



# A Year in the Life

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## Mission Statement

Cumulus is a student-generated, community-focused publication that seeks to capture a year in the life of the college, its employees, and the community it serves.

## Vision Statement

Cumulus aims to be the college's touchstone publication: a space of reminiscence for alumni, a record of current events and issues, and a resource for students, staff, and faculty.

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# Volleyball

Every year, a select group of women come together to serve, volley, and spike for Cloud County. This year, the girls finished with a loss to Seward County during the Region VI Semifinal and ended up with a 22-12 record for the season.

Head Coach Molly Skocny said, "overall, I was happy with our season this year. We continue to show strides each year toward the top of the conference, which is where I would like to see our program. I feel like our girls were a great example of what confidence can do for a program."

Although they didn't make it as far as they wanted, the women still had their own highlights, from beating Pratt to taking Hutch to four sets. Sophomore Jaci Kolm said her favorite memory is from tournament play: "[This year] we went to a tournament in Oklahoma and we won all of our games there."

Sophomore McKenna White said the highlight of her season was working so well with her teammates: "We worked really well together which helped make us successful. We never really had a problem within the team so we were like a big family. Also, we all have so much love and passion for the game."

Jaymes Patterson



From top to bottom, left to right: Brook Paslay, Cara Flach, Jocelyn Marten, Laura Sudbeck, Haley Falk, Kylie McKinney, McKenna White, Drew Mann, Gaby da Silva, Jaci Kolm, Mandy Michaelis, Bailey Lewis, Cheyanne Hileman



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# CROSS COUNTRY



National Qualifier  
Stephanie Barrett (fr.)



National Qualifier  
Jamal Namous (so.)

The Cloud County cross country team had an extremely successful season athletically and academically. Many athletes were able to compete at a high level throughout the entire season for the Thunderbirds. Coached by Drew Mahin, twelve males and six females made up the Thunderbird cross country team with nearly an equal distribution of freshmen and sophomores.

Cloud had a total of eight national qualifiers, including three on the women's team and five on the men's. Nationals took place on Saturday, November 14 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Stephanie Barrett was the highest national qualifying finisher at 15th. Camila Faundez and Laramie Leakey also qualified. Both went on to place in the top 200. On the men's side, Jamal Namous was expected to be the highest finisher at nationals, but had to drop out of the race early due to injury. Nick Roark, Bryce Golightley, Tyler Wallace, and Zane Downing all qualified for nationals on the men's team.

Many athletes noticed what led to the team's success, including sophomore and national qualifier Bryce Golightley who said "I enjoyed having a full team who was ready to work hard every day." Freshmen Jace Coppoc added by saying "I enjoyed the team aspect of cross country and long runs with everyone." Both athletes believed cross country played a major role in their success in track.

The Cloud's men team also shined academically, finishing fourth nationally and highest in Region VI with a 3.775 GPA. Individual All-American academic honors were given to Boone Cady, Galen Allen, Bryce Ginther, Jace Coppoc, and Ben Usher. The women's squad was also successful in the classroom and finished 22nd nationally with a 3.437 GPA. Women to receive All-American honors academically were Debbie Ames, Yazmin

Rendon, and Camila Faundez.

Ultimately, the 2015 cross country team competed well against tough competition throughout all seven meets they attended. The Thunderbirds fought through injuries and were able to represent Cloud satisfactorily. With over half of the team being freshmen, Cloud should be able to compete at a high level from the beginning next season.

In July of 2016, the men's cross country team was named the Academic Team of the year by the NJCAA. Galen Allen, Bryce Ginther, Jacob Drey, and Jace Coppoc all earned individual Academic Student Athlete Awards.

*Tristan Sasse*



Women, from left: Sydney Owings, Laramie Leakey, Yazmin Rendon, Debbie Ames, Camila Faundez, and Stephanie Barrett  
Men, from left: Bryce Golightley, Jace Coppoc, Zane Downing, Boone Cady, Jamal Namous, Bryce Ginther, Yego Emmanuel, Nick Roark, Galen Allen, Tyler Wallace, Ben Usher, and Jacob Drey



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# SOCCER (RE)TAKES THE FIELD

It's been an eventful and sometimes uncertain year for the College's soccer team. On Tuesday November 17, 2016 the Cloud County Community College Board of Trustees had their regularly-scheduled meeting. One of the topics of discussion was whether to keep or deactivate the soccer team. In response to community interest, the Board was considering deactivating soccer in order to add a wrestling team. There were two main points of conversation: Title IX regulations require an equal number of men's and women's teams, and initially, the Board was not prepared to add another women's team. The Board was also considering the fact that wrestling is a popular and growing regional sport. Multiple board members spoke about potential recruitment increases as a result

of activating a wrestling program.

Tristan Sasse, a sophomore and writer for Thunderhead Media, Cloud's student-run media group, was among the students who questioned the Board's rationale. "It didn't make sense to me to eliminate a winning team."

The success of the soccer team was a persistent theme of the pro-soccer conversation, and the team did have a successful season, with eleven total wins (15 games) and 7 conference wins (10 games).

During guest comments, many students, teachers, and alumni spoke in support of the team. Beth Whisler, an Instructor, said that "the soccer program brings tremendous diversity to the classroom" and that diversity is an important part of the Cloud experience.

Kendy Pierre, a sophomore soccer player, spoke during the meeting. I asked Kendy what motivated him to speak at the board meeting. He said, "The teachers talking made me want to speak." Losing soccer would have meant "taking a big oppor-



tunity away from the foreign kids. Soccer can get them out of the horrible living situations some of them come from, and I wanted to help." Kendy has been on the soccer team for two years, and he says his favorite parts of playing for Cloud are "traveling and meeting new kids, learning new languages, making friends.

Front row, from left: Diego Garcia, Tre Thomas, Leonardo Catarina, Lenoardo Sosa, Dwayne Taylor, Aleksandar Pumpalovic.

Second row, from left: Marcel Almeida, Elliott Sharp, Gabriel Chaves, Lucas Braga De Oliveira, Bruno Moreira, Victor Silva, Mateus Silva

Third row, from left: Ajuma Johnson, Camoy Blash, Zachary Kock, Irving Silvestre, Shaquille Folks

Back row, from left: Hakeem Smith, Giulliano Cruci, Ruan Cadari, Kendy Pierre, Saindou Ali, Connor Halpin



Kendy Pierre (so.) takes control of the ball while playing Dodge City Community College.



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Pierre continued: "You can learn about new cultures from all of the different players and we learn to be a family. We learn how valuable friendship is. We also learn how to be independent."

Leonardo Sosa, the captain of the soccer team, said, "when I first heard the board members were thinking of cutting the team I was shocked because we never heard anything like that before, especially after a great season when we made 11-2-2 and those 11 victories were straight. How could they want to do that to a sport that won a National championship 5 years ago?" Sosa felt that speaking really changed the board members' minds. "I think it made a difference once they saw there was a kid who loves soccer speaking to them about the truth. I was also showing them how they are taking a kid's dream of getting an education away by getting rid of their favorite sport."

Having students and faculty speak obviously made quite the difference because the board members couldn't make a final decision on November 17. Gregory Askren moved and Larry Henry seconded to table action on the athletic teams until a special meeting on Monday, November 30, 2015. After some brief discussion, Linda Richard moved and Thomas Tuggle seconded to "keep the men's soccer program as an ongoing vital part of the uniqueness of Cloud County Community College and authorize Dr. Toone to enter into negotiations for real property for development for a future wrestling program." The motion passed, and the long-term plan is to activate both a wrestling and a women's soccer team.

-Zoe Merz



# International Athletes



International athletes play a major role in athletics at Cloud. On the men's sports teams Cloud County has thirty-two international athletes and the women's teams have a total of five. These thirty-seven international athletes are from a total of seventeen countries within North America, South America, Europe, and Africa. Athletes at Cloud show a wide array of diversity, and it plays a major role in not only the sport they participate in, but in the classroom as well.

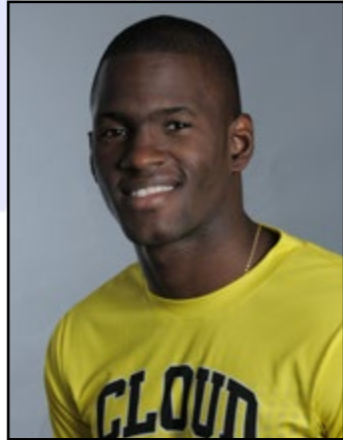
Sixteen of the thirty-seven international athletes are on the men's soccer team and come from Brazil, Jamaica, Switzerland, France, and the United Kingdom. Ten soccer players are from Brazil. The other twenty-one athletes throughout all other sports are from twelve countries. Track has the second most international athletes with twelve. Four of these twelve are from Jamaica, while three more are from Curacao. Brazil has the highest representation of international athletes across all sports with thirteen, and Jamaica has the second most with eight.

Jarreth Martina, who is an international track athlete from Curacao, answered multiple questions pertaining to the differences between sports in the United States and other countries. Jarreth was first asked what he liked about competing in the United States. He responded by saying "I like competing in the United States because more people are competing, and there is more excitement at meets. There are also more possibilities to become a professional athlete." Next, Jarreth compared the difference between athletics in the United States and his country, Curacao. Martina stated "Curacao only has one track to compete on, while in the United States, you compete somewhere new at every meet."



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**Sophomore Sprinter  
Jarreth Martina**



**Sophomore Distance Runner  
Jamal Namous**

Jarreth also talked about several opportunities he has obtained by competing in the United States. He stated "The United States has many benefits, including running for your school, being a competitive athlete, opportunities to make friends, and also earn scholarships." The amount of opportunities the United States gives international athletes is shocking to them, but it is also a major reason why they choose to come to our country to further their education.

Sports in the United States play a major role for the development and success for athletes all over the world. National qualifying track athlete Jamal Namous indicated that he believes "the United States is the country of opportunities because no matter where you come from, people are all the same." International athletes see potential, not only in what Cloud offers but in what the United States offers as a whole. They are excited to come, which creates a diverse environment at Cloud.

At Cloud, international athletes fit in with their peers instantly. Students from the United States enjoy listening to international athletes talk about their home country and the differences within each country. International athletes seem to enjoy teaching U.S.

students words from their language and vice versa. The amount of information students from different countries teach each other through their interactions is astronomical.

Overall, international athletes positively affect Cloud in many ways. Not only do they have a critical role in athletics, but they improve classroom interactions and social life at Cloud. They teach Cloud students to appreciate the customs of other countries and make us aware of the many things the United States offers that we should be thankful for, but often take for granted.

*-Tristen Sasse*



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# RENOVATIONS

There have been changes happening at Cloud and they have given students something to be proud of here at the school. The renovations include the gym, Thunderville, and Hillside Apartments. All of these changes are making the school a better place for the students.

The first renovation was in Arley Bryant Gymnasium over the summer. The renovation was greatly needed. "The existing bleachers were rapidly deteriorating and no longer met modern safety standards or ADA regulations," said Vice President Amy Lange who was in charge of the project. This concerned the college administration because it did not look safe for the students and patrons who attended various events held in there. The gym floor was getting old as well, having reached its life expectancy of fifty years. In addition to the bleachers and the floor, the out-of-date lights were replaced, and the elevator has yet to be replaced. The new bleachers also allowed a restructuring of the Athletic Department's booster club to provide reserved chair back seating and aisle ushers. All of these changes "provide students a safe, accessible, and modern collegiate gymnasium space in which to gather for events or recreation, and one of which they can say they are proud to be a T-bird," said Lange. The total cost of the renovation came in just under the \$450,000 budget.

Freshman basketball player Abe Elder commented on the gym, "I was really excited to see it renovated. It looked super nice and I was eager to play on the new floor this year. The big T-bird in the center of the court is my favorite part; it makes the court look really good." Courtney Freed, a sophomore on the Cloud women's

basketball team, remarked, "The new renovation of Arley Bryant Gymnasium has brought a completely different atmosphere to the men's and women's basketball programs. I have never enjoyed playing in a gym more than I have in this one." The sleek new look of the gym has brought and should continue to bring pride to the students of Cloud.

The second renovation was of Thunderville, the recreational space beside the Student Union. Being a place that is heavily used by students, it was beginning to get worn out and looked dreary. Lange, who was also in charge of this project, said that "we wanted to create a bright and fun atmosphere" with this renovation. The general theme she was going for was "a college pride/gaming theme." The bar was rebuilt so that food and drinks could be served on it, and it features Cloud pennants and license plates from years past as well as the depiction of the evolution of the design of Thor, the school mascot. There is a new mural on the wall next to the bar with billiards balls on



## Arley Bryant Gymnasium

Ginther reported "My favorite part is the mural on the wall that says 'Welcome to Thunderville,' it makes the room more welcoming." Lange said that "Thunderville is now a cleaner, brighter and more functional space, exuding a sense of pride to all those who stop in or pass by."

The final and most recent renovation done this year is of Hillside Apartments, the off-campus housing option for students. The apartments have been empty for the past few years and Lange, also in charge of this renovation, decided it was time for a change. "Just like Thunderville, students want a space of which they can be proud, and in which they can feel safe and be independent," Lange commented. The outer entrance was redone, including a new front door, sidelights, and the front porch columns and railings. The lobby just inside the door was made more spacious by taking out a counter and a wall. The walls were painted and tile was installed on the floor. An original brick furnace flue, from when the building was constructed in the 1950s, was exposed to create a wall feature. The most significant change, Lange said, was "the kitchenettes, which were converted to full kitchens, similar to those in T-bird village." The carpeting in the bedrooms and hallway were also replaced. Students have already committed to living in Hillside in the next school year, with the first floor filled and plans to finish renovating the second floor before next year. So far the cost of renovation has been just under \$15,000.

These renovations are improving the quality of the school. Students are excited about the changes; they are a source of



## Thunderville

it to go with the pool tables in the room. The balls are numbered '6' and '5' to represent the year the college was established, 1965. Artwork was added to the walls including vintage Cloud t-shirts that were cut and stretched on canvases. Other decorative pieces included light fixtures made from Jenga blocks and large wooden Scrabble tiles mounted on the wall that spell out "Thunderbirds," "Cloud," and "Proud." The walls were also repainted gray. The total cost of the renovation was just under \$5,000.

Students now have a recreational space they can be proud of. Freshman Nick Roark said the "renovations are much more lively and represent Cloud County in a great way." Kaleb Thuma, sophomore, jokingly commented on the paint color, referring to the old color as something found in a baby's diaper saying "the new color is a step up." Bryce Ginther, freshman, commented "more people come to Thunderville now because of how nice and new it is.



