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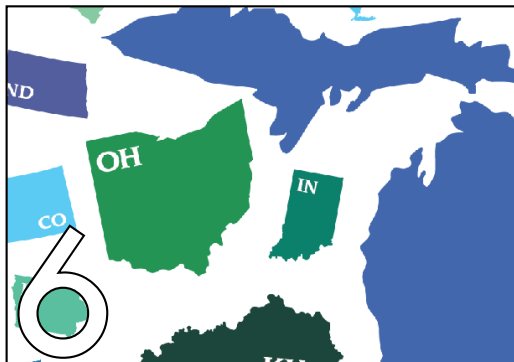
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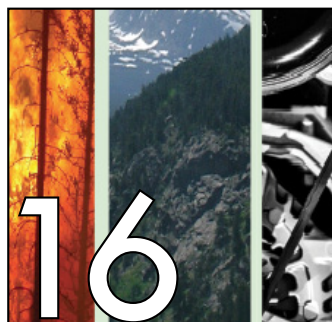
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# WISD Millage Proposal: What it Means

## Dexter no longer fearing \$1.5 million deficit due to 'yes' vote

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Proposal regarding an increased millage to fund the special education programs throughout the county was voted through by a 59.1 percent majority on May third.

Members of Dexter Community Schools were breathing sighs of relief after the vote, as without the millage, the district would have been \$1.5 million over budget heading into next the school year.

When budget cuts need to be made and money needs to be found, the schools have to make changes.

"When you are talking about cutting that much, you're thinking about cutting people," DCS superintendent Chris Timmis said. "That's where most of our budget is. If you look at the budget, 90 percent is spent on people."

If cutting people was not enough to balance the budget, the process would have involved shuffling money from programs like athletics or music in order to make ends meet, Timmis acknowledged. Dexter is known for its top-tier band and orchestra programs, and the community's support of these groups.

While many people in the community had a strong opinion on the millage, the county had a 12.3 percent voter turnout. In some cases, entire townships were separated by less than 10 votes.

Including both the townships and the city limits, Dexter voted 1060 in favor of the millage increase, and 657 against it. To put it into percentages, 61.7 percent voted yes and 38.3 percent voted no.

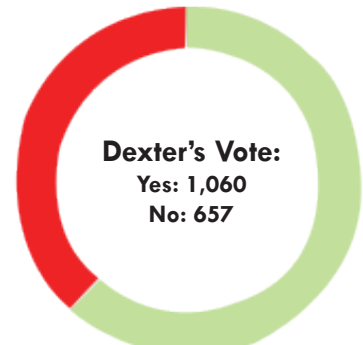
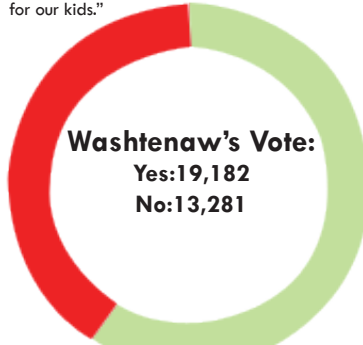
"This certifies what we knew already," Timmis said. "Our community supports education."

The proposal itself involved raising the current property millage rate toward education of 3.8761 mills by 1.5 mills. (1.5 mills is equivalent to \$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation). Based on Dexter's average home value of \$289,400, the average Dexter family would be paying an extra \$434.10 a year in taxes.

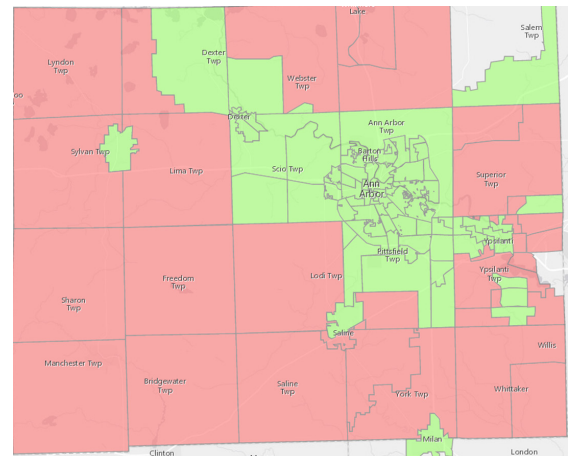
While nobody is a fan of paying higher taxes, the money would have to had come from somewhere. Special education students would not have been the ones that would lose out on the funding.

Whether the price increase came in the form of a higher pay to play for athletes, or the jobs of some new teachers, it would be much harder to swallow than the \$35 a month extra that will be charged by the county.

"Obviously, it's a big step," special education teacher Erica Ehinger said. "The more resources we use, the more we can do for our kids."



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A 'YES For our Kids' sign sits outside the Dexter Township Hall on Dexter-Pinkney Road.



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# The Dexter-to-Michigan Pipeline



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For Dexter High School students, the University of Michigan has been a big part of daily life. For many students, the university has nearly drowned them in Maize and Blue.

By simply driving a few miles Dexter students can experience Michigan's athletics and its campus. Being able to experience these big aspects of a college before making the choice to attend can make a student feel more comfortable with the college. This may be a reason why so many Dexter students choose to go to Michigan.

"I have been a fan [of the University of Michigan] since I was kid," senior Mac Guise said. "Having experienced the college from such young age was one of the biggest reasons why I chose to go to there."

Dexter alum have been flowing to U of M for generations, so it isn't a surprise that there is a high volume of Dexter students attending Michigan. Current sophomore Tessa Kipke and Guise have family members who attended Michigan and Dexter High School.

"I have four older siblings who have graduated from Dexter and have gone on to attend Michigan," Kipke said. "Also, both my parents got degrees from Michigan."

Guise also explained his strong family ties to Michigan.

"My family has been involved with Michigan since my grandparents," Guise said. "My mom, my dad, and my older sister have all attended Michigan as well."



Photo courtesy of Tessa Kipke

Tessa Kipke (middle) attends her sister Jasmine's University of Michigan graduation at the Big House last month.

Also, the trend of Dexter students attending Michigan doesn't seem to be slowing down. Dexter's class of 2016 is seeing close to 10 percent of students attending Michigan. In addition, current Juniors have ambitions to attend Michigan.

"My plan as of now is to attend Michigan," junior Alex Snow said. "I've grown accustomed to the city, it has a strong engineering college, and I have been a fan [of Michigan] since I was a kid."

The flow of Dexter students won't be slowing down in the future. A combination of interest in the school, family lineage, and being long time fans have all been a factor to the flow of Dexter students to Michigan.

As shown, the influence Ann Arbor has had on Dexter students has created a consistent flow of Dexter grads to Michigan.

"Since my family went to Michigan, I have been exposed to the college since I was little," Guise said. "I feel so in sync with the college and even feel like I've been apart of the college since I was little."



