

Senior Superlatives

Most Likely to Become a Professional Athlete?

Kiannah Hayes & Jaden Tarrell

Most Likely to Become President?

Geneve Halfman & Alex Herazy

Biggest Class Clown?

Robert Bucko & Pabbi Chalal

Best Dressed?

Solomon Hudson & Natalie Zabielski

Most Likely to Challenge Mr. Cook to a Dance-Off?

Jaden Tarrell & Barunka Szamaranszky

Best Sense of Humor?

Robert Bucko & Pabbi Chalal

Biggest Teacher's Pet?

Kenny Yoshino & Geneve Halfman

Most School Spirit?

Kiannah Hayes & Barunka Szamaranszky

Worst Case of Senioritis?

Pabbi Chalal & Karolina Poreba

Biggest Social Butterfly?

Liza Tkachuk & Kazu Quigley

Most Likely to Win a Rap Battle?

Shawn Chong & Liam Murphy

Best Smile?

Solomon Hudson & Sam Martin

Best Couple?

Raymond Petzold & Stephanie Tadda

Natalie Zabielski & Chase Rosen

Best Bromance?

Kenny Yoshino & Joe Jordan

Chase Rosen & Raymond Petzold

Best Besties?

Jasmine Bautista & Mariam Dkhuka

Amanda Ake & Kelsey Skup

Best Laugh?

Kenny Yoshino & Barunka Szamaranszky

Best Eyes?

Robert Rubenstein & Julia Lundstrom

Best Hair?

Sonya Prilutsky & Abby Diaz

Best Instagram Feed?

Natalie Zabielski & Emma Sternquist

Most Likely to Smile At You in the Hallway?

Sonya Prilutsky & Kyle Young

Most Likely to End Up On Broadway?