## Hillside Apartments



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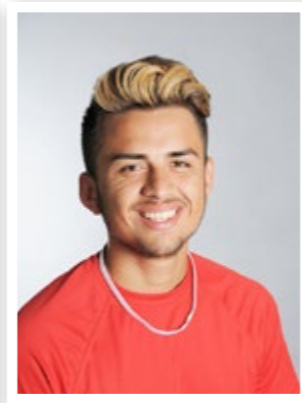
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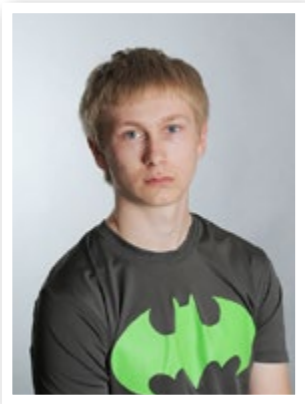
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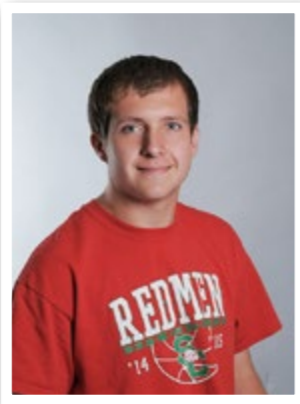
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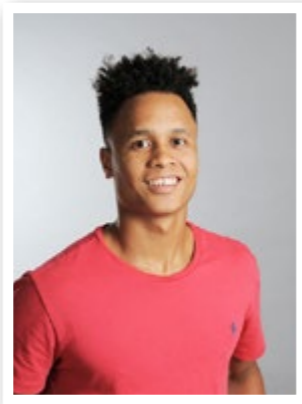
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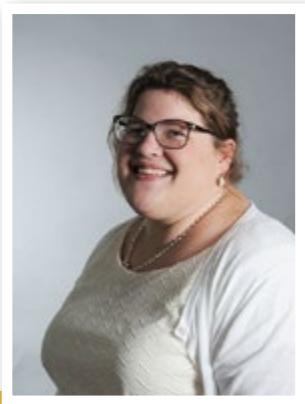
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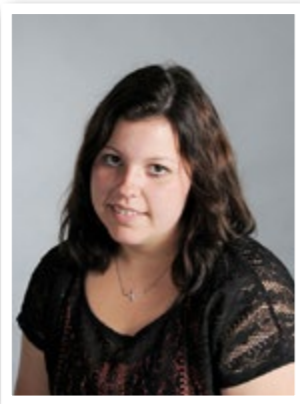
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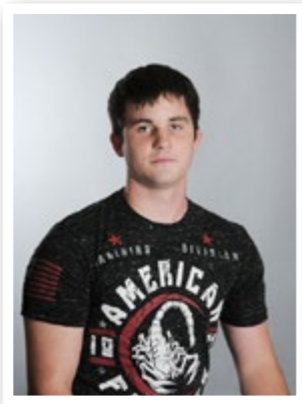
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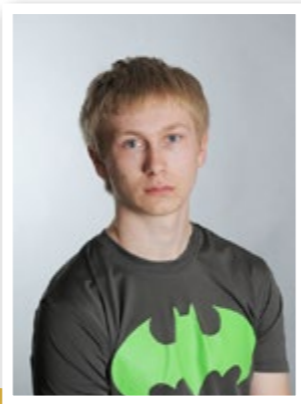
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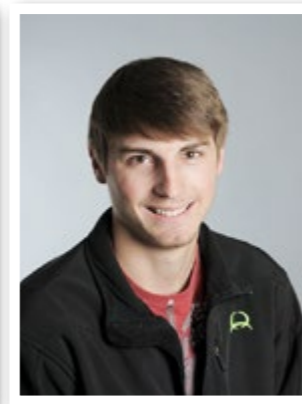
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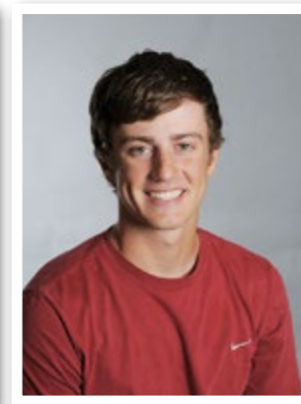
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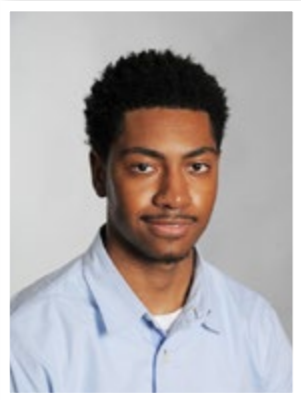


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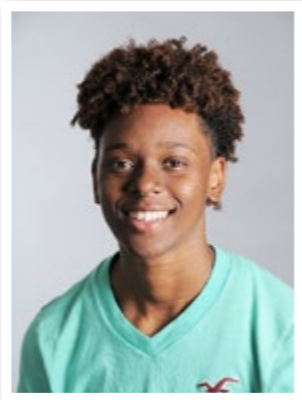
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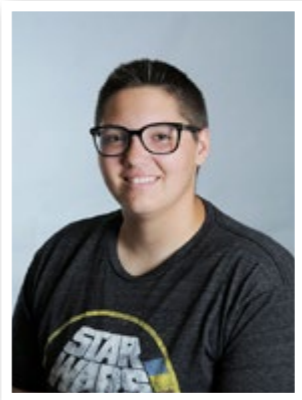
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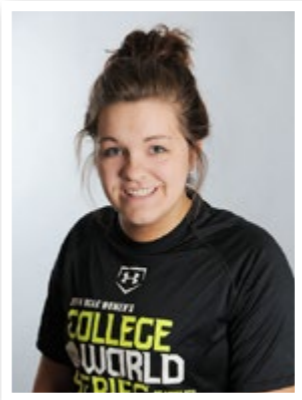
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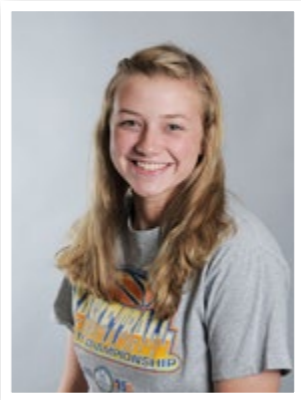
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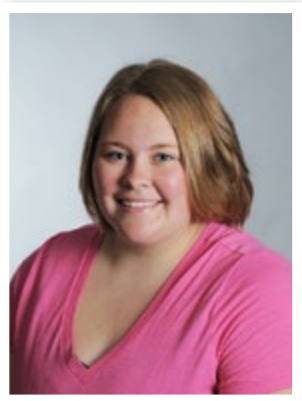
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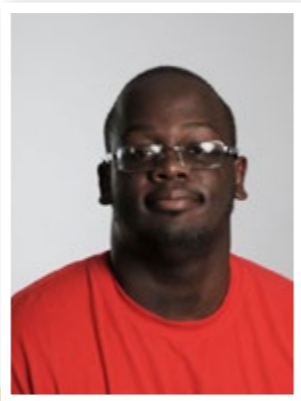
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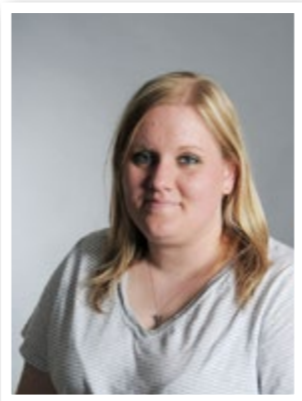
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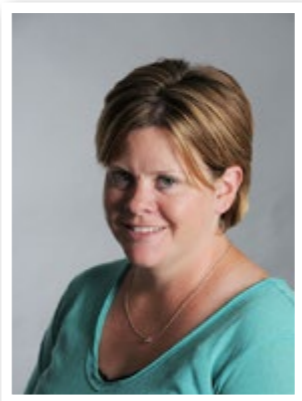
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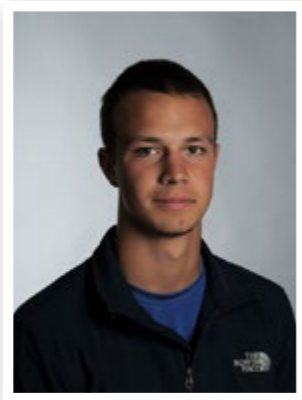
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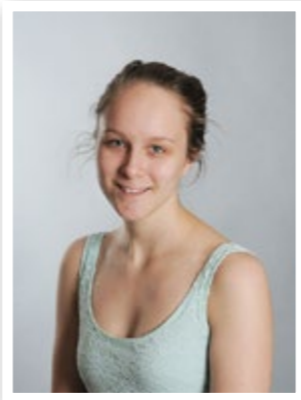
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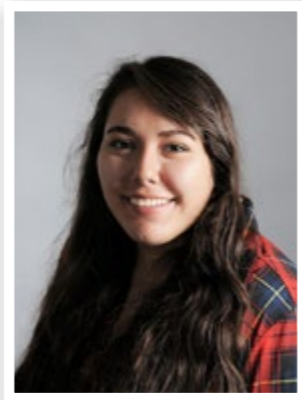
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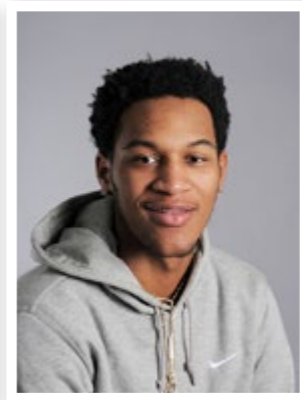
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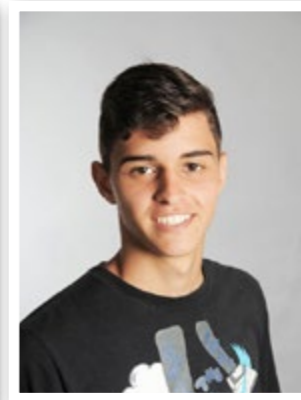
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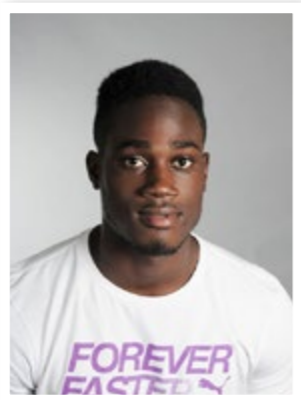
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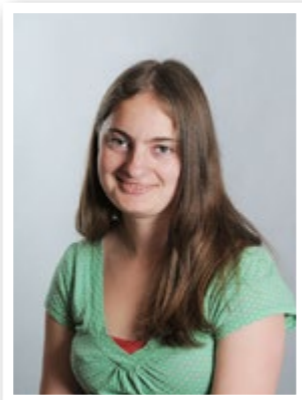
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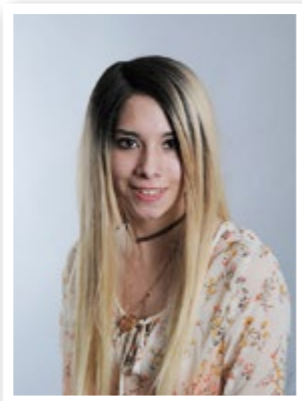
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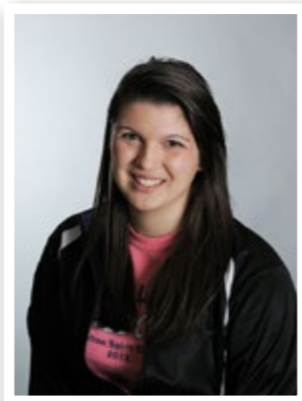
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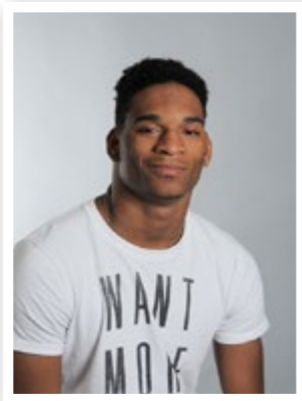
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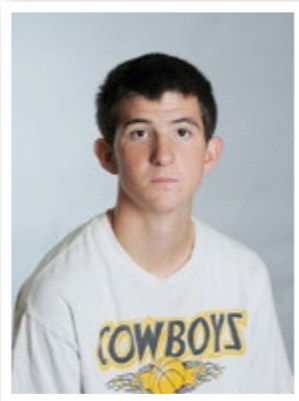
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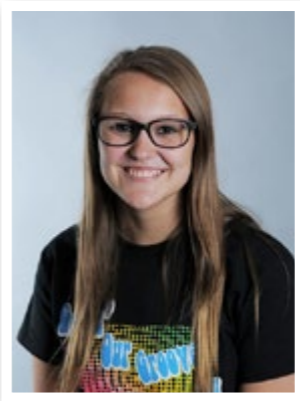
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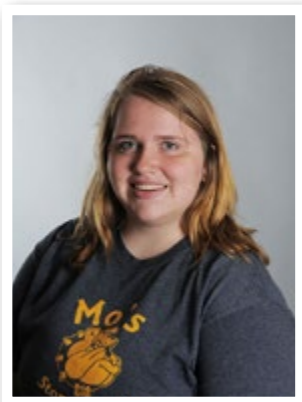
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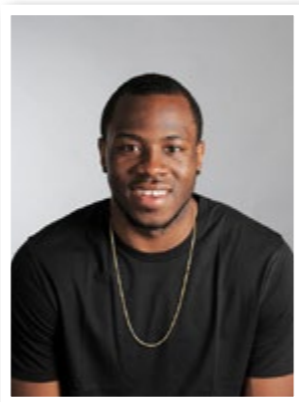
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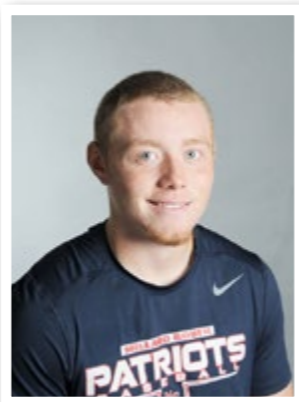
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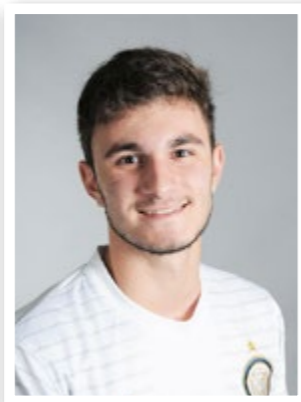
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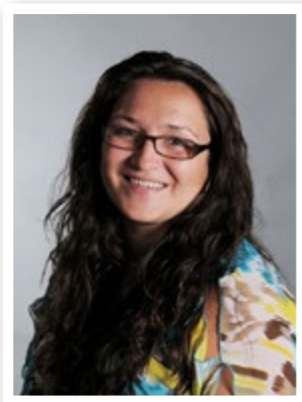
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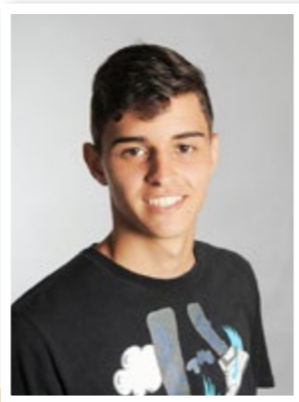
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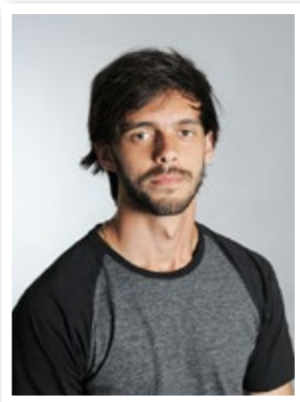
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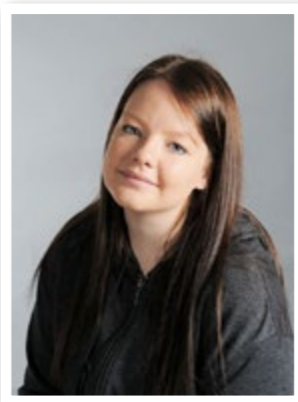
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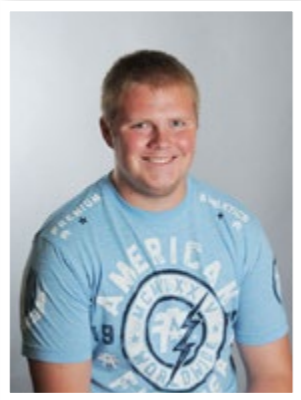
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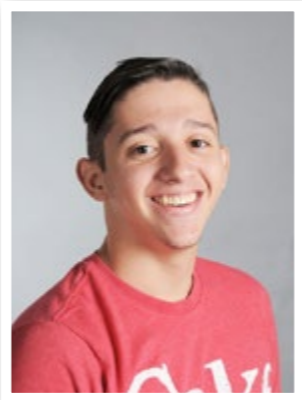
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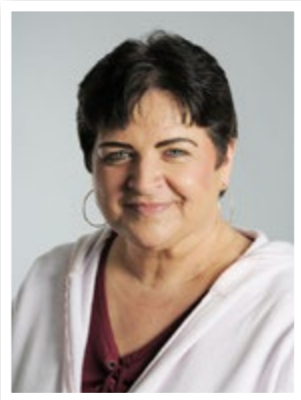
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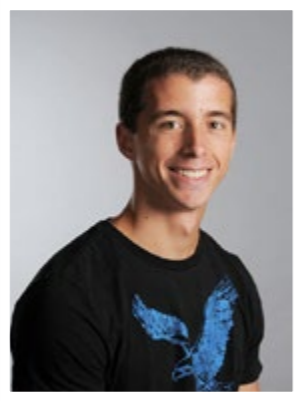
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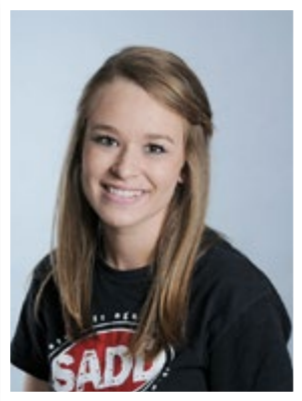
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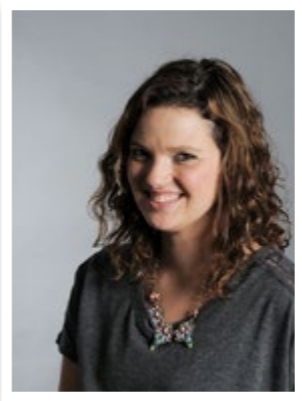
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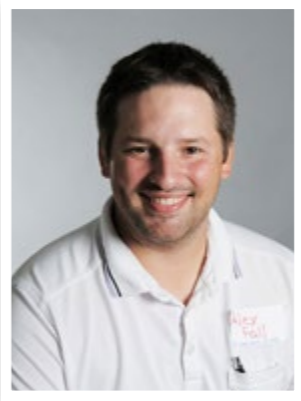
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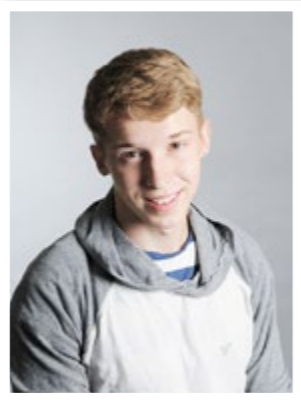