Dexter, Michigan to Ann Arbor, Michigan: 27 Minutes

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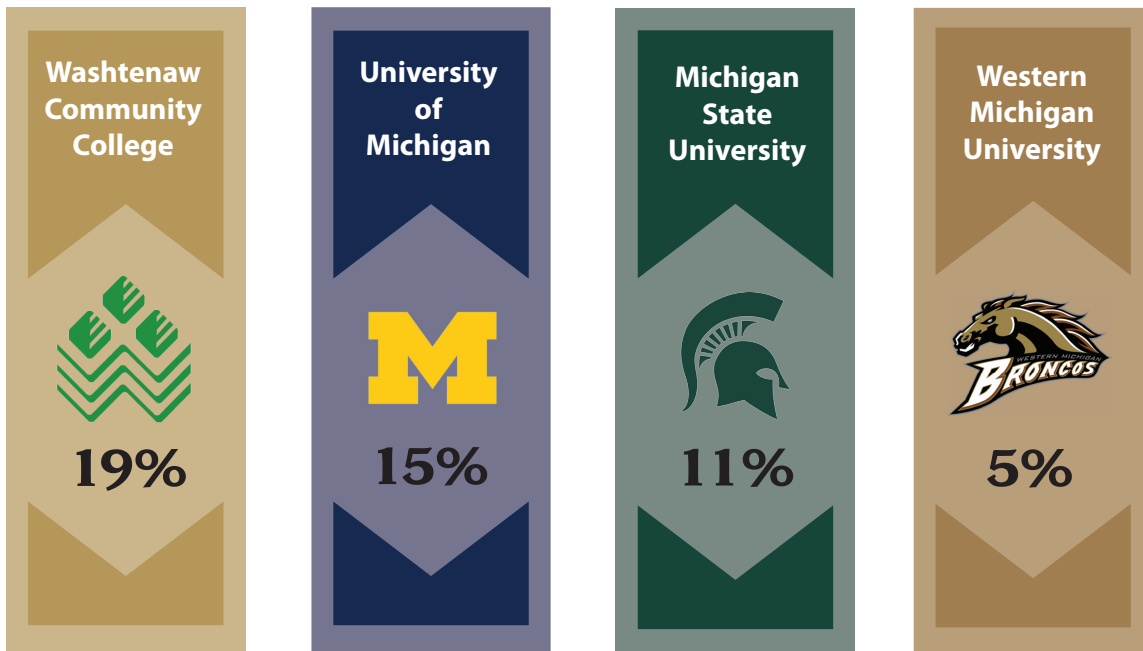
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# Class of 2016 — What's Next?

## Our most common schools of interest —



percentages based on poll of 195 students

## Our most common majors —



engineering



business



biology



education

**16%** of our  
graduating class  
will play a sport at  
the collegiate level

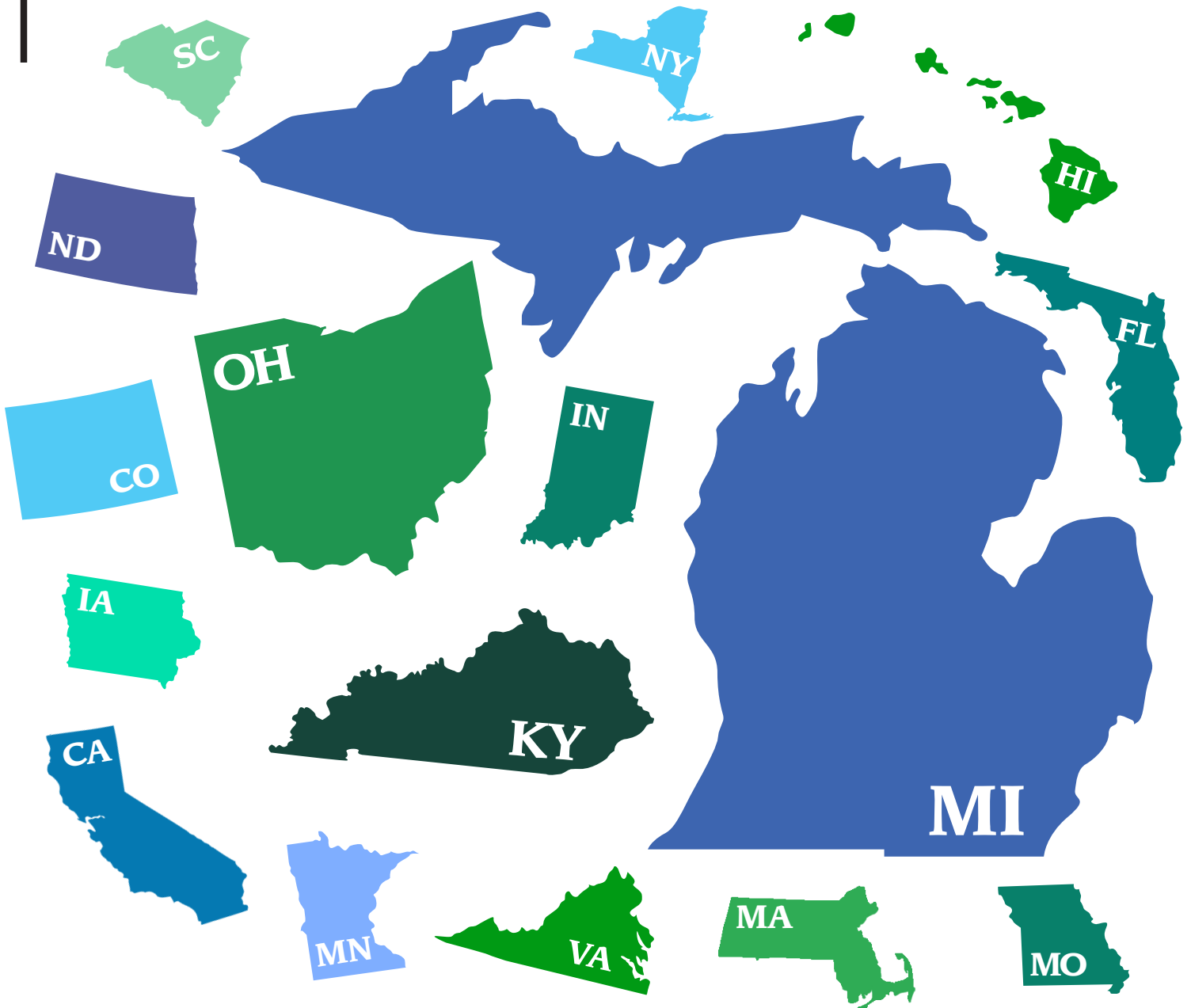


**7%** of our graduating class is undecided about its future school

**21%** of our graduating class is attending school out of state

## Where we are going

size proportionally based on number of graduates attending in corresponding state





# NEXT LEVEL DREAMS

Going to play a sport at the collegiate level is always a very impressive achievement. Here at DHS we have more than eight athletes going to college for their sport, but these eight are representing a small portion of the seniors who are going to play at the next level.



### Katie Tewksbury - Pole Vaulting

Tewksbury, a senior pole vaulter, is still undecided where she will pole vault, but is deciding between Oakland University and Western Michigan University. She has been pole vaulting since middle school, but it didn't become her favorite sport until she got to high school. Her favorite memory is when she went to New York for Nationals where she got 17th place for Emerging Elite.

