

Class of 2019



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First Row from Front: * Andrew Gales * Winnie Yang * Dante DeFrank * Makenzie Butler * Sydney Serena * Abby Griffith * Caroline Colantonio * Mike Seitz * Edward Stankowski * Keegan Hitchings *

Second Row from Left: * Augustian Villarreal * Sophia Charron * Giulia Galante Golinelli * Gillan Gustine * Alexis Zarnick * Briana Patterson * Makalia Morrell * Megan Hirschfield * Anna Stebbins * Gabby Matakovich * Richaun Farmer * Hope Kelly * Ciara Longo * Brenna Nolf * Danielle Deasy * Maria Ondrejko * Annie Walsh *

Third Row from Left: * Joshua Gmys * Michael Aches * Aidan Logan * Darius Legleitner * Lee Li * Alex Fleming * Sabrina Skukalek * Jared Kindle * Coulton Gaitens * Noah Kelsch * Robert Andrews * Brendon McNamara * Owen Leaning * Will Styche * Logan Kohnfelder * Dom Grimm * Shamyjha Price * Jerod Witwicki * Connor Miller * Allen Green * Dahvie Montgomery * Ted Maida * Ryan Eisenbeis * Nick Maust * Jon Ruffing * Andrew Bochicchio

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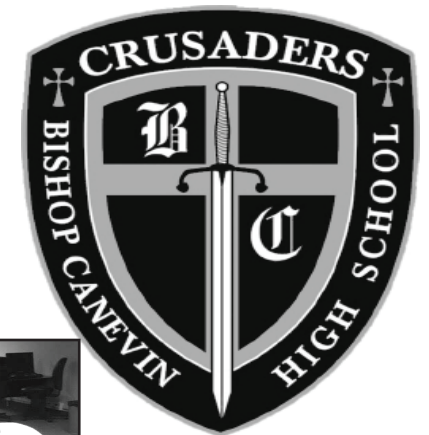
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The Time Has Come

The Leonid's Editor-in-Chief writes on memories, life-long friendships and moving on



Dear Class of 2019,

Well, the time has come for us to pack our bags, clean out our lockers and say our last goodbyes to the teachers we adored most, to the classrooms we sat in for over 180 days a year, but, most importantly, to the classmates we have known and loved for four years. I have memories of the craziness of the class clowns to the sweetness of the kind-hearted people in our class. We have become enemies and best friends, but, most of all, family. We have shared exciting, memorable and devastating moments. The memories, good and bad, range from when the vacuum cleaner was thrown across Mr. Wanamaker's room, losing powder puff junior year, growth papers junior year, independent reading projects sophomore and senior year to the many pep rallies and dances. We started out as

freshmen, not knowing what was ahead of us to becoming seniors with our futures planned out. We have had good days and bad days, but we pushed through to get to where we are now. Even though we will part ways after graduation, we are ready for the next chapter in our lives, wherever it leads us. As someone once said, "We can not move on to a new chapter if we keep re-reading the old one." We cannot know for certain that everything will go our way, but we can put on a brave face and go forward in life determined to be the best we can be. So, thank you senior class for giving me friendships, support and, most of all, a home. I hope you get everything you always wanted in life. Never let anyone dull your sunshine!

-Sydney Serena, Editor-in-Chief

Wherever We Went...

Ten years down the road, the Class of 2019 celebrates its reunion

10 years. It has been 10 years since the last time I saw them. My heart is racing; my palms are sweating. My husband and I continue driving towards a familiar yet stranger of a building, where we all spent our high school years. We all had dreams, so many plans for our futures. A bittersweet feeling is inside me as we pull into the school. I see many smiling faces walking toward the entrance. I never thought this day would come. Yet here I am, 10 years later, about to face the people who I spent four of the most important years of my life with.

As I enter the building, I see my lifetime friends standing there smiling. Brenna (Nolf) and Kate (Mertz) come over and we greet each other. Our husbands all shake hands and we exchange hugs between the six of us. Kate's husband Ethan and I have been friends since high school when Kate and Ethan

first met. Brenna is working as a pediatric nurse in New York, happily married, with her first child on the way. Kate is married to her high school sweetheart, working as a forensic investigator. Her son has grown so much over the years and they happily have another child on the way. We all exchange our greetings and prepare to enter the venue together.

I walk in, nerves flowing but smiling widely. Let's do this. I look to my right and see Mike (Aches) standing there, so I walk over to greet him. He is accompanied by his close friends from high school - Darius (Legleitner), Noah (Kelsch), Eddie (Stankowski) and Alex (Fleming).

Mike fills me in on how he is living on the West Coast with his fiancé, working as an engineer. I turn to the rest to greet them, and we continue to catch up.

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From a Perfect ACT Score and Most Improved to Youth of the Year, BC Seniors Make Headlines

Seniors Darius Legleitner, Sydney Serena and Nick Maust earn awards that set them apart

Makenzie Butler, Caroline Colantonio, Sydney Serena | Managing Editor, Staff Reporter, Editor-in-Chief



Seniors Maust, Serena and Legleitner finished their senior year with accomplishments that have impacted their futures.