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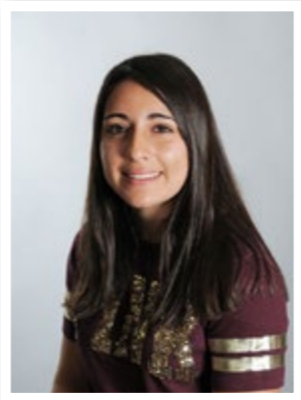
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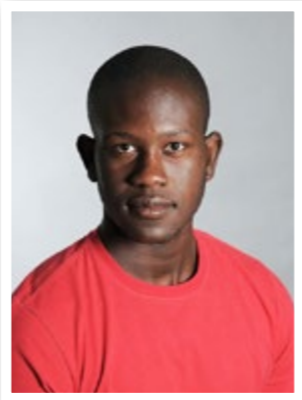
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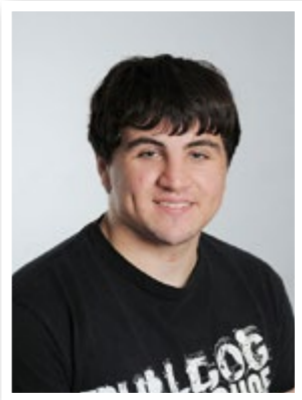
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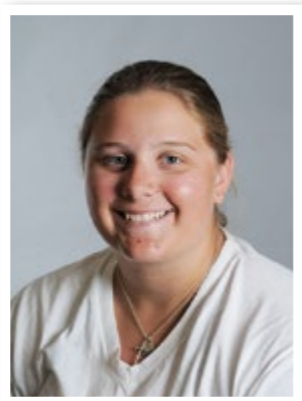
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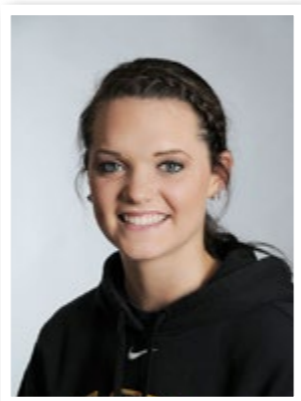
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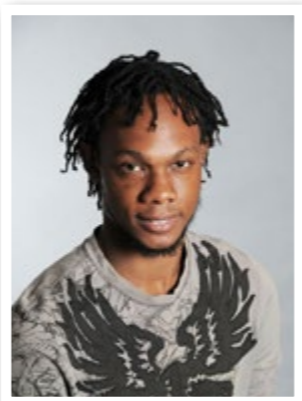
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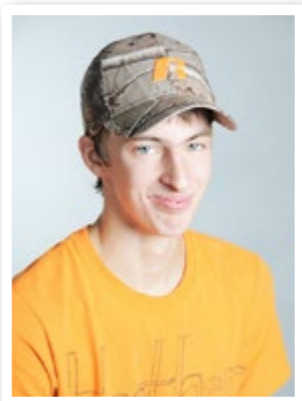
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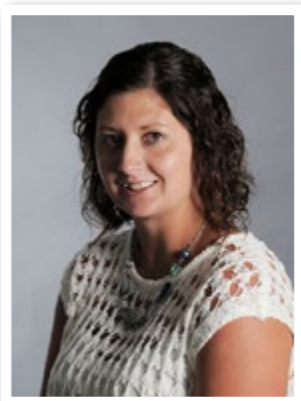
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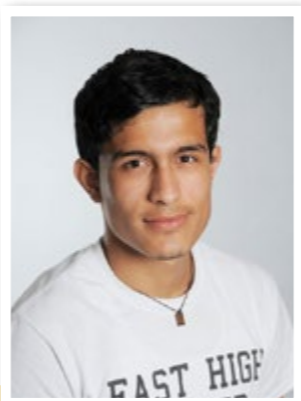
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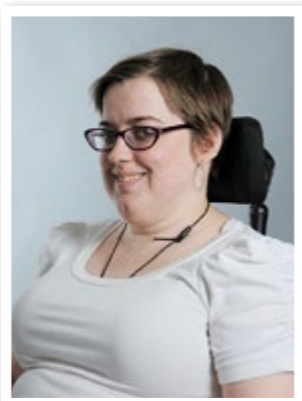
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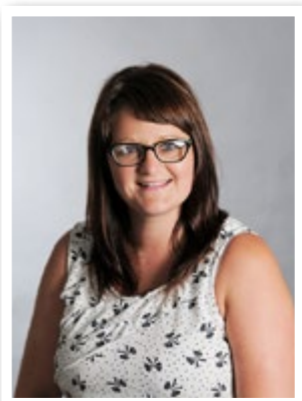
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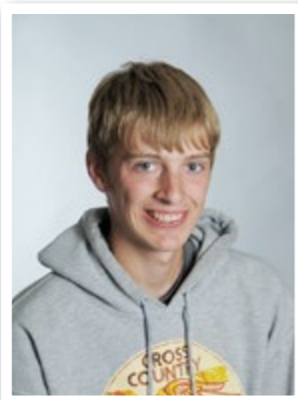
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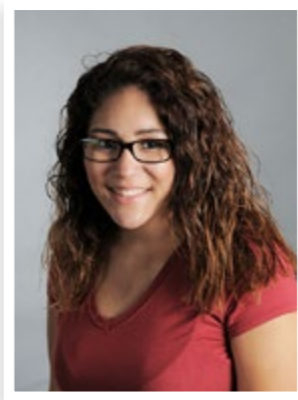
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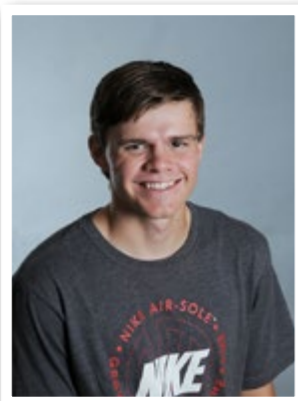
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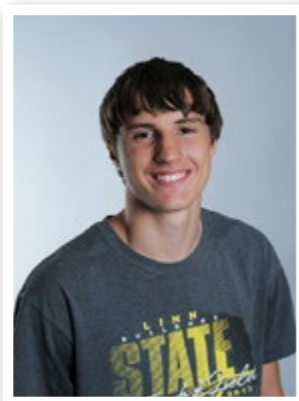
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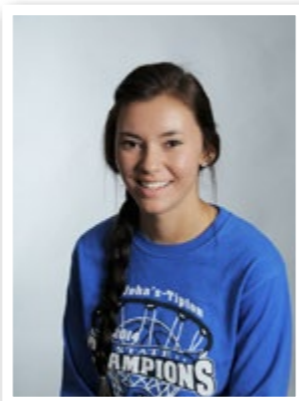
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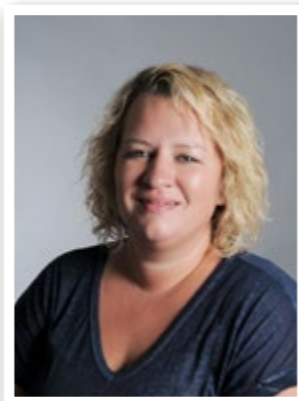
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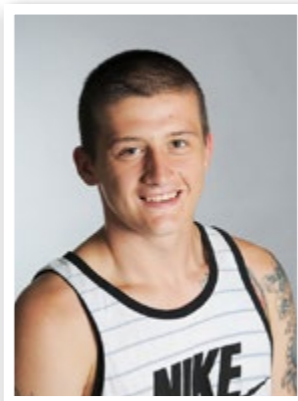
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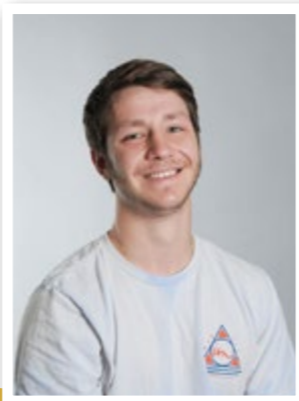
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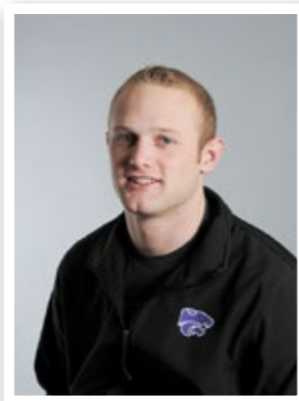
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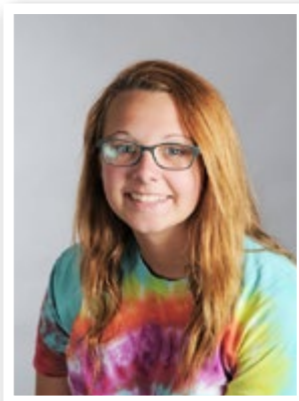
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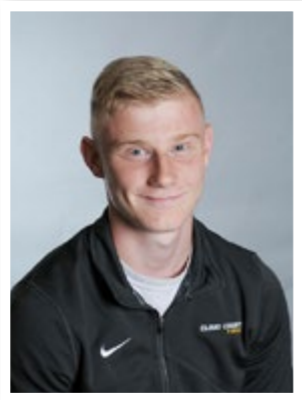
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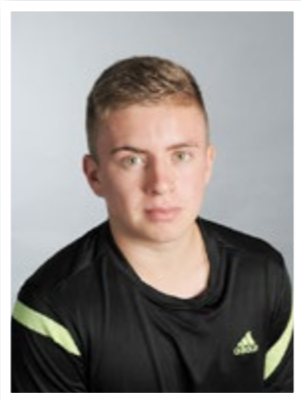
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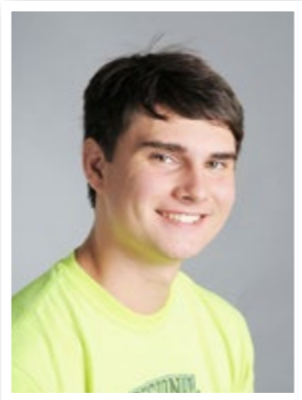
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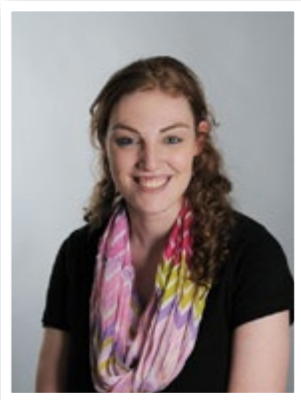
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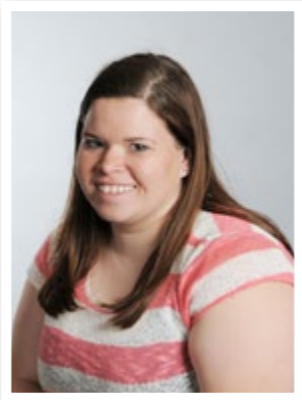
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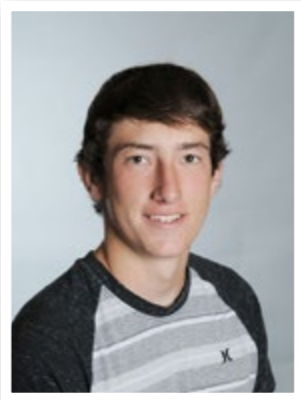
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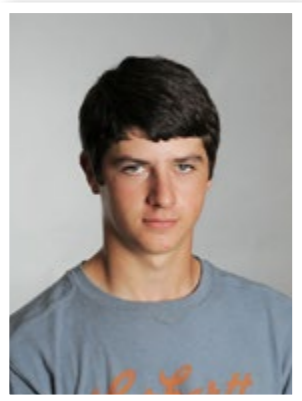
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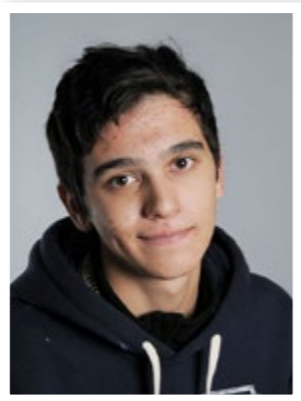
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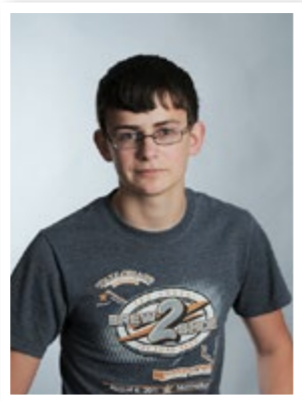
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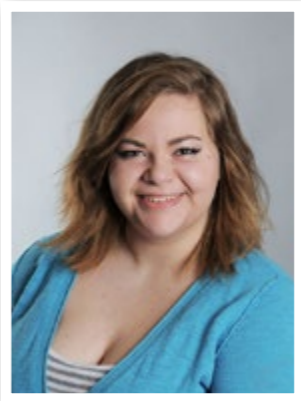
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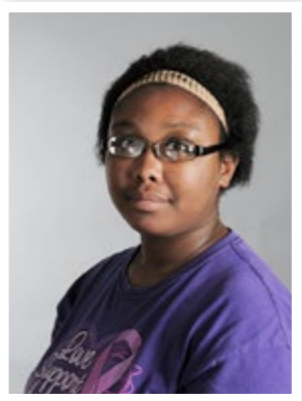
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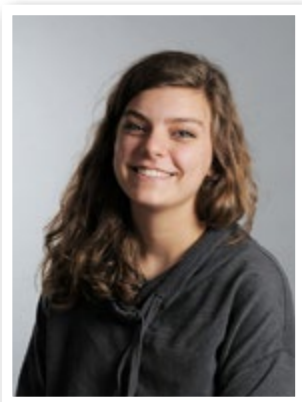
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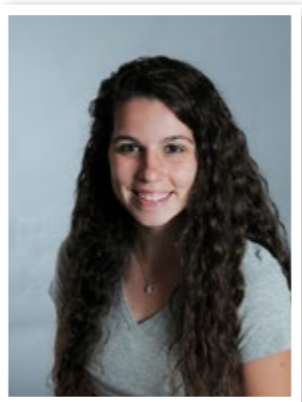
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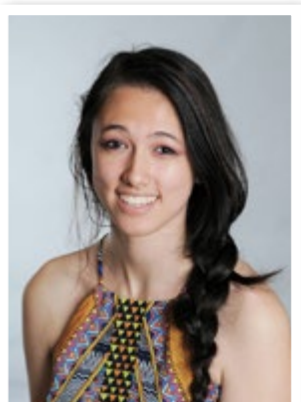
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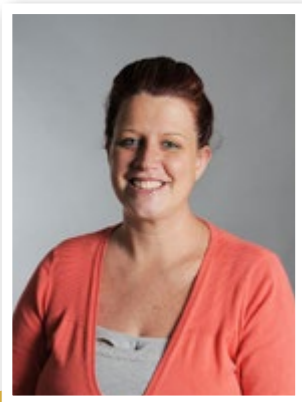
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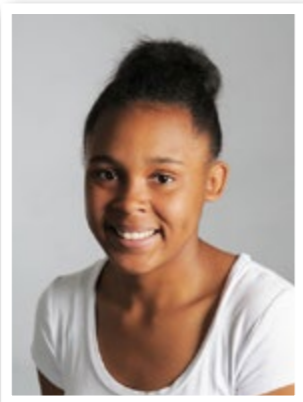