### Ali McLean - Cross Country

McLean has committed to the University of Michigan's cross country team. During her four years, she broke the sophomore country record where she ran a 18:48. Her favorite memory is participating in the state meet with her team. "I am excited for the college life and the new freedoms, but I am most excited for the training because I think it will be intense and it will be cool to see what I can do."

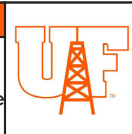


### Hannah Tarnaski - Soccer

Tarnaski, a senior co-captain on the undefeated women's soccer team, plans to attend Saginaw Valley State where she plans to continue at the next level. Playing soccer all her life, Tarnaski seems excited to move onto a new experience college. "I am excited. Playing soccer in college has been a dream of mine for as long as I can remember."

### Rachel Vander Roest - Softball

Vander Roest has committed to Findlay College to play softball. The senior shortstop has been playing softball her whole life from little league to the high school team where she is now a senior co-captain. Over her four years she has been apart of a team that has collected three consecutive district titles.



### Ben Vander Roest - Soccer

Vander Roest, a senior on the men's soccer team, has committed to Jackson Community College for soccer. His favorite memory from playing soccer during his four years was scoring against Chelsea his senior year. "I'm the most excited for playing the sport [soccer] and the new friends that come along."

### Kelly Stabler - Field Hockey

Stabler, a senior forward on the field hockey team, committed to St. Louis University during her junior year. That season, Stabler broke the school record for goals scored in a season with 27 and was also apart of the state championship team. "I am excited to meet new people and see what it's like at the next level."



### Taylor Olson - Basketball

Olson, a four-year varsity member, has committed to play basketball at Ferris State University. The 6-foot guard's favorite memory was her freshman year when her team made it to the Breslin Center in the state semifinals. "They called us a cinderella story. It was a great experience that was awesome to be apart of."



### McGregor Wright - Lacrosse

All-SEC and All-State lacrosse player, Wright, plans to continue playing lacrosse at Albion College. During his high school season he played attack, but plans on being a midfielder at Albion. Wright states that his best memory was traveling with the team to New York and Chicago for tournaments over the summer and also states that he's excited to play at the collegiate level.





**Who doesn't love a good breakfast? Three Squallers set out to find the hidden breakfast spots in the Dexter/Ann Arbor area. Here's what they found.**



A delightful haven of breakfast delicacies that is hidden off Ann Arbor-Saline road was our first breakfast place to indulge. However, indulgence did not come immediately.

Saturday mornings are the best time to get breakfast, but try to get there early. After 30 minutes of waiting, we were seated. The atmosphere of Nick's calls to mind a more modern diner, with its combination of incredibly comfortable booths and tables, paired with a rusty tan tile.

The ambiance feels diner, the business occurs like a formal restaurant.

A huge arrangement of hits from across the decades (From "What's Going On?" by Marvin Gaye to "3AM" by Matchbox 20) played over the radio at a good volume; Not overbearing, but loud enough to hear. The waitress that took our order was obviously stressed with a full section, but she remained calm. However, she was forgetful, as it took her until midway through the meal for one of our coffees to come. Another waitress spilled some coffee on the table and just walked away without a word.

It took maybe 25 minutes for the heap-

ing mound of pre-noon edibles to get to the table, which was quick for the business. A steak and bell pepper skillet topped with a disappointing amount of cheese, melts in your mouth while fluffed chocolate chip pancakes the size of pizzas dance across your tongue.

The bacon was smokier than grandpa's kiss, and it was agreed that it was the best wheat toast consumed by the three of us. However, the hashbrowns were okay at best. They lacked seasoning and tasted like they threw shredded potato on the grill and called it good.

After our feast we realized our mammoth meal had not been finished. For \$27, three grown boys could not finish everything put in front of them. If you're looking for a breakfast place that is going to make you feel like a bean bag chair, in a good way, come to Nick's. They'll do ya right.



There are few restaurants capable of providing an overall dining experience like the Pinckney Diner. Right off of Main Street in Pinckney, the diner is about 20 minutes from Dexter High School.

Unlike our adventure to Nick's, we ate on a Tuesday evening. The place was fairly empty, as Tuesday at 3:50 PM is not prime dining time. As soon as you walk in you feel cozy. The layout of the restaurant screams classic diner, and the only thing it's missing is a bar in front of the kitchen.

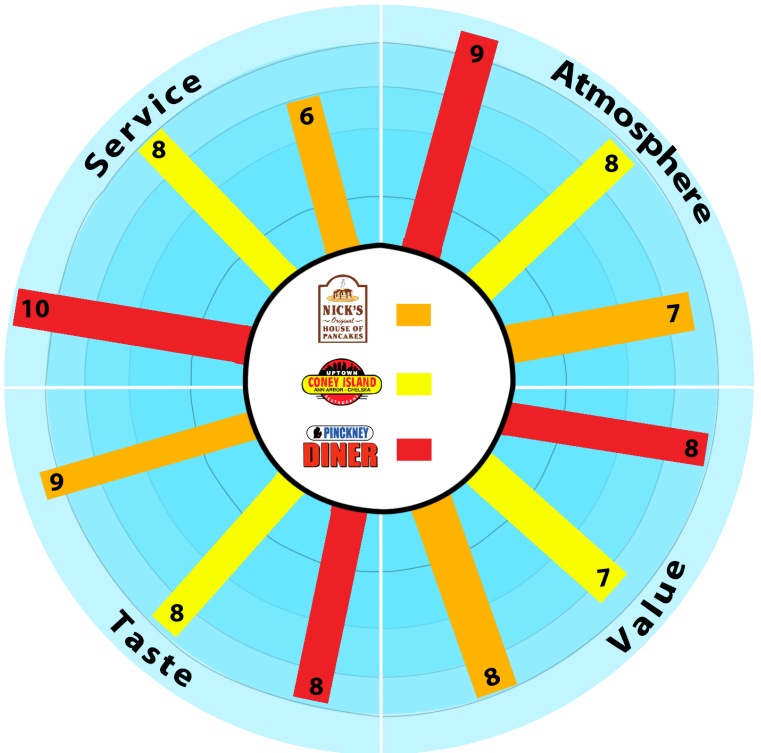
We were allowed to pick our seats, so we chose a nice corner booth; however, you can't go wrong with any table, as they are all placed well. We hope you don't mind leaning though, because the seats are basically right angles.

There was one server working, and it would be fair to say she is a model for the industry. She was attentive, kind, and, despite us being her only patrons, not overbearing. You could tell that she wasn't putting on an act like many servers do.

Our order consisted of a sausage gravied-

cheese-loaded-heaping-pile-of-deliciousness skillet that compared with the Knight's-sirloin filled delicacy we enjoyed at Nick's. It was phenomenal. Unfortunately, the french toast is nothing to be desired. The pancakes are a bit sweet, but very fluffy. That being said, for what we paid, it was all good; \$30 got us enough food to feed a family of four. I'm sure the food would have been even better if they hadn't been playing country music a bit too loudly over the speakers. It just had to be country...

