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Former Winners: Where Are They Now?

Jeff Lutsey, I--“I’m living and loving life in Door County. I’m primarily working on an environmentally-focused small-house neighborhood development project (Boreal Preserve) to try to help our housing shortage here in Door County. And I’m volunteering at a couple of environmental and community-support organization non-profits (Ridges Sanctuary, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Destination Door County). And I love hiking and exploring in the wondrous nearby woods. I’m so glad the tradition rolls forward!”

Andrew Butcher, IV--“I’m living in Arlington Heights with my wife, Christina, and two kids. When I’m not working—I’m a partner at a law firm in Chicago—I spend time at hockey rinks and dance classes watching my kids, date nights with my wonderful wife, and socializing with friends. While doubtful this suburban dream will jump off the page to many high school readers, I’m thankful every day that I’m able to watch my children grow and flourish alongside the love of my life.”

Michael Tuchalski, V--“I am an attorney for Kohl’s living in Milwaukee with my wife Natalia and our 5-year-old Gabe (who is quick to point out I have a terrible singing voice).

Tommy Durkin, VI--“I currently live in the Twin Cities, married to Laurie Canadeo (NDA grad 2001) and we have 3 kids. I own a Packaging Company, and I guess my title would be President & CEO although that makes me sound far more important than I actually am! It’s great to see you are still doing Mr. NDA. I have a lot of great memories from the event and it’s crazy to think it’s been 20 years...I’m sure the 2001 show still ranks as the best Mr. NDA to date!”

Todd Schmidt, IX--“I currently work at Facebook where I lead our operational workforce planning. I have never met Zuck, but I’ve been on an email with him. I live in New York City but have also spent time in San Francisco and Chicago since college. I haven’t performed on stage since Mr. NDA-16 years ago!-though I still like to tell the story of doing Matrix Ping Pong and conducting



Mr. NDA XXV, Will Zellner, flanked by the 2020-2021 Academy Awards field

my friends on stage, in tails, with a baton I borrowed from my mom.”

Alex Erdman, X--“I have had an outrageously eclectic occupational history, from nutritional and physical education program administration for children for various organizations, a funeral directing apprenticeship, a three-year stint as an emergency medical technician for a private ambulance agency, professional theater and band gigs, to my current gig as a surveyor for a surveying and civil engineering firm--back in Green Bay after years in Ohio, Minneapolis and Sheboygan.”

Bear Brummel, XII--“Bear is in Brooklyn, currently working in real estate and is hoping to get back into acting soon.” (Thanks, Celia!)

Chris Refsguard, XIV--“In 2020 I graduated from UWSP with my Master’s degree in Natural Resources. I moved to Oregon and was doing some work with turkey and Coho salmon for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. I moved back to Green Bay at the beginning of summer this year to start my work as the Education Coordinator at Green Bay Botanical Garden.”

Steven Schumacher, XV--“I currently reside in Chicago, having moved there in 2012. I live with my

girlfriend, whom I have been dating for eight years. She recently wrapped up her PhD in Clinical Psychology and is much smarter than me. So is our cat. I work as an External Communications Manager at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.”

Ross Warpinski, XVI--“Glad to see the tradition is still being passed down. I am currently living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and just celebrated seven years in NYC, which is crazy to think about. After UW-Stevens Point & training with the Joffrey Ballet School in Manhattan, I moved on to photography. I am writing to you on a flight to Berlin for a photo shoot with Kat Irlin, a well-known fashion photographer in the city. I’ve been shooting for several years now while working with Kat and just recently started to take acting classes. I know I’m planning on becoming a true New Yorker, living in the city for at least 10 years. Life is really beautiful, so many things have happened since NDA (good and bad) and I love where I came from.”

Cayman Berg, XVII--“I’m currently

working remotely as a mechanical engineer under a Fortune 500 company. I just bought my first townhouse in Nashville, TN! My girlfriend Sarah, my dog Odin and I are all very excited to be living in a new city! Congrats to all the seniors on great fall seasons! Also, can someone tell my brother Laken to keep his ID badge in his car, so he stops getting detentions!”