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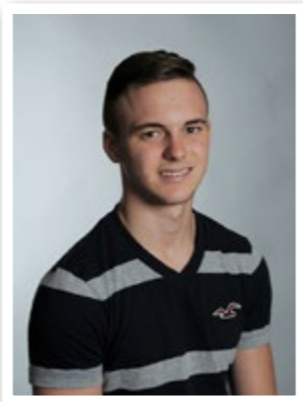
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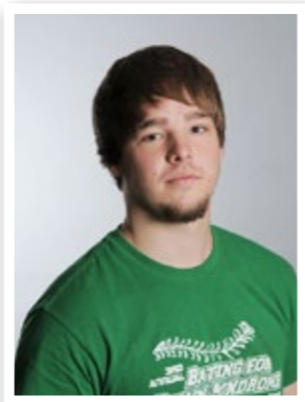
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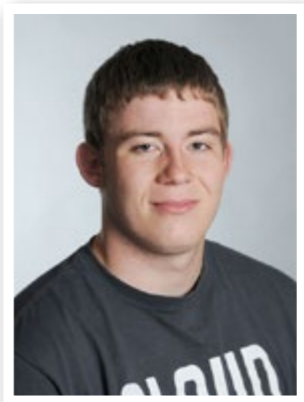
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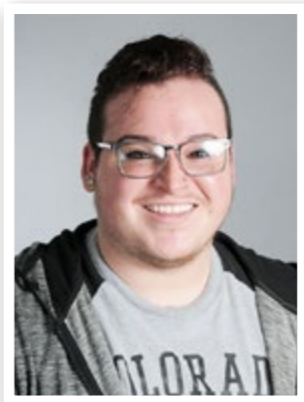
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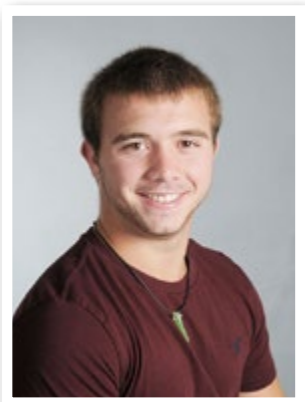
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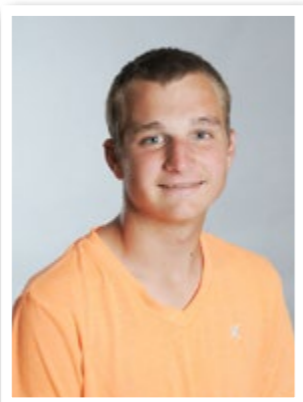
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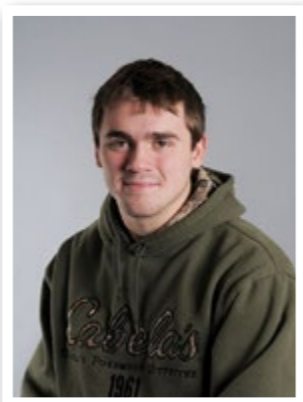
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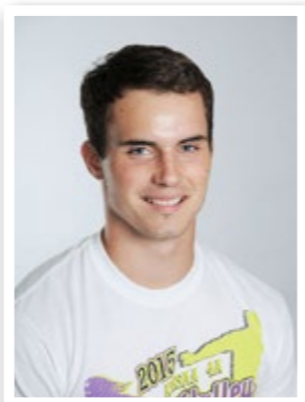
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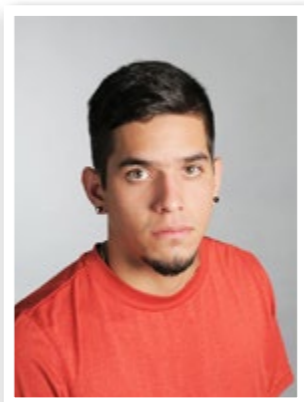
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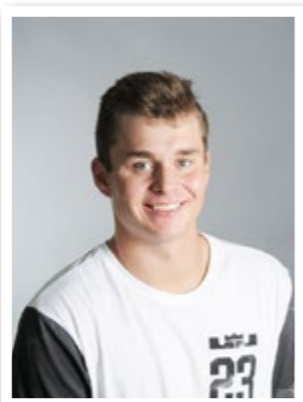
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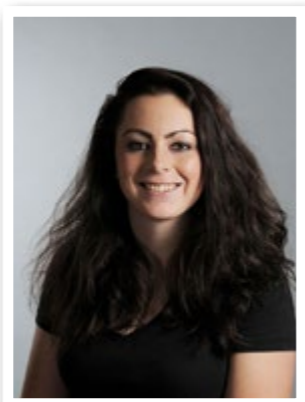
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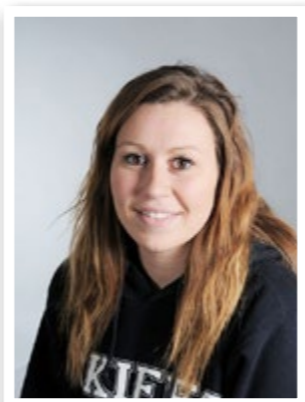
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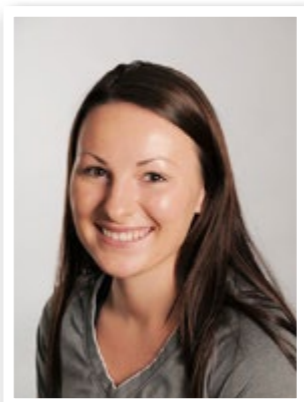
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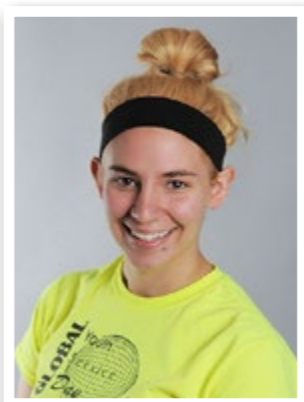
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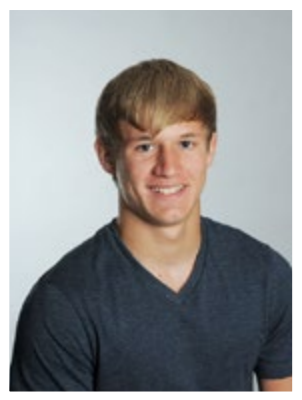
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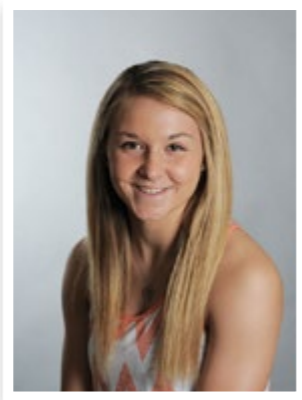
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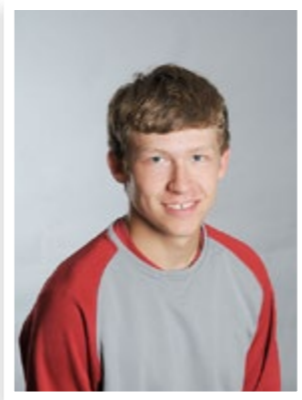
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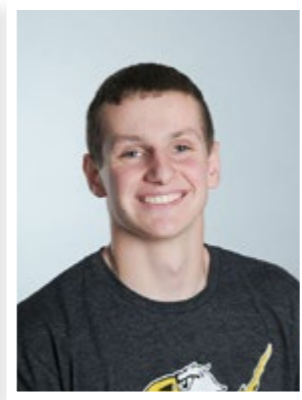
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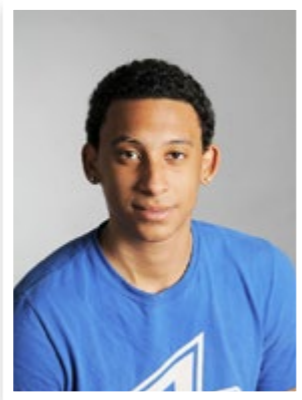
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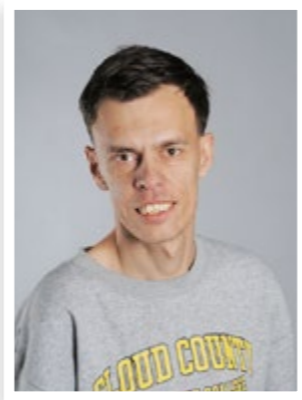
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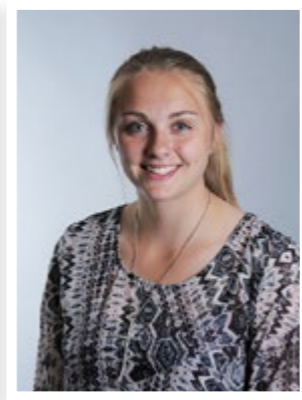
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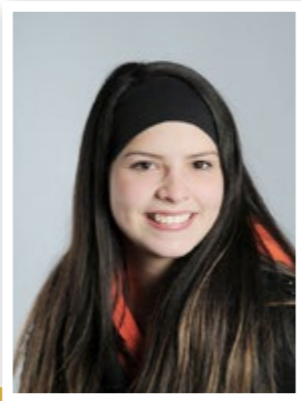
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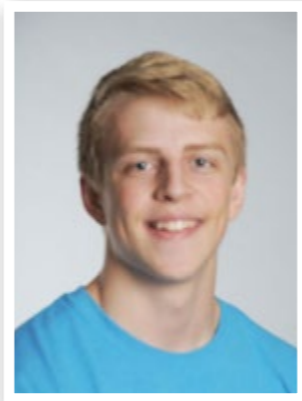
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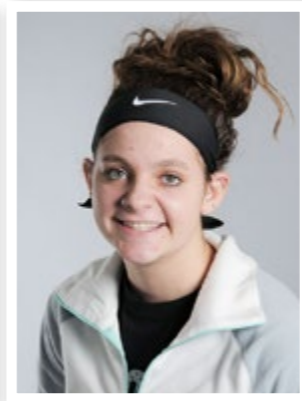
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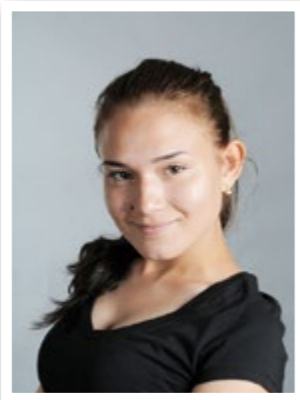
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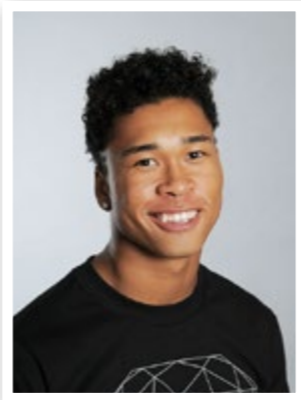
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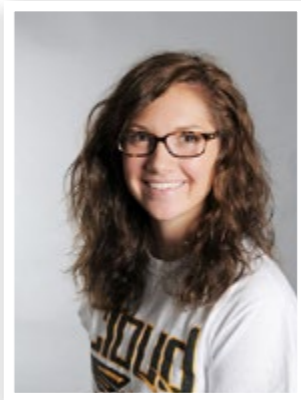
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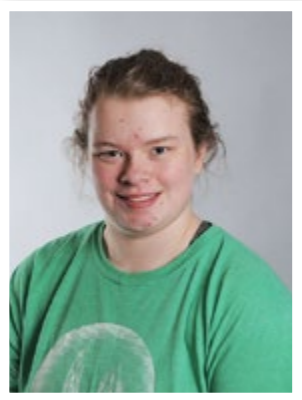
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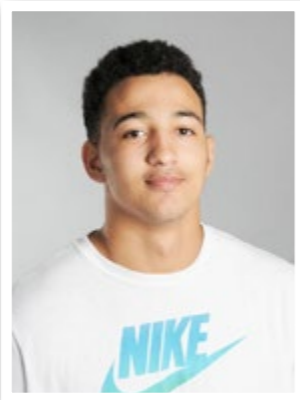
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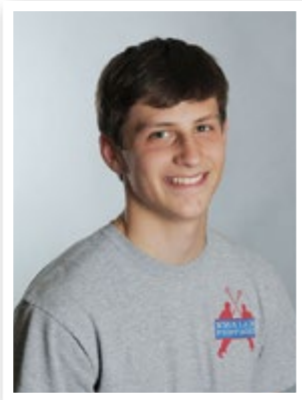
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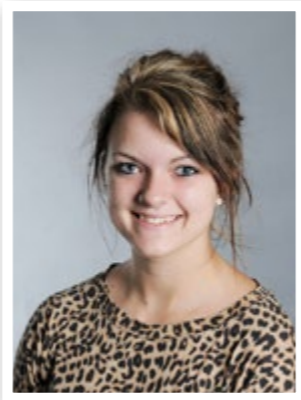
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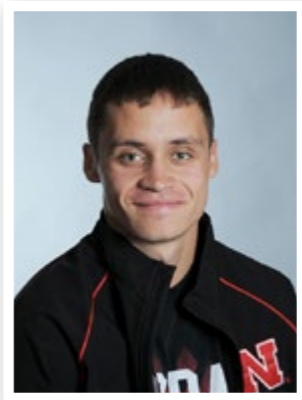
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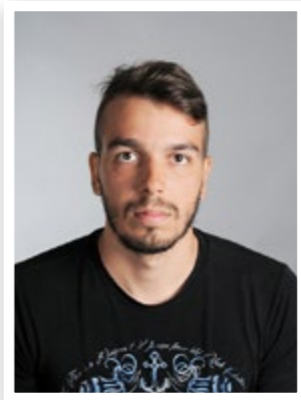
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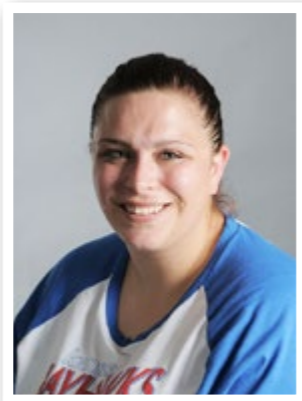
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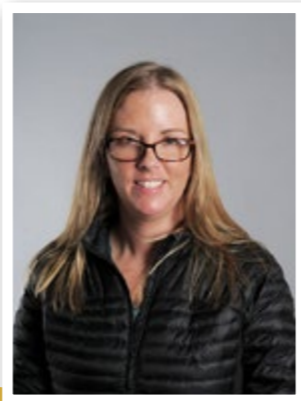
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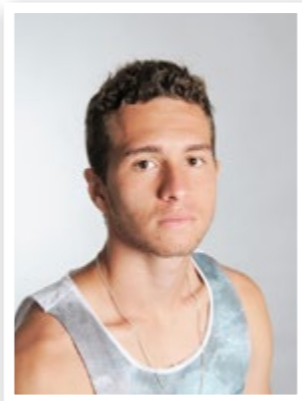
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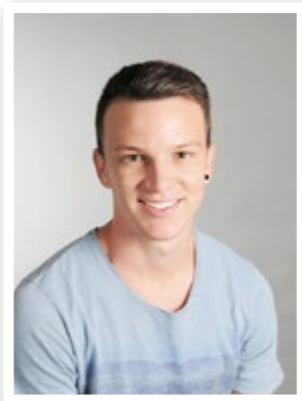
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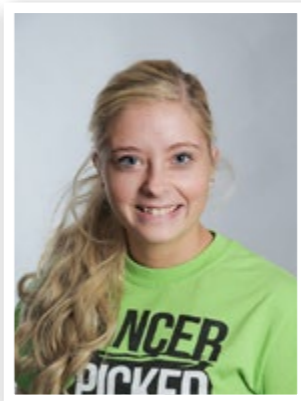
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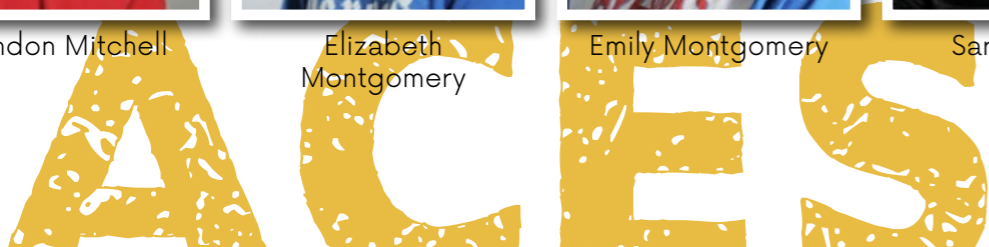
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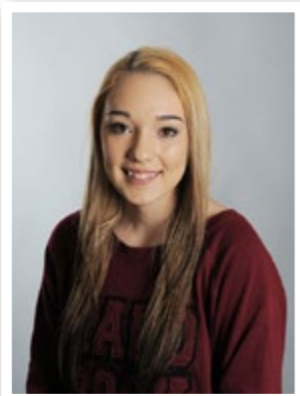