Overall, the Pinckney Diner is the perfect place to take a group of friends for Saturday brunch or to take grandma for the early bird special. We spent two hours in our booth talking and sipping the best diner coffee of all three of the restaurants. That's the kind of place the diner is. You go planning to enjoy a meal, but you end up staying until the next.



Sitting across the street from Quality 16 on Jackson Road, Uptown Coney Island lives up to the connotations its name drums up.

The walls were covered in paintings of 1950's cars driving on country roads, along with signs for Pepsi, Budweiser and Michigan's own Bell's Brewery (this was the only place that served alcohol).

We took seats at a corner booth, and were immediately greeted by our smiling waitress who was singing along to the radio, that was playing current hit songs.

We ordered our now usual skillet, (this time it was a Philly cheesesteak inspired dish), chocolate chip pancakes, and a side of order of both bacon and hashbrowns. Our coffees were delivered promptly and were very hot. The mugs were the largest and best designed out of all the glasses we had used. A slight divot made a full digitated grasp easy and comfortable.

After a brief wait, our food was brought out. The presentation was not as good as the other two restaurants; the portions were adequate, but definitely the smallest.

We enjoyed our meal, but nothing was a standout sans the skillet. The combo of swiss cheese and green bell pepper shined above the sirloin at Nick's and the sausage gravy of Pinckney.

The pancakes had decent flavor, but the rubbery texture was somewhat offputting. It reminded us of Food and Nutrition school pancakes that come in the little bags. For

some, this might be intriguing.

While we still ate well, the value was sub par when compared to our other choices. This was the only meal we actually finished. Although we can all appreciate reducing waste, compared to the other places the \$30 we spent did not go quite as far.

On the whole, Uptown is definitely a good place for a laid-back breakfast with fantastic service.



Photographer - Kyle Doyle

**Want to Visit?**

**Nick's House of Pancakes**  
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**Uptown Coney Island**  
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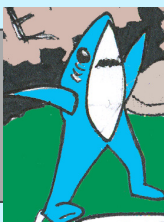


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**McDonald's Breakfast:** Breakfast food is an all-day food, and McDonald's answered our prayers. Pancakes all day, everyday.

**Left Shark:** Super Bowl 49, Katy Perry sucks a little bit more than Beyonce, although the surprise performance from Missy Elliot was legit. Katy Perry rode in on a 16-foot, 1600-pound robotic tiger, but the only thing we took away from the scene was a shark - "left shark" - who didn't know the dance moves to a simple song.



**Jim Harbaugh:** Say goodbye to the vicious circle of Michigan Football and let's say hello to the man to save the program: Jim from State Farm. He is probably wearing khakis.

**ALS Ice Bucket Challenge:** Summer 2014 was dedicated to cold ice baths in order to avoid donating to charity. Yet, there was \$115 million actually raised by people who either have enough money to try and end Lou Gehrig's disease or just didn't want to pour ice on their heads.

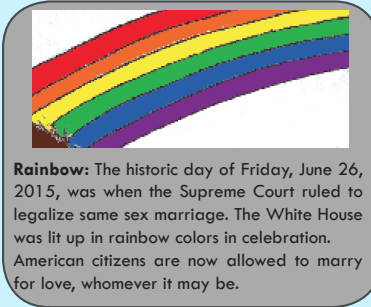


**Starbucks:** The stereotypical basic white girl indulges in frozen "coffee," and don't forget pounds of whipped cream. And now we bring you a destination to use at your convenience. P.S. it's right by Meijer.

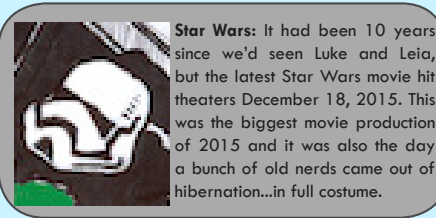
**Donald Trump:** The biggest political joke in American history or the man needed to shake up the status quo? Make America Great Again? or The End of Hope for America?



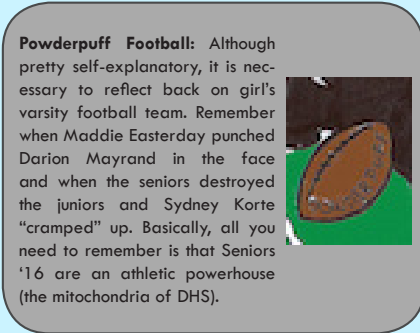
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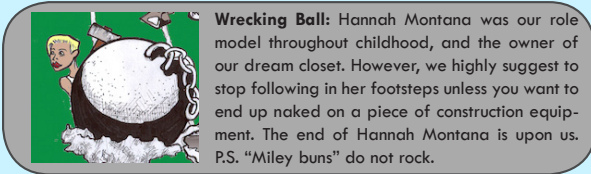
**Rainbow:** The historic day of Friday, June 26, 2015, was when the Supreme Court ruled to legalize same sex marriage. The White House was lit up in rainbow colors in celebration. American citizens are now allowed to marry for love, whomever it may be.



**Star Wars:** It had been 10 years since we'd seen Luke and Leia, but the latest Star Wars movie hit theaters December 18, 2015. This was the biggest movie production of 2015 and it was also the day a bunch of old nerds came out of hibernation...in full costume.



**Powderpuff Football:** Although pretty self-explanatory, it is necessary to reflect back on girl's varsity football team. Remember when Maddie Easterday punched Darion Mayrand in the face and when the seniors destroyed the juniors and Sydney Korte "cramped" up. Basically, all you need to remember is that Seniors '16 are an athletic powerhouse (the mitochondria of DHS).



**Wrecking Ball:** Hannah Montana was our role model throughout childhood, and the owner of our dream closet. However, we highly suggest to stop following in her footsteps unless you want to end up naked on a piece of construction equipment. The end of Hannah Montana is upon us. P.S. "Miley buns" do not rock.

## A Note About our Illustrator

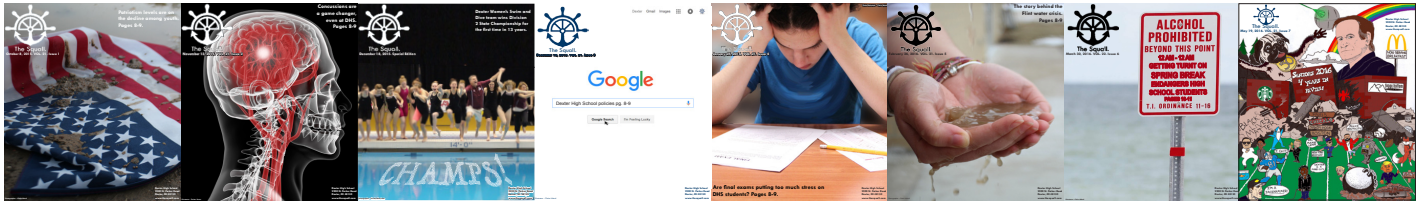
"When I was seven, a mystical wizard offered to grant me either slightly impressive drawing skills or unimaginable wisdom. I think I picked the wrong option. When you look at my drawing, always remember that every line comes from a single pencil that was once a mighty tree that sheltered countless animals from the unforgiving elements."