For most high schoolers, taking the ACT is one of the most stressful parts of preparing for college. But for senior Darius Legleitner standardized tests are one thing he no longer needs to worry about.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, Legleitner received a 36 on the ACT, a perfect score. Going into the test, Legleitner, “felt pretty nonchalant.” However, upon leaving the test, Legleitner said that he was fairly confident in his answers and believed he had done well. Obviously, he was correct.

At school, Legleitner is involved in 15 extracurricular clubs, and he is a part of four varsity teams. He keeps himself busy with a rigorous academic schedule including six AP classes while also balancing numerous activities.

Legleitner’s favorite subject is math. “He is such a pleasure to work with,” math teacher Lori Rossi said.

Rossi also gives insight on how hard Legleitner works.

“He always gives 100% to everything he does and constantly strives to master concepts.”

This is a testament to Legleitner as a student and as a person and truly shows how dedicated he is to achieving the academic goals he sets for himself. Legleitner hopes to attend a four-year university to study Aerospace Engineering. He is looking to use both his math and science skills to “help make a big impact on humanity.”

Legleitner is not only an outstanding student at Bishop Canevin, but he is also a beloved member of the Canevin community.

“Darius is not only one of the smartest guys I know, but he is also one of the kindest and funniest,” senior Annie Walsh said.

Legleitner’s witty remarks and overall attitude make him a quality person that many people enjoy.

“Darius is an inspiration to our whole grade,” senior Briana Patterson said.

The words of his fellow classmates demonstrate how truly inspiring Legleitner is not only as a scholar, but as a person.

Sophomore Tori Legleitner is also inspired by her older brother.

“Darius is a great older brother, and I am really proud of everything he has accomplished,” Legleitner said.

Legleitner has accomplished many academic achievements in his high school career, and the school community looks forward to following his future impact on humanity.

Senior Sydney Serena has been modest in revealing her accomplishments. At the beginning of her senior year she started a physical education program called “Actually I Can.” This program encourages young girls to have a place to deal with the stereotypes and labels they face.

In February, Serena was also awarded Youth of the Year from the Sarah Heinz House. In order to qualify for this award, the staff at Sarah Heinz House narrowed down 12 students who were considered the top members of the club. Then from there all of the nominees filled out a packet describing their time at the club, their struggles and how they overcame their struggles with the help of the club. These packets were then sent to judges from large companies, such as PNC and UPMC. Five of the nominees were then chosen, Serena being one of them.

On February 7, Serena put on a dress and tied her hair back. She took a deep breath and walked into the room where her whole life would change.

“I was terrified. I was giving my life story to strangers who were about to make the biggest decision of my life,” Serena said. “18 years of my life in under 12 minutes was all I could think.”

Serena was ready to hear the news; however, she had to wait an entire hour. The judges finished deliberating and were about to change one of the five members’ lives. Then it was time.

“You are all amazing kids and will do great things,

but we have to choose one winner. This year we have chosen Sydney Serena to represent Sarah Heinz House,” the lead judge said.

At first Serena did not know it was her and everyone started to congratulate her. Then it hit her.

“I was shocked that I won,” Serena said. “Throughout my whole 12 years as a member I never imagined that I would be Youth of the Year for My Boys and Girls Club.”

Along with Legleitner and Serena, senior Nick Maust has also broken down barriers and stood out.

Sitting in the Chapel after Senior Mass, Principal Michael Joyce called out one name, Nick Maust. The crowd of students were confused and Maust was wondering what he did wrong. Joyce announced to the Senior Class that Maust received The Most Improved Student Award. Everyone started clapping and cheering.

“I think the Most Improved Student Award is one of the most significant academic awards that a Bishop Canevin student can receive,” Joyce said. “This award fits our school’s growth mindset initiative and emphasizes where you finish rather than where a student started. The faculty and administration are proud of the effort Nick demonstrated in order to receive this prestigious award. That strong work ethic and determination will help him be successful in life beyond BC.”

Maust was also proud of himself and the hard work he put forth to earn the award.

“I was really happy because I finally got recognized for all of the hard work that I put in to my school work,” Maust said.

Senior year is often the year when most students take a break and relax. However, these three students put in the hard work necessary to set them apart. These students have not only worked hard in the classroom, but have also done extraordinary work in the community as well. Seniors Legleitner, Serena and Maust have proven that hard work is worth it. The Bishop Canevin community congratulates them on their accomplishments.

Photos courtesy of Mar Polk, Jennifer Cairns and Alex Fleming



Photo by Allison Benner

No matter where life takes the seniors of the Class of 2019, they will never forget their time walking through the halls of Bishop Canevin High School. It is a campus that will always be more of a home than a school.