Kazu Quigley & Stephanie Mayer

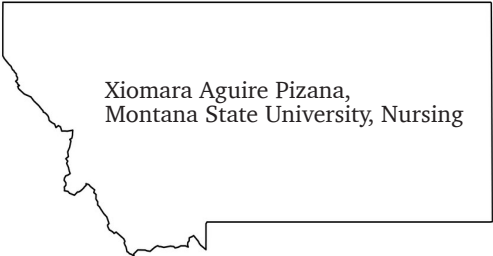
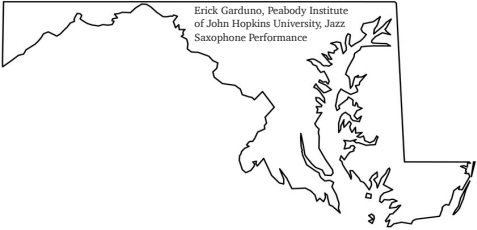
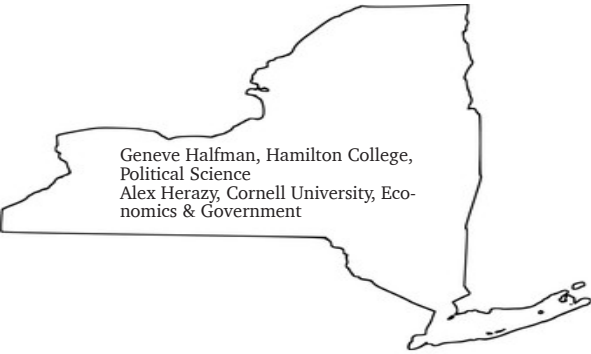
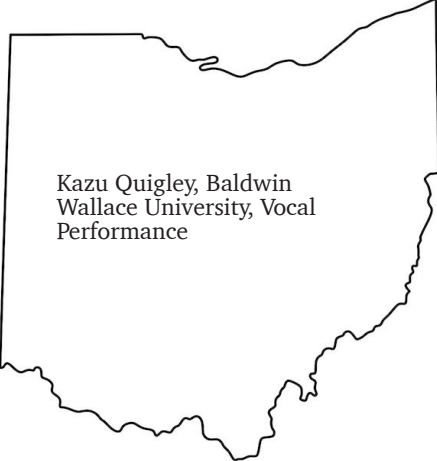
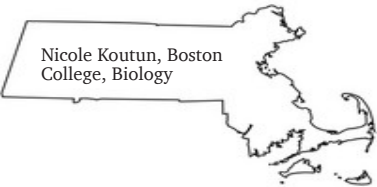
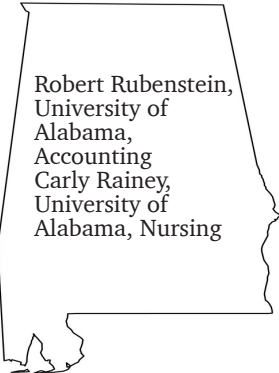
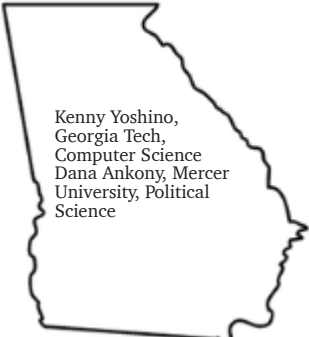
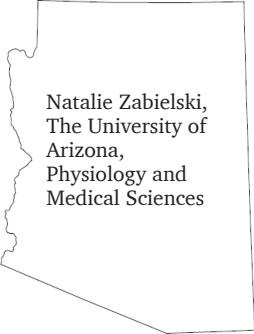
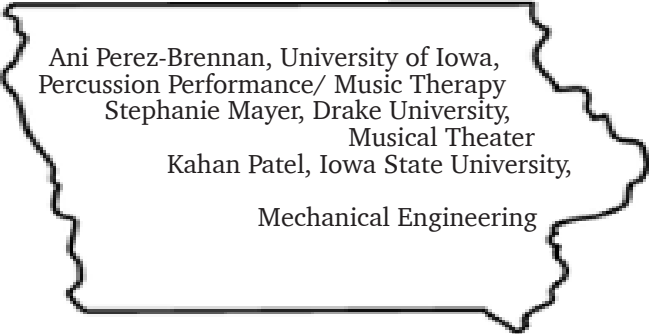
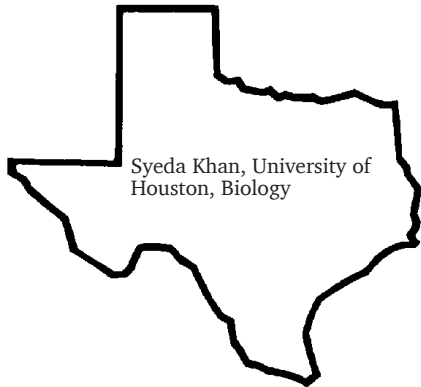
Most Likely to Succeed?

Alex Herazy & Geneve Halfman

Most Likely to Leave and Never Come Back?

Grace Estes & Maria Flevaris

Post-Secondary Plans



Seniors On Staff



Muskan Naqvi

Staff Position: Staff Artist
Extracurriculars: Technical Theater (4 years)

Thank you Mr. Uhrik for introducing me to this amazing team we have and for providing a place of rest during this crazy year. Your journalism and APLAC classes have helped me become a better person and each day I look forward to seeing what news you’d share. Thank you to Mrs. Pedersen for providing a class that was more than just a place to learn another language, but a place to support each other as a small family and I’m so grateful for the time we had. Thank you to Mr. Reinhart and Mr. Ellertson for four great years in Tech Crew and for helping me find my passion in life. I hope to carry what you’ve taught me for the rest of my career, and I will miss all of our hilarious measuring mess-ups during building. Thank you to Mr. Collela, Ms. Emily, and Mrs. Rawlinson for four great years in theater, none of this program would be possible without you. Last but not least, thank you to my iconic best friends Steven and Miranda for all the love they’ve shown me throughout everything life threw at us. You’ve truly shown that we can take on the world together.