-Kurtis Hansen

Kurtis Hansen is a senior at DHS. He's involved in the drama program and has been creating illustrations for *The Squall* for the past two years, most of the time without credit per his request. He's the lead singer of a band called Colfox comprised of other DHS students. They play mostly alternative punk rock.

Hansen is a very sarcastic human who doesn't like to be interviewed, so we wrote this bio without actually talking to him. Sorry, Kurtis. He did, however, write that beautiful piece up above about his life.





# Letters From the Editors

Finally. Finally the year 2016 has come and will free us from the torture that is high school. We have been looking forward to this moment for our entire lives. For the longest time, 2016 has seemed like a fantasy, unable to be reached. Graduating from high school has been an idea, a goal, or even a dream, but now it is our reality. After thirteen years in this system, we have rightfully earned our place in the real world. Among the commotion and excitement that surrounds graduation, we must remember to stop and reflect on our pasts here in Dexter. There certainly have been some tough times that we have endured. We suffered through times tables, years and years of the MEAP, NWEA exams, the implementation of the dreadful bus hub, about 35 ACT's, AP/IB exams, and worst of all: being forced to write in cursive. Amidst the mountains of homework and testing, we have also been gifted with some great experiences here in Dexter. We have been fortunate enough to have had years with seven snow days, dance marathons, lock-ins, class trips, and the best of all: we got one precious year with the school cookies.

The nostalgia brought about by graduation is inevitable. We are saying goodbye to the familiar; we are saying goodbye to home. Whether you are going to college miles away or staying in Dexter, you will be saying goodbye nonetheless. In a few months we will be embarking on a new chapter of our lives. A chapter in which you have the power to make better than the previous one. I am sad to see all of us go our separate ways, but I am so excited to see what all of us accomplish in life.

Although saying goodbye is never fun, this goodbye is not all negative, for it symbolizes our exciting transition into adulthood. In the midst of all of these farewells, I would like to say a special thank you to those who have helped mold me into the person I am today. I would first like to thank my parents, how typical right? Seriously though, I can't thank you enough for always being there for me and always having a fantastic meal on the table. The next person I would like to thank is Bergen. I cannot express the appreciation that I have for you and what you have done for me during my four years here. You believed in me when no one else would, and gave me confidence that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Last on my list is my sister, Abigail. Thank you for setting an incredible example and giving me unreachable expectations to live up to; you motivate me to be the best that I am, but never fail to inform me that I'm not as good as you are.

I encourage all of you to express your gratitude to those who have impacted you most during your time here in Dexter. With a heavy heart, I will be saying goodbye to one of the greatest towns in the world. Thank you, Dexter, for giving us the best childhood any kid could ask for.

Sincerely,

I know at this point we all have senioritis and reading a newspaper article is a lot of work for a soon to be graduate, but bear with me. By the end of this you might just learn something valuable about our final year in high school and the rest of our lives.

This year will be one that we remember for the rest of our lives. We will tell our kids stories and memories from this year. But why is graduation such an important time in our lives? Why is the once seemingly impossible destination of the elusive senior year so life changing?

It's the year of lasts. The last year to spend with the people we've spent the last thirteen with. The last student section. The last time we walk off the court or field. With these lasts come sadness and reflection.

It's the year of understanding. Ironically enough, I wanted high school to be over since I stepped into the building. Don't get me wrong, I was excited to be here, but I looked at it as a stepping stone on the path of life. Now as I look back, I feel eerily like the Alchemist (You're welcome Mrs. McDonough), realizing that high school wasn't about the finish line ever, but instead it was about the journey. It was about having an awkward freshman year. It was about the sweet feeling of victory and the devastating feeling of losing in high school sports. It was about stressing to turn in Nortons at 11:59. It was about all the times -- both the good and bad.

We are now in the beginning of the process of the rest of our lives. No matter where you are going or what you are doing next year, it will be a great place for the next few years. As we all go on to these next years, we must seize every moment we have. If there's one thing I've learned while going through high school, it would be to never take anything for granted. We take for granted the wonderful school we have, the wonderful teachers, the wonderful friends. Instead of being grateful or appreciating these things we resort to complaining. After going on a life-changing mission trip to Belize this year, I was able to gain a new perspective. I challenge all of us to change our perspective on life as we move into our postgraduate years.

Lastly, it's important to never forget where you came from. As we all go off to our different destinations and continue on our own paths, we must remember what made us who we are. For me it was the late-night bus rides; the countless hours spent studying; the post-game McDonald's runs; the Tuesday nights spent with Young Life; the relationships I've made with friends, coaches, and teachers. Whatever it was that made you, you should always stay close to your heart. Without these things where would we be? Who would we be?

I will be forever grateful for all of the people that have made my high school life special, especially my senior year. To all the role models that I have been blessed to have influence me, a simple "Thank you" does not express my gratitude effectively. So, as I move on to the University of Michigan next year and say goodbye to Dexter High School, I'm really not saying goodbye at all. Rather you all will stay with me because you have made me into the person I am today.

Sincerely,



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# Dear Juniors,

## Take this advice to be successful in your upcoming senior year

Senior year is so much better than junior year. It's finally time. You are about to be the oldest students in the school, the peak of your time in public education. As a senior who is about to graduate and has just experienced this year, I have a few words of wisdom.

First, do not make your senior year all about school. If you want to take six AP/IB classes, by all means, be my guest. I wouldn't recommend it, though. Take some hard classes, but only if you're interested in the subject. Take classes that stimulate your mind, not ones that tire your mind — that's what the last three years were for. Everyone should take classes that are enjoyable. Take art or fitness classes. Take foods, film, creative writing, or photography. Learning does not have to be limited to math, science, history, and English. I know what I am about to say next will be somewhat paradoxical to my last statement, but do not let seniors take hold of you. I did. Trust me when I say that it truly is easier to skip class, not turn in or do your homework, play games on your phone throughout class, and pay no attention to your teachers. But, you do not want to do this. I repeat, you do not want to do this. Pay attention and show up to class, do your homework, and stay off your phone. Your GPA will thank you, and so will future you. But it's senior year, you say? Yes, it is, but if you fail your classes, senior year ends up becoming junior year. Again, you do not want to be that super senior and you definitely do not want to drop out.

The next thing I want to say is: don't hold grudges. If you are still mad at Jenna for saying she didn't like your shirt in seventh grade, get over it. People grow and they change. You might be surprised by how many people from different friend groups you might get along with. Make new friends. Meet new people. You could be missing out on a great friendship because you feel trapped in imaginary social boundaries.

Another thing, don't forget to spend as much time as possible with your family and friends. Especially those who won't be around while going to college. Time will move quickly. Before you know it, graduation will be just around the corner. Take time to spend time with the people who have impacted your life; once you head off for college, you won't know when the next time you see them will be.