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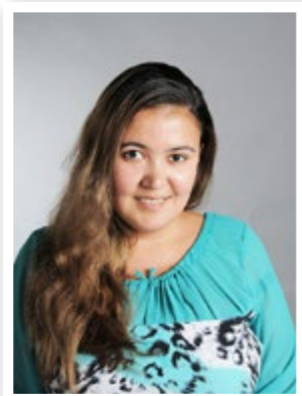




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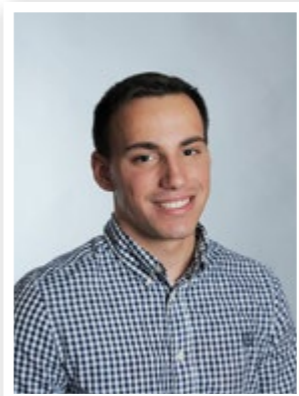
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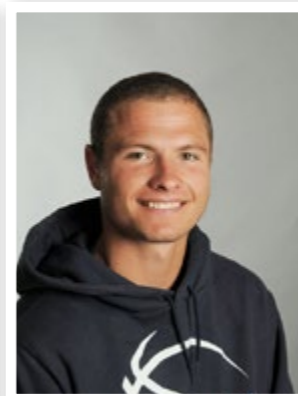
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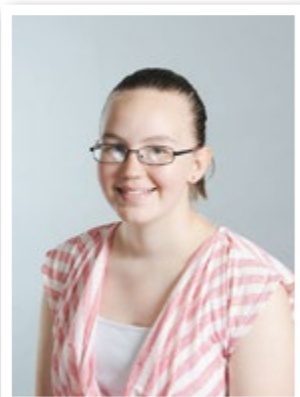
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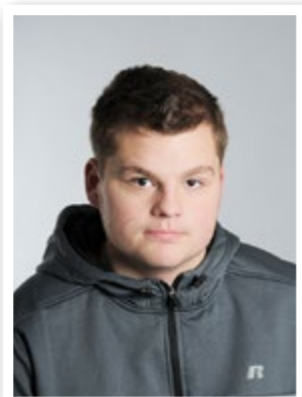
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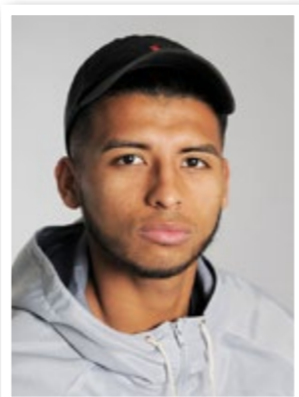
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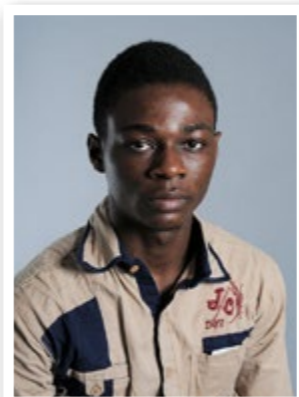
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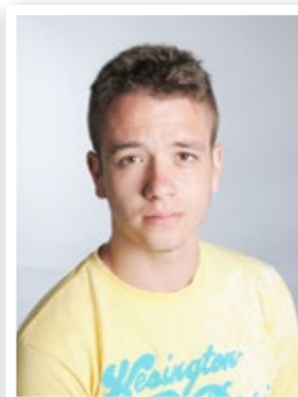
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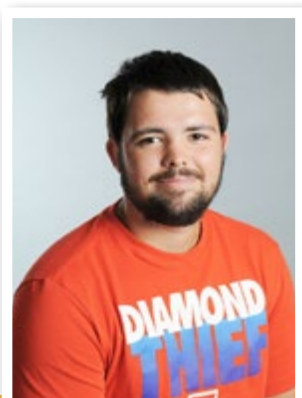
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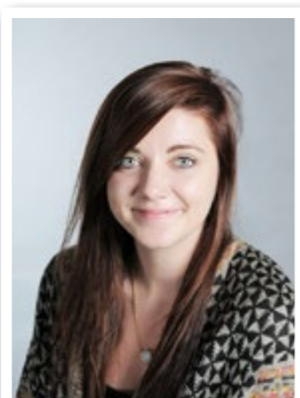
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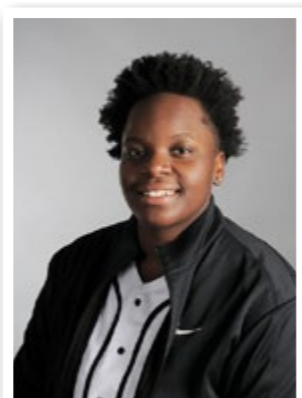
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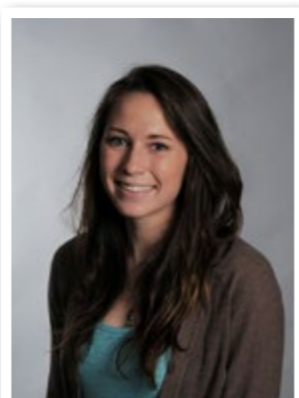
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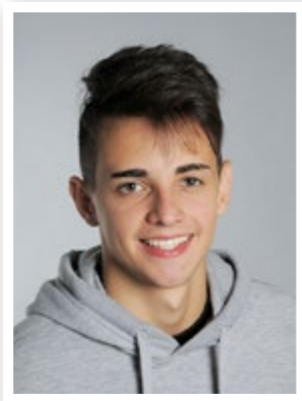
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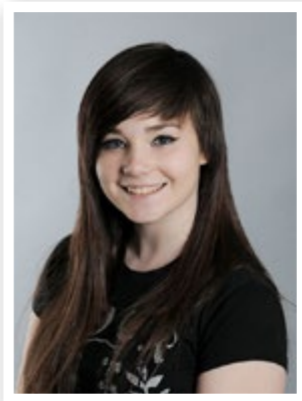
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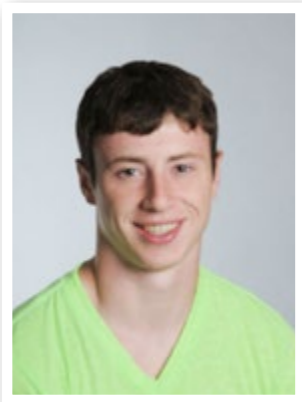
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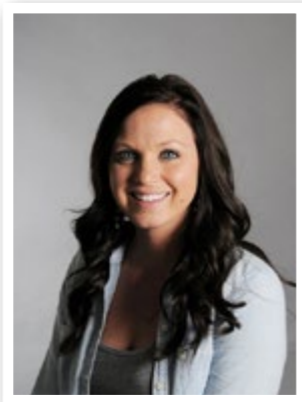
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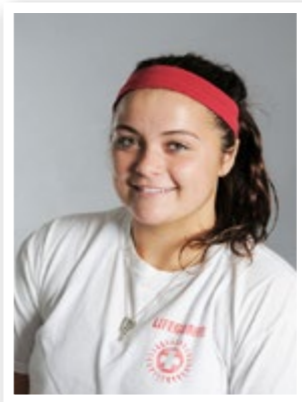
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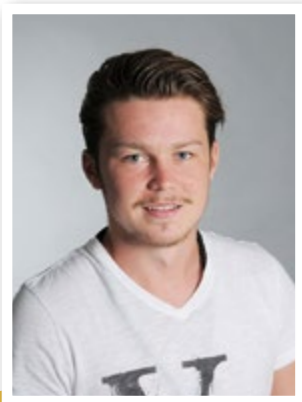
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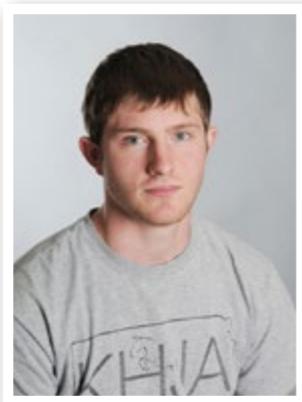
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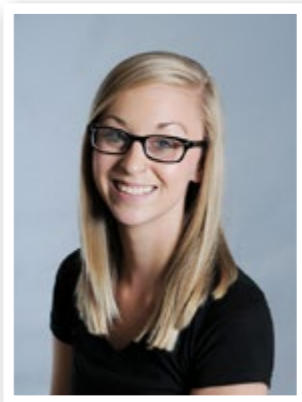
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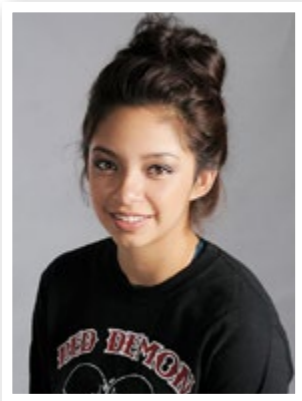
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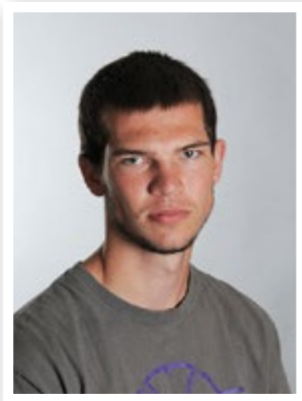