Victoria “Benny” Benavides

Staff Position: Staff Reporter
Extracurriculars: Debate (4 years), Ultimate Frisbee (2 years), Class Board (2 years), AVID Ambassador (1 Year), Best Step Tutoring (1 year)

Journalism was a class I joined on a whim, and it was one of the best decisions I’ve made in high school. Within my one year of Journalism, I’ve learned how to make the best of dark times and how to turn my passion into action. It’s been said before, but this year has been like no other. This class provided a resting point and place to laugh despite everything going on in the outside world. Whether it was silly tangents or watching my classmate, Grace, play Minecraft, I knew that Journalism was a place I could go to when I needed to find some peace. Journalism has taught me to give the other side a chance and that if I don’t agree, I should at least try to listen. Oftentimes, Mr. Uhrik would tell us to turn these discussions into stories. Through writing, I felt like I was doing something. Mr. Uhrik always made us feel like the work we did was important and that our actions mattered. Even after I leave Wheeling High School, Journalism will always have a fond place in my heart.



Ben Williams

Staff Position: Politics Editor
Extracurriculars: Spokesman (2 years)

I really learned a lot from Spokesman. Having a space to digest and discuss the 24/7 news cycle that makes you feel like the world is constantly ending really helped my peace of mind. Being promoted to Politics Editor this year was an abrupt change. Just a year prior, I was frantically writing my first ever article between sets at Riot Fest. Then I kicked off this year frantically putting together a comprehensive coverage on the 2020 election candidates at 4 AM. But I quickly learned how to be both a leader and a mentor by being thrown into the deep end. I like to think I created an environment friendly to the good people in the newly-created Politics section while still getting the important news out in a timely manner. I have to thank Mr. Uhrik for giving me the opportunity to take on this role. Getting to take ownership of both the Politics section and design for our website really expanded my passion for working on them and ensuring they were the best they could be. Additionally, I’d like to give a shout-out to Mr. Wool for creating a lenient yet educational, fun, and interesting law class that solidified my interest in the subject and pushed me to want to be a lawyer. High school would not have been the same without these classes, and more importantly, these teachers.

I would also like to thank the AVID program, the Debate team, Mr. Wool, Mr. Nguyen, and Mr. Berger. Thank you for all your support and encouragement throughout the years.

Peter Montegrando

Staff Position: Staff Reporter,
Extracurriculars: Cross Country (4 Years), Track (3 Years), Tutor (1 Year)

I only got into this class this year, and I have to say it’s an amazing class. There are so many people who are open-minded and willing to listen to each other and express their opinions in a safe environment. Each person brings different information that can help you see what’s going on in our world today. Whether it be in sports, pop-culture, politics, etc, it has all helped me gain insight on things that I wasn’t really interested in. Thank you, Uhrik, for the great class, and I wish the next batch of students well.



Seniors On Staff



Jeremy Cohen

Staff Position: Staff Reporter
Extracurriculars: WCAT (3 years), Musical (3 years), choir (2 years), play (3 years), fusion (4 years), speech (2 years)