Abby Griffith | Copy and Design Editor

(Continued from page 10) Following dinner, we are informed to just socialize. I gather my thoughts and begin to do just that. I hop around the room greeting everyone I physically can. Going down the room person by person. I started with Andrew (Bochicchio). Andrew tells me how he is working at a hospital in downtown Pittsburgh as a doctor. He has three kids and is happily married. Next is Winnie (Yang). Winnie joyfully explains how she is living back home in China with her husband. She has a very stable job. Following her is Coulton (Gaitens). Coulton is living in San Francisco as a medical salesperson with his wife. Continuing through the room, I stop at the next set of people I see. I greet Teddy (Maida), Makalia (Morrell), Allen (Green), Annie (Walsh), Matt (Menosky), Mike (Seitz) and Will (Styche) with a wide smile. Teddy is single and is a successful business owner. He also mentions how he has remained in Pittsburgh throughout the years. Makalia shows me her ring indicating her engagement. Her and her fiance still live in the Pittsburgh area. She works at a local hospital near the city. Allen is living in Miami along with Jon (Ruffing). They are both single and are playing football for the NFL but play for separate teams. They live with each other during their off seasons. Annie and Matt ended up getting married and live in San Francisco. Annie beams about her campaign for congress. Matt is working for a marketing firm as a CEO. Before settling down and having a child with Annie, he spent his ten years traveling the world. Mike goes on about how he is living in Florida with his wife and they are expecting a child. He works for the MLB as a sports broadcaster. Will tells me how he has been in a steady relationship with his girlfriend. He works in the real estate business.

I continue to walk around the room chatting with people I have not gotten the chance to talk to yet.

My nerves continue to flow as I walk towards the next crowd of people. Makenzie (Butler) and Connor (Miller) remained together and got married. They share a child and are expecting another one soon. Connor works in the technology field and Makenzie is a grade school teacher. Makenzie is a peace core activist on the side. Dante (DeFrank) is living in California as a real estate investor. He is married to a super model. Ryan (Eisenbeis) is living in North Carolina with his two children and wife. He works as a sports medicine doctor. Andrew (Gales) is working in the air force where he met his fiance. They are stationed in South Carolina together. Gillan (Gustine) is living in New York City working as a fashion designer. She is happily engaged as well. Megan (Hirshfield) owns an animal shelter and has adopted many pets for herself. Her and her boyfriend are planning to get married soon. Keegan (Hitchings) is engaged and spent the last ten years traveling with his fiance. Keegan is a business owner. Jared (Kindle) is working as a mechanic on the east coast. He is married with one child. Logan (Kohnfelder) is engaged and is still living in Pittsburgh. Logan bought the Duquesne Incline and runs it as a family business. I finish up talking to this crowd of people before walking towards the last two huddles of people.

The next group of people greet me with very wide smiles. I begin the catching up with Owen (Leaning). Owen has spent his time as a motivational speaker. He tells me how his only goal is for people to understand themselves and to help make their lives easier. Dahvie (Montgomery) is a successful business owner living in Pittsburgh. He is happily married and has a child. Shamyjha (Price) lives in Atlanta with her husband and children. She is a very successful cosmetic business owner. She tells me how her main goal is to teach her children how to be the best versions of themselves. Anna

(Stebbins) is living in Pittsburgh with her fiancé. She owns a business downtown. Brendan (McNamara) has a steady job as a news anchor. He is married and they are expecting a child soon. Jerod (Witwicki) is living in Canada where he is happily married with no children. He works as an athletic trainer. Giulia (Galante) is working in the music industry as a singer song writer. She has been traveling the world performing for people all over.

I take a final lap around the venue to make sure I said hello to everyone. I see one last person I have not spoken to yet. I walk towards Robert (Andrews) and greet him. He tells me how he is happily married and living on the beach. He works as an engineer. Once we finish talking, that concludes my 2019 graduating class. We made it. I am not sure how, but we did.

I am filled with complete joy knowing we are all exactly where we wanted to be. The bittersweet feeling returns as we all say goodbye. Another ending, that opens another ten years for new beginnings. All of our high school memories together flash before my eyes as I watch everyone leave. From the first day of freshmen year when we barely knew each other, to our senior song and the tears we shared as our senior song played during our last moments of prom. I wave goodbye to the last few leaving. My two best friends, Kate and Brenna, return at my side and we hug one last time for the night. Brenna looks at me and nods, signaling the end. I know we miss the memories of high school, but we will all meet again someday. Our memories will last a life time.

Oh, and as for me, I am happily married with one child, living in New York City. I work for the New York Times as a leading news writer and editor.

Thank you, class of 2019. I hope to see you again ten years from now.

Wherever We Went...

Senior Abby Griffith travels in time to her ten year high school reunion

Abby Griffith | Copy and Design Editor



Photo by Allison Berner

(Continued from front page) Alex updates me on how he is living in Pittsburgh still with his fiancé and their two cats, while working for a major IT company. Noah tells me about his travels over the summers between high school and now. I meet his wife and they tell me wonderful stories about their child. Noah is working as an engineer here in Pittsburgh. Darius is living in Florida working with NASA, happily married, but more focused on his career to have kids at the moment. Eddie flew back from his home in Russia where he works as a biologist. He is an activist as a side job. Eddie informs me how he plans to propose to his girlfriend when he returns home to Russia. We all catch up before I continue my journey of seeing everyone.