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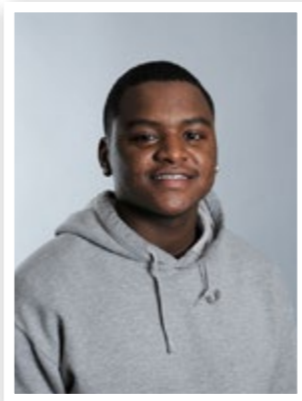
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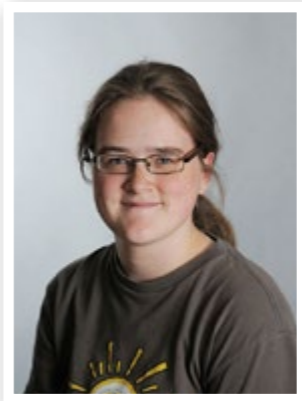
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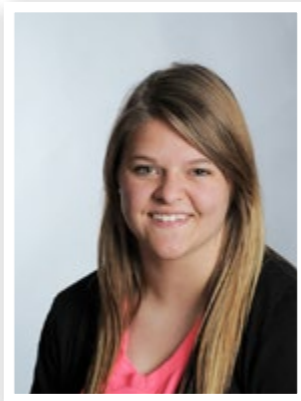
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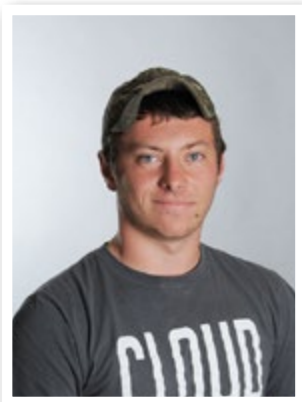
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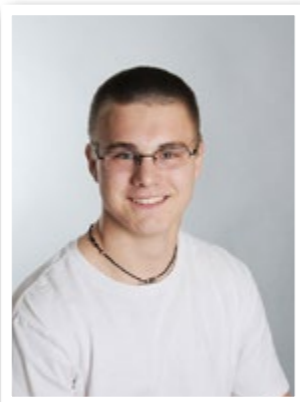
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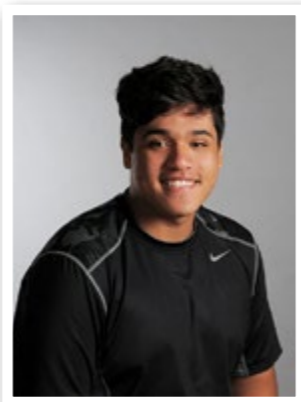
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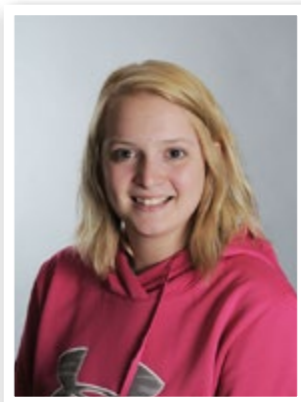
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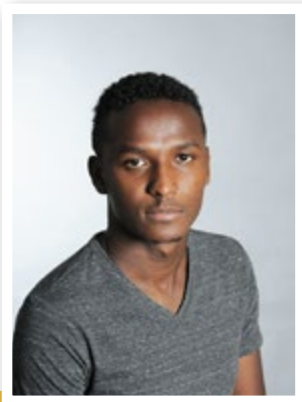
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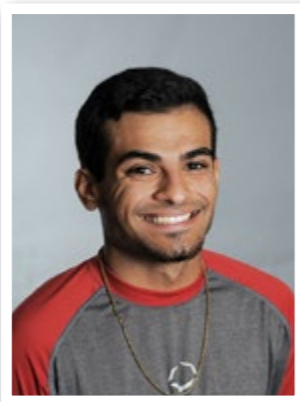
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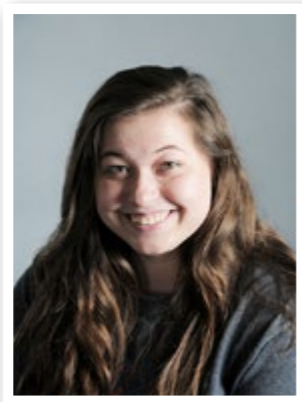
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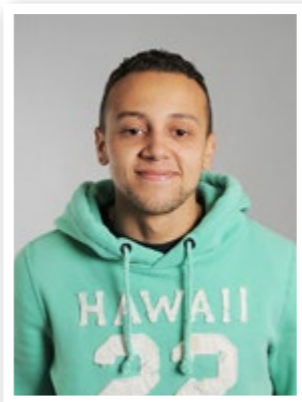
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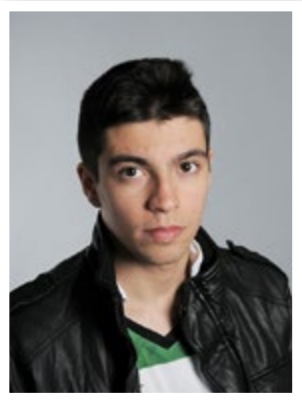
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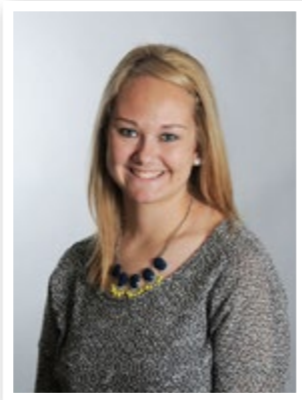
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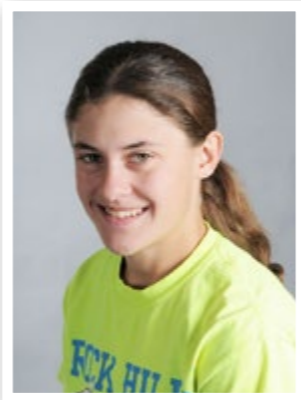
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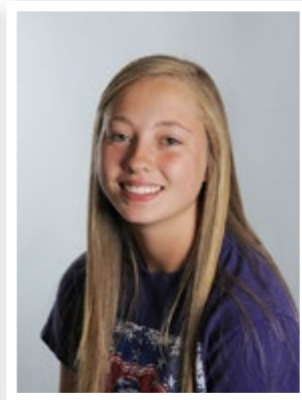
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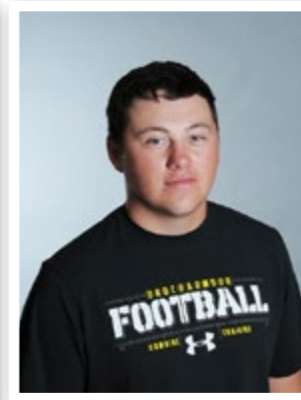
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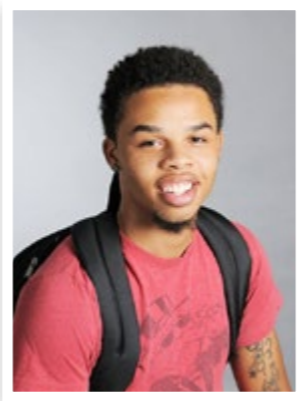
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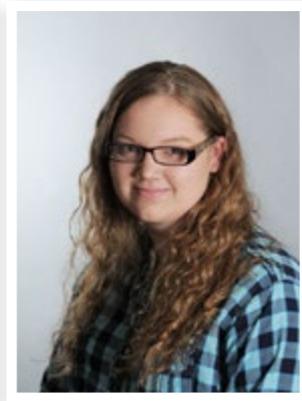
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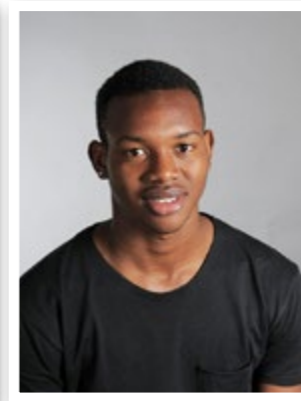
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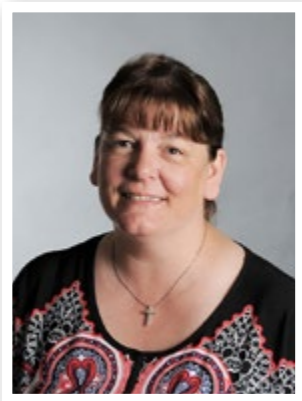


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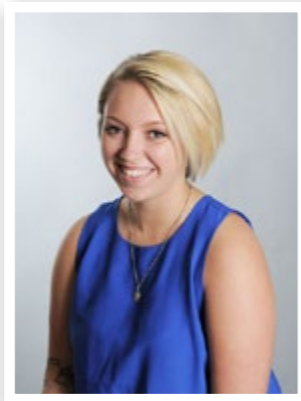


