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Student Spotlight:

Sierra Rossi - Cheer by Ainslee Scribber



Many people know Sierra for her hair, height and that she cheers, however not many people know how she started cheering in the first place. Her interest was first piqued when one of her childhood friends from Badger had started cheering, so she decided to give it a try. Little did she know, her school wouldn't allow her to cheer because she was too young, but she didn't let that stop her. She cheered for Mathews Little League team and she even got to go to a Little League Cheer Competition. During middle school Sierra didn't cheer, but when she moved to PV, she started cheering her sophomore year. When asked about the experience of cheering in high school for the first time she said "I was really scared and I cried all the time. Eventually I just built up a lot more confidence in myself. It definitely brought me a lot closer to people." When asked about her favorite stunt she said "I love flying!" It's one of the stunts that our cheerleaders perform where one person stands on the hands of two base cheerleaders. Sierra told me that cheerleading gave her a new sense of purpose, it helped her gain confidence to do better in school, join NHS, Student Council, and make friends outside of her own grade. One of the last things she told me, before we concluded the interview, was that cheerleading is like "having a second family."

Thomas Byrge- Card Tricks by Katelyn Blanford

Thomas had always been interested in card tricks however he didn't start his passion until the 6th grade when he moved to Cleveland. He found card tricks as a form of entertainment and spent many hours practicing and learning new tricks. It helped him when moving to a new place and filling his time through this form of entertainment. He explained to me that there are 4 main types of card tricks: Sleight of Hand, Gimmick Tricks, Self Working, and Cardistry. His favorite out of these four is cardistry because it

is very entertaining for him and he can make different fun designs. However different tricks require different skills or sometimes are just for a beginner. In my learning experience about card tricks Thomas described each skill to me.

Self-working is a more deceptive trick to put cards in a certain order. You can use specific movement patterns in in order to get what you desire. Sleight of hand he said actually requires a bit of skill and a few methods in order to perform a trick. Sleight of hand has to be his favorite skill as you can make two cards seemingly appear one after the other.

Gimmick is a way where you can force certain parts of the deck using decks such as a Svengali Deck and many others. Lastly the skill of Cardistry where you can do different flourishes with cards and make it look really cool. However if Thomas was to pick between two favorite skills it would have to be Sleight of Hand and Cardistry because both have these really cool results. However his all time favorite trick is from Sleight of Hand and is called twisting the aces. Where when you “twist the aces” each ace is revealed each time faced up.



Fine Arts Focus: Joelle Scribber - by Faith Whitt

Mr. Brown had to think long and hard about the student he chose to talk about. In his words she is a “very detailed artist” and he couldn’t keep his excitement contained when talking about her work. Mr. Brown states, “She pays very good attention, man, her art is just amazing.” He goes on to say that she is very quiet but very active with her work. He even expresses that she is “a teacher’s dream”.



Destiny Earl: Student of the Month

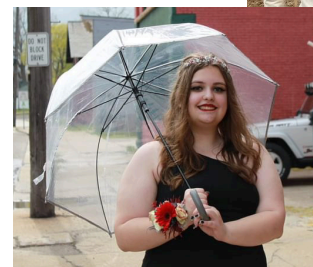
By Isabella Limestoll

The Student of the month for December goes to Eleventh grader, Destiny Earl. Besides being a kindhearted, respectful, and cooperative individual, Destiny has challenged herself with her coursework this year, choosing to take a higher level English course for the first time. It has been great to see how much she has grown as a student between her freshman and junior year, truly taking charge of her education. She has moved past much of her shyness and now isn't afraid to ask questions or seek feedback on her work so that she may improve. Destiny not only works hard on her assigned work and readings, but has also taken it upon herself to do additional writing practice and studies sample essays to help improve her writing skills on her own time. She has passion for reading and analyzing literature and her determination to grow as a scholar deserves recognition. Congratulations to Destiny once again; you've definitely earned it!



College Student Panel *By Katelyn Blanford*

Seniors and Juniors had the opportunity to listen to three recent high school graduates turned college freshman to learn more about the college experience. Students were able to ask Rieane Zajac, Mason Summers, and Jenna Ray about their separate college experiences. Rieane went to Waynesburg University and majored in forensic science. Her most important piece of advice is "If you have the option to pick your roommate, pick it." Mason is a student at Mount Vernon Nazarene College and majored in physical therapy. His most important piece of information is "Develop good time-management and organizational skills. It is important to be responsible; having these skills will set you up for success." Jenna went to Kenyon College and majored in biochemistry with a track in pre medicine. Her most important piece of advice is "Develop a good relationship with your professors and or upperclassmen." Each of their experiences gave the students a new perspective on the college experience and how to navigate through college.