Kieran DeGroot, XVIII--“After I left Notre Dame, I went to Carroll University, did my 5 years there as an athlete-student playing soccer and running track. I managed to get out of there with my M.S. in Clinical Exercise Physiology. I spent a little while working cardiac rehab and coaching cross country. Looking for a change of pace, I joined the Air Force.”

Greg Young, XIX--“I met the love of my life, and we were married in Door County in 2019. After about a year of getting settled in our new life together and multiple trips traveling Europe, I left for my career in the US Marine Corps...In California, I work under the MOS 6217 as a power plant aviation

mechanic at Marine Aircraft Group 11 VMFAT 101 Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron. The aircraft that I specifically work on is the F/A-18 Hornet C/D...I repair, replace, and rebuild aircraft engines and related components...I am currently on a three-month detachment in Nevada at the Top Gun school maintaining and assisting the aircraft there for the pilots training for their Top Gun certifications. Unfortunately, as of now, Tom Cruise has not made an appearance...

Jack Pavlek, XX--“After high school, I moved out to the central coast of California and have been here ever since. I graduated from Cal Poly in the spring of 2020 and have been working on the production and vineyard management team at L’Aventure Winery in Paso Robles, CA. Oddly enough, I think I still have my tight pants and wig stored away in a box somewhere at home...I wish Coach McCracken and the hockey boys the best of luck this year!”

Nate Ihlenfeldt, XXI--“I graduated last December from St. Norbert. Now I am living in De Pere and working for a packaging company in De Pere called Belmark. I am currently working in the marketing department. I was playing football at St. Norbert, but the last season got cut short because of Covid and everything.”

Ben Lelinski, XXII--“Awesome to hear the show is back live! I finished my degree in May as a fire-medic. I currently work full time as a firefighter paramedic for Manitowoc Fire and Rescue Department. Along with that, I work part time at Suamico Fire Department and Mt. Calvary ambulance.”

Owen Campbell, XXIV--“I am currently in my first year at UW-Milwaukee and I am loving it. I am working in the school’s film program here, and I have learned so much already. I can’t wait to see what the rest of the year brings!”

Massart, Gruesen Chosen to Emcee Academy Awards



Jacob Massart, left, and Anna Gruesen, right, examine the script ahead of the show

By Sophie Hornberger

The contestants have been voted in, the rampeteers’ names have been drawn, and now the emcees have auditioned and been selected by a panel of staff judges.

And just like that, the search for the next Mr./Ms. NDA is in full-swing.

This year’s emcees are seniors Jacob Massart and Anna Gruesen. The pair are both ecstatic to be part of this year’s show.

“I really wanted to get involved in the Academy Awards because I couldn’t in my prior years,” said Gruesen. “I

had other commitments, so when I found out I could this year, I was really excited to audition to emcee.”

Although this will be Gruesen’s first show, Massart has taken the stage twice before for the Academy Awards.

“I was a rampeteer my sophomore year and last year I was voted in,” said Massart. “This year I kept my name on the ballot, but I didn’t get in, so I thought I’d still be involved somehow.”

Gruesen and Massart are tasked with writing the script for the show and hosting the event. They are excited to be bringing Academy Awards

back to the stage in person this year.

“With it being online last year was very different from how it had been run from years prior,” said Massart. “So to be the first two emcees back live on stage is exciting.”

Both Gruesen and Massart have been big fans of the show throughout high school.

“I feel like it brings everyone together in its own unique way and involves all the different grades,” said Gruesen. “And now that it’s open to both boys and girls it’s even more community-based.”

“No other school has something like this,” Massart added. “Of course there are different talent shows and stuff that a school may do, but this one is so individual and unique to itself, which I think makes it stand out as a Notre Dame tradition.”

Both hope to share their love of the show as emcees and encouraged everyone to attend the show on December 4.

“Academy Awards is one of the highlights of the school year, and it’s super funny,” said Gruesen.

“A lot of the upperclassmen that do get voted in are school leaders,” said Massart. “They’re good people to look up to and aspire to be like. It’s nothing that you want to be missing out on because it’s such a great event that we put on as a school.”

Rampeteers Ready to Experience Show

By Riley Guyette

While not the main performers in the show, rampeteers have been a staple of the Academy Awards since its inception at NDA 25 years ago.