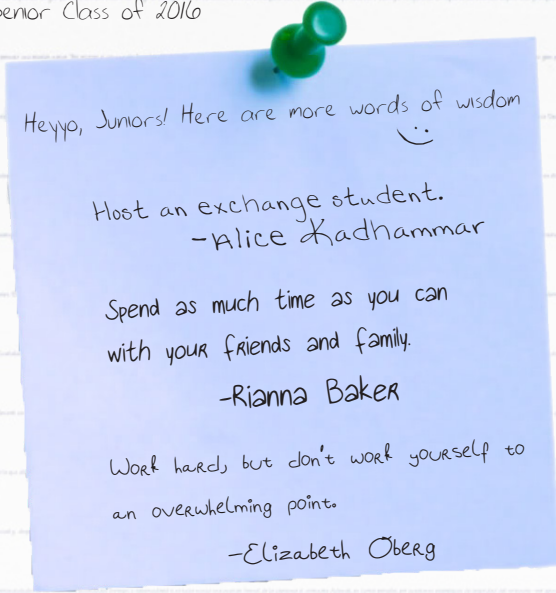
The last and most important thing: have fun. Go to the dances, go to the games, participate in spirit

week, take all the fun classes you want. If you think it might be fun, do it. It is your last year of high school. It is your last year to be surrounded by your friends, family, and the people you have grown up with.

In all seriousness, high school was a lot of work. Sometimes, it was four years of Hell. Other times, it was four years of fun. Try to make your last year your best year.

Sincerely,

DHS Senior Class of 2016



Heyyo, Juniors! Here are more words of wisdom 😊

Host an exchange student.  
-Alice Kadhammar

Spend as much time as you can  
with your friends and family.  
-Rianna Baker

Work hard, but don't work yourself to  
an overwhelming point.  
-Elizabeth Oberg



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# Our View: Savor Prom at the Big House

Dexter High School has held prom at the University of Michigan's football stadium or "The Big House" for the past three years. Michigan Stadium is one of the country's most widely recognized sporting facilities and home of the Michigan Wolverines football team.

The opportunity to have prom at the Big House excited many students because Dexter is abundant in U of M fans and supporters. Also, the Big House is only 10 miles away from Dexter, making it a fun, convenient, and exciting venue for prom.

DHS students should embrace prom at the Big House because it's an opportunity that not many schools have. The main reasons the prom committee decided to move from the high school as the prom venue were liability issues and lack of parent volunteers. However, the transformation sparked student excitement.

In a 2014 Squall survey with 400 senior and junior responses, around 84 percent of seniors and 89 percent of juniors said they were happy about prom being held at the Big House.

When talking to students in 2016, the student excitement still remains. "It's very cool to walk on the field and go into the locker rooms. Those are places that not many people get to go to and it's cool to have that opportunity," senior Nikki Hartman said.

Senior Chris Benson said, "It a great place to take pictures on the field and go up in the box."

Junior Tyler Woelfel, a strong U of M fan, added,

"I am very happy prom is at the stadium because there is no place like it."

Having prom at the our high school is not an option anymore. Considering that, we could continue having prom at the Big House or have it at a banquet hall of some sort. The majority of students said they would like prom to continue to be at the Big House.

Senior Sofia Sokansanj, who went to prom as a freshman when it was still held at the high school, said, "I wish we could have it back at the high school, but I know it's a safety hazard with the decorations. If we keep having it somewhere other than the high school, it should stay at the Big House because a banquet hall or hotel would be pretty boring. At least U of M is different and memorable."

Sam Paul, another senior who went to prom at both the high school and the Big House, added, "prom should definitely stay at the Big House. Just the fact that our prom is at U of M stadium is pretty cool in itself."

This was a major factor in the continuation of having prom at the Big House. For most DHS students, the opportunity to go to U of M stadium, walk in the locker rooms, take pictures on the field, and go in the suites is very enticing.

Years from now, when the topic of prom comes up, you'll be able to say yours was at the U of M stadium. We should keep having prom at the Big House because it's a special experience, and the memories made will last a lifetime.

## Prom at the Big House In One Word



Anna Love

"Stressful"



Jimmy Morgan

"Turnt"



Katie Tewksbury

"Swell"



Griffin Beck

"Hassle"

Staff Writer - Kyle Doyle

## I'll Write a Title Later: The Story of Senioritis

The days grow longer, the sense of freedom grows stronger and the work ethic plummets. No longer do the feelings of school work anxiety and pressure to keep grades up plague the senior as he or she aimlessly walks from class to class, blissfully aware of the feelings of apathy they are experiencing.

The senior I'm describing has the dreaded sickness known as Senioritis.

"I have a severe case of senioritis," said a senior that declined to be named for the fear teachers would know just how lazy they really are. "It has been with me for pretty much all of high school, but it's been especially bad this final semester."

As a senior, I can personally testify to the feelings of this lazy senior on senioritis affecting my effort. It's brought my effort levels from high to low. Low like T-Pain. Low like the Marianas Trench. Low like the approval ratings of our 31st president Herbert J. Hoover after passing the Smoot-Hawley Tariff and thoroughly beating the U.S. GDP into the dirt during the Great Depression.

What am saying is this: I'm content with how life is going and I'm coasting on the waves of laziness until graduation.

This strategy is actually working, believe it or not. I'm still getting my work done, doing fine on tests, and I'm almost completely relaxed. However, just because it works for me doesn't mean it works for everybody.

I make it work by balancing time. I'm lazy all the time, except for short intervals of productivity. And in those short intervals, stuff gets done.

But, I must confess: This is the third version of this strategy. There have been others; they have worked, but not amazingly. So, these systems have been revised over the years.

Yes, years. Senioritis is no longer just for seniors.

"I don't really know when it started," junior Sebastian Butler said. "I mean, I still do my assignments, I just don't care that much as to what ends up happening, and I find myself just doing the bare minimum possible to get credit for it."

It isn't just a senior issue anymore. The weight of standardized testing, advanced classes, extracurriculars and a social life are burning us out early. Butler, Lazy Senior and myself are living, breathing proof.

It seems silly to complain about procrastination, something that everybody encounters, but senioritis is its own vein of procrastina.

Senioritis is the burnout of all the freshmen-entering-high-school enthusiasm we've been harboring for years. We've coasted off that enthusiasm, and in most cases it doesn't last to the end.

Maybe because it is the end. The end of being a kid and graduating into adulthood, facing challenges, meeting people, and making decisions that we never had as kids.

That's why we get senioritis. We want to slow down now that we're almost to the end. We've rushed to get here and now we're filled with regret that we didn't stop to smell the roses we sped passed. We're not ready for the shift no matter what we tell ourselves.

We're not ready for the weight of hundreds of new responsibilities. We're not ready to take the world head on. You can tell yourself whatever you want. You can plan and do whatever you think will prep you for adult life, but it won't play out like it did in your head. I guarantee it.

Take it from me. A dreamer whose head is so far up in the clouds that reality is equivalent to me jumping to my death.

Well, somebody get me a ladder. Because it's time to come down.



