disguise, but I saw through at the right time.

Speaking of a blessing in disguise, this shocking and unexpected turn of events may be the catalyst for positive world change. It all depends on how you view it. What seems like an obstacle could be an opportunity

You’re going to make mistakes, so do all that you can to have integrity. There are going to be days when going to school feels impossible, but New Trier is still wonderful, and it needs your voice. You are not just one of thousands. You can make a big school feel small with a simple smile.

That’s my advice to the class of 2020 and every other grumpy, teen aged, creative, curious, class that attends New Trier. See you later New Trier!

– Senior Xariah Chase

# Graduates share appreciation for NT community

## Seniors stop to thank NT staff and students who have made a difference to them

"I am extremely grateful for my friend, Kathy Chen. She has been my friend even before high school, but during my high school experience, she was always there for me. Her kindness, support, and funny jokes always made my day. Above all, she listened and really cared about what I had to say. I will forever cherish the countless days that I drove her home." - Summer Gaines-Wheeler

"I am grateful for the opportunity to be the voice of the Spooky Scrounge this year. I am also grateful for my adviser, Mr. Mersch, he's an amazing, down to earth guy." - Brian Joseph

"I'm grateful for the amazing extracurriculars New Trier has because without them I would have never met my best friends" - Keyler White

"I feel so many warm feelings towards the ELS students who I worked with for three years both in the Transition Room and also in Special Olympics. They filled my heart with such joy and I feel so humbled to have gotten to know them." - Andrew Moerschel

"Ms. Chao, my advisor, literally made my day every morning. She was like a second mom to me, someone I could always go to. I will miss her so much." - Lauren Piotrowski

"I am extremely grateful for my resource teacher Mr. Newman for helping through the hardest parts of life and helping me achieve greatness as well as happiness despite the lack of motivation and mental illness I had suffered the last two years of high school." - Laila Blum

"I appreciate my favorite lunch lady, Maria. She made my favorite wraps (spinach wrap with turkey, provolone, tomato, lettuce, onion, and pesto mayo, of course) and always asked me about my day and complimented my earrings. Her smile always brightened my day." - Anna Shah

"I am grateful for Mr. Dunn. His honesty, sense of humor, and empathy is unlike any teacher I've ever had and it has made one of the hardest classes in the school super fun and something to look forward to every day." - Charlie Hoban

"Very grateful for our PPS for picking up the trash that obnoxious sophomores leave everywhere." - Tinah Hong

"The profound (and sometimes crazy) thinking that Mr. Kajfez forced me to do in Modern World History." - Patrick Condon

"I'm grateful for Mr. Weiler. Best English teacher I've ever had." - Charley Meier

"I'm so grateful for my adviser, Molly Lombardi. She actively tried to make sure we were taken care of. She was an amazing advocate to have." - Isabelle Calkins

"I will forever be grateful for knowing Marie Tasiopoulos, she was not only there to make me smile every single day, but she was there for me during difficult times and never turned her back on me no matter what. She showed me what a true loyal friend is and I will never forget that." - Isabel Dune

"Ms. Subhani. She changed my life." - Francesca Mattozzi

"My adviser, Mr. Sloan, was literally the best adviser I could've asked for. He's as good of a mentor as you can have on this Earth—selfless, compassionate, smart, funny, hard-working, and knows the perfect balance of when to really push you and when to go easy on you. I couldn't be more grateful to have him for all 4 years of high school." - Zachary Stein

"Ms. Kirsch, thanks for being like a second mom. You made me love theatre in so many different ways like directing and play writing. The theatre seriously became my home because of you." - Erin Donohue

"I'm grateful for every student and coach on the cross country and track team for making my four years the best they could ever be." - Charlotte Cleary

"Dr. Hoefling. She is one of the best humans I have ever met and I am so grateful to have had her as my anatomy and physiology teacher." - Katherine Fawcett

"I am extremely grateful to have Laura Malia as my adviser — she not

only helped me through a very long and tough school transition, but she had always made it her first priority to ensure that everyone was doing OK or needed anything." - India Glennon

"I am grateful for Mrs. McCarthy, my algebra II teacher who really made the class feel safe and welcome and bringing us together when we lost a classmate. I also really appreciate Señora Kamen who was extremely nice and made class a fun place to be." - Shelby Jacob

"I appreciate all the teachers who helped me because of my situation as a English language learner." - Yanbin Yang

"I am thankful for Mr. Wurth for being my favorite during my time at New Trier. I was the only junior in a class of seniors and he embraced me as one of them. I made lifelong friends in Astronomy and I will be forever thankful for the impact he had on me as a person." - Trevor Boehm

"I appreciate Mr. Wukas, he taught me that it is okay to not be perfect, and we all are human. He made me realize that grades and ACT scores are not everything." - Ilana Stolberg

"Ruttinsky and the entire NT Dance Division." - Julie Beaucaire

"I am super grateful for the amazing teachers that have helped me throughout these years. A teacher that really was helpful to me was my adviser Mr. Kansler. Thank you for all that you did for me! Every chance that you got you worked to include

me even when I got back to New Trier from New Jersey." - Harrison Bazianos

"I am really grateful for Ms. Sanders, the school psychologist. She supported me so much during my journey at New Trier. Mr. Eliacin did everything he could to support Black student initiatives at New Trier. I'm also incredibly grateful for Mr. Kola. He was the best consumer seminar teacher! He was relatable and fun and I am really grateful to have been his student. Mrs. Cloud and Ms. S are pretty cool librarians! So many more!" - Xariah Chase

"I am so appreciative of all of my New Trier Teachers, especially my adviser, Ms. Simons, and all of my IGSS teachers. All of you made my New Trier experience even better than I thought it could be." - Mary Baillos

"I am forever grateful for all of my teachers these past four years, especially the arts department. Thank you for all of the life long memories and life lessons." - Cammi Avery

"Coach Nate Kelp-Lenane made me feel confident and proud of myself when oftentimes I never have that feeling." - Ryan Avrick

"Chuck, you've been with me all four, and I am grateful for that." - Liam Fleming

"Dr. Salerno is an amazing teacher and person." - Grace Magner

## Highs and lows: seniors reflect on the best and worst of NT

### From lunchroom cookies to academic rigor, these are graduating seniors favorite and least favorite memories

Best: "Kurt Weiler."

Worst: "The smell of that one hallway when classes are doing dissections." - Emma Mansour

Worst: "I believe New Trier students are guilty of the 'New Trier superiority complex' basically where we all know/believe that NT is the best school in the U.S. and that we are untouchable." - Ellie McGregor

Best: "Being able to go to a school in a place that looks like a spaceship." - Mitchel Shelman

Best: "The warmth and cooperation that can be found within small groups

of people, who look out for each other even when the environment has conditioned us to feel pressured and competitive. The worst thing about New Trier is the biology requirement." - Markus Tam

Best: "Lunchroom chocolate chip cookies, they are the GOAT." Worst: "Having a class on the 4th floor the period after having a class in the basement, especially when the two classrooms are on opposite sides of the building as well." - Emily Rhee

Worst: "It's a superficial institution designed to keep money and good education within the same group of white people for generations and generations." - Maximilian Levy

Best: "New Trier is a place where there are so many people it is hard to stick to the status quo and be a traditional high school student. I at first felt wasn't intimidated by New Trier's size, but thinking back I definitely

experienced it with the rigor in my clubs and classes. This definitely pushed me to evaluate who I am going to be in a deeper context and I believe has made me a better person." - Aaron Wineberg