These underclassmen are each paired with a contestant whom they accompany throughout the show.

“When we started the show, we wanted some way to involve the underclassmen and came up with the plan we’re still using,” explained Carolyn Brown, who has been helping with the show since its beginning. “We’d decided only seniors and juniors could be contestants and emcees should be seniors.”

Today’s rampeteers were initially called escorts and served the minuscule purpose of walking on the ramp for a simple live introduction and again for the Q&A.

This differs from the amount of involvement they currently have as they are often included in the contestant’s intro video or some-

times even the contestant’s act itself.

“About eight years ago some people objected to the term ‘escort,’ so we thought of the musketeers and the mouseketeers and decided to invent a term, the rampeteers,” recalled Brown.

This year’s rampeteers include Julia Vogel, Amelia Chrudimsky, Allie Lagowski, Jessica Sack, Lauren Witczak, Lauren Limoni, Cece DeRuyter, Grace Borys, Greta Fangman, Zinash Ham, Lily Arkens, Liam Blakney, Saul Guevara and Stanley Smith.

These underclassmen decided to enter the drawing to be in the show for various reasons.

For example, freshman Lily Arkens recalled, “I came and watched the show with my dad a few years ago and was drawn to the excitement and how big of a production it can be.”

Arkens’ father had also been a contestant in the show during both his junior and senior years of high school. See [Rampeteers...](#), Page 4



Tate Milton

Tate, if your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Adam Sandler
What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mrs. Brown
What's the last lie you told? "Nice hair, Jason."
What's your favorite quote? "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." -Vince Lombardi
How do you feel about pineapple on pizza? If I ever see it in person, I will run and fly to the moon
If you had a superpower, what would it be? To fly
If you could be any animal, what would you be? A penguin
What would you title your autobiography? *Tate Milton: Man, Myth, Legend...he was all of those*
Do you have any secret talents? I know hundreds of sports facts
What's the best advice you've been given--and by whom? "Relax" -My grandpa
When life gives you lemons...Trade for an orange
What's your most embarrassing NDA memory? Listening to my brother and checking to see if there was a third-floor pool



Jason VandenHouten

Jason, what staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mr. Browne
What's your favorite pick-up line? "I'd like to take you to the movies, but they don't let you bring in your own snacks."
What's your favorite quote? "If you ain't first, you're last." -Ricky Bobby
How do you feel about pineapple on pizza? Absolutely.
If you could be any animal, what would you be? Grizzly Bear
Tell us a joke... What do you call a toothless bear? A gummy bear.
When life gives you lemons...Add melted butter and dip lobster in it
If you could play in any Olympic event, which would it be? Badminton with my partner as Max Rader
What's your most embarrassing NDA memory? Ripping my pants in health class freshman year
If you could take 3 things with you to a deserted island, what would they be? A firestarter, my dog, and a machete
If you could change your name, what would you change it to? Blake



George Streckenbach

George, who is the female version of yourself? Margot Robbie
If your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Will Ferrell

What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mrs. Gilson
How do you feel about pineapple on pizza? Shouldn't be on it
What's your biggest regret? Not getting a higher GPA freshman year
If you had a superpower, what would it be? Read minds
If you could be any animal, what would you be? A lemur
What would you title your autobiography? *Streck 'n Stuff*
When life gives you lemons...Create lemonade
What's your most embarrassing NDA memory? Passing out during the football game freshman year
If you could change your name, what would you change it to? I wouldn't.
Who is your celebrity crush? Margot Robbie



Fawzi Abujamra

Fawzi, if your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Rowan Atkinson (AKA Mr. Bean)
What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mrs. Brown because she can just bribe them with her brownies
What's your favorite pick-up line? "You remind me of country music because I will never play you."
What's the last lie you told? "Fed is great at public speaking."
What always makes you cry? Nothing. Mama raised me right.
What's your biggest regret? Playing country music
If you could be any animal, what would you be? A dawg like Omar Cendejas Maldonado
Tell us a joke...My Chem grade
If you could live in one fictional universe, what would it be? The Lion King
When life gives you lemons...You sell them for money. Think smarter, not harder, kids.
If you could change your name, what would you change it to? Rafiki
Who is your celebrity crush? Jennifer Aniston