I continue to walk when I see an important group of girls, my volleyball teammates. I rush over to them and greet them all with hugs. We all made amazing memories together through high school. Kylie (Airesman) is the first to greet me. She fills me in and introduces me to her fiancé. She has spent the last six years traveling the world as a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines. Ally (Correa) greets me next. Ally is living on the beaches of South Carolina with her three kids and husband. She is working as a marine biologist. She tells me how her focus is her family. Lexi (Hall) is standing next to her, with a wide smile. Lexi is working as an art therapist. She is happily married and has one child and a dog. Thea (LaGrosse) is next. Thea begins with a laugh, just like I remember. She was always laughing. Thea is engaged to an NFL player, living in California and running her own law firm. Ciara (Longo) begins to update me as well. Ciara is married with two kids, working as an elementary teacher. Gabby (Matakovich) smiles wide as she tells me about her life. Gabby is married and has three kids of her own. She is a kindergarten teacher. Alexis (Zarnick) is excited to fill me in. She starts by saying she is "thriving" at life with her husband and one child. She works as a speech pathologist for children. Sabrina (Skukalek) is there with Kylie as well and joins in on our conversations. Sabrina is working as a nurse and is living in California. She is single and is focusing on enjoying her life.

We all continue to catch up, until we are interrupted by an announcement from Briana (Patterson) telling us to take our seats for dinner. After her announcement I walk towards her to exchange a quick hello before

sitting down for dinner. Briana is married with one child, aspiring to be a soccer mom one day. She is working her way to becoming a CEO of a major corporation. We finish our conversation and make our way to the table we are assigned to for the evening. I walk over with a smile with nerves hidden behind it.

The table I was assigned to is accompanied by Richaun (Farmer), Danielle (Deasy), Josh (Gmys), Hope (Kelly), Nick (Maust), Maria (Ondrejko), Lee (Li) and Sydney (Serena). Richaun looks at me and says his famous line "Hey you." We all laugh. Richaun is very successful and works for the FBI. Josh sits down next to us and begins chatting as well. Josh is a single father with an adopted son, working as a firefighter for the local firehouse. Hope and Nick are chatting, and I overhearing them catch up. Hope is a nurse practitioner while running a side business for interior design. She is married with two children. Nick is married with one child. He owns a business in downtown Pittsburgh as well. Maria chimes in on our conversations as well, and so does Lee. Lee is living back home in China with his wife. Maria owns her own business for physical therapy in the Outer Banks, North Carolina. Her and her husband happily have one child and recently adopted a puppy. Danielle begins to tell me how she is working for the F.B.I. but cannot go deep into details. She is happily married with one child. Sydney sits down at the table as well. Sydney is so proud of all her hard work to start her own Boys and Girls Club and is receiving a huge award for her accomplishment. Her husband and dogs are proud of her. We all sit there and mingle around before Caroline (Colantonio) announces it is time for our table to get dinner. I stop to say a quick greeting to Caroline before continuing to the serving area. Caroline has spent the last 10 years traveling before she finally settled down in Pittsburgh with her children and husband. She owns two restaurants around the downtown area.

We begin to make our way towards the food, where I see Aidan (Logan), Sophia (Charron) and Dom (Grimm)

standing at the beginning of the line greeting people as they enter the line. I personally greet them. Aidan says hello and we catch up. Aidan is living in Pittsburgh with his fiancé. He is a business CEO for a large corporation downtown. Sophia walks up and says hello after I finish speaking to Aidan. Sophia begins to tell me how she is back home living in Ukraine. She is married with one child and is an NGO worker. Dom walks up and joins our conversation. He keeps the conversation going by telling me how he spends most of his time traveling around the country for his job as a sports team manager. Dom has a wife and a child as well. I continue down the line, getting my meal and returning to my seat. My mind is running wild as I sit down and make small talk with my table. I cannot wrap my head around the difference in all of our lives 10 years ago to now. Everyone has changed so much throughout the years. I shake those thoughts and continue with the night. We have a long rest of the night ahead of us.

**Congratulations
to the Class of 2019!
We wish you the best
of luck in your future!**

**Love,
The Leonid Staff**

From Party Planner to Guidance Counselor

Guidance Counselor Natalie Liptak saves Bishop Canevin with her career change

Sydney Serena | Editor-in-Chief

Go back in time and remember your first day at Bishop Canevin. You were probably nervous about meeting new people and were worried about your classes. You were the baby of the school.

Throughout high school you need help, whether academically or emotionally. School life and home life can be hard to maneuver. Sometimes all you want is someone to talk to, but who do you go to? The answer is simple the school counselor Natalie Liptak.

Liptak has been working at Canevin for 10 years, starting with an internship in 2009.

"I attended Mount Union College, which is known as the University of Mount Union. It is located in the wonderful state of OHIO!" Liptak said. "I graduated with a degree in Sociology and Psychology, with a focus in Legal Studies and Criminal Justice."

Liptak did not always want to be a school counselor. She did not even want to work in a school.

"I originally wanted to be a lawyer, but the more along I went in the process I realized that wasn't my path," Liptak said. "I took the summer after college to reflect on the path that I wanted to take and I continually came back to psychology classes that I had with my favorite professor. It truly was my internship at Bishop Canevin that convinced me. And I haven't regretted a second on my decision."

