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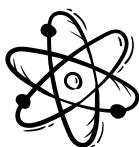
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Science Column

David Reyes
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Artificial intelligence has arrived with the promise of a new technological revolution. Despite the dystopic predictions that many speculate about its future, it is undeniable that in the span of a few years artificial intelligence has integrated deep into our society. Many, if not most people are intrigued and attracted by this no longer-futuristic technology. It is not uncommon to see classmates use models like ChatGPT to understand topics they don't understand, office workers asking AI to write their email, or companies using image creation models to "replace" graphic designers. Although all of these things imply an ethical dilemma itself, there is a greater problem related to the present of this technology: its environmental impact. And the biggest problem with artificial intelligence is that it intrinsically generates an environmental footprint since its system, based on neural networks uses trillions of parameters (or variables) that consume enormous amounts of energy. Which creates a huge carbon footprint. But 2025 has brought a solution (at least in the short term) to this problem, according to IBM, by 2025 it is expected that SLM (small language models) which are neural networks that are way more compacted than those that many language models (such as Chat GPT) use, advance enough to provide a similar service to consumers, but that is more efficient and uses much less energy, thus largely erasing the carbon footprint left by modern artificial intelligence models.



Senior Send-Off

Samantha Baird
Editor

With the end of the year quickly approaching, we must prepare to say goodbye to our beloved seniors. Some have spent all 4 years with us, others may have only been here a year, but no matter what we will miss you all. We hope that wonderful lifelong memories, life lessons, and friends have been made, and hope you enjoy life after high school. Though it can be hard to say goodbye, and the 'real world' can be scary, we must let you go. We



wish you luck on your way to college, into the career field, and entering the world as an adult. Though life may come with its trials and tribulations, we wish the best for our graduating seniors. Good luck and congratulations!

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Sports

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Football en Espanol

David Reyes
Staff Writer

La temporada regular 2024/2025 del equipo de futbol varsity de los Falcons está llegando a su fin. Aunque haya puntos de mejora para el equipo, los resultados han sido bastante satisfactorios, ya que los Falcons se encuentran segundos en el roster del distrito. Además, tienen un índice positivo en casa, con cinco victorias y solo dos derrotas, se presentan como uno de los equipos que mayor reto imponen a cualquier equipo que se atreva a pisar su campo. Lo mismo no se puede decir en cuanto a sus resultados fuera de casa, ya que no han logrado conseguir ni una victoria cuando visitan otros terrenos de futbol, tres derrotas y dos empates han hecho que el equipo haya perdido ese impulso que tenían al principio de la temporada, culminando (a la fecha que se escribe este artículo) con una derrota contundente ante Palm Harbour de visita, un 9-1 devastador que puede afectar la moral del equipo para el ocaso de la temporada. Uno de los capitanes, Bryan Bautista declaró: "Es molesto perder de esta forma" refiriéndose al partido antes mencionado. Aunque el resultado es malo, la confianza en el equipo continúa siendo alta.



Photo by: Tanay Patel

Bryan Bautista is sticking it to the opposing team!

Soccer

David Reyes
Staff Writer

The 2024/2025 regular season for the Falcons varsity soccer team is nearing its end. While there are areas for improvement, the results have been quite satisfactory, the Falcons are currently sitting second in the district standings. They carry a strong home record with five wins and just two losses, making them one of the toughest teams to face on their home ground. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for their away games, where they've struggled to secure a single victory. With three losses and two draws on the road, the team has lost some of the momentum they had at the start of the season. This was capped off (at the time of writing this article) by a crushing 9-1 defeat to Palm Harbor in an away match—a result that could potentially impact the team's morale as the season winds down. One of the team captains, Bryan Bautista, commented on the game: "It's upsetting to lose like this." Despite the setback, the team's confidence remains high.