Best: "No matter who you are, there is always a group of people who will accept you and befriend you." - Keyler White

Best: "How caring the staff is." Worst: "the toxic environment the students create." - Sabrina Dudra

Best/worst: "[New Trier's] many resources and opportunities. However, New Trier and the surrounding community have a lot of work to do towards racial diversity and inclusion, as well as recognizing white privilege. The student body of New Trier would benefit from learning more narratives from people of color, and not just on 'special occasions.' I also think that the stress culture at New Trier is unhealthy. There is a focus on college and standardized tests very early on in high school. Students don't get to enjoy thinking outside the box and imagining the possibilities that the resources and facilities at New Trier present. Students generally are more focused on numbers than learning itself. New Trier's educational approach could use a splash of color and encouragement." Worst: "The culture of comparison. Everyone is always competing against each other, and it is difficult to take pride in your own accomplishments when you are surrounded by high-achieving students that are impossible to keep up with." - Xariah Chase



Stuart-Rodgers

Best: "The people- lots of amazing people at NT, great teachers, etc." Worst: "The energy surrounding college admissions." - Katherine Fawcett

Best: "The caring nature of teachers. They don't just want you to do well in their class they care about you as a person. Over the years almost all of my teachers have made me feel supported." Worst: "The friend group toxicity. I think it would be hard to not be in a friend group in such a clique school especially since its so big I wish there was a way to make it a friendlier place." - Charlotte Loehr

Best: "How [New Trier] prepares you for the real world because you have to learn how to advocate for yourself." Worst: "How cliquy it is." - Mary Atteberry

Best/worst: "The size. The fact that it is so big allows you to meet so many great people, but also makes you feel

unknown/unnoticed sometimes."

- Rebecca Brodne Best: "The exceptional teaching and importance of education throughout the building." Worst: "There a sense of complacency and mediocrity among some of the student body and faculty. There is little school pride at New Trier in comparison to other high schools which is disappointing, but I am still thankful and glad I was a Trevian for the past four years." - Trevor Boehm

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Best: "The people you meet." Worst: "How academically challenging it was, and seeing how hard students pushed themselves to do well." - Francesca Caruso

Best: "All of the friends I made." Worst: "Having to miss my final months there without getting a chance to say goodbye. I had my last day of high school and didn't even know it would be my last day of high school so that was disappointing." - Jamie Goldman



Marshall

## Green Team names that got axed

- “Crackrat”
- “Fender Bender”
- “Used Condon”
- “Faulk it up”
- “Dabbey”
- “F werd”
- “Fein AF”
- “Ell Chapo”
- “Marghoe”
- “Deez Nuts”
- “Amor Fati”
- “Casey me rolling”
- “It’s Miller time”
- “Bull Schmidt”
- “Nina colada”
- “Beej”
- “McJerkin my McGherkin”
- “Slob on my rob”
- “Matty Ice”
- “@mand.ium”
- “Go Flick off”
- “BBQ on my Minnies”
- “If you like Sabrina coladas”



# It was the best of times

## What seniors are going to miss about New Trier

“The people I’ve met and wonderful teachers who’ve taught me life-lessons more significant and impactful than just academics by itself.”



“I will miss Tri-Ship because it was one of the greatest clubs in the world. I know that a lot of people give it a bad rap, but we get stuff done in that club.”

“I’ll miss seeing everyone in the hallways, and all the little connections I have with these people. We’ve grown up together, and I’m really grateful to all of you.”

“I’ll miss rushing out of bed to get to my parking spot, hardly having time to eat breakfast, and then jumping head first into my classes. I wouldn’t say I missed it then, but I will, now.”



“3D printing room, better than most colleges.”

“My last three months of high school. Also the stir fry.”

“The programs they offer. There are a ton of clubs (hacky sack society!!!) and classes that allow the students to explore into interests and hobbies they didn’t know they had!”



“My time serving the student body in Student Council.”

“The food in the cafeteria!! Especially the cookies.”

“The cafeteria staff. They are the best. Give them all a raise.”

“I will miss my time at WNTH for years to come.”

“High Five Choir, ELS Club, and the sense of community I felt while being a student at New Trier.”

“My advisory :( I had such an incredible advisor who created such a non-judgmental environment for everyone. The girls in my advisory are some of my closest friends and morning advisory is always my favorite part of the day.”

“I will definitely miss my favorite advisor Ms. K. Parks and I will miss some teachers I’ve been working with.”



“The crazy school spirit, all the sports games.”

“My favorite memory was breaking ten minutes for two miles in track the season after I’d been diagnosed with Crohn’s and had lost 15lbs over the summer.”



“I will miss all my teachers. I appreciate my toughest teachers because they pushed me to become a better student and role model for my class. My sophomore geoscience class with Ms. Ferraro was probably my toughest class at New Trier. She was a tough grader, but I believe I needed somebody like Ms. Ferraro to challenge me in class everyday. She’s friendly, kind, and funny. I am beyond appreciative of all the teachers who challenged me during my four years because it has helped me grow as a student and person.”



“Lagniappe Potpourri.”

“Free dinners from Dowize :(”



“THE DANCE DIVISION & the bonds I created at this school. The school’s taco shell bowls. That stuff is fuego.”

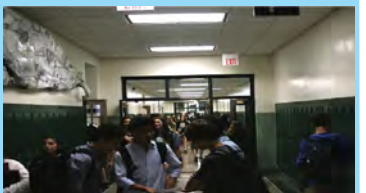


“New Trier volleyball.”

“The classmates that recurred throughout my four years here, who I became quite familiar, if not friends, with.”

“Studying outside the library commons with a coffee and bag of chips.”

“I will miss seeing and talking to my friends on a daily basis. I’ll miss sitting around in the cafe and the rotunda talking/complaining about school and the stairs. I’ll miss the fencing team which is a silly sport but we were all so close. Even though we were all different we could find ways to bond.”



“Just the energy in the building every day. Walking through the crowded halls always made me feel a little bit more awake and happy to be there.”

“My favorite memory of New Trier was being able to win back to back field hockey state championships.”

“I will miss the New Trier hallways: saying hi to my friends, teachers, and security guards.”

“The thing I will miss more than anything about New Trier is my teachers. The teachers that I had at New Trier are some of the greatest role models that I could ever ask for. They helped shape me into the person I am today, and always made me believe that I could achieve anything I wanted to. I will hold so many teachers that I’ve had in my heart forever.”



“I mean it’s a very nice building I guess.”

“The relationships I had with my teachers, especially Mr. Docktor. I also loved seeing my friends every single day.”

“The \$7 edamame in the caf.”

“Discussing the most random topics in advisory.”

## Times that made us LOL

“Beating my chem teacher in Boggle and him complaining that I cheated.”

“Funniest memory that I have at NT is when I played bubble soccer at a school pep rally. I didn’t really have the proper shoes to wear, so I wore Birkenstocks.”

“Getting to school at 8:14 consistently.”

“Mr. Pinos’ World History class freshman year. He didn’t show up one day and we all just left and went to Spring Fest. I’d forgotten about that until now but it was a good time.”

“Walking down the halls to run into Rainn Wilson. He snubbed me. :(”

“When I got to perform in lagniappe potpourri’s first ever porn scene. :)”

“The day the teachers were gone for a meeting and my friends and I just made awful GarageBand songs for 2 periods.”

“Junior year our football bus left without our coach because the bus driver thought a player was the coach. We didn’t realize until we reached the other school that we had left him.”

“I got a detention for going to the bathroom”

“Watching Mac Zelazny draw the ‘Last Airbender’ arrow only Bradley’s shaved head with an expo marker during sophomore year chemistry.”

