

Aplington-Parkersburg Class of 2020 senior interviews

James Sullivan
Parent(s): Jennifer and Eric Williams
Favorite High School Activities: robotics, basketball, CyberPatriot, golf, band, yearbook, track, choir, STEM club, and stage crew for both musicals and plays.

Community/Church Activities: 180, AWANAS

Hobbies and Interests: building and flying remote control airplanes, riding bicycles, fixing computers, and watching NASA-SCAR.

Favorite Song/Artist: "Mars, The Bringer of War" by Gustav Holst

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Ford vs Ferrari.

Favorite Form of Social Media: Messenger.

Favorite Memory From High School: when the robotics team made it to sub-state and won the first robotics trophies for the school.

Future plans for James are to go to college for computer science and find a job.

Kolbi Rice
Parent(s): Kyle and Mary Rice

Favorite High School Activities: baseball, FFA, football, and archery.

Worked At: Klinkenborg Aration and Schrage-Rice Farms.

Community/Church Activities: youth group at Bethel Lutheraan, as well as community service days

Hobbies and Interests: hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and anything outdoors.

Favorite Song/Artist: Luke Bryan

Favorite Movie/TV Show: The Sandlot

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: playing sports with friends.

Future plans for Kolbi are to attend Northwest Iowa for line-man school.

Mersadies Johnston

Parent(s): Matt and Jordyn Johnston and Will and Mandy McCord

Favorite High School Activities: volleyball team, volleyball manager, tennis, football and wrestling cheerleading, choir, STEM club, prom steering, musicals, plays, archery, makerspace, and helping with stage crew.

Worked At: Pioneer Detasseling, as well as babysitting.

Community/Church Activities: 4-H, Camp K, and church choir.

Hobbies and Interests: hunting, singing, babysitting, and playing with dogs.

Favorite Song/Artist: Darius Rucker

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Supernatural

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat or Facebook

Favorite Memory From High School: after-prom her junior year.

Future plans for Mersadies are to attend Hawkeye Community College and then transfer to a four-year university. She plans to study police science, and then either criminal justice or forensics.

Karson DeGroote
Parent(s): Terry and LaRee DeGroote
Favorite High School Activities: volleyball, cross country, basketball, track, softball, STEM club, SADD, honor society, and student government.

Worked At: Brothers Market.

Community/Church Activities: FCA, Glow, and has helped at the Food Bank.

Hobbies and Interests: art, being with her friends, going for walks, and getting coffee, smoothies, and tea.

Favorite Song/Artist: "Reckless Love" and "Oceans"

Favorite Movie/TV Show: One Tree Hill, and the Bachelor or Bachelorette

Favorite Form of Social Media: TikTok

Favorite Memory From High School: was winning their sub-state basketball game her junior year and playing at the state tournament.

Plans for the Future: to attend Iowa State University for interior design.

Sophia Jungling
Parent(s): Brian Jungling

Favorite High School Activities: cross country, basketball, track, student government, STEM club, yearbook, and SADD.

Community/Church Activities: Glow, Herd, FCA, volunteering at the food pantry, and community service day

Hobbies and Interests: running, shopping, watching movies, lots of time with friends, and always doing something

Favorite Song/Artist: "King of My Heart" by Steffany Gretzinger

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Grey's Anatomy, All-American, and The Pursuit of Happyness

Favorite Form of Social Media: Twitter

Favorite Memory From High School: going to state track and basketball and staying in the hotel with her team; more specifically, having a "fight night" in the hotel pool.

Plans for the Future: attend UNI for sports management while also participating on the cross country and track teams

Riley Oberhauser
Parent(s): Roger and Angie Oberhauser

Favorite High School Activities: cross country, basketball, tennis, baseball, Honor Society, student government, and CyberPatriot.

Worked At: Pioneer and Fallon's Nest.

Community/Church Activities: volunteering at the food bank, Clothes Closet, and St. Patrick Catholic Church activities

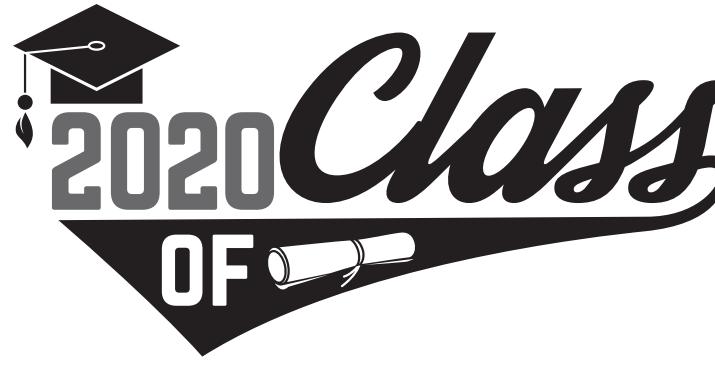
Hobbies and Interests: ping pong, longboarding, collecting Funko Pop Vinyl figures, and hanging with his friends