Chelsey Martinez

Who is the male version of yourself? Frank Sinatra
What has been your best experience at NDA? When Mr. Dory threw a wet rag on my fries at lunch
If your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Melissa McCarthy...duh
What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mr. Kreigl (so he could bail me out to help serve at mass)
What's your favorite pick-up line? "You're so beautiful you made me forget my pick-up line."
What always makes you cry? When my sister steals my Kit Kat from my lunch
What's your favorite quote? "The purpose of our lives is to be happy." - Dalai Lama
If you had a superpower, what would it be? Invisibility
If you could be any animal, what would you be? A Koala Bear
What would you title your autobiography? *Always Look on the Bright Side*
If you could live in one fictional universe, what would it be? With my best friend Pablo from The Backyardigans

Do you have any secret talents? I don't know...it's a secret
What's the best advice you've been given and by whom? "You talk too much...and you do too little." --My mother
When life gives you lemons...There's a million ways to make lemonade
If you could play in any Olympic event, which would it be? Figure Skating...I'm obsessed with Nathan Chen
What's your most embarrassing NDA memory? Not knowing who hit me on the back with an aluminum foil ball at lunch...*if you're reading this, shame on you!*



Sam Smet

Sam, what has been your best experience at NDA? Casual fun in the football locker room
What's your favorite pick-up line? "These Skittles are sweet...just like me."
What always makes you cry? Onions
What's your favorite quote? "God can save you from the sinner you are but not the saint you claim to be." -Mr. Kriegl
How do you feel about pineapple on pizza? Unconventional warfare tactic
If you had a superpower, what would it be? If luck was a superpower, that'd be pretty cool
If you could be any animal, what would you be? A bird
If you could live in one fictional universe, what would it be? Game of Thrones
What's the best advice you've been given--and by whom? "Walk softly but carry a big stick." --My dad
If you could play in any Olympic event, which would it be? Archery
If you could change your name, what would you change it to? Andrew
Who is your celebrity crush? Gustavo Fring



Sophie Hornberger

Sophie, who is the male version of yourself? Mr. Guyette
What has been your best experience at NDA? Finding out we had an extra week (year?) of spring break
If your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Kim Kardashian West
What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mrs. Corriveau
What's your favorite pick-up line? "You look like my favorite kind of corn.. sweet. But seriously, you look amazing."
What's the last lie you told? "My EE will be done by tomorrow, Mrs. Mayer."
What always makes you cry? The lack of love in my life.
What's your favorite quote? "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." -John Wilkes Booth
How do you feel about pineapple on pizza? *shakes head*
What's your biggest regret? Procrastinating my EE
If you could be any animal, what would you be? A killer whale because maybe then Chelsey would love me
Tell us a joke... "You may not think rain condenses on grass...but it dew."
What's the best advice you've been given--and by whom? "Everybody makes mistakes. Everybody has those days" -Hannah R. Montana
When life gives you lemons...Use Crystal Light
What's your most embarrassing NDA memory? Doctora asked me how old I was in Spanish and I responded... "tres."
If you could change your name, what would you change it to? Cletus...email me for further details



Jack FitzGerald

Jack, if your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Terry Crews or The Rock
What's the last lie you told? "My driver's license says I'm six feet tall."
What always makes you cry? Opening PowerSchool
What's your favorite quote? "I may be a senior, but so what? I'm still hot"-Betty White
How do you feel about pineapple on pizza? People do it for attention
What's your biggest regret? Running for Fan Man
What would you title your autobiography? *Jack FitzGerald: Friend, Teammate, Lover?*
Do you have any secret talents? I can stay underwater for over thirty minutes, but I can only do it once.
What's the best advice you've been given--and by whom? "You may be talented, but you're not Kanye West." -Kanye West
When life gives you lemons... Make orange juice and tell no one how you did it
If you could play in any Olympic event, which would it be? Poodle clipping...that's a real event. No joke, look it up...
Who is your celebrity crush? The Queen of England