Although Liptak loves her career, her dream job is much different. She would want to be a party planner.

Liptak has been married for 10 years and has two kids, Maddox who is four years old and Mason who is close to two years old. According to Liptak, having kids means planning parties and that is where her love for party planning began.

"I would love to be a party planner! I absolutely love organizing events and hosting people at our house," Liptak said. "I think I start planning our boy's birthday parties 6 months in advance."

School counselors impact youth far beyond the pages of a book. The benefits associated with counseling are the ability for students to deal with psychological problems and peer relationships in a positive way as well as form a bridge between the administration and the students.

"It is hard to put into words what I do on a daily basis, because I have never worked the same day twice," Liptak said. "I never know what a day is going to be like. Some days I am working on transcripts or in the classroom for a lesson; other days I am meeting with students individually."

Even though she never lives the same day twice, Liptak truly loves her job. Weather that be sending transcripts for seniors preparing for college, working with the students who need to make up work or just talking about the littlest things to make sure the students are happy, she will be there through it all.

"I know it sounds cliché, but I absolutely love our students here," Liptak said. "My favorite thing is having one on one sessions and getting to know them [the students] as individuals."

Liptak truly cares for each and every student. No matter how long a meeting might take or how crazy a school day is Liptak's door is always open and she will get back to you.

Liptak has also made a lasting impact on the school staff. She has built many life long friendships within the school community that allow her to break out of her sometimes-



Photo courtesy of Natalie Liptak

Although not seen in the picture Liptak loves to color coordinate her family for holidays and special events.

rious shell.

"She is from Ohio and thus a big Ohio State football fan. I graduated from Penn State," history teacher Dave Casavale said. "It seems like every year the Penn State-Ohio State game determines who got to the Big Ten Championship Game. We are both very competitive individuals who don't mind talking a little friendly trash after a big win."

Liptak and Casavale's rivalry is known throughout the school.

"I can remember one time Mrs. Liptak came into my room during class the morning after Ohio State won just to get under my skin," Casavale said. "It is all in good fun and builds community among faculty members."

If you are ever feeling down or just want someone to talk to, go to the Guidance Office where you will find Liptak eagerly awaiting your visit. Sit down and let it all out. Enjoy the talk. She truly cares.

A Tall Order

Business and Technology Teacher Timothy Wanamaker receives the Class of 2019's Favorite Teacher Award

Edward Stankowski | News Editor



Photo courtesy of Timothy Wanamaker

Wanamaker enjoys a summer trip to Las Vegas with his wife Susie, sons TJ and Madon and daughter Maya.

The Leonid staff asked the class of 2019 "Who's your favorite teacher?" They responded with a wide spectrum of faculty, but the victor was Business and Technology Teacher Timothy Wanamaker. He was aided in his victory by his status as senior homeroom teacher. Obviously a beloved member of the Canevin community, Wanamaker shared with the Leonid his unique story and philosophy.

Inspired by his middle school French teacher, Miss Silvasy, Wanamaker pursued a career in education. When a Canevin business teacher had to leave for an extended period, an opportunity arose. Having only been certified for a week, Wanamaker was a long-term substitute teacher. The school liked what he did, and so he was hired for the following year. He has been here ever since.

Wanamaker's close relationship with students stems from one core principle: respect. He starts with respect for the students and gets to know them. Through this, he can open a dialogue and gain trust. Senior Jared Kindle recognizes this trait.

"He's willing to make sure you're alright," Kindle said.

Wanamaker also seeks to incorporate humor into his classes, and students respond with equal humor.

Senior Jerod Witwicki listed several of Wanamaker's qualities which he appreciates.

"I like that he's tall, I like that he's a Cleveland Browns fan, he has a nice set of hair and I'd like to give a shout out to Dave Ramsey," Witwicki said.

This dialogue and trust is reflected in his thoughts on the new administration here at Bishop Canevin. He said that he enjoys working with them, and "There has been a lot of interaction and feedback, as the school continues to evolve and grow for the better."

The administration and staff also believe that Wanamaker is one of the best.

"Mr. Wanamaker is a very deserving recipient of this award. He is an innovative teacher whose lessons challenge, engage and require students to think critically. Most importantly he cares deeply about his students as people and because of that they go the extra mile for him," Principal Michael Joyce said. "As a teacher it is extremely rewarding to be so highly regarded by your students. Mr. Wanamaker should take great pride in that along with his skills on the basketball court!"

Timothy Wanamaker: business teacher, technology teacher, homeroom teacher and, if the senior class is to be believed, the best teacher. He is an essential part of the Canevin community and a central figure in the legends of the class of 2019. When asked what the most memorable moment was with the class, he merely responded, "The vacuum story. I will leave it at that."

The Leonid Staff Reflects on Survival, Inside Jokes and Forever Friendships through a Series of Letters

Dear Makenzie,

I know. I know this year has been hard. The lack of positivity, the complaining, InDesign not working and the stress. A million little things that have happened, but I would not want to spend it with anyone else. From the beginning of kindergarten until senior year we have walked hand and hand. You have an amazing work ethic--always turning your work in on time and having a positive attitude about it. You are one of the sweetest people I know, and you always know how to brighten my day. Thank you for never giving up on me or on the struggles of Journalism. I am so proud of the woman you have grown into, and I know you have a bright future ahead of you. Thank you for a great 13 years, friend. Go out and shine. Remember to always be yourself and never take anything for granted.