Favorite Song/Artist: church hymns

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Stand By Me

Favorite Form of Social Media: Instagram

Favorite Memory From High School: all the sports he participated in, specifically hitting Kolbi Rice in every batting practice



Plans for the Future: attend Hawkeye Community College and transfer to a 4-year school

Jaycie Ellis
Parent(s): Lisa and D Jay Ellis

Favorite High School Activities: golf, basketball, volleyball, track, fall musical, speech, choir, art, STEM club, SADD, and book club.

Community/Church Activities: volunteering at the food pantry, Clothes Closet, attending CCD and GLOW

Hobbies and Interests: hanging out with friends and family, working out, cooking, and watching college sports

Favorite Song/Artist: "Ocean" by Lady Antebellum

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Mamma Mia

Favorite Form of Social Media: Instagram

Favorite Memory From High School: the state basketball tournament her junior year

Plans for the Future: attend Arizona State University and major in sports business.

Megan Johnson
Parent(s): Roy and Shiloh Johnson

Favorite High School Activities: cross country, basketball, track, STEM club, speech, SADD, student government, FFA, book club, and A-P Honor Society.

Worked At: Hubbard Detasseling, and as an A-P custodian.

Community/Church Activities: GLOW, Catechism, volunteering at the food pantry, 4-H, and FCA

Hobbies and Interests: getting coffee, hanging with friends, watching Netflix, and having baking competitions with friends

Favorite Song/Artist: "Stir Fry" by Migos

Favorite Movie/TV Show: How To Get Away With Murder

Favorite Form of Social Media: Twitter

Favorite Memory From High School: making state basketball and Ubering to Wendy's at midnight (don't worry it wasn't before game day).

Plans for the Future: attend Central or Northwestern to major in exercise science and possibly sports nutrition and to play basketball or possibly run.

Colby Diekman
Parent(s): Kelly Diekman

Favorite High School Activities: robotics.

Worked At: Crazy Acres Campground and Brothers Market.

Community/Church Activities: laying down mulch for people, pulling weeds, and cleaning flowerbeds around town

Hobbies and Interests: playing video games, being in robotics, computers, and playing basketball

Favorite Song/Artist: Green Day

Favorite Movie/TV Show: The Walking Dead

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: talking to friends and hanging out with them

Plans for the Future: go to Job Corps in Ottumwa, take classes at Indian Hills Community College and then work in the computer field

Luke Edeker
Parent(s): Ryan and Stacy Edeker

Favorite High School Activities: football, basketball, track, and FFA

Worked At: A-P High School

Community/Church Activities: Herd, 4-H, and community service

Hobbies and Interests: Racing

Favorite Song/Artist: "Dirt Road Anthem"

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Gold Rush

Favorite Form of Social Media: Instagram

Meghan Dix
Parent(s): Molly Kahler and Brice Dix

Favorite High School Activities: the spring play and Spanish club

Worked At: Brothers Market and Matt's Grill and Bar

Hobbies and Interests: doing art and gardening

Favorite Song/Artist: Brett Eldredge

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Supernatural

Favorite Form of Social Media: Facebook

Favorite Memory From High School: playing hide and seek during the spring play after party

Plans for the Future: go to Hawkeye and do her Gen Eds in the fall and work at Whiskey Road

Carly Troyna
Parent(s): Jen and Cory Troyna

Favorite High School Activities: choir, FFA, honor society, STEM club, soccer, and managing for wrestling

Worked At: T&L's

Community/Church Activities: Glow, Shine, FCA, and volunteering at multiple events

Hobbies and Interests: spending time with family and friends, drinking coffee, and watching Netflix

Favorite Song/Artist: Hillsong or Bethel Music

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Waterboy, and Jane the Virgin

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: attending the 2020 Iowa State Wrestling Finals

Plans for the Future: attend the University of Northern Iowa to pursue a major in secondary science education and a minor in organizational leadership

Isaac Hoogestraat
Parent(s): Adam and Laci Hoogestraat

Favorite High School Activities: football, golf, wrestling, and band

Community/Church Activities: volunteer at church fall festivals and other dinners, and also being a volunteer at our local Parkersburg Food Pantry.