Eli Bieker

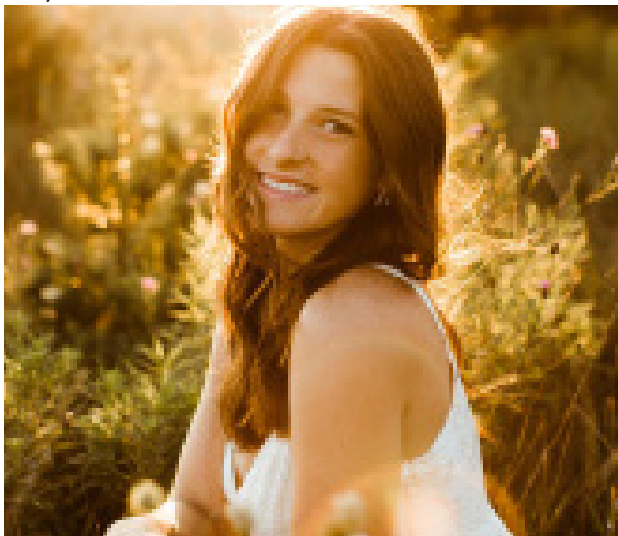
Eli, what has been your best experience at NDA? Jamming in the practice room with my friends.
If your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Ryan Reynolds
What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mrs. Brown. She'd tell stories to the cops until they forgot they arrested me.
What's your favorite pick-up line? "I think there's something wrong with my phone. Could you try calling it to see if it works?"
What always makes you cry? Being on the Morning Show with Malachi Bieker
What's your biggest regret? Not being as cool as Malachi Bieker
If you could live in one fictional universe, what would it be? The Pokémon universe. I just want a little pet Bulbasaur for myself.
Do you have any secret talents? I actually do Guyette's homework.
When life gives you lemons... Make lemonade to exclusively use in making Arnold Palmers, the superior summer drink
Who is your celebrity crush? Ryan Reynolds



Joey Bonadonna

Joey, if your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Paul Rudd, so he couldn't be in the Sam Lagowski movie.

What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Definitely Mrs. Gilson.
What always makes you cry? When Boo opens the closet door at the end of *Monsters Inc.* and Sully isn't there.
What's your favorite quote? "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take- Wayne Gretzky" - Michael Scott
How do you feel about pineapple on pizza? Underrated, honestly. Not my first option, but it is a solid choice.
If you had a superpower, what would it be? Teleportation
If you could be any animal, what would you be? A polar bear
Tell us a joke... the Chicago Bears
What would you title your autobiography? *The Musings Of The Manager*
Do you have any secret talents? I can solve a Rubik's Cube in under 90 seconds
What's the best advice you've been given--and by whom? Ferris Bueller once personally told me, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." #saveferris
If you could play in any Olympic event, which would it be? Probably basketball... as the waterboy
What's your most embarrassing NDA memory? There are too many to recall.



Sophia Richards

Sophia, who is the male version of yourself? The Rock
What has been your best experience at NDA? When we had a two-hour lockdown my sophomore year. It was awesome.
What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mr. Nowak
What always makes you cry? Finals
How do you feel about pineapple on pizza? Catastrophic
If you could be any animal, what would you be? A yak
Tell us a joke... "Why does Snoop Dogg use an umbrella? Fo' drizzle."
If you could live in one fictional universe, what would it be? Planet Drool (Sharkboy and Lavagirl)
When life gives you lemons... Bring them to Chick-fil-A so they can make lemonade.
If you could play in any Olympic event, which would it be? Synchronized swimming
If you could take 3 things with you to a deserted island, what would they be? Ritz crackers, my NDA student ID, and a pillow
If you could change your name, what would you change it to? Morag (My Scottish dad wanted to name me this, but my mom quickly rejected the idea).



Kian Wasilkoff

Kian, what has been your best experience at NDA? Almost getting smoked walking down to Locust
If your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Adam Sandler
What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mr. "Kon college" Konchak
What's the last lie you told? Yeah, I'm happy!
What always makes you cry? A casual viewing of *The Brave Little Toaster* does the job
What's your favorite quote? "It's not snitching; it's reporting."