Superbowl

David Reyes
Staff Writer

This year's super bowl came full of surprises. Every television in America was turning on to see the Ceasars Superdome, which is located in New Orleans, also known as the city of jazz, to watch the clash of giants between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Kansas City Chiefs. The match started off rapidly with the Eagles scoring a touchdown through a magnificent pass from the hands of quarterback J. Hurt to wide receiver Jahan Dotson, that served as a breaking point in the game for the Eagles. From then on, the Eagles would end up dominating the entire game. With an astonishing 24-0 at halftime and a final score of 40-22 in favor of the Eagles was the evidence of the crushing intensity and Dominance of the eagles against their shocked rivals, who were not able to pull out any last minute (alleged) shenanigans to make a comeback. Another protagonist of the show was Kendrick Lamar, his halftime show became the most watched in history, with an impressive performance dressed in the American flag, a necessary social critique and his continuous "beef" with the Canadian Singer Drake. his show became a memorable one.



The Superbowl logo this year was made beautifully to match the New Orleans fun!

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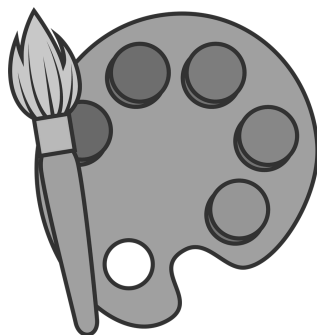
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A Bittersweet Farewell

S. Rettmann
Editor

Recently, a lot of things have been happening this year at Dunedin High School. Among all of those things, the event that struck most band students the hardest was Ms. A leaving. While teaching band, she also taught orchestra, guitar, pipe band, music theory, and AP music theory. She had been teaching at Dunedin High School for around four years, and many students felt upset about her leaving. "I remember how somber everyone was when we first found out. When she officially announced she was leaving, everyone was upset, even though we all had known, it still had a lot of people in tears." Said Jasper Hollings, a tenth grader, who's a part of the band. Though, during her years of teaching, she had been working on becoming a trombone player for her own ensemble. They do lots of shows and gigs. With Ms. A's recent departure, a substitute had taken her place. "It was kinda hard getting used to her conducting, especially since there was like a month or less for our concert." Said Marina Camarillo, another tenth grader, who's in the orchestra class. Even though Ms. A has left, she has not left the hearts of the students she had taught.



National Art Honor Society

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The National Art Honor Society is an honors society also known as a club to celebrate and represent art at Dunedin High School which is led by Mr. Gulino. Students who would be interested in joining the National Art Honor Society must be enrolled in an art class, write an essay, go to weekly meetings, and complete ten hours of community service. Students enjoy field trips, work on art projects, and gifts for the school in the National Art Honor Society. An advantage students have in the club is that they have a chance to win scholarships, recognition, and leadership opportunities which can lead to a brighter future.

NJROTC

Tanay Patel
Guest Writer

Dunedin NJROTC Honors Veterans and Spreads Holiday Cheer. The Dunedin NJROTC unit showcased its dedication to community service and holiday spirit on Saturday, December 14, 2024, by participating in two significant events that highlighted both solemnity and celebration. The day began at the Dunedin Cemetery, where 30 to 40 cadets

took part in the national Wreaths Across America initiative. Over the course of two to three hours, the cadets honored the service of fallen veterans by placing wreaths on their graves. This solemn occasion served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by those who served their country, encouraging reflection and gratitude during the holiday season. By honoring the past in the morning and spreading joy in the afternoon, the Dunedin NJROTC unit exemplified its commitment to service, teamwork, and community involvement. Their participation in these meaningful events left a lasting impression on residents, reinforcing the value of their contributions to the community. Additionally, their involvement instills in the cadets the Dunedin NJROTC motto, "Service to others above self"