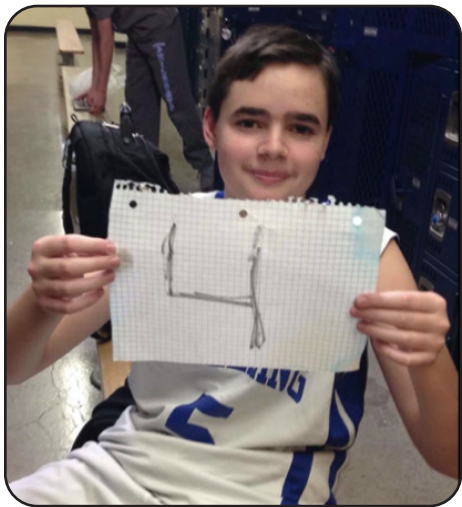
Thank you to Mr. Uhrik for all the help with all the media activities I'm involved in. I'm very excited to see how the multimedia pathway develops in the next couple of years. Thank you to Mrs. Rawlinson for allowing me to express myself creativity in Fusion all four years of high school. Thank you to Mr. Nyguen, and Dr. X for all the same reasons. Thank you all for helping get my start in this school very early in my freshmen year. Thank you to Mrs. Wagner and to Mrs. Pacyk for wanting to submit my writing to Circus and the D214 arts unlimited anthology magazine. Thank you to Ms. Struebing, and Mr. Malek for allowing me to help out with all the virtual concerts throughout the pandemic. This experience is so beneficial for my life after high school. Thank you to Miss Emily for all the opportunities to be creative and to have a huge part in student directing the plays and musicals. *The Cues of John Hughes* was such a fun project and being able to have a big role in recreating those classic films means the world to me. Thank you to Mr. Colella for all the opportunities you have given me. Being able to work closely with you on *...And The World Goes Round* means so much to me, because it provided the ultimate creative escape for me and I received so much directing, filming, and editing experience out of it. And I am forever grateful. And last but certainly not least. Thank you to Mr. Kahler, all the CTE teachers, and to Mr. Reinhart. I'm very amazed at how far WCAT has come in such a short amount of time. And I know that it will only continue to grow in the following years. All of the early mornings, late nights, and up and downs definitely paid off and all of it was 100% worth it. Thank you Mr. Reinhart for all of the opportunities you gave me and for not only dealing with but for acknowledging all of my crazy ideas for our broadcasts and for WCAT in general. I am very thankful that you have always been there for me and for everyone else in WCAT. We all appreciate you. Thank you to all of these wonderful people and to everyone at Wheeling High School.

Miranda Lawson

Staff Position: Staff Artist
Extracurriculars: Choir/Theater (4 years),
Circus Literary Magazine (2 years),
Softball (2 years)



Thank you to the incredible Mr. Uhrik for your patience and openness. You've created an environment where everyone's views are treated with respect, which is a rare gem. Thank you Mr. Colella, Mr. B, Mrs. Emily, Mrs. Rawlinson, Reinhart, Mr. E, and the WHS tech crew for every concert and show we worked on. Not only have you taught me so much about self-worth, you helped bring me closer to my two best friends. I wouldn't be who I am without the theater program. To Mrs. Gruen, for your endless confidence boosts; to Mrs. Bhansali, for accepting "I saw Hamilton last night" as a reason for late homework and then asking me how it went; to Mrs. Lennon, for your endless knowledge about US history, condiments, and for that one amazing rap battle. A final thank you to Muskan and Steven, my beautiful besties. You complete me.



Liam Murphy

Staff Position: Staff Reporter
Extracurriculars: WCAT (2 years),
Basketball (1 year),
Golf (4 years),
Choir (1 year)

I joined Journalism this school year, and I have truly enjoyed my experience in this class. I wish I spent more time in it. I really enjoyed the variety of topics we touched on. We would get in such depth about it and look at it at every perspective as a class. Everybody would get a chance to speak out on what they felt passionate about whether it was verbal or through their writing. My experience in this course and experience in WCAT live are the biggest reasons why I am going to be majoring in journalism at Mizzou.



Charli Richards

Staff Position: Staff Reporter
Extracurriculars: Gymnastics (1 year)

Even though I just joined journalism this year, I already know it's one of my favorite classes I've had. Mr. Uhrik makes the space inviting and open, and he really is an amazing leader and teacher. As for peers, I couldn't have asked for better ones. They always make the class super fun and always catch my attention with a new headline.

Paige Butler

Staff Position: Staff Reporter



Thank you to all the friends and bonds I have created over the past four years. Thank you to all the great teachers that helped me a lot throughout the years. Mainly, thank you Mr. Uhrik for a fun last year. It was very different but fun. Last time I took this class I was a freshman. It's crazy to see how far I've come and grown. Thank you Wheeling High School for giving me a great school to go to and learn a lot from.