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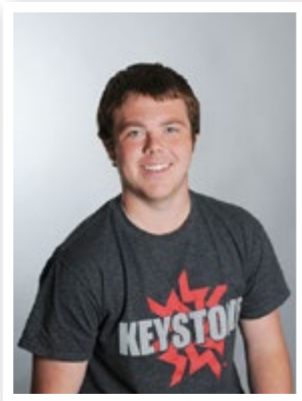
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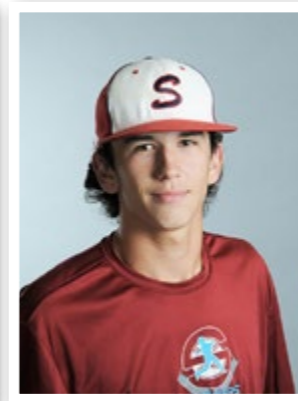
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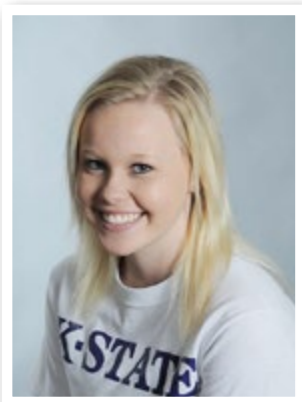
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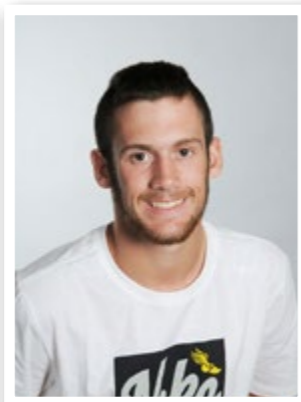
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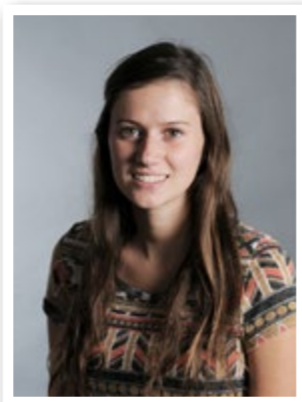
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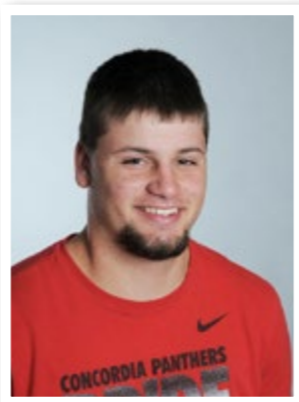
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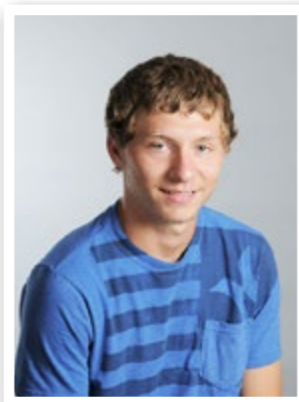
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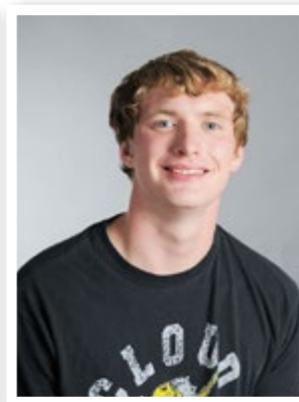
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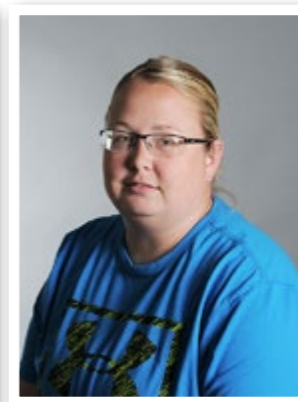
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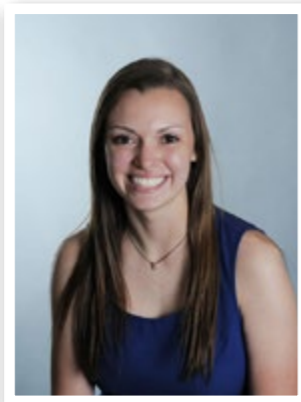
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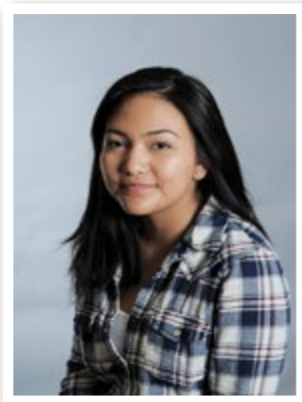
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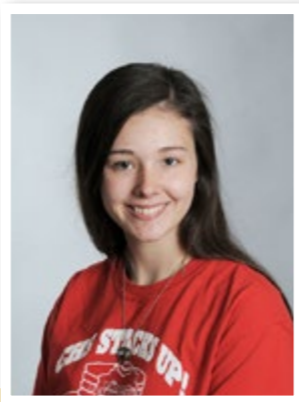
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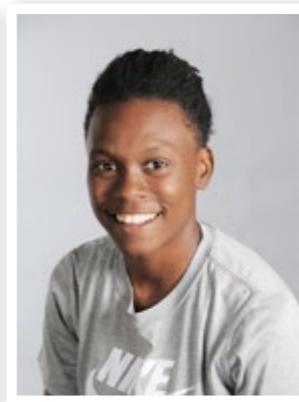
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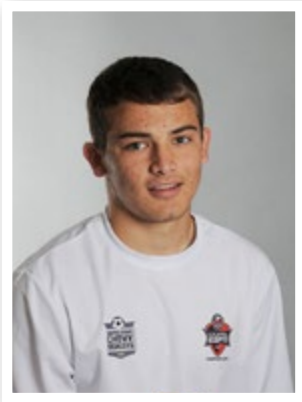


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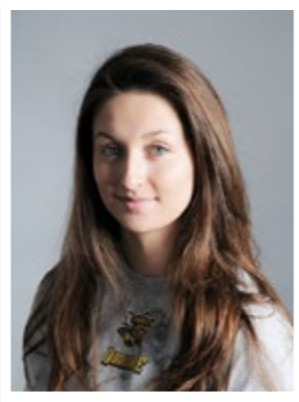
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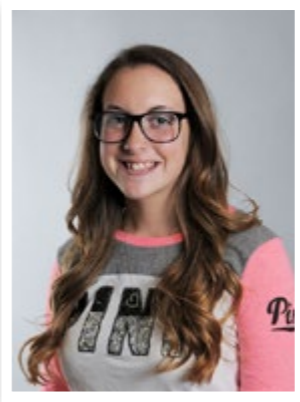
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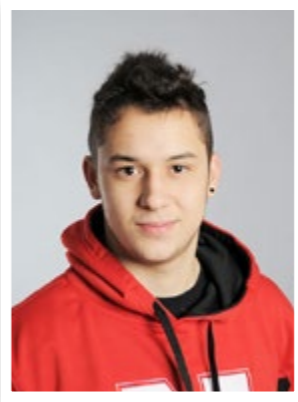
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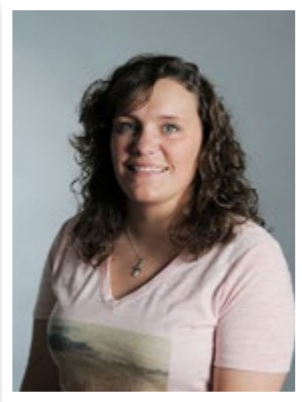
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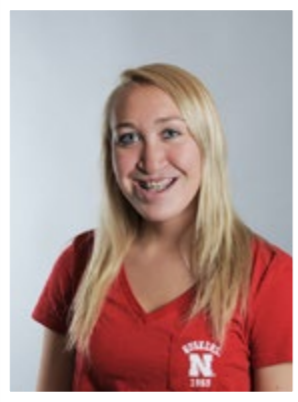
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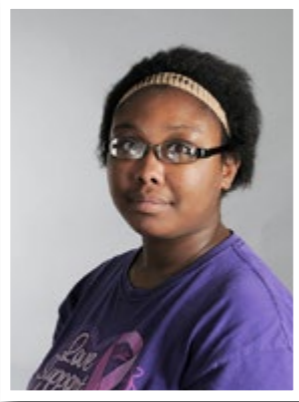
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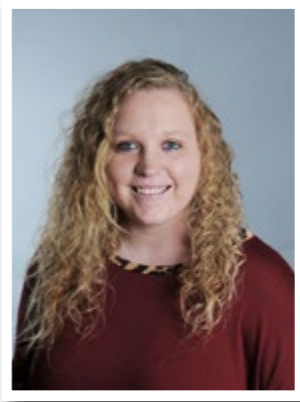
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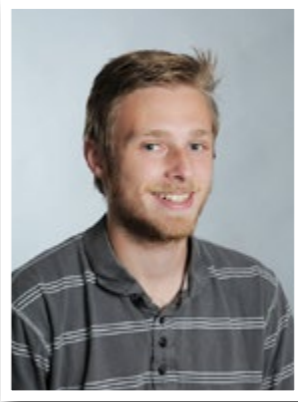
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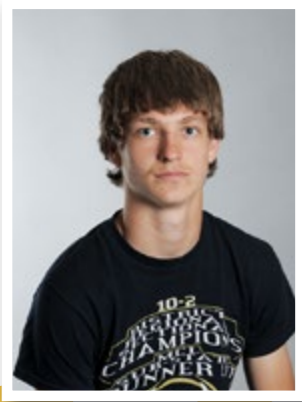
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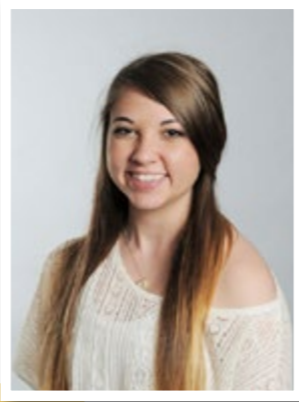
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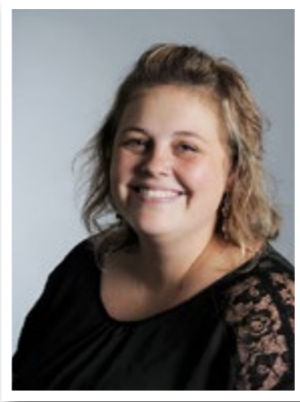
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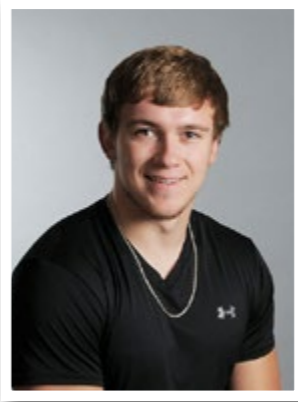
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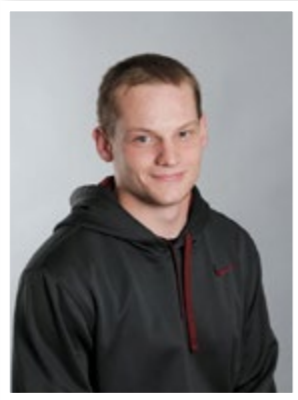
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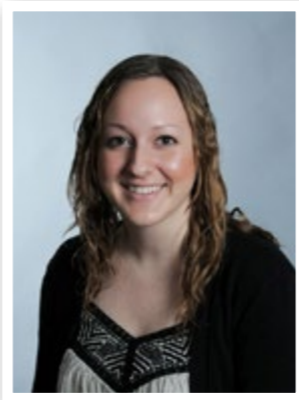
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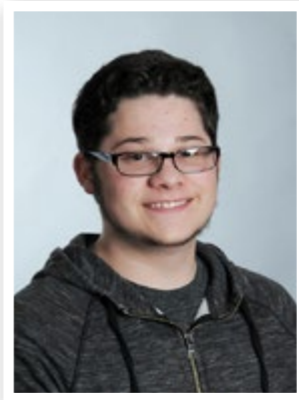
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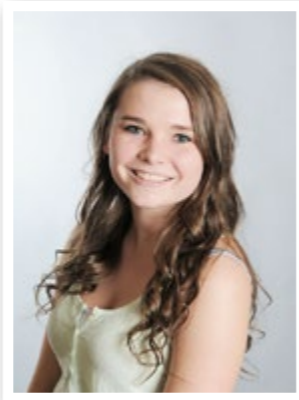
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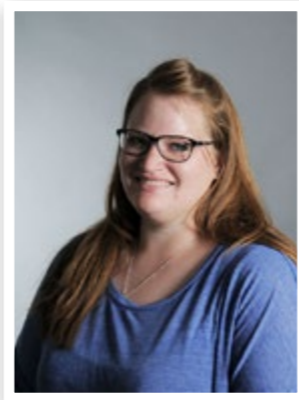
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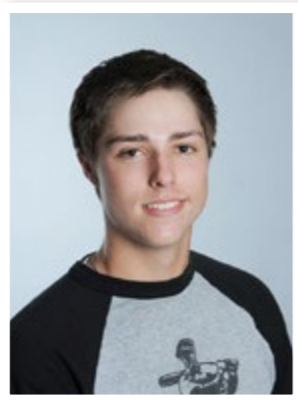
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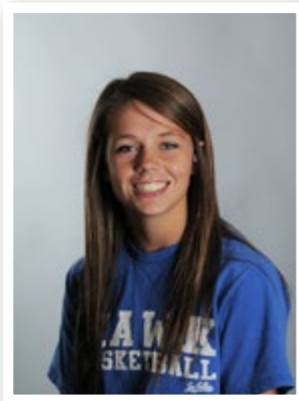
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# THUNDERBOLTS

The Cloud County Community College dance team, the Thunderbolts, underwent a change in coaching this year. Michelle Ringer took on the job as head coach of the team. Ringer used to dance at Cloud when she was a student here from 2005 to 2007 and "enjoyed every minute of it." She also danced throughout high school at Abilene High School in Abilene, KS, so she has a thorough background in dance.

In accepting the coaching



job, she did not look to change much about the way the team had done things in past years. Ringer said, "I have enhanced the Thunderbolt's team by bringing in several choreographers and having my dancers choreograph routines so that they can be a part of the creative experience." Ringer also hopes to get the team back into competing in the near future.

This is Ringer's first team, and she said that she "has been blessed with a very talented and mature group of young ladies that work very well together." Sophomore and co-captain Sydney Owings agreed saying, "The chemistry is good. Everyone gets along and we make a great team." Owings has been dancing for roughly sixteen years and was on the Thunderbolts team last year, making her a good fit for co-captain this year. She hopes to go on to dance at a four-year school and possibly become a dance teacher. Owings said dance has been a good learning experience, teaching her things such as leadership and time management.

-Jacob Drey



Front row, from left: Sydney Owings, Miranda Mansfield, Hope Bryant. Middle row, from left: Payton Arganbright, Jennifer Hamlin, Matyson Leydig, Cortney Moss. Back row, from left: Acacia Thalman, Jennie Jordan, Allee Duitsmann.



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The 2015-2016 Cloud County Community College cheer squad was coached by Tawni Retter. The squad performs at all of the men and women's home basketball games, keeping the crowd full of enthusiasm and spirit. And for Retter, Cloud has plenty of both: "I'm always pleased with the crowd in an environment like Cloud. It is a family atmosphere where people are personally invested in the teams. I do wish we could get more of a connection with the community to boost the attendance a little. However, the student section this year has been the best we've had in awhile!"

Retter is coaching a 6x6 squad this year, six female cheerleaders and six male yell-leaders. Retter says, "I have been fortunate to have six guys to match my six girls this year. It evens out the team giving each girl someone to partner stunt with as well as makes it easier to build bigger pyramids. Not to mention we have such an athletic group of guys that are willing to work hard, which makes everything easier."

From pyramids to shoulder sits to full extensions, the squad is built on trust. Each cheerleader has to trust the stunt partner. Trust means firm belief in the reliability of one's partner. For Retter, "trust is more important than strength and ability put together. If one of my girls gets dropped then it takes a lot for them to feel comfortable doing that stunt again. My guys

are very attentive to the girls, so lack of trust has luckily not been an issue."

Now trust probably wouldn't be the first word that would come to your mind about cheerleading, but it's certainly a vital component to any cheer squad evolving stunts. Trust is much more than just stunting, it's like being in a family. Trusting means committing to the team. Retter states, "We are all business. We don't really have a pump up moment. We get there, stretch, and warm up all of our stunts."

-Tresta Urban

# Cheer



Front: Courtney Kendal, Madison Troshynski; 2nd row: Brooke Fairbanks, Lucas Braga, Leonarda Cararina, Jordan Wickersham; 3rd row: Dalibor Basor, Luciano Santos; back Jared Shelton, Reinhard VanZyl; Top: Meghan Cook, Ashlynn Biehler.



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# LADY THUNDERBIRD BASKETBALL

Front: Gibrielle Figgers; so., Chelcie Kizart; fr., Courtney Freed; so., Dhilia Bell; fr., Amaris Jones; fr., Taylor Ames, so.; Katelyn Thomson; so., Back: Kristina Farber; so., Darby Price; so., Macy Davis; so., Erin Alexander, fr.; Faithlynn Piggee, fr., Cara Flach; fr., Shannon Ownes; so., Kaley Brockleman; fr.