Illustrator - Kate Mesaros

# Grant & Cam's 5x5

## Senior Edition

**Jose Gutierrez**  
Senior



**Anna Love**  
Senior



**Wes Gilbert**  
Senior



**Rachel Vander Roest**  
Senior



**Betty White**  
America's  
Grandma



### What is your Favorite Memory from high school?

I liked having a lot of fun with my friends in school.

Being in the 5x5 my senior year.

Having a good time in the CPA.

Playing softball and winning Districts three years in a row.

Back in my day I had a lot of fun at the prom.

### What is one thing you'll miss the most?

I'll miss the ladies the most.

I'll miss all of Grant's friends.

I'll miss getting yelled at by all the teachers.

Seeing my friends everyday.

I miss being young and sexy.

### Who was your first crush in high school?

Chelsea Kearns because of her smile.

Cayla Schlaff because she's small.

Definitely Pat Mayrand.

I didn't like any of the guys in high school so Jacob from Twilight.

Frank Sinatra because who didn't have a crush on him in my day.

### What's your advice to Underclassmen?

Try in school and don't be stupid.

Don't try to tell the seniors what to do.

Make sure you date pretty women.

Look where you're going when walking the halls.

Never grow up.

### Who is your teacher crush?

Probably Ms. Bickel. She's cute.

Saad Selim.

Ms. Kung from Middle School because she is a babe.

Mr. Heidke. He was a sub but he was super cute.

All my teachers had weird mustaches and weren't cute.

## Things to Learn from Adam

And also, I choose the new King.

Staff Writer - Adam Theros



Hi everyone. By now you all know me as King of the school. It's pretty obvious who runs this place. It's me. I did it by calling dibs when the seniors left last year and being cool this year. From my dad socks to taking credit on a state title I didn't contribute to, I'm the cream of the crop. As I get ready to leave, it is time I decide who will rule the school next year. A new hierarchy. After a careful selection process of my Twitter followers, I have named these students the new rulers of the DHS. Enjoy the power, as well as these tidbits on how to make life better.

#### New Rulers of DHS:

**King:** Garret Eggleston  
**Prince:** Grisha Griffiths  
**Jester:** Joe Ramey

**Queen:** Emma Tamer  
**Princess:** Jordan Maisch  
**Jester's Girlfriend:** N/A

- **Spring Break:** Have as much fun as possible on Spring Break. Remember, there are no consequences on Spring Break!
- **Boats:** Go out and get yourself a friend with a tight boat. Boats are tight.
- **The Office:** Go through The Office on Netflix at least once this summer, and again next year.
- **Flow:** Go with the flow, and grow out the flow.
- **Sleeping:** Don't fall asleep in other people's yards. They'll take pictures.
- **IG:** Make a fake Instagram.
- **Twitter:** Be good at twitter.
- **Jokes:** If you laugh at yourself, people will only make fun of you sometimes.
- **Mints:** If your pocket is full of wintergreen mints, you'll have a good day
- **For the guys:** Get a Chevy HHR. They are girl magnets.
- **For the girls:** Get a guy with an HHR. He's prepared.
- **Style:** Wear socks and sandals every day.
- **Whistle:** Get a whistle for your keychain.
- **WWJDD:** Before you do something think to yourself, "what would Jack Donevan do this?" If he would, it's probably a good idea.

Photographer - Chase Rojeck



# High School Hiatus: The Gap Year

As the May 1st college decision dead line approached, many students were stressing over their final decision, while others were showing off which school would be their home for the next four years.

Yet, there was a small group that

didn't have to answer the annual "Where are you going next fall?" question.

A gap year is defined as a one-year hiatus from academic studies to allow for non-academic activities. There are many options to fill this "one-year hiatus." One of those options is a service-based year.

Senior Owen Telesco, who has a long past of helping communities including trips to Memphis, Tennessee, and Belize, is participating in the Americorps service program.

"In early October I'll leave for Denver, Colorado," Telesco said. "I'll spend about a month and a half at my campus getting trained in fire management, construction, first aid, disaster relief, and child care."

Telesco made the decision to join Americorps despite already being accepted to Michigan State University, one of his top choices for college.

State University, one of his top choices for college.

"Halfway through my senior year I realized how I'd been swept with all the things the school requires you to do," Telesco said. "So, I asked myself what is it that I wanted to do when I felt I actually had the choice. So, I applied to Americorps and accepted as soon as I got it."

Telesco still plans to attend MSU in the fall of 2017 and study business communications. It's not just students in Dexter taking advantage of this opportunity; it's popularity is increasing all over the country.

"The popularity of a gap year is increasing in the U.S.," Guidance Counselor Geraldine Holmes said. "In my view, it is a viable, life-changing and often overlooked option. Through my counseling experience, I've found that a gap year will generally increase my students' focus, maturity, and motivation, which ultimately helps them as they enter college."

Although this group is small, on average there are only four or five students in Dexter that participate in gap years, there are significant benefits that a traditional four-year university experience cannot provide.

"I am a huge proponent of my students taking a 'gap year,' as a purposeful period of time between completing high school and beginning college when they can step outside

their traditional classroom experience," Holmes said. "This can be a time for them to explore the world, reflect on their personal values and goals, and prepare to take the next purposeful step in life."

Senior Megan Paddock took these benefits into consideration when deciding to take a gap year. Paddock will be living in Australia for the next year and will be working in order to gain skills. She also hopes to draw inspiration from her experiences in Australia to decide where she wants to go in the future.

"I think taking a gap year will rewarding because I'll be getting work experience and having fun all while still earning money and learning to live completely differently than I am now," she said. "I'll be thrown into situations when I'll feel uncomfortable and it'll be tough but I'll be forced to push through it."

While there are plenty of benefits, it is a big decision to not enter college immediately. Consequently, there are some negatives to consider.

"You'll be a year behind your high school friends in college experiences such as moving in, attending orientation, making new connections, picking a major, graduating and starting your career," Holmes said. "Typically, I think for the student who is burned out from high school or who just isn't sure about what they want to get out of a college experience - the advantages outweigh the disadvantages."

Both Paddock and Telesco decided that in the end the benefits of a gap year outweighed the other potential options. Both will come out with experience and memories that you can't find in a classroom.

"I hope to gain confidence, and friendships that I'll never forget," Paddock said, "Also gaining a sense of independence and learning more about the world and how others live."

## Motives to take a Gap Year



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# Nice Tweets to Teachers

Our version of Jimmy Kimmel's "Mean Tweets," but instead of being rude, our seniors reflect on their favorite moments and memories of teachers over the years.