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DHS Happenings

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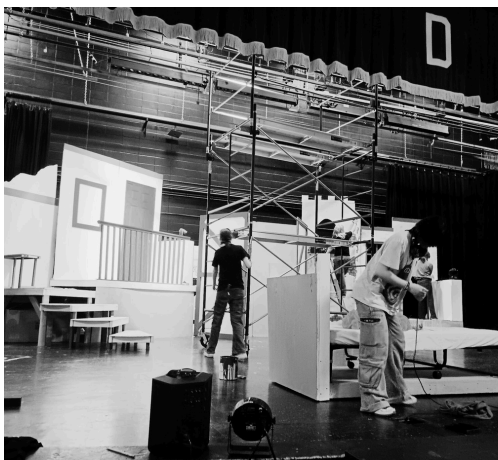


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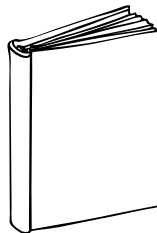
Tech crew for Mamma Mia working hard to paint their beautiful set!

Tech Theatre

S. Rettmann
Editor

With the school year of 2024-2025 coming to a close, that means it is time for the Dunedin High School spring musical! This year's musical is Mamma Mia, which is set in Greece. Though, there's only a certain set of people who are able to capture the Greek essence of this production. Those people are known as the tech crew, and they make the set behind the scenes. They are able to make and prepare the set on stage to look captivating for the show. For the Mamma Mia technical crew, there are seven categories that work on the show. There's props, construction, paint, lights, sound, costumes, and publicity. The creation of the show's set has been going on since January of this year, and as the opening night date comes closer each day, the construction of the set comes to a close. The tech director for the show is Mr. Gabe, who was asked how he feels about the assembly so far. His response was, "I'm proud of the cast and crew, and they are particularly good. I encourage everyone to see the magic that happens on stage during Mamma Mia!" (Gabe O'Riley, tech director). As Mr. Gabe said, come see Mamma Mia on April 24, 25, and 26!

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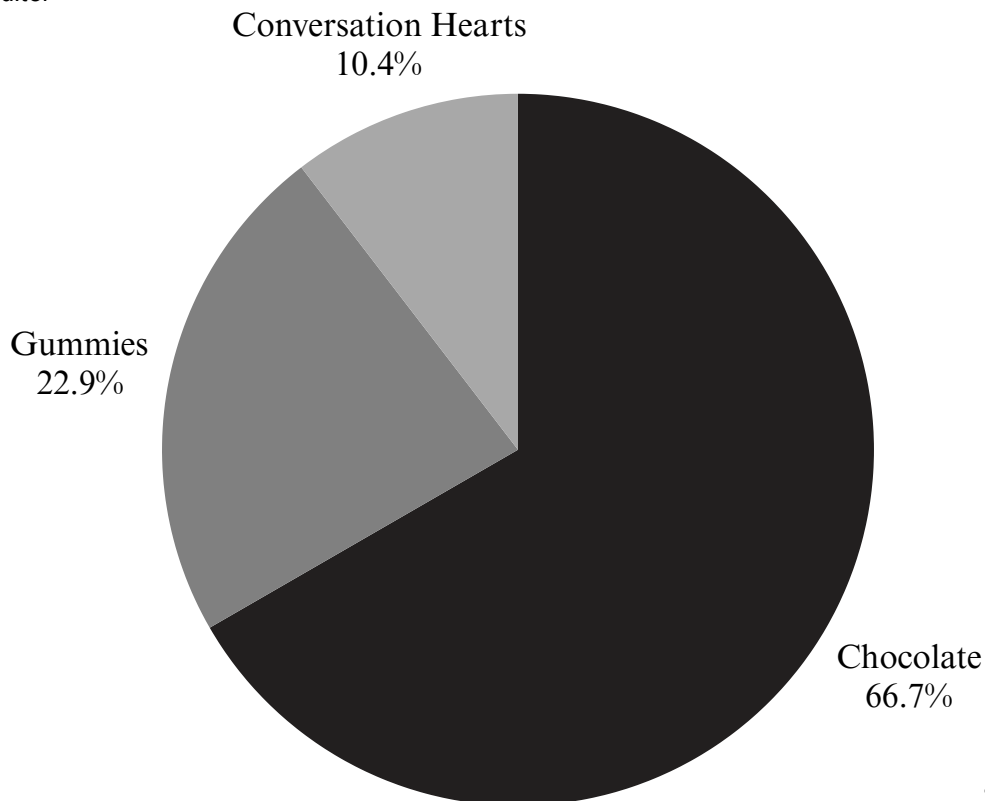