Your biggest supporter,
Sydney

Dear Sydney,

You did an amazing job leading us this year. The Leonid staff looks up to you to make the paper spectacular. You have achieved so much and continue to outshine everyone. You never change who you are for anyone. You make your family and friends proud of you. I'm so glad that I got to be your friend for 13 years. Continue to stay the way you are and remember, why blend in when you can stand out.

From,
Makenzie

Dear Abby,

It's been an interesting year. We've dealt with countless technical difficulties, but somehow managed to publish a newspaper. Kairos was...well, we're not officially allowed to talk about Kairos. But it was something, for sure. This year, both in journalism and in life, has been one of extremes. A year stretched "between the pit of man's fears and the summit of his knowledge." Despite this, we survived. Not unchanged, perhaps not quite as stable or as at peace, but we're still breathing. That, in the end, is what matters. Survival when it seems impossible. Winston Churchill said it well: "If you're going through hell, keep going."

Ed

Dear Eddie,

Thank you for being a great partner in class this year. You were always there to suggest great article topics, and you were always willing to pick up articles we needed extra help with. I will always look back on our times when we sat there trying to figure out how InDesign worked. Thank you for always answering my dumb questions about how to insert a picture properly, or even how to get the correct page break. I enjoyed our tea time talks during the editing and you always being there to help my errors when I was busy having a mental breakdown over something not working. You worked extremely hard on this newspaper all year. You should be proud of everything you have accomplished. Thank you for being a great co-writer and friend.

Yours Truly,
Abby



The Leonid newspaper staff celebrates the printing of Issue 1.

Photos courtesy of Makenzie Butler



The senior members of The Leonid are all smiles on their last day of class.

The End of the Road

by Edward Stankowski

The longest roads
Seem so short at their end
The best memories
Far greater

At its dawning
This day seemed eternal
Here at sunset
All too brief

Perhaps we will meet
Down the road
Yet so far onwards

There is to walk
These years together
Not always so bright
Soon suffused with color
The tint of nostalgia

We are all departing
To countless places
Some never to return
Infinite possibilities

As with life
We must move on
And yet we know
The memories endure

Price's Basketball Career was a Total Slam Dunk

Senior Shamyjah Price commits to University of Massachusetts Lowell

Jordan Shevlin | Staff Reporter



Price celebrated her college signing with her new coach, her family and her school community.

It is 6pm in the Hempfield High school gymnasium, and senior Shamyjah Price is running on to the court for what is to be the final game in her successful high school career.

Price found her love for basketball at a young age.

"What drew me to basketball was my drive and my dedication to achieve what people told me I couldn't do," Price said.

That drive is what earned her an athletic scholarship to the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Obtaining that scholarship was not easy, but well deserved. Playing AAU for seven years and high school basketball for four years, Price has had a successful career. She received 2nd Team All State her junior year and 1st Team All State her senior year. She earned 1,000 points at the end of her junior year. Price was also selected to play all around her senior year. Yet by the end of her AAU season she still did not receive a scholarship offer.

"I was on the verge of losing my confidence," Price said.

However, the UMass Lowell head coach recognized Price's talent and offered her an athletic scholarship.

"She was the hardest working person on the floor and she was a good supportive teammate," Coach Garrick said.

Price has made a lasting impact on her BC basketball family.

"She is a wonderful person on and off the court," sophomore Rutanya Taylor said. "She understands the game and is an amazing teammate. She shows great strength and loyalty to her teammates."

During her time at BC, Price and the team won WPIALS three years in a row. They also made it to states two years in a row.

"What I'll miss most is her smile, the hate to lose mentality," Head Coach Scott Dibble said. "She's a special player. Myjha is super talented with a big heart."

Price has made an impact on her teammates and anyone that has seen her play.

"I would like to leave my legacy of accomplishing three WPIAL titles and two State runner up titles," Price said. "I also want to leave my hard work and dedication to the rest of my teammates."

It is easy to say that Price's presence on the team will be missed. Good luck to Price as she continues her basketball career.

BC Athletes' Extend Talent to the Collegiate Level

Several seniors have accepted college athletic scholarships to top programs

Caroline Colantonio | Staff Reporter

In high school, many students participate on sports teams, but very few athletes make it to the collegiate level. A lot of hard work and dedication goes into getting your talent out there for coaches to see.

"The college choosing process was very stressful because I had to go through so many factors and decide which college could give me the best of everything I was looking for," senior Allen Green said.

Green found that Morgan State University was the perfect school for him. The process was a bit easier for fellow senior Maria Ondrejko who had an easy decision with Gannon University due to its stellar physical therapy program.

"It [Gannon University] has a great learning environment and many opportunities for experience in the field itself," Ondrejko said.

Senior Shamyjah Price said that a lot went into deciding on University of Massachusetts Lowell.

"I decided by visiting and getting to know my future coaches and seeing what kind of environment I was going to be living in for the next four years," Price said.