What's your biggest regret? I swallowed a good chunk of styrofoam the other summer. Everything has been downhill from there.
If you could be any animal, what would you be? A certain chameleon from a certain movie
Tell us a joke... My chem grade
What would you title your autobiography? *Goodnight Moon, Bad Ending*
If you could live in one fictional universe, what would it be? Squid Game universe
Do you have any secret talents? I have a lot of nightmares.
What's your most embarrassing NDA memory? Wrestling in the bathroom sophomore year during the grandparents mass.
If you could change your name, what would you change it to? Tony Shark
Who is your celebrity crush? Megan Fox in the first Transformers movie



Adam Vogel

Adam, what scares you the most? My dad
What has been your best experience at NDA? Freshman year back-to-school dance
If your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Kian
What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mr. Morris
If you could be any animal, what would you be? Japanese long-horned orb weaver spider
Do you have any secret talents? I can hold my breath for a very long time.
If you could play in any Olympic event, which would it be? Boxing
What's your most embarrassing NDA memory? Falling down the stairs
If you could change your name, what would you change it to? DeShawn Darnell III
Who is your celebrity crush? Shailene Woodley



Joe Gerbitz

Joe, what has been your best experience at NDA? Playing in the hockey state championship
If your life was made into a movie, who would get the lead role? Chris Hemsworth
What staff member would you call if you got arrested? Mrs. Stanczak
What's your favorite pick-up line? "Good thing I have my Notre Dame ID because I am totally checking you out."
What's the last lie you told? I told my mom I let the dog out after my dog peed on the floor
What always makes you cry? When my mom doesn't take me to McDonalds
What's your favorite quote? "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain."
How do you feel about pineapple on pizza? It's a crime
What's your biggest regret? When I left my sunroof open during a blizzard
Tell us a joke... "What did one traffic light say to the other? Stop looking at me, I'm changing."
What's your most embarrassing NDA memory? When I was running through the halls as a sophomore to get to practice, I accidentally knocked over a girl carrying a huge tray of pasta.

Quizzing Mr. NDA XXV

The Tritonian staff met with Will Zellner, the last winner of the Academy, to discuss life after NDA. The transcript is below:

Q: What are your thoughts about being Mr. NDA?
Being Mr. NDA is an honor. Given the circumstances we were in last year, we were unable to do the show the regular way. I was fortunate enough to still have the opportunity to be in the show and to be challenged. Being named Mr. NDA was a true honor and a privilege.

Q: What advice do you have for the candidates in this year's contest?
The advice I have is go out there and have fun. Take this time to enjoy doing the fun times with your fellow contestants and to bring out the real

you! Of course there will be times of stress, but when it comes down to it, it is all about having fun and enjoying the people around you.

Q: Where are you now? How are you liking college?
I am currently at UW- Madison. College has been great so far. Even though it has been a very big adjustment in life, you find ways to get through it and have fun. I truly have been loving my college experience thus far.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge in adjusting to college? What has been hard for you and what has been easy?
The biggest challenge adjusting to college is being away from home and putting a lot more effort into

your school work. I have learned that in college you really need to take the extra time to study and you cannot be afraid to ask for help! The hardest adjustment to college is being accountable for your own learning. When it comes down to it, your professors are going to be there for you, but they will not spoon feed you! One thing that has been easy in college is creating new friendships and strengthening old friendships.

Q. What do you miss most about Green Bay and NDA?
I miss roaming the halls of NDA and seeing the faces of friends and teachers. I miss all of my friends, classes, and battles of Uno in Campus Ministry. As I look back at high school, there was something about just being in the building that made me happy.

Q. Where do you see yourself in 10

more years? What would you like to be doing?
I hope to have a family started and a few years out of dental school owning a private practice office!

Q. What final word would you like to give the NDA community?

Fellow Tritons, enjoy your days in high school. Live each and every day to the fullest and do not take anything for granted. In my opinion, high school is a time where you establish life-long friends and memories that will last forever... especially at NDA! Work hard, have faith and have fun.



Mr. NDA XXIV Owen Campbell, right, congratulates last year's winner, Will Zellner, left

Academy Chatter:

What Is Your Favorite Academy Awards Memory?