“When Jeff Markham locked himself in one of our igss classrooms and couldn’t get out until we completed all the steps to our scavenger hunt/escape room (you had to be there).”

“When Jack Greco threw his friend through a window freshman year.”

“I loved the unfortunate fire alarms.”

“Dude got knocked out by a punt that hit his helmet when he went to catch it sophomore year.”

“My civics class told me to get a tattoo so I did. I have no shame and no regrets about it.”

“In chem my lab partner accidentally spilled hydrochloric acid on me and burned a hole through my leggings.”

“Accidentally hitting the emergency button in the elevator while filming a short film.”

“One time in theater we were doing improv movement and this guy came up to me and tried to do a sexy drop and ripped his pants right down the middle and proceeded to call his mom to bring him another pair.”

“The rise of DJ C-walk.”

“All of Mr. Atwell’s funny stories.”

“During lunch this year we started clapping for my friend and pretended that she committed to Harvard to play tennis and then the whole library commons started to cheer for her”

“Playing frisbee outside with friends and IGSS teachers.”

# Senior project

## What seniors had planned to do their last quarter of high school

I was going to do a photography series exploring contrast technically and thematically with bright light and dark shadows and contrasting subjects and backgrounds. It would have been really cool to work with a professional photographer, I'm super bummed.  
**Gary Lyman**

I was going to shadow a real estate agent and see how the process works.  
**Terrence Maday**

I was going to shadow a nurse at a children's hospital and take a course to get my nurse assistant certification.  
**Annika Coleman**

My team and I were going to create a website/social media platform to connect large tech companies and venture capitalist firms with young tech organizations such as hackathons and entrepreneurship clubs. We still are, we just aren't getting any school off.  
**Alex Nagel**

I was going to restore my backyard into a prairie, with all native species to the Potawatomi region.  
**Iona McQuiston**

I was going to work at a research lab at Rosalind Franklin University.  
**Claire Snedegar**

I was going to work with the Winnetka Police department to learn about law enforcement and show teens my age that cops aren't just here to pull you over and issue drinking tickets.  
**Josh Silverman**

I was going to work with a behavioral and developmental pediatrician at Lurie's children's hospital.  
**Ethan Lestrud**

I had plans to intern at my church in student ministry. I wondered what it really meant to work in a Christian profession, and the ways in which faith is put in to practice to impact community lives.  
**Xariah Chase**

I was going to create a photo essay project about Holocaust survivors in the North Shore area.  
**Danielle Towers**

I was going to intern at a music production studio and work on recording an EP there.  
**Quinton Eudy**

I was going to focus on improving my own mental health through art.  
**Bridget Boyle**

I was supposed to intern for the Chicago Cubs  
**Avery Faulkner**

I was going to teach kids how to play ping pong at a local gym.  
**Noah Burfield**

I was going to train myself to hike the Pacific Crest Trail for 200 miles.  
**Joshua Marksheid**

I was going to work in the special education classroom at South School in Glencoe.  
**Rachel Miller**

I was going to work in the athletic department at Glenbrook South High School. I am interested in potentially becoming an athletic director, so I wanted to learn if it was something I would like to pursue.  
**Trevor Boehm**

I was going to volunteer in the labor and delivery unit of a hospital.  
**Tori Hardt**

I was planning on starting my own local dog walking business. Learning how to advertise and budget myself accordingly.  
**Violet Ennis**

I was going to rebuild an Olympic class boat working with some of the boatwrights for Tokyo 2020 (2021 now I guess), and my sponsor was an Olympic sailor.  
**Garrett Cook**

I was going to learn about bail reform with the help of someone who works with the bail project, an organization that helps pay bail for people with low level crimes.  
**Clara Beatty**

My friend and I were going to write a pilot episode for an original TV show.  
**Avery Hirschfield**

I was going to shadow physical therapists at Illinois Bone and Joint.  
**Sabrina Dudra**

I was going to explore culinarily styles of different countries. I would try new foods from different countries for a specific continent each week. Then each day, I would focus on one topic to write about regarding the food, so it would either be a piece on cultural diet, cultural similarities/differences, demographic, and more.  
**Alina Popatia**

I was going to (and still am on my own time) write a full-length play  
**Erin Donohue**

I was going to be working with Sheridan Road Magazine. Because that is mobile during quarantine I have been interning for them from my house! I write little blurbs for their magazine and edit the articles. Hopefully, when quarantine is over I will be going to some fashion shoots!  
**Jordan Simberg**

Sara Bunge and I were going to teach music classes to kids at the LEARN Charter Schools and raise money for their music education programs.  
**Kathryn Madigan**

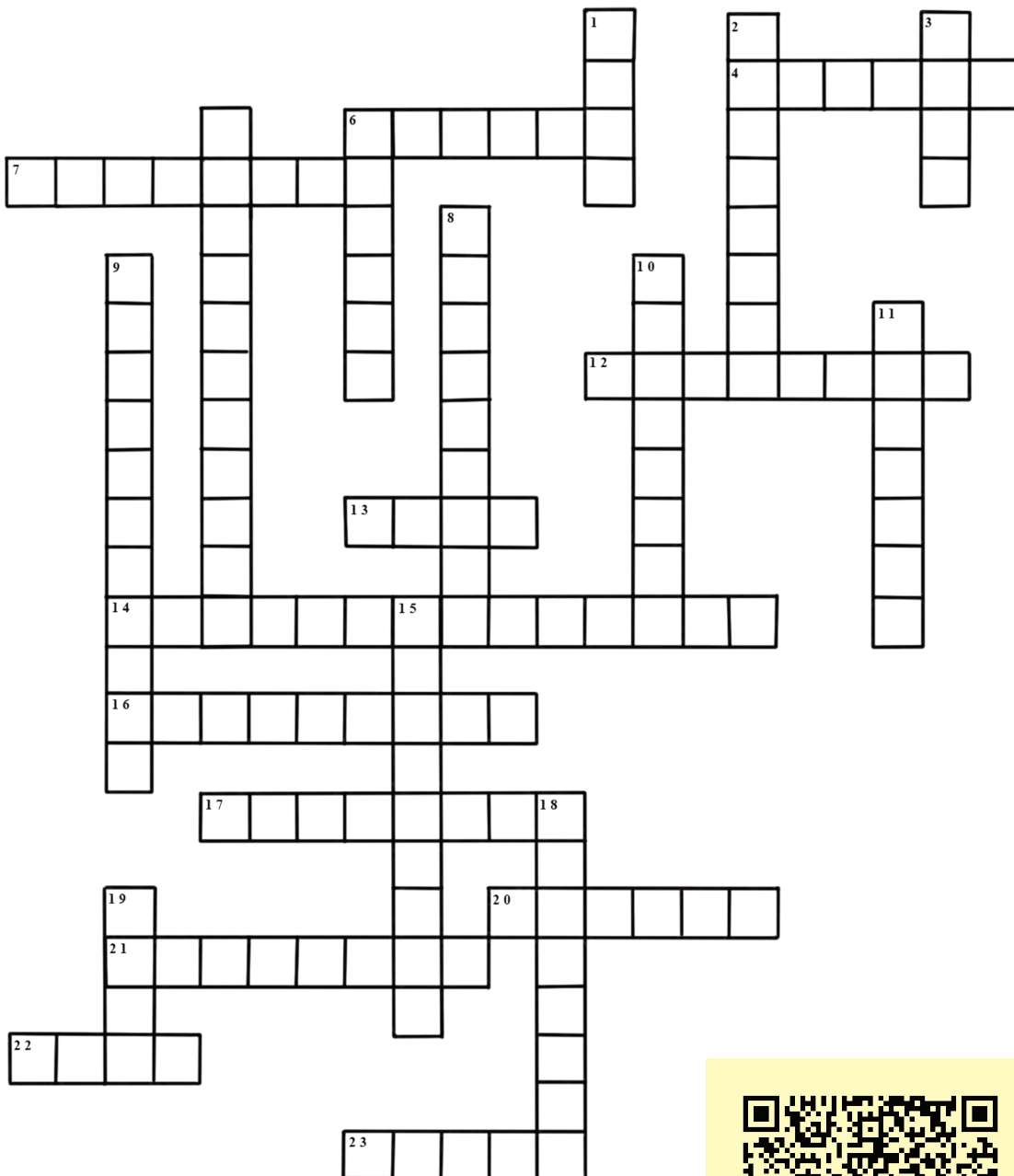
I was going to train as a professional climber along with dieting to improve strength and agility.  
**India Glennon**