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Skyler Gustavson and Dylan Cummings celebrate success at track meet after Dylan recovered from an injury.

DHS Favorite Valentines Candies

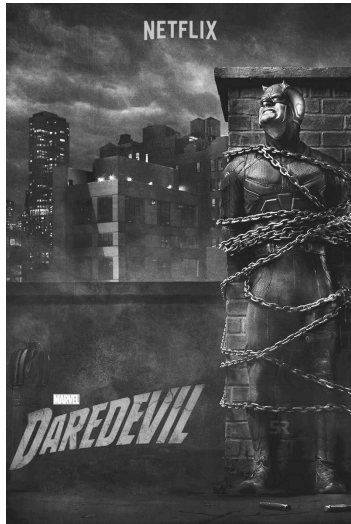
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Entertainment

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Daredevil

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On April 10th, 2015, Netflix, with the help of Marvel Studios, though disconnected from the wider MCU, released their first television show. Starring Charlie Cox, it follows the heroic journey of Matt Murdock, a lawyer by day, vigilante by night. When Matt was a child, he was left blinded in an accident by chemicals while trying to save another man. Although he was left without sight, his other senses were enhanced exponentially. Using these powers, he fights crime as Daredevil. Facing opponents such as “Kingpin”, “The Hand”, and “Bullseye”, as well as inner demons within himself through his strong Catholic belief. Unfortunately, after 3 seasons, the show was cancelled despite critical success, due to Disney purchasing the rights to the character. Afterwards, many fans of the series began petitioning on social media with the hashtag “#SaveDaredevil”. After many years of silence, fans were shocked to see characters from the show begin appearing in other Marvel Projects, such as the show “Hawkeye” and “Spiderman: No Way Home”. Now, the show has finally returned with all the original actors, including some new faces, under the title “Daredevil: Born Again”. Representing a new start within the modern MCU universe.

Prom

David Reyes
Staff Writer

This year’s prom came in aquatic fashion! With the juniors and seniors all around school, they gathered to celebrate the year in style and elegance. The event took place at Clearwater Aquarium, where the students at Dunedin High School were able to hit the dance floor around the marine life of the Clearwater beach area. The night came full of wonders, such as a live performance by Mosae (Mr Turkov), Bohemian Rhapsody karaoke among some students, along with many other activities. The climax of the dance came with coronation of the King, Queen, Prince and Princess. Chloe Stertz along with JJ Ocasio were crowned as King and Queen respectively. While Luciana Crespo and Seth Colton were bestowed the honor of Prince and Princess. One of our Juniors, Arthur Guillaumon, who’s first experience with such event, told us about his experience: “I feel very happy about it, because it is something unique here on the United States. We don’t have similar things in Brazil so it’s very thrilling.” he also added, “Everybody was having fun, and it was a very enjoyable experience.” The night ended with more great music, and the Dunedin students, old and new, were able to enjoy one more year another successful prom night.