Hobbies and Interests: spending time with friends and family, playing volleyball, going outdoors, and going to the movies

Favorite Song/Artist: Carrie Underwood

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Saving Private Ryan

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: going down to Florida over spring break during her sophomore year with her friends for the music trip

Plans for the Future: go to Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids to pursue Healthcare Administration as well as continue her passion for playing volleyball

Diana Mulder
Parent(s): Gaylen and Carla Mulder

Favorite High School Activities: FFA, student government, honor society, tennis, STEM club, academic decathlon, choir, and speech

Worked At: Parkersburg City Pool along with CB Seeds/Channel

Community/Church Activities: GLOW

Hobbies and Interests: playing tennis and going kayaking with friends

Favorite Movie/TV Show: The Office

Favorite Form of Social Media: Twitter

Favorite Memory From High School: there are way too many memories to list!

Plans for the Future: attend Iowa State University for Agricultural Biochemistry with an emphasis on Plant Genetics

Gwen Thorne
Parent(s): Scott and Valerie Thorne

Favorite High School Activities: cross country, musical, honor society, soccer, play, all state, choir, speech, academic decathlon, band, book club, STEM club, yearbook, and drill team

Worked At: Parkersburg Hardware

Community/Church Activities: AWANAS and Girls State

Hobbies and Interests: singing

Favorite Memory From High School: playing football on Ed Thomas Field

Plans for the Future: go to NIACC for welding

Ryan Asche
Parent(s): Greg and Sherri Asche</p

Kobe Riherd
Parent(s): John and Ali Riherd
Hobbies and Interests: FFA, golf, baseball, and A-P Honor Society

Worked At: Hubbard Detaseling

Community/Church Activities: GLOW, youth group, attending his church, and community events through FFA

Hobbies and Interests: golfing, and raising and showing goats

Favorite Song/Artist: Luke Combs

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Survivor

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: being a part of their growing FFA chapter

Plans for the Future: attend Iowa State university and study Ag business

Jack Haren
Parent(s): Mark and Susan Haren

Favorite High School Activities: football, basketball, track and field, baseball, musical, and A-P Honor Society

Worked At: Pioneer, Marcus Theater, and at the high school

Community/Church Activities: GLOW and helping at food pantry

Hobbies and Interests: hanging with friends, fishing, golfing, and watching Longhorn football with his dad

Favorite Song/Artist: Eminem

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: storming the field for the first football game of his senior year

Plans for the Future: attend UNI and study high school education in hopes to return to A-P

Rachel Cline
Parent(s): Heather Slifka and the late Jamie Cline

Favorite High School Activities: choir, play, musical, large group speech, individual speech, book club, soccer, cross country, archery, tennis, FFA, Honor Society, academic decathlon, and FCA

Worked At: Parkersburg pool and Legend Trail Inn and Suites

Community/Church Activities: teaching Sunday school, GLOW and RCYF youth groups, helping at the Miracle League field and food bank, and counseling at Camp K

Hobbies and Interests: doing anything outside (like skiing or swimming), spending time with friends and family, and doing brain games

Favorite Song/Artist: Bethel music, Luke Combs, and Michael Jackson

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Mulan and Mamma Mia

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: all of the activities she has taken part in, and all the friendships she's made

Plans for the Future: attend Iowa State University for either biology or agricultural education

Ryn Sparks
Parent(s): Melissa Ott

Favorite High School Activities: Art.

Worked At: Dollar General and Legends.

Hobbies and Interests: Drawing and Computers

Favorite Song/Artist: Chesyre

Favorite Movie/TV Show: The Iron Giant

Favorite Form of Social Media: Discord

Favorite Memory From High School: Meeting his best friend

Future plans for Ryn are to work full time.

Ainsley Brungard

Parent(s): Neil and Staci Brungard

Favorite High School Activities: cross country, basketball, track, A-P honor society, and FCA

Worked At: Parkersburg pool

Community/Church Activities: GLOW, a youth group leader, and food pantry helper

Hobbies and Interests: spending time with friends and family, watching Netflix, and working out

Favorite Song/Artist: "Good Grace" by Hillsong UNITED

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Grey's Anatomy

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: making it to state basketball her junior year

Plans for the Future: attend

UNI and study public health/health science

Jillian Simon
Parent(s): Joe and Carrie Simon

Hobbies and Interests: soccer, dance, basketball manager, large group speech, individual speech, A-P Honor Society, STEM club, and book club