I was planning on being a teaching assistant to my kindergarten teacher and to a third grade teacher at Greeley Elementary School. I was going to work with my friend, Ellie D'Attomo, to create our own lesson plan for a combined lesson with the kindergarten class and third grade class  
**Mary Baillos**

Beats n' Eats - make a funky beat every week while also making a delicious meal every day.  
**Charlie Finks**

My three best friends from my advisory and I were going to make a fashion resale brand for the north shore. Basically we were going to consolidate all the "buy my clothes" Instagram pages into one cohesive brand.  
**Ayah Bajwa**

I was going to build a cyber security firewall for a company.  
**Mohammad Anwar**



Scan the QR code to check your answers

## '20 crossword puzzle

by *Amelia Jacobson*

**ACROSS:**

- 4: 2020: The year with perfect \_\_\_\_\_
- 6: Almunus plays this famous character in a TV show
- 7: Can be a little spooky
- 12: Seniors sported pink snowman shirts at this fundraiser
- 13: Popular car brand in the NT parking lot
- 14: D.J. C-Walk's alter ego
- 16: Annual variety show on all things New Trier
- 17: Our student council president
- 20: App that seems to always have submission issues
- 21: Where everyone eats breakfast on Fridays at 8:15
- 22: A job for seniors that's either really helpful or useless
- 23 : Teacher who loves to rap

**DOWN:**

- 1: NT's radio station
- 2: One of NT's biggest sports rivals
- 3: Online classroom
- 5: Very long research paper students write as juniors
- 6: First name of administrator that is ~amazing~ at TikTok dances
- 8: Senior sweatshirts
- 9: Bobby Becker and Jack Yonover's podcast
- 10: Nickname for NT's coffee shop
- 11: Seniors partner with this organization to build a house
- 15: The freshman of the Winnetka Campus
- 18: The most 'reliable' NT news
- 19: First name of the man in charge of calling snow days



Due to COVID-19, the Trevia staff could not complete the yearbook on time. As such, the New Trier News has chosen to incorporate some of their work into this issue of the paper. Pages 13-19 are a preview of the yearbook which will be distributed next fall.

**Nevan Cremascoli ('22)**, a quarterback, receives the football and gives it off to the upcoming running back for a play. A running play is usually used to make first downs or a touchdown when the team is in close range. To celebrate that nice touchdown, Nevan said he likes to go out for dinner after practice and games with other teammates to analyze their plays from the game.



FOOTBALL  
**HUSTLE, HIT,  
AND NEVER QUIT**

Trevian football had quite the collection of highs and lows this season! With a 50-0 win over Niles West at their homecoming game, the Trevias showed their full strength at home. Even though their away record (1-3) left a lot to be desired, improvement was in the air: "It wasn't what we hoped for, but improvement was made for each player," said **Nevan Cremascoli ('22)**. The football team also said goodbye to one of their main coaches, Coach Clough, who has been coaching the team for twenty-six years. He has been an amazing addition to the New Trier Football team and will be missed over the next years. Next year, we hope to see more exciting games with both incoming and continuing football players and stronger spirit from the students. You got this, Trevs!

The varsity football players line up on the touchdown line for the national anthem before the start of each game. At every home game, a different New Trier student or group sings the national anthem while the players solemnly give respect to the American flag. "I imagine a bald eagle soaring through the Grand Canyon as a tear slides down my cheek," is what **Jack Weisenberger ('20)** imagines when he thinks of what the national anthem means to him.





World Teacher Appreciation Day  
**THANK YOU  
NOW LET'S EAT!**

As many ELL students transfer into New Trier, they like to share the culture and food from their home country with their teachers and the New Trier faculty to show appreciation for their help at New Trier. These ELL students get help like learning a second language or finding a place for themselves at New Trier. "This event gives me a chance to share more about myself and my home country to my teachers. The teachers get to know us better as students and eat delicious food!" said **Kate Sukhotskaya ('21)**. Students from South Korea, Russia, Spain, and more, prepare foods and desserts from red pepper oil dumplings to bibimbap! With tons of delicious food, it was a fun time for all. Yum!



2017 transfer student, **Kate Sukhotskaya ('21)**, shares the Russian culture and some of food to one of her teachers. Kate has attended the Teacher's Appreciation Day luncheon for three years and it has become one of her favorite events of the school year.

BACK TO SCHOOL  
**FIRST DAY BACK  
ON THE GRIND**

It's that time of year again! The bookstore line is out the door, and everyone is still setting up their binders. New classes, new teachers, and new people create the unique first week experience. This is particularly true for the Class of 2023, who had their first week of high school this year! **Diego Aguilar ('23)** reflects on his first day of high school, "I was very nervous, because there were a lot of new people and teachers." On the other hand for the seniors, this was their last first day of high school, where they can finally wear their Green Team sweatshirts. Either way, the year got off to a great start!



**Noah Nemerovski ('23)**, **JP Crumley ('23)**, and **Quentin Erickson ('23)** play name games to get to know each other during their advisory picnic. Pizza, kickball, and name games galore, it truly is a time to get to know others.

Don't like dancing? No worries. Homecoming Night at New Trier provided fun activities like ping pong, retro video games, and various other activities. Many students took advantage of this, such as **David Barriger ('22)**, who plays a game of ping pong.



The music is what makes Homecoming night memorable for some. Students of New Trier on Homecoming night danced to a wide range of songs, with most bringing happy thoughts and memories to students. Students perform different dance moves, such as **Arden Pedraja ('20)**, who "liked the DJ, I think he had really good music". Music brings a lot of energy, and this year's Homecoming music brought energy and happiness to the students of New Trier.





HOMECOMING  
**GET POCO LOCO**  
 AND GO TO HOCO



After the New Trier Varsity Football team winning an easy game against Niles West, the mood of New Trier stayed positive during the 2019 Homecoming Dance. **Nikita Dubrovskiy ('22)** liked "the different costumes and the fun Homecoming activities. "With fun games, seniors in costumes, sophomores dressing to impress the DJ, and lots of good food, Homecoming 2019 was really a blast." Some students had a blast dancing to songs from as far back as 2010. **JUST DANCE TREVS!!!**



Capturing memories during Homecoming is a necessity for most of New Trier students. With only one way to do that, oftentimes the line for the picture booth is a spectacle itself. **Amanda Hutson ('21), Abbie Brodne ('21), and Tatum McNally ('21)** pose for pictures to keep and remember good times from Homecoming night after waiting in a long line for their turn. In fact, for most students of New Trier, taking pictures was the first thing they did, even before the fun activities and dance to avoid the crowds.