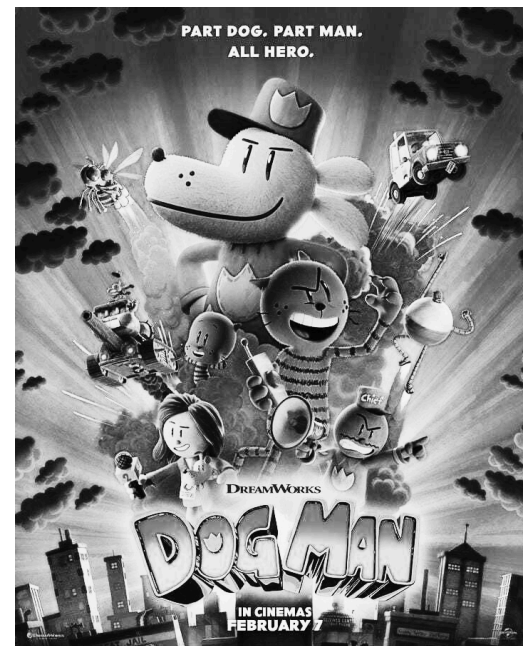
Photo by: Samantha Baird

The prom ticket’s beautiful design welcoming everyone to this year’s Atlantis themed prom!

Movie list

Christopher Lounders
Staff Writer

- 1.-Godzilla Minus One (2023, PG-13) directed by Takashi Yamazaki
- 2-Princess Mononoke (1997, PG-13) directed by Hayao Miyazaki
- 3-No Country for Old Men (2007, R) directed by Ethan Coen, and Joel Coen
- 4-Hereditary (2018, R) directed by Ari Aster
- 5-Dune: Part Two (2024, PG-13) directed by Denis Villeneuve
- 6-Piece By Piece (2024, PG) directed by Morgan Neville
- 7-Dog Man (2025, PG) directed by Peter Hastings
- 8-Sonic The Hedgehog 3 (2024, PG) directed by Jeff Fowler
- 9-Jurassic Park (1993, PG-13) directed by Steven Spielberg
- 10-Flow (2024, PG) directed by Gints Zilbalodis



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The Wayfinder Moana

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Moana 2 is a continuation of the first movie “Moana”, but this time Moana is faced with a more difficult challenge and that is to look for a legendary island. She is called by her ancestor Tautai Vasa to find Montufetu, the island that once connected all the islands together but sank deep into the ocean because of Nalo, a malicious storm God. Throughout her adventure to find Montufetu, she encounters her old friend Maui the demigod who was also trying to find the island. Furthermore, they meet the Kakamora, savage coconut pirates who then capture Moana and her crew but come to the realization that they have the same enemy, Nalo. Nevertheless, the three of them teamed up ready to seek out the island of Montufetu and defeat Nalo. They find the island of Montufetu, working all together they manage to surpass the obstacles in their way. As Maui is pulling up the island with his hook, Nalo strikes him with lightning stripping him of his demigod powers and Moana is forced to go down into the ocean. She touches the island, but then Nalo strikes her with lightning causing her to die. Maui then dives into the ocean to save her; he starts a magical chant causing all of Moana’s ancestors to appear and they revive her as a demigoddess. This also causes Maui to regain his powers of being a demigod and they both touch the island of Montufetu, restoring the connection amongst all islands of the ocean.