Seniors On Staff



Kamila Walus

Staff Position: Editor-In-Chief
Extracurriculars: Spokesman (4 years)

I've recited goodbyes and farewells to many seniors in journalism, but becoming the senior finally receiving the goodbye is such a bittersweet feeling. I have many people to thank, but I'd like to start by thanking every single person who's ever paid me an interview, quote, source, photo, etc. Your contributions taught me more than anything I could learn in a class. To my staff, thank you for being so compassionate during a time like this. I witnessed all of you take the reins and turn an elective into a safe space for everyone involved. All of your rants, political tangents, and screen sharing surprises were the best source of entertainment this year. Lastly, I couldn't thank Mr. Uhrik enough for being one of the most understanding, caring, and influential teachers I've ever had. You quickly became my favorite teacher freshman year. Four years later, I can still say the same. You had a major impact on how I now view the world, and you always remind me that learning is the most precious thing a person is capable of. You've been a great adviser, and I'll take everything I've ever learned from you beyond high school.

Jesse Carrillo

Staff Position: Staff Reporter
Extracurriculars: Spokesman (3 years),
Basketball (1 year),
Football (1 year)



THANK YOU, Mr. Wool, Mr. Kamedula, Mr. Urban, Mr. West, Coach Weider, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Fuentes, Ms. Wiegel, Mrs. Levin, Mrs. Voelker, Mr. Scoggins, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Kritek, Mrs. Karavouzis, Mrs. Delgado, Mrs. Eloiza, Miss Arreola, Dr.Baker and Mrs.Gill, Thank you for making these past 4 years fun and memorable. You all have earned my respect and I'm very appreciative that I had the opportunity to have all of you teach and guide me towards the right path, Thank you again. I hope to see all of you down the road.



Ani Perez-Brennan

Staff Position: Staff Reporter
Extracurriculars: Band (4 years), Orchestra (4 years), Choir (3 years), Musical Pit (3 years), NHS (1 year), Best Step Tutoring (1 year), Cat Pack/Peer Mentors (2 years)

I'd like to thank my teachers for constantly inspiring and motivating me throughout the years. Mrs. Lennon, Mr. Fu, Mrs. Pedey, Mr. Uhrik, Mr. Nguyen - I always looked forward to the time I was able to spend with you. Thank you for making me laugh and smile and think. I am who I am today because of it! I will be endlessly grateful to Mr. Menich for helping me through difficult moments; You have always believed in me, and are always happy when I'm happy. Your office has been a safe space for me and I hope you know how much I appreciate you. Most of all, I'd like to shout out the Fine Arts program and Mr. Malek, Mr. Colella, and Ms. Struebing for being my support system. I always felt like I belonged when I was playing music with others. In my hardest moments, Malek, Colella, and Struebing rallied around me to make sure I was alright. The music program gave me some of my best friends - Alyssa, Gus, Liz, I'm talking to you - and opened my eyes to the kindness all around me. The music environment was just so FUN. What I will remember most about the WHS music program is the genuine joy and happiness I constantly felt. At Wheeling, I was able to be a leader, a friend, a role model, a student, and most importantly, I was able to be myself. So thank you to all who were part of the journey.

Grace Estes

Staff Position: Staff Artist, Resident Goth Girl
Extracurriculars: Student Athletic Training (4 years, 3 seasons), Stellar Girls (4 years), Student Council (Freshman + Sophomore year), Tech Crew (Freshman year), Medical Careers club (4 years), STEM camp (Freshman + Sophomore year), Yearbook (Sophomore year)

I am endlessly grateful for the opportunities I've gotten to run with as I grew at Wheeling. This is an amazing school with amazing teachers, and I am absolutely devastated my time has come to say goodbye.
Thank you, Mr. Uhrik, for your commendable education and empathy with every student. I am endlessly grateful I got placed in your section of APLAC. Nothing in the world felt as good as my "yawp" after my world came crashing down, and I can't salute you enough for not only granting me the opportunity to scream and cry it out, but also the opportunity for help. I wouldn't have asked for it, and I needed it.
Thank you for the endless essay revisions, jabs at the Red Wings, and gratuitous kind words. I unfortunately have to bid the most bittersweet goodbyes to Mr. Uhrik, Mr. Hauck, Mr. Tieri, Mr. Berger, Mrs. Silver, Mrs. Konyar, and Mrs. Lennon. Your kind hearts are what make Wheeling, and frankly, what saved my life. I can never thank you enough for what you've all done for me. Thank you for everything.