**Then and Now...**



1974



2000



1986

# Most '20 multiples headed to different destinations

by Julia Nagel

Congrats to all the class of 2020 multiples! Not only did we survive high school, but thanks to the Novosel twins' efforts, we also broke the world record for having the most twins and multiples in one academic class, and got our 15 minutes of fame.

As the 93 of us journey to new places next fall (if COVID-19 allows for it), many will be separating from their twin/triplets for the first time. 38 pairs of twins and both triplet sets will be headed to different destinations next fall, and only six twin pairs will be attending the same school.



Ryan and Luke Novosel

Interestingly enough, my twin and I (shoutout to Alex) will both be going to Cornell University. We viewed going to the same school as a positive, although not necessarily an influential factor or deal breaker, and applied to many of the same schools. In the end it came down to the fact that we each fairly independently reached the decision that Cornell would be a great fit for each of us.

*'I think it'll be nice for each of us to be able to finally carve out unique identities for ourselves'*

Especially because there are so many multiples in our grade—44 pairs of twins and two sets of triplets—it made me wonder how everyone else was handling the end to their high school years and the potentially diverging paths that await.

For Amy and Rachel Zun, going



Evan and Olivia Prendergast

to the same college was never really part of the plan.

"I toured Northwestern with Amy and really liked it and could have totally seen myself there if I ended up not doing gymnastics, but I had already labeled that as 'Amy's school' so I didn't really consider



Charles and Thomas Murphy

applying there," said Rachel.

Luke and Ryan Novosel took a similar approach to the college



In 2017, NT's '20 class broke the world record for the most twins and multiples in an academic year | Stuart-Rodgers

decision process.

"I [was] adamant about going to a different college than Ryan and this is the case for us. Not because I hate him but because I think I would rely on him too much," said Luke Novosel.

According to Ryan, college will be an opportunity for the both of them to make new and different friends, and discover the unique aspects of their identities as individuals.

"I think it'll be nice for each



Mira and Zach Becker

of us to be able to finally carve out unique identities for ourselves after pretty much being two peas in a pod for the last 18 years," said Ryan.

On the other hand, Mira and Zach Becker viewed the possibility of attending the same college in a more positive light, but in the end simply ended up liking different schools.

"There were a few schools that we both applied to, although there was no overlap in our 'top' choices. We definitely thought it would be a plus to attend the same school, but it



Chloe and Luke Karabas

was not a priority due to our differing interests in schools," said Zach.

Mira reported that one con to attending different schools is that it signals the end of an era where she could face the everyday world side by side with her twin brother.

"I think walking through the same experiences at the same time and same age is a really special experience, and a lot of that ends when we go off to college," said Mira.

Evan and Olivia Prendergast

liked the thought of attending the same university, but didn't factor it heavily in the decision making process. Instead, they just ended up with the same top pick school.

Said Olivia, "We didn't make our decision based on wanting to



Chiara and Kiran Awatramani

choose the same school, but we also weren't opposed to the possibility. I think both of our visions and goals for college overlapped in places, and that just happened to mean that UVA was #1 for both of us."

Evan Prendergast believes that because of the large size of the school they will be attending, he and his sister will have plenty of room to grow and develop individually.



Anna, Briana, and Caroline Hinrichs

"Quite honestly, I don't see any real cons. For the school my sister and I are attending each grade is about the size of New Trier, so seeing one another around every corner is not a concern. I think it only really provides upsides: easier travel, easier on the parents, easier to meet up if something is wrong etc.," said Evan.

Chloe and Luke Karabas never



Gus and Jake Stamer

imagined they would end up at the same university. Chloe's top choice

throughout the admissions process was the University of South Carolina, but not Luke's.

"Luke never really considered it as one of his options. In fact, he finally decided to fill out the application and turn it in an hour before the deadline," said Chloe.

*'It will be extremely helpful to have family so close by when the rest of our family is 821 miles away'*

But Luke Karabas' opinion towards the school changed after visiting the campus, and according to Chloe, this is when her twin really started to seriously consider going to the University of South Carolina.



Dylan and Torie Hardt

"It will be extremely helpful to have family so close by when the rest of our family is 821 miles away. We've already agreed on having twin breakfast at least a couple times a month, so we can check in with each other during the transition from high school to college," said Chloe.



Isabella and Lucca Figlioli

However, for the majority of the multiples who plan on attending different (and often distant) universities, they realize that the next chapter of their relationships will inevitably look different.

Mira Becker said that there will certainly be some growing pains to living apart, but she plans on calling her twin a lot.



Emma and Katie Merk

"It's definitely going to be an adjustment living away from Zach. I've been with him pretty much every day for the last 18 years, and spend even more time with him now that we're stuck in our house together," said Mira.

The Zuns have made similar plans.



Alexander and Nicholas Naumann

"Rachel and I have already agreed to FaceTime daily, and to swap clothes every time we come home," said Amy Zun. "I know that no matter how far apart we are, we will always be there for one another if we need something."



Maria and Rosie Kyriakopoulos

Bella and Sofi Troglia are among the 44 twin pairs of the '20 senior class. Sadly, Sofi passed away from a medical emergency in 2017. Scan the QR code below to make a contribution to the greenhouse that is being constructed on New Trier's rooftop in honor of Sofi's memory.



Bella and Sofi Troglia



# Seniors, the room feels empty without you



## Quarantine Bingo \*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: Although this Bingo board is larger than the standard board, do NOT be intimidated! The same basic rules apply: place a marker of some kind over any thing which you have done during quarantine, to "win" you must have seven marked spaces in a row (these may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal), the color of the marker is irrelevant, as is the color of the square.

hung out with friends from a car	almost read a book	napped during a zoom	cut off all your hair	sold clothes online	disinfected the disinfectant	cancelled a trip/eveng
were sure you had COVID-19	started running	judged someone for not distancing	braved the grocery store	learned too much about your family	put on "real pants"	did yard work
stocked up on toilet paper	questioned your life choices	wore the same clothes for 4+ days	time lost all meaning	almost got an incomplete	went on a whole family walk	avoided the news at all cost
actually talked to family	pretended your wif went out	stopped shaving	<b>class of 2020</b>	tried to become an artist	watched outbreak/contagion	broke social distancing
forgot about basic human interactions	only got dressed on the top half	looked at cheap plane tickets	baked banana bread	played pandemic	lost all motivation	finished 3+ tv shows
dyed your hair	supported local buisnesses	realized you had neighbors	learned how long you can sleep for	started a journal	had a family game night	did a 500+ piece puzzle
did an online shopping spree	talked to someone new	reorganized your room	said "COVID-19" and felt smart	reverted back to middle school online	watched tiger king	played with sidewalk chalk

# After four years, seniors share their NT confessions

"I ate toast in the library and it was delicious. My friends and I also cut each other's hair on the lunch table...."

"Never read *The Odyssey*."

"Dear Ms. Fisher, I'm sorry, but even after learning about the functions of all the cell's organelles, the difference between nuclear and mitochondrial DNA, and the detailed process of cellular respiration, I still, and always will, remember the mitochondria as the powerhouse of the cell."

"Señora Willer, I just wish we could have done a little more salsa. Maybe start a salsa club?"

"I don't think I ever actually checked in or out at the attendance office, at least after sophomore year. Just had my advisor or teacher clear me, then walked in, walked out, no problems."

"Mr. Bollweg, I lied about having a colon problem when I was late to class."

"I still don't know how to use Noodle

Tools."