"When you realize Mrs. Schultz helped you through highschool and you'll never be able to show how much you appreciate her." --Rachael Crowell

"The only teacher better than the DHS Mrs. Fyke is the Mill Creek Mrs. Fyke." --@xcswaq (Lucas Bell)

"KitMo - You're the sickest, coolest, old man I know. Your vest inspires me to try my best in school. Shoutout for being awesome. <3" --Alli Skiba

"Mr. Bergen's jokes make my day." --Jessica Lemke

"I feel bad for anyone who never got to have Mrs. Bauer as a teacher. She's the best." --Patrick Mayrand

"Mrs. Schmid, although sometimes you scream in the class, you are still my favorite teacher. Thanks for this wonderful year" --@thuhienn98 (Hien Nguyen)

"@RyanBaese: your stories in class make learning econ more bearable;" --Alli Skiba

"A special thanks to Autumn Campbell for showing me it's possible to stay positive in even the most difficult of times." --Jaime Becker

"Mrs Tracy is THE BEST TEACHER EVER! She's so kind and sweet and makes learning easy and compatible for everyone. <3" -- @Courtney\_fiegl

"Mr. Stolkey brightens my day." --Kate Montero

"Mrs. McDonnough, thanks for showing me my life can be whatever I want it to be." --Owen Telesco

"Mr. Miller is cool sometimes. His beard is cool all the time." --Anna Bailey

"He kissed her beard' (Millers Tale), 'words words words' (Hamlet). Thank you for teaching me the classics. #Mrs.Doss" --Katie Fischer

"Jonzie, you were the first teacher to make an impression on me. You made me feel welcomed by teasing me and because of that, I knew I'd make it in Dexter." --Katie Fischer

"Mr. Stockwell's grumpiness is highly entertaining and refreshing. #StayBaldNGrumpy" --Courtney Keivens

"Mr. Dudash is AWESOME! He's chill and connects well with all of his students." --Ray Hall

"Shout out to Mack for putting up with all of his "kids" in the morning and at lunch. You rock!" --@tsmity1099 (Taylor Smith)

"Koenig, if I had known crying would get me out of detention I would have done it a lot sooner. Thanks :)" --Amanda Fileccia

"Mrs. Holmes, thank you for all your help throughout the years and for never judging me" -- Gigi Saadeldin

"I'd like to thank Mrs. Snider for giving me the confidence to pursue a career in writing and never, ever give up on my dreams." --Liza Pelava

"Beau, thanks for all the nature walks and for not hating me even when I didn't go to class most of the time. <3" --Ashley Sobczak

"Mergs - I'm not sure what I would have done without spending my mornings with you teaching myself guitar." --Stewie Weber

Visit [thesquall.com](http://thesquall.com) to see videos of teachers reading and reacting to tweets about them.



# Hometown Girl Feels the Love From Our Senior Survivors

Come spring every year, Senior Survivor begins. At the end of the week, the proceeds raised by each team are combined and given to the charity of the winning team. However, this year was different because all teams agreed to raise money for the same charity - Reilly Trammel and her family - before the Senior Survivor competition began.

Meet Reilly, a 13-year-old girl who loves science, excels at math, and one day plans to be a Senior Survivor, too. She is surrounded by a loving family and is from the neighboring town of Chelsea, attending Mill Creek Middle School.

In the beginning of August, Reilly was delivered some life-altering news. She had been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma; a type of cancer in the lymphatic system, part of the immune system. In the lymphatic system, cells grow abnormally and can spread throughout the body. As the cancer progresses, the body is less susceptible to fighting off infection.

Reilly described the instance she was given this information as "scary" and "a very big shock."

This school year, Reilly has been unable to attend Mill Creek due to her illness, as well as the effects of the treatment. The primary medical treatment for her condition has been "lots of hardcore chemotherapy. . .eight rounds of it," her mother said. "Her blood count and her immune system, her white blood cells which fight off infection, are all really low."

Due to the fact that her immune system is so weak, a simple cough can expose her to immediate sickness that she is unable to control.

"Now we're completely afraid of anybody who coughs, [due to] her immune system and the chemotherapy" her mother said.

It wasn't until Tuesday, April 26, that Reilly was cleared to return to school, but only part time. However, she is making considerable progress, staying strong and tenacious throughout the whole process.

The Trammel's were chosen this year by Student Council Advisor Al Snider, who was informed about Reilly through Mrs. Marsh.

"I spoke with the family and it took some convincing before they agreed," Snider said.

While this year's approach to donations was slightly different from past years, it was also very unifying.

"It's nice that all the money goes to one charity so everybody was working towards the same charity in the beginning," Student Council President Sam Bremmer said. "The Senior Survivor teams were supporting and buying stuff from each other because they knew it was for the same person."

Members of the competition sold a variety of items, such as T-shirts, food, and drinks, to raise as much money as possible.

Senior Survivor member Katie Tewksbury said, "It's different because all of the money is going to one specific person. Instead of dividing up how much you make as one individual team, you get to collectively be all in it for the same reason."

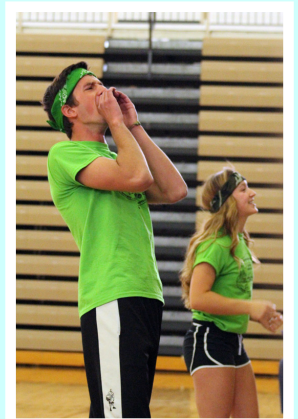
This basis alone has brought a great deal of teamwork and coordination between all of the members, making it especially memorable for everyone involved.

This year, the Senior Survivors were able to raise a grand total of \$7,660 in donations that went towards Reilly's treatment and medical bills.

After all the hard work, time, and effort put into the fundraising, Reilly and her family would like to thank everyone involved with Senior Survivor and lending a helping hand to them in a time of need. Throughout this organization, Reilly has shown true courage, as well as the Senior Survivors who worked endlessly to make it all happen.



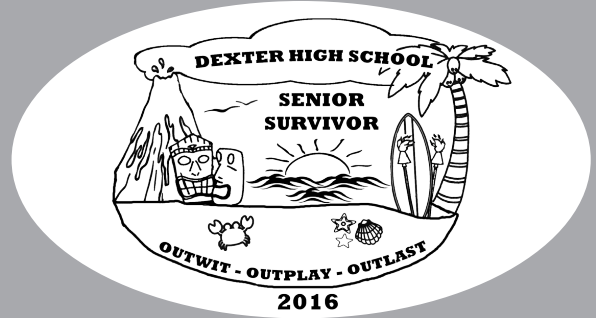
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### THE TEAMS

**Purple Team** = Lizzy Merriman & Maddalena Pederiva

1st

**Intro Song** - "Run the World" by Beyoncé  
**Number of Challenges Won** - 6

**Green Team** = Jaime Becker & Nate Shay

2nd

**Intro Song** - Team Lilman Anthem by @DJLILMAN973  
**Number of Challenges Won** - 6

**Maroon Team** = David Merz & Katie Tewksbury

3rd

**Intro Song** - "Ballin Out" by Waka Flocka Flame  
**Number of Challenges Won** - 3

**Blue Team** = Amanda Fileccia & Josh Kimball

4th

**Intro Song** - "Crank That" by Soulja Boy  
**Number of Challenges Won** - 4

**Orange Team** = Cam Kantola & Gigi Saadeldin

5th

**Intro Song** - "All I Do Is Win" by DJ Khaled  
**Number of Challenges Won** - 1

**Yellow Team** = Irene Schimmel & Travis Spuller

6th

**Intro Song** - "Spooky Scary Skeletons" by Andrew Gold  
**Number of Challenges Won** - 0



# Prom at the Big House: Round 3



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