Photo by: David Goodkind

A new look at Moana and Maui in Moana 2

Murder Bot Book Review

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Staff Writer

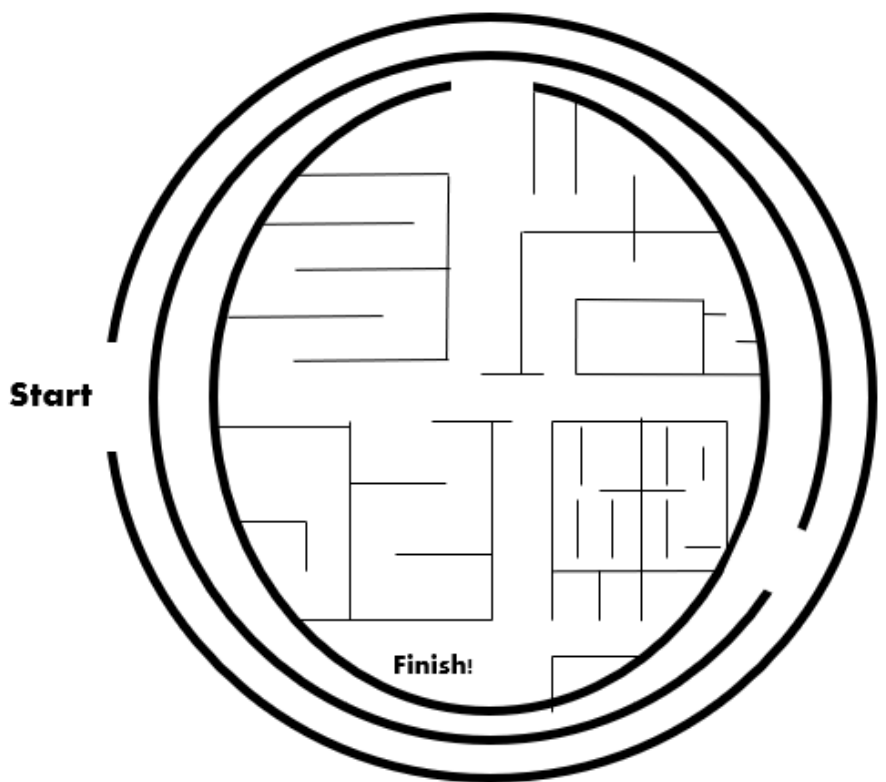
All Systems Red, is set in a far-off future, a group of scientists enlist the services of an AI “SecUnit”, for protection while exploring foreign terrain. Even though the SecUnit has hijacked its command module essentially gifting it the liberty to make its own choices, instead of escaping its Company the SecUnit, nicknamed Murderbot, instead uses its newfound freedom to download television serials. Murderbot is asocial and full of sass, and despite its confidence on the battlefield, the AI has issues interacting with its new crew. Seeing humans as nothing but troublesome, irresponsible creatures it must get under control, Murderbot is just trying to get through the mission with all its parts intact and a living crew. However, when the mission takes a dark turn, Murderbot must do the

unthinkable and make friends; for Murderbot “The idea was so painful I dropped to 97 percent efficiency.” Martha Wells; writing is astonishingly profound, with a heavy dose of snark.

Random National Holidays

Caughlin Evener
Staff Writer

Nothing Day – January 16th
Laugh and Get Rich Day – February 8th
World Radio Day – February 13th
Pistachio Day – February 26th
Internation Polar Bear Day – February 27th
Employee Appreciation Day – March 7th
Napping Day- March 10th
Everything You Think is Wrong Day – March 15th
Everything You Do is Right Day – March 16th
Puppy Day – March 23rd



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Running Fun

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Staff Writer

Walking day and day through the heat of the asphalt and the wildness of nature, changing shoes every week because of how much you've been running for, walking every day an average of 50 miles for 64 days. And many more harshness; are just one of the few examples of the achievements Lorna Michael gathered thought her life. This enormous milestone recounts for the 1993 Trans American Footrace where Lorna wandered the United States from coast to coast from a total of almost 3000 miles. Becoming the first woman in the history of the competition to ever do it. But years before she also broke other records, she has the honor to be the first American woman (according to the ultrarunning history page) to surpass 400 miles in the New York 6-Day Race. Giving her an enter on the American Ultra Running Hall of Fame. It was by chance that I meet this extraordinary woman, she served as a substitute teacher in my Spanish class. Soon I realized the amount of passion and resilience she got for running, and later I was able to get an interview with her. She was born in an era where women were presented with many hardships in any field, including sports. This extrapolated to many places, including high school. She recounts those days in high school the following way: "A law was passed called title 9 in 1974 that opened the doors for women to participate in school sports. My school at the time didn't have a girls' track team, so 4 of us girls went out for the boys' team. We wore canvas shoes and cotton shorts to train in. The team uniform shirt arm holes were cut so low that I had to wear my brother's white T-shirt under it. It was awkward going to track meets getting off the bus and seeing the