Worked At: Parkersburg Pharmacy

Community/Church Activities: FCA, BASE, Herd volunteer, Radiate, GLOW, camp counselor, elevate student leadership team, VBS, OCC, and mission trips

Hobbies and Interests: soccer, watching Netflix, baking, family game night, and Just Dance with friends

Favorite Song/Artist: Khalid

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Criminal Minds and Paul Blart: Mall Cop

Favorite Form of Social Media: VSCO

Favorite Memory From High School: making it to all state for group improv with Emalee, Owen, and Michael

Plans for the Future: attend Northwestern college to double major in youth ministry and public relations

Jersey Rosteck

Parent(s): Charity and Steve Rosteck

Hobbies and Interests: softball, golf, archery, FFA, marching band, and football manager

Community/Church Activities: RCYF at Bethel Reformed Church

Hobbies and Interests: hunting, fishing, golfing, going on adventures, playing softball, hanging with friends, and shooting her bow for archery

Favorite Movie/TV Show: The Longest Ride

Favorite Memory From High School: making it to state in archery with her team

Plans for the Future: attend Wartburg College to major in physical education, and minor in coaching

Grace Coates

Parent(s): Keith and Carla Coates

Hobbies and Interests: swimming with Cedar Falls, wrestling manager, wrestling, soccer, FFA, band, choir, book club, STEM club, A-P Honor Society, SADD, large group speech, and ELLA

Worked At: Parkersburg pool, The Brown Bottle, and Legends

Community/Church Activities: Barracuda swim team, as well as mission trips to South Dakota and Jamaica

Hobbies and Interests: listening to music, swimming, soccer, playing with her dogs, watching Netflix, and taking naps

Favorite Song/Artist: "Passenger" by Noah Kahan

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Friends and Grey's Anatomy

Favorite Form of Social Media: Instagram

Favorite Memory From High School: Florida trips, especially Universal Studios, the hulk, and "karen"

Plans for the Future: enlist in the Air Guard then go to Iowa State for physical therapy, or occupational therapy

Ella Junker

Parent(s): Zach and Jonna Junker

Hobbies and Interests: cross country, track, drill team, the fall musical, academic decathlon, speech, choir, honor society, and basketball manager

Worked At: First Congregational Church

Community/Church Activities: food pantry, Shine, and vacation bible school

Hobbies and Interests: reading, watching Grey's Anatomy, and crocheting

Favorite Song/Artist: "It's Raining Men" by The Weather Girls

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Grey's Anatomy

Favorite Form of Social Media: Instagram

Favorite Memory From High School: all the basketball games

Plans for the Future: attend Hawkeye Community College and later transfer to UNI to get a business degree

Jared Brouwer

Parent(s): Michael and Monica Brouwer

Hobbies and Interests: football, archery, golf, and A-P Honor Society

Worked At: Doc's Catfish Bait and DeGroote Farms

Community/Church Activities: working at the food pantry

Hobbies and Interests: hunting, fishing, golfing, and hanging out with friends

Favorite Movie/TV Show: SpongeBob

Favorite Memory From High School: beating West Marshall in overtime then removing the sledgehammer from the field

Plans for the Future: attend Hawkeye Community College to pursue a career in the medical field

Carson Weichers

Parent(s): Dan and Maureen Weichers

Hobbies and Interests: the fall musical, spring play, track, cross country, band, choir, speech, and honor society

Worked At: Parkersburg Pool

Community/Church Activities: meeting his best friend

Future plans for Carson are to work full time.

Ainsley Brungard

Parent(s): Neil and Staci Brungard

Hobbies and Interests: cross country, basketball, track, A-P honor society, and FCA

Worked At: Parkersburg pool

Community/Church Activities: GLOW, a youth group leader, and food pantry helper

Hobbies and Interests: spending time with friends and family, watching Netflix, and working out

Favorite Song/Artist: "Good Grace" by Hillsong UNITED

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Grey's Anatomy

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: making it to state basketball her junior year

Plans for the Future: attend

Hobbies and Interests: volunteering for the Honor Society on numerous occasions

Favorites and Interests: music, and spending time with family and friends

Favorite Song/Artist: "M M Bop" by Hanson

Favorite Movie/TV Show: Pretty Little Liars

Favorite Form of Social Media: Snapchat

Favorite Memory From High School: the A-P Music department Florida trip

Plans for the Future: attend Luther College for music education

Plans for the Future: attend Northwestern college to double major in youth ministry and public relations

Plans for the Future: attend

Hobbies and Interests: reading and hanging out with friends

Favorite Song/Artist: "Someone You Loved" by Lewis Capaldi

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