"I never once used an excursion card. If I just didn't show up to class, that was usually why."

"I hooked up with my girlfriend in school between our ninth period class and our 3:45 practices daily sophomore year (sophomores, right)."

"All 4 years I never knew where my locker was."

"When I was a freshman, I ran out of time on my English essay for first semester final exams. Out of spite, I wrote at the top of the page in bold 'This is all I have with the time that was given to me....' It was very passive aggressive and sarcastic, but kind of funny when looked back upon. The teacher and I, who shall not be named, are on great terms now!"

"I didn't study for any of my finals besides first semester freshman year."

"Dear Ms. Chao (my Chinese teacher), Everyday since freshman

year I have chewed gum in your class. You never caught me."

"I parked in the staff parking lot all year and only got one ticket that I still have to pay off."

"I NEVER read any of the books assigned in any English classes. I just sort of guessed and somehow got good grades."

"I hated the coffee at the coffee bar so much but I still went everyday because I loved Vicky so much."

"Sorry I stood on top of my desk and scared your next class or when I sat underneath it every day for three weeks because I was fed up with someone that sat at my table."

"I would tell Mr. Trovato that the main interviewee in my mammoth bone article didn't get back to me until 9:30 on the night before my article was due."

"The day before our last day of high school (3/11/20), I walked out of school without signing out to go get

a haircut and an *Insomnia* cookie in Evanston. I had two free periods in a row, so I came back without anyone noticing. Although I wasn't supposed to do that, I am so thankful now that I got a haircut right before quarantine, so I didn't have to resort to Hair Salon 'Home.'"

"I wish I could thank Ms. Vaughn in person telling her that her class was such a positive influence on my life, not only did I make life long friends in her choir, but she made me realize that most beautiful music isn't made from those who fight to get into the spotlight, it's made by those who work together to create art."

"I haven't attended a pep rally since freshman year."

"I almost got someone fired...."

"Ms. Lynn, I snuck into the theatre after hours so many times."

"I would fake my parents signature to sign out of school because I was bored and wanted to go home."

"I didn't really study for anything until my senior year."

"Mr. Licata...one time I said I was going to the restroom, but really I was going to buy the book that was due in class that day. Please forgive me for my fiendish crime."

"Ms Birazian—I did not study my notes for 5 minutes every night even though you told me to every single day without fail."

"To Leif and Colegrove, I'm sorry for stealing a pair of climbing shoes from the wall. They went to good use, and they will be coming to college with me. Don't worry Leif, they weren't your new ones."

"I exited an unauthorized door during the school day multiple times and no 'silent alarm' went anywhere so I know that whole thing is completely fake."

## Seniors' advice to their freshmen selves

"Don't be so hard on yourself and do what makes you happy. It is super easy to compare yourself to others and get stressed about what you should have done or what you could have done. Instead, worry about the present and strive to be your best self, only you know what that is."

- **Summer Gaines-Wheeler**

"Chill out. High school can be stressful, but just relax. Do what makes you happy. Be friends with who you want to be friends with. Stop worrying about what other people are doing. Cut toxicity out. Don't take life so seriously. Don't dwell on mistakes; grow from them. These four years go by fast, so don't take anything for granted."

- **Janey Matejka**

"I would tell my freshman self to be more outgoing and instead of thinking that high school events were cringey, to appreciate them instead."

- **Francesca Caruso**

"Just wait till what happens senior year."

- **Taft Lewis**

"There is more to life than golf."

- **Brian Joseph**

"Don't be so emotionally connected to social media. Time really does fly by and it is so nice to just look back on all of the real and authentic high school memories instead of realizing that the media played a huge part. Realizing how much time you actually spend on your device."

- **Cammi Avery**

"Quit baseball and join ultimate frisbee."

- **Sam Dorfman**

"Abandon your pride and sense of shame, they won't help you here. Also drop down in math. Oh and learn to cut toxic people out of your life."

- **Anya Polonsky**

"In 10 years you won't remember staying in on a Friday night studying for a math test, but you might

remember a crazy night with your friends."

- **Zoe Ray**

"Do some college work in the summer before senior year."

- **Julia Zwick**

"I wish that I would have given myself room to breathe and be open to try new things without rushing to conclusions about what I inherently thought my life destiny should be. It is so important to take risks and understand that anyone has the power to explore anything they desire. As much as the structured nature of academia can limit our time to step out of our comfort zone, I wish I understood that high school is your playground to grow and mature around people you care about."

- **Andrew Moerschel**

"Don't wear that outfit!! If you're going to wear sweatpants to school then make it cute and please pair it well!"

- **Katie Miller**

"Don't compare yourself to others academically because at the end of the day you're going to graduate with the same diploma as everyone else."

- **Janie Rudolph**

"Grades matter. Push yourself."

- **Payton Marshall**

"Do not skip or miss as many days as you want to. Do not go home early. It goes by way too fast. Enjoy every second."

- **Catherine Flood**

"It's ok to be on your own, you don't always have to follow your friends. It's important to be independent and get to know yourself and what makes you happy :)"

- **Charlotte Loehr**

"Do your own thing. Find what interests you and try new things and meet new people. Take advantage of every opportunity and don't let the fear of not knowing anyone stop you."

- **Eden Snower**

"Just stop. Stop overthinking this. You're fine, nobody hates you. Nobody is looking that closely at you."

- **Emma Friedman**

"Transfer."

- **Jeremy Wint**

"Never would I have guessed that I'd be in America when I was a Freshman, nor would I guess that my last few months of senior year would be in quarantine. I'd tell my Freshman self to appreciate the little things in life, whether it's walking around the city or simply going to school. I'd tell my Freshman self to stay present, because the present is all you have. I'd tell my Freshman self to not stress too much, because everything that happened formed me, everything I did discovered me, and everywhere I go becomes a part of me."

- **Saskia Simorangkir**

"Don't join every club just to put on your college application. Do what you are actually passionate about: that's already more than enough to fill up your 10 Common App extracurricular slots."

- **Anna Shah**

"Go to therapy, join some more clubs, drink coffee/stop falling asleep in math class."

- **Caroline Bennett**

"Don't act like an idiot."

- **Connor Walker**

"Try everything. Trust me, by senior year, you'll either be super glad you tried different classes and clubs or regret that you didn't."

- **Zachary Stein**

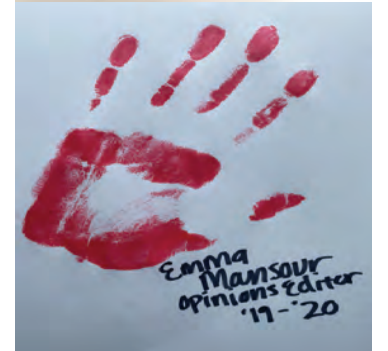
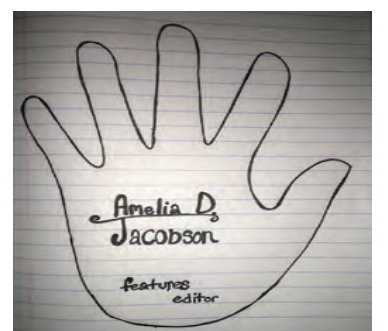
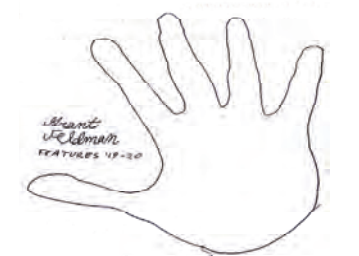
"Drop out of math."

