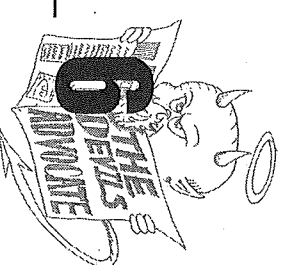


Senior Perspectives



Caught Up in Senior Year

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Senior Year: The closing of our high school careers and the final days without a ton of responsibility.

This year has been filled with many thoughts, emotions, and memories that will stick with me forever.

At the beginning of the year, all I wanted was to graduate. Now the tables have turned and the idea of being brought into the real world has finally hit me.

Over the past four years, I've developed a bond with many teachers and many students. And, after graduation we will all part and go our separate ways.

At the beginning of freshman year, high school looked as if it would take forever.

It didn't.

It was my first day as a high school student, and then in the blink of an eye, I was coming to the end of my senior year.

If I could give any advice to underclassmen, it would be to participate in extracurriculars and attend school events.

After high school is over, so is the opportunity to attend these events.

All the things at home or in town will be there forever. However, things like Prom and games and spirit weeks come once in a lifetime. Make the best out of your high school career.

I would go through each year as if it is your last. Every year is important, but senior year has an odd feel to it.

Senior year is much different than the other three years. To me, it felt a lot more laid back and easier to get through. But, heading closer toward the end of the year, the stress gets to you. Especially when you are considering college afterwards.

I've just recently discovered what I wanted to get into. I will be attending Macomb for two years studying radio broadcasting and then hopefully transferring to Central to study more broadcasting and music production.

Making these decisions was one of the most difficult times I've ever had in my life.

It took a lot of time spent considering different options and opportunities. I eventually came to the conclusion that I loved music and wanted to pursue a career in that.

I felt that making these decisions helped me grow because they affected the rest of my life and what I would be getting myself into.

Choosing a career brought on a lot of stress, but once it's figured out, you feel relieved. Now I feel like I shouldn't have stressed about it.

This, however, is not the only stressor in being a senior.

The hardest part of ending my senior year is saying goodbye to the friends I've made throughout all my years of public school.

Sure, I'll still see some of them, but it won't be the same not seeing them every day. Most of my friends are seniors, but I've also gotten very close with some underclassmen.

It will be hard to leave them to enter the real world. But, the ending of high school won't end these friendships. I honestly think it will make them even stronger.

That being said, I want them to really cherish the time they still have in high school and make the best of it.

Another part of senior year that is shocking to me is finally realizing that we are transitioning on to bigger and better things.

High school is just one step of many. It's all we've known since we were little in pre-school. All those classes were to prepare us for the moment that is coming closer and closer: Graduation.

Looking back, I really enjoyed high school

Therefore, senior year was honestly the best school year I've had.

Once you realize that school is almost done, you really appreciate what other students and teachers have done for you. You may not think of that now but you will.

Being a senior makes your perspective change. It truly is an experience I've never had before. I've made many memories and many friends, and I hope to continue into the real world and make even more of both.

A Look Back

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The first day of school is one full of uncertainty. Many things rush through your mind as you step onto the campus that you will spend the next four years of your life on.

'Will people like me?'

'Will I fit in?'

'Is everything I have heard about high school true?'

These are just a few of the questions that run through your mind as you approach your locker for the first time, ready to face the day.

Four years later, I am nearing the time where I will walk on high school grounds for the last time as a student, preparing to approach my locker for the last time. Thinking of this, I can't help but wonder: Where did the time go?

It feels like only yesterday that I was merely a freshman, unsure of what I was going to do with my life, but confident I would figure it out before I graduated.

Here I am now, still unsure of what I want to do and about to graduate. Now don't get me wrong, I have a much better idea of what career I want to pursue now than I did when I first entered high school. However, I am unsure of where I will go after I leave high school.

Fortunately, I have a few good colleges to choose from and I plan on making my final decision soon. I can either stay close to home and go to Oakland University or I can go to Michigan State.

Another sad thing about my senior year is that it is one full of lasts. From my last first day of school to my last prom, everything seems to be ending while nothing is starting anew.

The realization of this seems to sort of solidify the fact that I am nearing the end of my high school career. Everything seems to be going by so fast, and here I am, in the last few weeks of school, pre-

paring to move onto college.

Throughout my years in high school, my perspective on life has changed drastically. I walked in my freshman year anticipating people to be much like you see in movies: picking on the freshmen and only conversing with the people that are in their "group."

Now, I see how much the movies overplay high school. Don't get me wrong, most people stick to their specific "groups," but they don't really care enough to pick on the freshmen or mostly anyone else.

For the most part, high school is a turning point in many people's lives. They come to realize several things such as the importance of maintaining good grades and the importance of a collegiate education.

I, for one, came to the realization that if I want to succeed in life, I need to try hard and put my all into everything that I do. This revelation finally dawned on me my junior year about a month before I took my ACT.

It is because of this that I was accepted into a good college and am able to pursue an excellent career.

That's another thing about graduating from high school: everyone expects you to know what you want to do with your life.

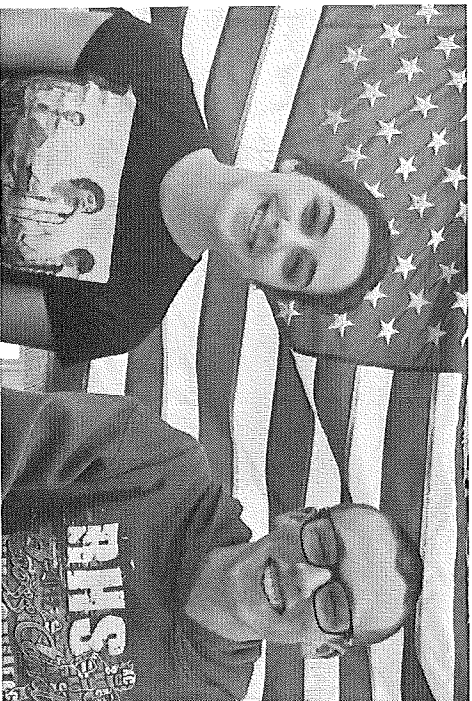
The main problem with this is the fact that most people are still unsure of where they want to go with their life.

This causes them to feel rush and can ultimately result in them going into a career that they aren't interested in.

High school can play a major part in helping one decide the career they want to pursue. In fact, it was in high school that I got an idea of the career I want to follow, and I'm thankful for that.

At the end of the day, I will miss high school. I had many life-changing experiences occur during the four years I spent here, and it is because of high school that I am the person I am today.

A Last Goodbye to Richmond's Graduating Class



Beau Brockett and Sara Campbell



Senior Amanda Vinsen walks across the stage during awards night.

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