Matteo D'Alesandro, senior: "Henry Wied's stand up routine."
Sam Smet, senior: "Owen Campbell's videos."
Anna Gruesen, senior: "Charlie Lemkuil's act with water-spitting."
Abby Hasse, senior: "Fritz singing 'Loving is Easy' was a standout for me."
Joshua Zehms, senior: "When Henry Wied did his standup routine. I was crying laughing."
Patrick Browne, staff: "Henry Wied was hilarious. The other one I liked was when Owen won, since he was a teacher's kid, and I thought that was cool."
Vanessa Lent, alum: "My favorite memory of Academy Awards was emceeing for the first year that women were able to be a part of the show. I was able to watch two great friends of mine, Katherine Zeise and Anna Schaut, blaze a trail for the future of Academy Awards."
Sophie Perret, junior: "Freshman year when I went with all my friends and laughed at every performance."
Madelaine Patrickus, junior: "Freshman year one of the participants made me laugh so hard, but I don't remember who."
Jack Patrickus, junior: "Last year Jack Fitz was my favorite performance because his video was very funny."
Tate Milton, junior: "Freshman year I liked the entire show because it was my first show ever."
Mr. Stary, staff: "Twenty years ago when I was working the spotlight for the show."
Lily Steber, senior: "Owen Campbell's performance for the talent that

he has."
Ms. Gilson, staff: "I enjoyed being the mom from Mean girls and Matt Duffy's hat."
Jiapsi Salazar, senior: "Sophomore year, a girl with a hula hoop was very good at it and it was impressive and funny."
Ms. Mattke, staff: "Seeing my own students do silly and funny things outside of the class and seeing them in a different way."
Grace Durkin, junior: "The fact that all of the people were there to support and see their friends perform was so fun."
Elizabeth McKenna, senior: "I loved going to the Academy Awards freshman and sophomore year. Last year's performances were different but just as fun. I'm excited for it to be back in person."
Skylar Schultz, senior: "Owen Campbell's intro video--10/10."
Mary Popkey, senior: "Owen Brummell because he's super hot. You better quote me."
Lily Allen, junior: "Owen Brummell's performance."
Abby Elfner, senior: "I loved rampeteering for Evan Walczak, Mr. Congeniality. His act was so fun and he was so understanding of my tiny, little underclassmen self who had no idea what I was doing."
Alora Schneider, senior: "Being in Jacob Massart's talent and stealing his spotlight."
Mrs. Hall, staff: "Todd Schmidt: he did a ping pong demonstration that was all done with lights on his body, and it was so cool and so creative."
Mr. Konshak, staff: "Two memories stand out the most. First was Ross Warpinski's intro when he went on

stage to be stopped by his sister who said that it was not 'him.' He stopped and then tore off his tux revealing a full red sequin suit. The second act was Ben Lelinski's kilt and harmonica act to the 'Piano Man,' while using a large helium balloon--both funny and entertaining."
Ava Sullivan, sophomore: "I went to the one when my sister was a freshman, and my favorite part was when one of the boys had brought his nephews on the stage and he made a rap about *Llama Llama Red Pajamas*."
Olivia Steff, senior: "I would say seeing Brummell cuz he is so hot."
Grace Schuh, sophomore: "I like the singing and the dancing because they are either really entertaining or funny."
Maddie Patrickus, junior: "My favorite memory was my freshman year, and I don't remember who it was but the skit was like these guys jumping over the blue sheet that was water."
Sam Hendry, sophomore: "My favorite memory is probably Jack Fitzgerald's video from last year's Academy Awards show!"
Sydney Burndt, sophomore: "Jack Fitzgerald."
Aubrey Guyette, junior: "Owen Brummell singing."
Anna Clancy, sophomore: "I liked Tommy Zakowski's piano performance."
Margaret Pack, senior: "The Family Feud act a couple of years ago."
Anika Gerl, junior: "Andrew Zipp's aerobic dance/zumba dance/class thing."
Peyton Skaletski, junior: "Joel Meglic performing his aerobic work-