- **Emma Mansour**

"College acceptance letters are not the golden ticket to life."

- **Bella Merrick**

## Senior editors say goodbye



# Prom Moved Online due to COVID-19

COVID-19 leads New Trier to host its first-ever virtual prom

by Grant Feldman

With prom canceled due to COVID-19, many students feared losing their last high school dance of the 2019-20 school year. The administration did their best to give upperclassmen a special experience by doing a virtual prom.

Nothing could replace an in-person prom, but on May 16th from 8-9 PM, the virtual prom had festivities featuring a live DJ, shoutouts from teachers and special guests, and a rap song titled "2020 Our Year" performed by security guard Johnyell "Johnny" Owens.

Around 500 students were tuned in throughout virtual prom, and had the opportunity to send in names or pictures to be featured or shouted out.

Students also could post song requests for the DJ to play. The theme was "Where to Next," with an emphasis on seniors and their plans for next year. Junior and senior advisories were displayed throughout the Zoom as well.

In the unprecedented crisis of COVID-19, norms have been shattered and schools have had to adjust on the fly. Prom was initially scheduled for late April, but after all schools in Illinois were forced to shut down in early March, it got



New Trier students enjoyed celebrating virtual prom together | Feldman

pushed back to May 16. When it became evident that an in-person gathering was not going to be safe, the administration decided to move it online rather than scrap it altogether.

*The virtual prom had festivities featuring a live DJ, shoutouts from teachers and special guests.*

New Trier is not the only organization to hold a virtual prom. Fashion magazine Teen Vogue

hosted an online celebration for seniors across the country May 16, with celebrity guests such as rapper Lil Baby, actor Dylan Sprouse, and actress Lana Condor, among others. Former First Lady Michelle Obama and her nonpartisan organization, When We All Vote, partnered with MTV to host a virtual prom event for seniors on May 22.

Schools around the country have tried to make prom night special, even with students isolated in their homes. Though this was not the prom anyone expected, it was certainly an unforgettable experience.

# "Some Good News" features senior Anna Shah's commencement speech

by Katy Pickens

As the country grapples with the response to and mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic, countless individuals stuck in quarantine are desperately searching for some good news.

This demand for positivity fueled the creation of the YouTube channel "Some Good News," run by actor John Krasinski. While Krasinski sold "Some Good News" recently, the channel has been a site of refuge for those who feel stuck in the never-ending gloom of this global pandemic.

The channel has 2.26 million subscribers, and on May 3 it held virtual graduation for seniors featuring Oprah, Steven Spielberg, Jon Stewart, and Malala - and New Trier's own, senior Anna Shah.

A snippet of Shah's speech was featured as part of the worldwide celebration of seniors. The video has garnered over 3 million views.

Shah initially wrote the speech for New Trier's commencement after the announcement that in-person school would not resume and prom was canceled. Shah, like many seniors, felt extremely disappointed and decided to write out her thoughts.

"I was devastated to never see my teachers again, and I was looking forward to wearing the prom dress I already purchased. I got out the Notes App on my phone the following morning and just started writing, and somehow it ended up as a commencement speech," said Shah.

She sent her speech to the school, and decided to also submit a video to John Krasinski on the chance she might be featured.

"My DECA state officer advisor saw John Krasinski's post calling for all commencement speeches and told me to submit mine! I thought why not," Shah explained. "I didn't actually think anything would happen though."



Shah appears in the "Some Good News" video Some Good News | Youtube

Though Shah was selected to be featured in the video on SGN, she was not selected to give the speech at New Trier's commencement.

"Under normal circumstances, I would have been disappointed, and I still was upset. However, I found out the night before that I was chosen to be one of John Krasinski's Commencement speakers, and thought that more than made up for it," said Shah.

Shah emphasized that she wanted to focus on the strengths of our class and the positives of a disappointing situation. She describes the resilience of the class of 2020 throughout this pandemic and how seniors have channeled their energy into supporting the community.

"One thing that was important to me in my speech was framing this devastating situation as positively as I could. There has been loneliness, disappointment, and even death. But, there has also been so much hope, optimism, and resilience and I wanted to highlight this and how much we've grown from the experience," said Shah.

While embracing the positive, Shah also recognizes that this was not how many foresaw or wanted

their high school experiences to end. She is grateful for her experiences at New Trier and will miss the daily experiences of being in the building with her peers.

"I will miss everything from the wraps I got everyday for lunch from my favorite lunch lady, Maria, to going in and seeing my math teacher for help, to just being surrounded by such motivated and ambitious peers," said Shah.

Though the school year was cut short by extraordinary circumstances, the quarantine has created a bizarre, collective experience for this year's seniors. In her speech, Shah concludes by highlighting the resilience the class of 2020 has demonstrated during this time.

"If we survived the coronavirus, we have the resilience to overcome any setback or hurdle that comes our way. Class of 2020, we are warriors. We are change makers. We are heroes."

Shah is optimistic that this year's seniors will be able to celebrate together soon and have a proper goodbye.

"I also just wanted to say: I hope to see you soon. Ciao!" said Shah.

# Quarantine Things to Do

by Connor Caserio

In the 2010 Disney animated film *Tangled*, Rapunzel sings "Seven a.m., the usual morning lineup. Start on the chores and sweep 'til the floor's all clean. Polish and wax, do laundry, and mop and shine up. Sweep again, and by then it's like 7:15. And so I'll read a book. Or maybe two or three. I'll add a few new paintings to my gallery. I'll play guitar and knit. And cook and basically just wonder when will my life begin?"

Under quarantine, it can feel a lot like you're Rapunzel locked up in a tower. Your regular activities and interests may have lost some of their appeal. And, with summer break now beginning, you likely have even more free time on your hands.

We here at the New Trier News recognize that students would like new things to do this summer. So we have compiled a list of entertaining, socially distanced activities below. You may have already done some of these activities, but we are certain that at least a few of them will be new to you. Enjoy!

**Make a loaf of sourdough bread from scratch**

The quintessential quarantine activity. Yeast, flour, oven... go!

**Solve a Rubik's cube**

Depending on where you're going to college, it could qualify as a mediocre party trick.

**Learn a new instrument**

Bet you still have that recorder from 4th grade. Right?

**Make music playlists**

Don't just make a boring, old "my favorite songs" playlist. Make a playlist full of songs that remind you of an emotion, color, time in the past, etc. The possibilities are endless.

**Clean your room**

You might have already done this near the start of this pandemic. But, guess what? We're now close to than three months in, and it's time to clean your room again. Yay!

**Make paper airplanes**

Elementary school you never quite figured out how to construct the perfect paper airplane. Now is the time to achieve your 2nd grade dreams. Go for it.

**LEGOS**

That elementary school nostalgia is real.

**Become an origami master**

When you can't go to the zoo, make the zoo. Learn how to make cranes, frogs, butterflies, owls, and so much more.

**Play Minecraft**

The true 8th wonder of the world.

**Play Sporcle**

It's not Minecraft. It's not a real video game. However, we've reached the point in this pandemic where trivia games about topics you know nothing about could be a lot of fun.

**Look at pictures of puppies**

A simple google search of "puppy pictures" will also do wonders for your mental health. Also check out the r/puppies subreddit.

**Play board games you received as a present and never opened**

You pretended to be excited when you got that board game for your birthday three years ago. Now, that game might actually be the key to your happiness during a global pandemic.

**Learn how to type**

If you never learned how to type the correct way, this summer could be a valuable opportunity for you to develop that skill before going off to college.