other boys laughing at us girls." Mrs. Michael was one of the first young female athletes in American high school to be able to participate in sports. And although there were many barriers then, she proved that women were as capable as men to perform in any sport. The contrast between high school culture then & now showcase how much the culture in high school has grown since decades such as the 70's but there are many barriers to overcome even now a days. Stories of people such as Mrs. Michael help inspire future generations to continue to grow and fight for our passions and goals. Because Lorna is that, a woman that never grew tired, someone full of passion and resilience that managed to do the impossible many times, facing the hardships of nature, the body and even of society in order to achieve what she always loved the most, Running. In our community, there's a chance that behind every teacher, every student, every worker there is an extraordinary life hidden behind. That's the life of Lorna Michael.

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prom, and
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Book List

Brinleigh Brittain
Staff Writer

1. Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West by Gregory Maguire
2. The Ministry for the Future by Kim Stanley Robinson
3. Blackbirds by Chuck Wendig
4. Shae by Mesha Maren
5. Vicious by V.E. Schwab
6. Hell Followed with Us by Andrew Joseph White
7. Rebel Girl: My Life as a Feminist Punk by Kathleen Hanna
8. Punk Rock Karaoke by Bianca Xunise
9. Trotsky: A Graphic Biography by Rick Geary
10. Persepolis: The Complete Collection by Marjane Satrapi



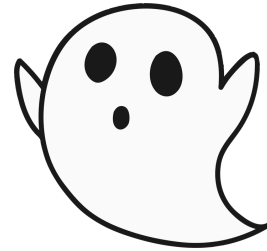
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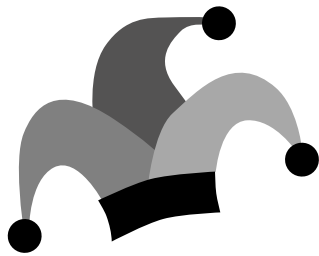
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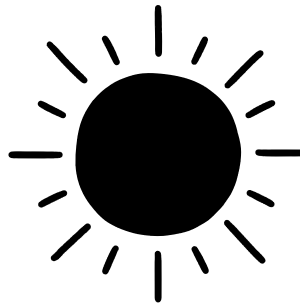
Samantha Baird
Most likely to become president.
Resolution: Read more



S. Rettmann
Most likely to talk your ear off.
Resolution: Finish writing the millions of things I started.



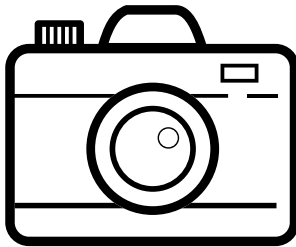
Caughlin Everner
Most likely to sleep through an earthquake.
Resolution: Play guitar more



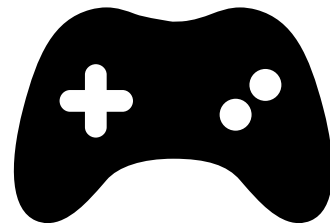
Sellylynn Albert
Most likely to brighten up your day.
Resolution: Live in the moment.



Greg Wittenburg
Most likely to win The Hunger Games.
Resolution: Get a job.



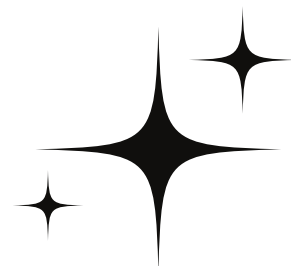
David Reyes
Most likely to become a comedian.
Resolution: To make my way into college, to make it memorable, to cheer and laugh, and to break it all.



Chris Lounders
Best person to share a deserted island with.
Resolution: Be a more sociable person and get things done.



Brinleigh Brittain
Most likely to become famous.
Resolution: Write more short stories.



Ava Johnny
Best dressed.
Resolution: Start fresh and live life.