out dance with the senior boys."
Emma Goffard, junior: "Owen Campbell when he did his dance."
Abigail Flaten, junior: "Owen Campbell's dance act from a few years ago."
Sophie Malcore, junior: "The Family Feud act a couple of years ago."
Jaqueline Zacharias, junior: "Joel Meglic's dance."
Greta Fogarty, junior: "My favorite part was the cool lights and just everything that happened."
Sylvia Peterson, sophomore: "I liked Owen Campbell's video and the one year they did the 80s workout dance."
Austin Boex, sophomore: "I liked Will Drake's dancing."
Miranda Goral, sophomore: "I liked Jack Fitzgerald's last year where he like went around asking people if they have talent."
Grace Barrington, sophomore: "I liked a lot of the videos from last year."
Sean Giganti, sophomore: "Dom doing his impersonating Elton John."
Jasmine Simpson, sophomore: "I really liked the acts of the person that won last year, Will Zellner."
Cassidy Green, sophomore: "I liked the mashup of songs. I don't know who did it though."
Erin Mc Nerney, sophomore: "I liked Will Zeller and the dancing performances--for example, the Just Dance video."
Brook Tuska, sophomore: "A few years ago there was a cowbell act. I think it was 2016 but I don't know who did it."
Grace Nimmer, senior: "I don't have a specific part that I remember liking, but I do like the talent."
Soo-Yin Brown, senior: "When Fritz sang my favorite song for his talent show act."
Sam Smet, senior: "Henry Wied's stand-up comedy act."
Lauren Vandrisse, junior: "Owen Campbell's act."
Elizabeth McKenna, senior: "Will Drake's act."
Mr. Bobinski, staff: "I have two possibilities: either Max Prange's or

Tommy Durkin's."
Katelyn Stadtmueller, junior: "Joe Meglic's act."
William Vincent, junior: "Joe Meglic's exercise."
Kate Treankler, senior: "Me falling off the cooler."
Catherine Sherman, junior: Evan Walczyk Napoleon Dynamite dance 2020."
Jacob VanOoyen, junior: "Owen Campbell's intro video when he was Gabriela from High School Musical."
Jacob Massart, senior: "Being a contestant my junior year."
Lizzie Parish, senior: "My favorite memory was being a rampeteer and all of us learning the Renegade backstage."
Rylee Anders, senior: "Owen Brummel playing guitar to the drawing of his grandparents."
Adam Jadin, junior: "The Academy Awards was the single greatest moment of my life."
Joe Diny, senior: "Henry Weid's comedy act was hilarious."
Matiah Christensen, sophomore: "Watching the talent through the live stream."
Ethan Wall, junior: "I've never been to one because of covid, and freshman year I was too scared to go."
Colton Lippert, alum: "I mean, probably being in it."
Danielle Lippert, alum: "My favorite memory would be when my brother Colton was in it my freshman year, and everyone asked me if I could also sing, and I also loved getting to judge my senior year."
Rebecca DeBoer, alum: "When I set Debby's sink on fire."
Sydney Schroeder, sophomore: "Jack Fitz last year."
Joseph Giganti, senior: "Henry Wied's stand-up routine."
Anna Lippert, senior: "Watching my brother sing."
Mrs. Bialk, staff: "When the hockey players did the Blades of Glory routine."
Felix Neta, senior: "Henry Weid's standup."

Rampeteers Ready to Roll...

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Many rampeteers explained that for them, this show is an opportunity to get more involved with the school.

"I put my name in to be a rampeteer as I thought it would be something fun to do that's directly tied in with the school, and I would be able to meet some new people," explained Liam Blakney, a sophomore.

Blakney expressed his excitement about recording a video with his contestant as they have "a very funny idea planned."

This attitude is shared by freshman Amelia Chrudimsky, who expressed her excitement to be able to be

a part of her contestant's act.

"It's super cool when a group of people can all get together and use their talents to create something awesome and really entertaining for others," said the freshman.

Sophomore Saul Guevara was motivated to enter the drawing by his desire to help someone express their passion.

Guevara entered his name into the drawing because he "thought it would be a fun experience and an easy way to help someone."

While he may not yet know

his contestant personally, he is excited to meet someone who is passionate about their talent.

Grace Borys, a freshman, had also not previously met her contestant, but she is expecting the show to be one of the funniest Academy Awards shows yet.

While Borys may have been nervous about being on stage in front of everyone, she entered her name into the drawing with her friends so that they could have a fun experience together.

"After seeing the contestants and rampeteers," she said, "I am positive that the audience will have a great time."

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