Meet Your Sophomore Editors!

Isabella Limestoll

- ↳ **Why did you choose to become an editor?**
 - ◇ I genuinely thought I was just helping someone write an article and the next thing I knew, I was writing more articles and was a part of the team.
- ↳ **What is your favorite book and movie?**
 - ◇ Tough question, my favorite movie would have to be *Tangled*. It's always a go to. My favorite book series is *A Court of Thorns and Roses*
- ↳ **Do you have any pets?**
 - ◇ I do! I have one dog named Cooper, and I have three cats named Templeton, Razuel, and Ophelia.
- ↳ **If you could choose a superpower, what would you pick?**
 - ◇ Definitely Invisibility.
- ↳ **What was your dream job as a kid?**
 - ◇ My dream job was an astronaut actually. I thought space was so cool and just the concept of so much existing that we don't even know of is super neat.



Ainslee Scribber



- ↳ **Why did you choose to become an editor?**
 - ◇ I like to write and Mrs. Hunt is awesome, so I decided to give it a try.
- ↳ **What is your favorite food?**
 - ◇ I'm torn between shepards pie and homemade rolls.
- ↳ **On a scale of 1 to 10 how funny do you think you are?**
 - ◇ -3
- ↳ **What song would you best say sums you up?**
 - ◇ "Crazy Train" by Ozzy Ozbourne.
- ↳ **If you could choose to do anything for a week, what would it be?**
 - ◇ I'd fly to Greece to see the architecture and the beautiful beaches.

Dear Mrs Siembor *By Kendra Wallace*

Why/ how did you decide to become a Science teacher?

I have always loved being outside and learning about the natural world. Growing up, we always had bird feeders and flower gardens so I grew up knowing the names of animals and plants. I enjoyed my high school and college science classes. I come from a family of teachers, and I saw it was a great way to live your life.



What is your favorite PV memory, years of teaching or even attending?

As a student, I would say my favorite memory was my sophomore year track season. We were District Champions and even though I didn't score any points during the meet, our team was so close, I still felt like a champ. Our slogan was "We have Heart!" and we did. As a teacher, there are so many fun, happy memories. Homecoming and Prom are always fun. Watching students grow and develop confidence in their learning and creating a positive learning environment all add to making PV a place I am proud to call home.

What did you do at PV as a student you wish we still did?

On Fridays after home basketball games, we had short dances, which were always a lot of fun. We have planned dances, but students just don't seem interested in attending, which is a bummer.

What is your dream place to visit?

I would like to go to Iceland and see the Northern Lights and all of the volcanic activity.

What do you love most about wildlife?

I love that you can almost always observe wildlife (even house spiders are wildlife), and observing behaviors and identifying species is cool. When people appreciate nature, they are more likely to take care of our world.

What never fails to make you smile?

My kids and my cats.

What is one piece of advice you would give to your younger self?

Have confidence and actively seek out new experiences.

Paul McCarty Night *By Emily Blanford*

Every year the jazz band hosts Paul McCarty Night in memory of Paul McCarty who was a music teacher at PV and played in many music ensembles. Mr. Dye said “Although I never got to speak to Paul personally I know I have big shoes to fill because Paul put Pymatuning Valley on the map in terms of music and he made both the jazz and marching band a very professional ensemble.” Paul also had a massive impact on many of his students which is why many alumni chose to come back and play at McCarty night. So the music boosters decided to just combine the already existing Alumni Night with Paul McCarty Night. All benefits made from McCarty Night will go



towards the Paul McCarty scholarship fund that is run by the PV Music Boosters. The scholarship goes towards a student who is pursuing a music undergraduate major and has participated in music ensembles in PV. The scholarship is renewable for \$500 per year and they currently have two past recipients and hope to have more in the future. But McCarty Night doesn't just stop there! During the jazz band's performance alumni came onstage and played with them! The jazz band opened with a Paul McCarty classic called "Gonna Fly Now," which some of us might know as the *Rocky* theme song, and they closed with Paul's favorite song "Hey Jude" by the Beatles. They also played another PV jazz original

called "Night Train" by Jim Forrest and one of Mr. Dye's favorite jazz songs "Free Ride" by Dan Hartman. Mr. Dye would also like to say "On behalf of Paul, Mr. Hulbert, and myself, we believe that music should not end when you graduate high school and current students are always welcome to come back and play at alumni events".