When deciding where to spend their college career, student athletes have to look not only for the best place to grow as an athlete, but they also must find the school that will offer them the best foundation for a successful future as well.

Along with deciding what college to attend, aspiring athletes also have to get college coaches to notice them as athletes and as students. Senior Matthew Menosky will be attending Saint Francis University.

"The recruiting process can be stressful at times because of the effort you must put in," Menosky said.

Fellow volleyball player Kylie Airesman agreed and added to Menosky's viewpoint.

"You never know what a team or coach is looking for in their current recruiting class," Airesman said. "You just have to be okay with rejection and use it to make yourself better."

Airesman will be spending the next

four years studying Allied Health Nuclear Medicine at Millersville University.

Upon deciding where to go, the student athlete then has to step back and think about what the next four years as a collegiate student athlete will hold.

"The next four years are going to be fun, scary and difficult, but I am going to be doing what I love to do and do the best I can to be successful," Green said.

Green's teammate, senior Jerod Witwicki, will attend Waynesburg University in the fall.

"I expect the next four years to help me grow as an individual and improve my time management skills along with my athletic skills," Witwicki said. "I know it's not going to be easy, but I am ready for the full time commitment of balancing school and athletics."

A major aspect of being a collegiate athlete is being able to give full commitment to academics and to athletics without sacrificing any aspect of either.

After much time and effort put in by these students, they have successfully secured their spots on college teams. However, these opportunities were not merely handed to them.

Price offered her advise to students entering the recruiting process.

"Always work hard and never give up on what you believe in because eventually, blessings will come," Price said.

Airesman added some final words as well.

"If you have a goal to play a college sport, get committed to your sport and do it!" Airesman said. "And reach out to coaches NOW, the earlier, the better."

Ondrejko believes starting early is key to securing a spot and scholarship.

"The earlier you can get on someone's radar and be noticed takes a lot of the stress away."

The seniors soon to be college athletes are an example that hard work and dedication really can pay off. Good luck to these seniors as they begin the next chapter in their academic and athletic careers.

One Bad Almond and One Perfect Landing

The Senior Class reveals its two most beloved and heart-wrenching memories

Makenzie Butler | Managing Editor



Photo by Makenzie Butler

Although this picture is a reenactment of the infamous landing, history teacher Dale Checketts did remain still as the paper airplane made its perfect landing.

When it comes to memories at Bishop Canevin, there are many to choose from. From religion teacher Mark Lang's musical performances on Fridays to vacuum cleaners flying through the air, life at Canevin is never dull to say the least.

There is one scary memory that sticks out to the senior class. This memory involves last year's first period religion class taught by George Schlicht. Schlicht's bag of almonds that he always eats in class will forever go down in Canevin history.

Class started off as any other day does in Schlicht's room. He was teaching and eating at the same time. However, while he was eating, he started to cough and would not stop. He grabbed his coffee mug and waved it in front of senior Alex Fleming's face to have him fill it up with water. While Fleming went to fill up the water, some of the students were laughing, not realizing that Schlicht was not joking and was actually choking on a single almond.

"Mr. Schlicht started 'choking' on the almond chaff and he asked me for water between his coughs," Fleming

said. "I walked out to the drinking fountain and got him some water, along with the aid of Mr. Casavale."

When Schlicht finally got the water he needed, history teacher David Casavale came in and asked him if he was okay. We can all agree that an event such as this one will not be forgotten.

Now let's fast forward to a year later. During an American Government class with history teacher Dale Checketts one student made a terrible mistake that turned into one perfect landing.

Checketts told the class to settle down and pay attention to a video. However, one student defied Checketts' request and threw a paper airplane across the classroom. It landed on Checketts' shoulder perfectly. The students were surprised and some were even laughing. Checketts looked at the group of boys who sat in the back of the room and they were just laughing at the whole situation. It was unexpected to say the least.

Even though senior year is coming to a close, all the memories made throughout the four years will be held on for a long time.

Fitting into the Scale

From dancing to playing an instrument, the marching band seniors made this year unforgettable

Mac Johnson | Staff Reporter



Photo by Matt Polk

Seniors Makenzie Butler and Coulton Gaitens pose for their senior photo.



Photo by Allison Benner

Seniors Kate Mertz, Brenna Nolf, Kylie Airesman, Annie Walsh and Abby Griffith will forever remember their time as Crusettes.

Cheering loudly, the crowd rises to their feet. Spectators at the 2018 Carlynton Festival of Bands just witnessed an amazing performance by the Bishop Canevin Marching Crusaders. This standing ovation was one of senior Crusette Brenna Nolf's fondest memories with the club. Nolf and the other senior members of the band have enjoyed participating in the band, not just as a form of expression of their interest in music, but also as time spent building friendships with each other. In fact, the members of the band have such a tight relationship with one another, they even consider themselves to be a family.

The Bishop Canevin band program features a marching band full of talented musicians and a skilled dance troupe called the Crusettes. The senior musicians are Makenzie Butler and Coulton Gaitens. The senior members of the Crusettes are Kylie Airesman, Abby Griffith, Kate Mertz, Brenna Nolf and Annie Walsh. At the helm is band instructor, Alexander Light. He gives participating students many opportunities to perform whether through school events such as football games or outside performances such as the Carlynton Festival of Bands.