The team found that, through bonding, their ability to work together and win also increased. The team ended the season with a 23-10 record. The outstanding season also included three Jayhawk All-Conference Team (Division I) participants: Erin Alexander, first-team; Chelcie Kizart, second-team; and Kaley Brockleman, honorable mention.

Along with making the conference team, Alexander and Brockleman broke team records. A double record breaker, Alexander broke the single season most blocked shots record (99, from 89) and single-game rebound record (16). Brockleman took the second ranking with 83 three-point field goals in a season, from 82. Alexander and Brockleman also made the All Six Team Regency.

Another high point in the Lady Thunderbirds season was their February winning streak against Colby, Barton, Garden City, Dodge City, North West Technical College, and Hutchinson. The win against the Hutchison Community College Lady Blue Dragons was an amazing event that the team will never forget. The team broke Hutchinson's 123 Throughout the season, they stayed true to their home-game winning streak winning by 10, 67-57. goals, and ended up proud of the outcome.

-Tresta Urban



"I honestly didn't know I was even close to any records. But it was a nice surprise and motivates me even more for next year. I know I can get better."  
-Kaley Broeckelman; fr. (23)



"This year was a lot of fun and I really bonded with my teammates. I'm excited to see what next year has to bring, but I'll miss all of the sophomores."  
-Erin Alexander; fr. (33)

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This team of fourteen girls really knew how to bond on and off the court. Head Coach Brett Erkenbrack said they became "not only ... friends, but also a family." Erkenbrack also spoke of a great group of young ladies that conducted themselves with pride and good character on and off the floor. The team fed off of these relationships, using them to keep up their competitiveness and stay focused on their goals.



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Every year, Cloud searches the U.S. for the best basketball players. This year, the men's team struggled, going 10-22 after losing to Butler Community College in the Region VI Quarterfinals.

When asked about the season, freshman forward Abe Elder said "this season had its ups and downs, but I felt it went great because basketball opened my eyes to be a better player and person."

While this season had some bumps, it also had some highlights. From meeting and working with the team to upsetting some strong opposing teams, each player had their own favorite moments from the year.

Freshman guard Aamahne

Santos said, "my favorite moment was definitely winning a nail-biter upset at Pratt for the first round of the playoffs. I haven't been that happy after a win in a long time."

After reflecting on the season, the team looks forward to next season, and some players are taking their lessons from Cloud and planning to build on their future athletic careers. Sophomore guard / forward Jesse Patrick is working on improving and getting stronger and becoming a better dribbler for next season.

When asked about what the team needed to work on, Chad Eshbaugh, head coach, said "[the team] needs to work on everything, but specifically we have to improve on the mental aspects of playing winning basketball."



Chad Eshbaugh, Head Coach



Michael Johnson, Asst. Coach



Abe Elder



Jesse Patrick



Aamahne Santos

# T-BIRD BASKETBALL



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Front row, from left: Abe Elder, Dejuan Sherman, Aamahne Santos, Jesse Patrick, Devonte Dixon, Rashun Allen, Deon Lyle, Kris Prokrandt (Student Manager). Back row, from left: Duby Madeugbunan, Daemar Jones, Cardarius Williams, Cherif Fall, Sterlin Cato, Alex Martin, Demonte Ojinnaka, Henry Cornelious



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## ROSTER

First row, from left: Xavier Harris, Brie Collins, Debbie Ames, Chasidy Moore, Morgan Gantz, Lindsey Carpenter, Jennifer Boley, Darci Morley, Brooke Dallman, Shiann Schoenrock

Second row, from left: Tresta Urban, Kelsey Thompson, Kaitlynn Fairchild, Christa Woerman, Katy DeWeese, Holly Jackson, Kelli Jacobson, Lyndsay Brown, Brant Crank, Nick Baxa

Third row, from left: Tre Adams, Chad Diedrich, Ryan Perkins, Jesy Strnad, Boone Cady, Tony Pruitt, Chance Chrisman, Zachary Walgren, Reinhard VanZyl

Fourth row, from left: Ruan Cardari, Brendon Asch, David Johns, Bryce Ginther, Tyler Marr, Brett McGee, John Bott, Tyson Hynek, Brett Peters, Noah Deters





# A Charlie Brown Christmas

With a quick turnaround time after October's murder comedy *Arsenic and Old Lace*, in just three weeks the Cloud County Theatre program pulled off a Christmas miracle. In mid-November students started rehearsals for *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, an adaptation of the classic television special. The audience was able to spend an evening with Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the rest of the gang. The play was performed on December 10, 11, and 12 at the Brown Grand Theatre in downtown Concordia.

Freshman Diego Garcia was a first-time actor, and he reports that it was a very different experience for him. He played the role of blue-blanket-carrying Linus. Diego watched *Arsenic and Old Lace* and said, "it looked really fun!" Diego talked about his friend's reactions when he first told them he was participating in this play. "They all laughed because in high school I made fun of the theatre kids. But I enjoyed it so much and loved my experience."

Stephanie Tschetter, instructor of English, Speech and Theatre told me her future plans she has for the drama department. She hopes to have more challenging shows performed that have a difficult or interesting message. She would like to keep building the program and get more students involved. Tschetter talked about why she chose this Christmas play instead of other options. She says, "it has a lot of memories attached to people, and it was a good show for families."

Allie Hardacre, so., Tschetter's work-study, was a big part of the success of this play. She started helping with backstage work during *Arsenic and Old Lace* and continued to help out with the year's subsequent shows. Hardacre says her favorite part about working backstage is getting to see the faces of the actors when they go on and off stage. Theatre has always been a passion for Hardacre, but she wasn't able to do it until now. She reports that "working with Tschetter has been an amazing experience. She has a lot of knowledge to give, and I enjoyed hands on learning."

Overall, the play turned out really well. In terms of gate receipts, it was the most successful show Tschetter had done up until that point.

Many of the Charlie Brown cast went on to participate in the Spring musical, *Seussical the Musical*.

-Zoe Merz





# BRING ON THE MUSIC

It has been an eventful academic year for Cloud County Community College's vocal programs. Both Great Society Singers and the Concert Choir are continuing to evolve musically while taking on a more difficult and diverse musical selection. They performed the Vespers Christmas Concert in December including original Christmas songs sung by both choirs. Their second concert was Made in America. Both choirs performed under the direction of Hannah Draper-Burnett. As a new Cloud instructor and director of both choirs, she has many goals for the program.

While working on expanding the choirs' repertoire and presence, Hannah Draper-Burnett states that she would like to continue developing a choral culture at Cloud. She describes choral culture as

the fostering of independence in singing while also creating a foundation of teamwork. Draper-Burnett is also trying to "create stronger bonds" between the departments at Cloud to create more diverse and interesting events such as the joint Christmas concert with the North Central Kansas Community Band.

Currently for 2016, the Concert Choir consists of 21 auditioned members while the Great Society consists of 15 members, with more members expected to join soon. They are continuing to work hard and focus on their musical skills. The final concert of the academic year will be on the 5th of May. The turn out is expected to be even greater than the Vespers Christmas show.

-Marissa Hiers



1. Hannah Draper-Burnett directs during an in-class rehearsal.

2. From Front: Tam Decker (so.), Kyle Biggerstaff (fr.), Ryan Kraushaar (fr.)

3. Natash Petersen (fr.)

4. Dorian Girard (fr.)

5. Peyton Warner (fr.)



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# Softball

The 2015-2016 lady softball team at Cloud County went 7-15 in conference play and 17-21 overall. When asked about the sometimes-difficult season, freshman lifielder Jaycee Worrell said "I think our team did well, even though our record doesn't quite show it. We had a lot of punches thrown at us in the beginning of the year, but it was great that we could overcome those battles as a team. The team did seem to rally in their second month of play: in March, the team won just 21% of games. In April, however, the team pushed to 55% of games. Leslie Schuetz, freshman Infielder, also noted the team's strength gathered over the season: "Overall I think our team played really well and overcame some tough circumstances. I loved seeing how everyone improved over the year."

Worrell and Schuetz both spoke about celebrating the small victories throughout the season. Worrell remembers a personal victory during a game against Fort Scott: "I was in a hitting slump. I looked at coach and said, 'I can do it.' Then I bombed the ball over the Right Fielder's head and got a triple. It was a great feeling." Schuetz recalls a team victory: "We also played an error-free game. That was a highlight to our season because an error-free game was a goal that we had been working toward and everything just finally came together defensively as well as offensively."

Worrell and Schuetz are both happy they



## Roster

Front row, from left: Karley Abels, Lexi Duhrkop, Bayleigh Cope  
Second row, from left: Leslie Schuetz, Jaycee Worrell, Lauren Catron  
Third row, from left: Bailee Larson, Samantha Shafer, Alison Rassette, Mikayla booth  
Fourth row, from left: Courtney Cowsert, Kennedy Oberembt, Bailey Dixon, Jessie Dixon, Ann Flach, Erin King



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chose Cloud. "I chose Cloud," Schuetz said, "because I could continue to play softball and I liked the small-town feel and how the teachers care about their students." Worrell agreed: "I chose Cloud because my coach is someone I can always depend on, and it's a great school to learn from. It's a perfect atmosphere."

Worrell made First Team All-District Region D and Honorable Mention All-Conference. Schuetz received the Exemplary Academic Achievement Award from the NJCAA for a GPA of at least 3.6.



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# T-BIRD BASEBALL SWINGS ON



Kasey Biddle (so.)



José Chacín (fr.)

The Cloud County baseball team struggled during the 2015-2016 season. The team won only 4 of 28 conference games and 9 of 44 non-conference games. Nonetheless, individual teammates found value in the season.

Many team members will remember getting to know their teammates. Garret Graveline, freshman catcher, said "the highlight of my season was the opportunity to get to know my teammates." Kasey Biddle, sophomore pitcher noted the growth among his teammates: "freshmen grew up as athletes and people. The sophomores showed some great leadership, even in hard times." He went on to say "We tried to make it as fun as possible given the tough times."

There were also moments of personal triumph. José Chacín, freshman catcher and infielder from Venezuela, recalled his family back home on a particularly difficult day. "The best experience of my last season was when I was playing with a pain in my left leg. I started thinking about my family and trying to feel strong and putting out the pain. That day I hit 4-5. It was my best day."

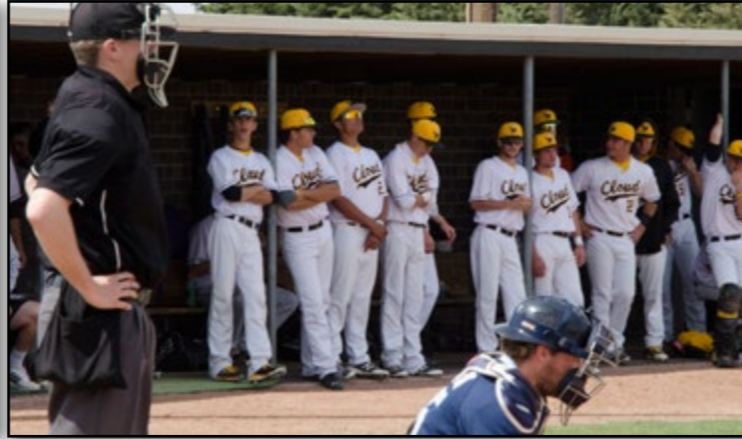
Biddle, who was coming off a year of rehab after a surgery on his labrum, said "my personal highlight was probably throwing a three-hit complete game at Butler. We lost, but it was my best start since surgery and gave me a lot of confidence back." Biddle signed with Sterling College and will continue baseball as a junior in the fall.



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"We have to be good teammates, work hard, do the best every time, focus on what we are doing on the baseball field, help each other, and never forget to enjoy the game."



**CONT'D** The freshmen returners also shared some thoughts about the future. Gravelin said "I hope to improve myself in all aspects of the game from my defense to offense as well as the mental aspect." Chacin focused his thoughts on the team: "We have to be good teammates, work hard like a team, do the best every time, focus on what we are doing on the baseball field, help each other, and never forget to enjoy the game."

**Front row, from left:** Anthony Arellano, David Johns, Aaron Starnes, Clint Cole, Anthony Johnson, Zach Holmes, Bryce Girdner, John Badgett, Chris Langin, Jordan Mehl, Eric Lange, Jake Wells, Brandon Mitchell. **Middle Row, from left:** Kasey Biddle, Aiden lighthiser, Jared Winter, Lane Inskip, John Stiger, Bryce Lievens, Derick Bohn, Alex Torkelson, Ryan Cornell, Luis Landaetta, Jose Chacin, Trace Nelson, Jaden Payeur, Riley Baker. **Back row, from left:** Nick Wordekemper, Barry Caine, Fernando hernandez, Emilio Escamilla, Cody Walters, Garret Graveline, Eve Escamilla, Sherwin Salim, Amir McFarthing, Eli Hill, Alixon Herrera, Alec Ober, cole Otto, Jacob Grady

Captions Clockwise: 1 & 2: The team celebrates a win and watches a game from the dugout. 3. Garret Graveline (fr.) is at bat. 4. Luis Landaeta (fr.) moves to steal a base. 5. Nick Wordkemper (fr.) sends out a pitch.



# WOMEN'S TRACK



**ROSTER** Front row, from left: Laramie leakey, Yazmin Rendon, Debbie Ames, Camila faundez, Acacia Thalmann, Jade Weathersby, Chanelle Barnett, jatoriaMcGirt, Majorie Thompson  
Back row, from left: Stephanie Barrett, Raygene Minus, Haley Falk, Nayoka Clunis, Randi noll, Renee Summerville, molly Adams, Kelsey Todd-Anton, Ashlyn Parrish, Hannah Smith.



# MEN'S TRACK



**ROSTER** Front row, from left: Bryce Golightley, Eli Lahr, Galen Allen, Zane Downing, Boone Cady, Nick Roark, Bryce Ginter, Tyler Wallace, Ben Usher, Jarreth Martina, Jamal namous  
Middle Row, from left: Stuart Lenneman, Tre Garner, Tyron Clemencia, Kevin Philbert, Jace Coppoc, Xavier Harris, Jared Pfeifer, Chance Chrisman, Jaymes Patterson, Isaac King, Kurt Van de Merwe  
Back row, from left: Brett Peters, Walter Watson, Demetrius Heath, Brice Brummett, Blake Woodyard, Chad Gross, Rajindra Campbell, Cody Huerter, Logan Sheilds, Solomon Afful