**Memorize the periodic table**

Or the U.S. state capitals. Or the capitals of different countries. Or whatever random thing you want to memorize. Now is the time to implant random information in your brain forever.

**Make an NCAA tournament-style bracket for something random**

Possibilities include types of candy, restaurants, and favorite movies. Have your family and friends vote on each fake match-up. Shout-out to Challah Talk for inspiring this suggestion.

**Interview grandparents or other elderly relatives & make a voice recording**

Who knows what family secrets you'll learn about.

**Create a fake vacation itinerary**

Since most people likely won't be traveling for a long time, planning for a fake vacation could be fun. Once you've made an itinerary, you can even visit your chosen destination on Google Earth.

**Dye your hair a new color**

The New Trier News' own Leah Schmidt wrote an awesome piece about why you should do this.

**Read a book**

The things they make Spark Notes about. These "books" have a cover, ink, and pages made out of paper.

**Wikipedia rabbit holes**

You'll be 8 hours into your marathon Wikipedia session. You'll be tired, hungry, and thirsty. But, then you'll stumble upon the page about the 18th century English woman Mary Toft, and it will all have been worth it.

**Transcribe historical documents**

There are opportunities to transcribe documents digitally through volunteer organizations such as the Smithsonian's online Transcription Center.

**Volunteer from Home**

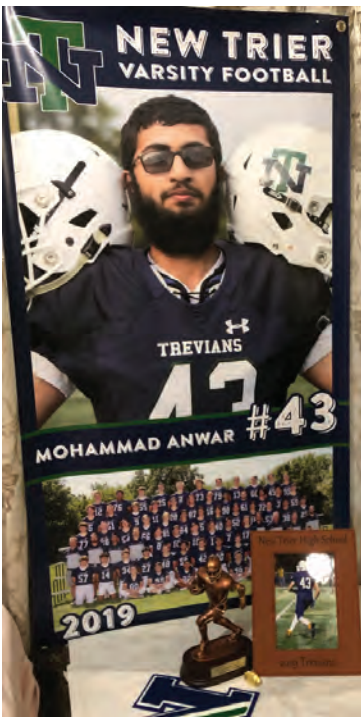
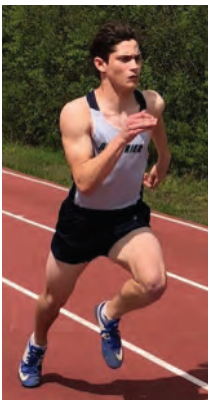
Lots of organizations are looking for remote volunteers right now.

**Contemplate the meaning of existence**

Hmmm.....

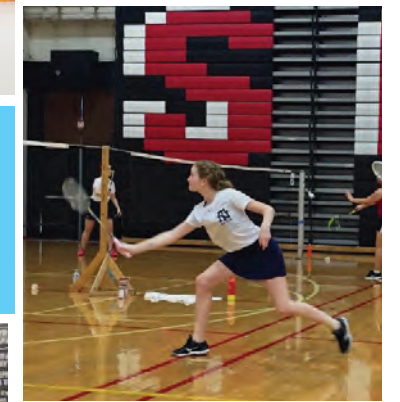
**Make your own list of things to do!**

It's a great way to feel productive and stay busy!



# STUDENT ATHLETES

the year's highlights





# COVID-19 wipes out New Trier's spring sports season

Pandemic provides the players with an opportunity to reflect

by Matt Murray

From the moment that the COVID-19 virus triggered a national lockdown in mid-March, it was apparent that the 2020 spring sports season was in jeopardy of being lost. Then on Apr. 21, the IHSA eliminated any possibility of its return, officially cancelling Illinois' remaining athletic schedule for the 2019-20 school year.

While the abrupt end of the spring sports season devastated New Trier's student-athletes, the decision itself was long expected.

The virus' spread in the weeks following the school suspensions made it impossible to safely hold large public gatherings; and once Governor J.B. Pritzker announced that the remainder of Illinois' school year would be conducted remotely, a season cancellation became all but inevitable, taking just four days to be made official by the IHSA.

"My senior soccer season being cancelled was heartbreaking, but I've been trying to stay positive and look at the big picture," said senior soccer player Emma Weaver. "People are suffering and dying, and it would be selfish of me to sit back and ignore all the chaos that's going on in the world right now."

Although all of the spring sports teams were able to hold some preseason practices before the season suspension on Mar. 12, most of them never got to see competitive action this season, which made the cancellations particularly painful for those teams' departing members.

"We were hopeful at the beginning [of the school shutdown] that we would be able to salvage part of our season, but as time moved on, it seemed less and less likely," said senior boys volleyball player Max Kocour. "I was kind of expecting it, but it made it no easier when we found out our season was completely cancelled."

While the season results of the different spring sports teams will forever remain a mystery due to the pandemic, it's likely that New Trier athletics would have seen continued success in 2020 as many varsity teams were set to enter the season as legitimate state championship contenders.

The boys volleyball team would likely have earned a seventh consecutive state trip with seniors Peter Brown and Colin Heath leading the way. The girls soccer team had aspirations of earning a long-awaited state title for Weaver and senior goalie Courtney Charcut, both of whom were set to enter their fourth season with the varsity team.

The boys tennis team was preparing to make a run at its 8th state title in the 21st century; and the girls water polo team, led by seniors Emilia Zientara, Taylor Jones, and Kasey Umlauf, had assembled one of their best rosters in team history and was hoping to accomplish a historic feat this season.

"I believe that we could've won the state championship for the first time in New Trier Girls Water Polo history," said Zientara. "Our team has such a close bond outside of the water that makes us perform better as a team during the game. Everybody has a role in our team, but each player is so versatile as well. This is truly an amazing group of girls, and I have no



New Trier's Athletic Department hung this banner to honor their college-committed athletes | NT Athletics Twitter

doubt in my mind that we would've been state champions."

Although many of New Trier's spring sports teams would have been worthy challengers for the state title, only the boys and girls' varsity lacrosse teams were set to enter the 2020 season as defending champions, and neither of them seemed ready to relinquish their respective thrones.

The girls team, led by their battle-tested senior core of Claudia Shevitz, Charley Meier, and Emma Merk, was expected to be even better than their 2019 state championship squad; and the boys team, which would have returned much of its title-winning roster from last season, was more than capable of repeating as well.

"In all honesty, I thought we were the most talented team in the state," said senior boys lacrosse player James Hemmer. "We had a lot of people who were very dynamic,

and we all wanted to win another state championship. Teams like St. Viator and Loyola are always great, but I felt like our team this year was deeper, tougher, and more focused than any other team in the state."

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented New Trier's spring sports teams from being together in person, it has not stopped the players from preserving the key characteristics of team athletics.

Most teams have used video calls and text groups to keep in touch throughout the quarantine, and many players have been proactive in maintaining their physical fitness during this period of forced hibernation.

"I would say that I have been staying completely submerged in my athletic training regimen," said Weaver. "I go to the open fields and play with my brother or sister some days; I workout in my basement and

run everyday; I'm still grinding, and that's what matters. I'm putting in the work to get ahead of those who are not."

While the season cancellation is sure to remain a bitter and resonant memory for the players and coaches affected, it is also sure to provide them with valuable perspective in their future pursuits; for although each individual will surely take a different path beyond this season, they will forever be connected by this common experience and the common mentality cultivated by it.

"I know that the team next year will compete super hard everyday in practice and games because now they know what it feels like to have it taken away," said Shevitz. "For the next four years, I know that I will give 110% every time I play, not only for myself and my teammates, but for all the high school seniors who don't get a chance to play in college."