The Crusettes' coach is Nina Midgley and she has made a lot of memories with the senior members. "My favorite memory would be the Carlynton Band Festival with the girls kicking in the rain!" Midgley said. "As the leaders of the Crusettes they decided that it was worth kicking and they did such an amazing job!"

The most exciting events that the band participates in are the Bishop Canevin football games. Throughout the game whether in the stands or on the field during halftime, the band plays an integral role in creating a fun atmosphere for the fans.

"Some of my fondest memories are the great performances the seniors helped put on the field," Light said. "We put out many phenomenal performances the past two years."

The seniors really took pride in being able to support their team and school in this way. They will relish the memories of spending those moments together.

"I love how close we all are and that not much can get in between us," Nolf said.

Not only do the seniors have a tight bond with each other, they also embrace the younger members as part of their unique family. The band members also share many things in common which, according to the seniors, further bonds them closer together. Senior Makenzie Butler is considered the honorary "band mother."

"I am called 'band mother' for a reason," Butler said. "I help them in anyway I can. From getting them a band-aid to making sure that they have everything, I look after them for I feel as a senior, it is my responsibility to help them."

As seniors, they serve as an example for the younger members of the band. They try to help the younger members in any way that they can.

"I would want to be looked up to not in an authoritative way but seen as an example of an all around good guy," senior Coulton Gaitens said.

Although the seven senior members are marching on to a promising future, they will never forget the time and experiences spent with their band brothers and sisters. Being a part of the BC Marching Crusaders has given these seniors more than just an outlet for their passion for music, it has given them a tie to a group of students that is as strong as any family.

Homeroom Teachers Give Their Final Goodbyes to the Freshmen They Watched Grow into Seniors



Photo courtesy of David Casavale

History teacher David Casavale celebrates with his homeroom after Faber House won the House Cup.



Photo courtesy of Claire Barber

Spanish teacher Claire Barber and her homeroom are still able to smile after a disappointing room decorating competition loss.

Dear B-113 Family,

I have had four different homerooms during my seven years at Canevin, but I have only had one homeroom for four consecutive years. I have truly enjoyed getting to know you all individually, but what I have enjoyed the most is spending time with everyone as a group over the last four years. From Freshman year when you all defeated a senior team at the dodgeball tournament, to destroying my room with window spray-on snow during Christmas decoration time, to bonding over music during Family Time, I have had a blast with you in Homeroom. I have even enjoyed the endless abuse you all have given me about how I pronounce certain words and phrases. You all came to Canevin as Freshmen but you leave as future collegiate athletes, valued servants of your communities, accomplished scholars, but most importantly as leaders. It has been a true pleasure spending the last four years together, and I hope that someday you hear one of our homeroom songs on the radio and think of B-113!

I Will Miss You B-113 Family,
Mr. Casavale

Dear G-204,

I have to admit, the very first day, when Mrs. Walker, in the cafeteria during orientation said, "Would Mr. Wanamaker's homeroom please stand up," my first thoughts were, this is going to be a rough four years! I had never had a freshmen homeroom before, and figured I was in for quite the challenge. The first quarter was interesting to say the least. There were quite a few "characters" that I really had to be strict with, but as the year went on the homeroom really began to come together. Since then, the relationship has matured into a great homeroom. I have been very impressed by how all of you have grown into young men and women. It has been a true pleasure getting to know all of you, and I wish you nothing but the best!

Mr. Wanamaker

Dear G-101,

G-101...the Homeroom of Champions...that never actually wins, unless it's dodgeball. From Rob's constant supply of donuts, to Dante's terrifying Halloween witch, I have loved every minute with you. I wish so badly I would have been able to have the full 4 years with you, but you made my first two years at Canevin so wonderful. I am really going to miss you. (Who is going to wrapping paper my entire room at Christmas?) As much as I never want you to leave, I know you are all bound to do such amazing things in life. So, G-101, thanks for welcoming the newbie teacher into your lives last year. You will forever be the "Best Homeroom Ever" in my heart!

Love,
Ms. Barber

Dear B-208,

For this school year Senior Homeroom B-208 not only changed homerooms and floors, but also homeroom teachers. After a stretch of a few years not having a homeroom, I was given Miss Tonacchio's homeroom when she decided to leave Canevin, and the homeroom was moved from B-101 to B-208. In the past I had almost always had my homeroom for at least three, if not four years, so I was a little leery about taking on a homeroom in their senior year. I shouldn't have worried, because I lucked out and was actually given the BEST homeroom! Everyone in my homeroom is unique, and they make me smile to start my day. From someone having a turkey caller in their backpack (what they were doing with that I'll never know), to waving out the windows and entertaining the visiting 7th graders, they are always surprising me with what they say and do. Some are quiet, some talk all the time, but they all are friendly and are good friends to each other. I just feel very lucky and honored to have been assigned to be their homeroom teacher this year, and wish them all the best in their futures.

Love,
Mrs. Kennedy

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