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EXPRESS YOURSELF

Finding yourself.
Learning about yourself.
Believing in yourself.

May life lead us in different ways.
We will always look back and know
we lived for our high school days.
We shone every day,
always showing our true colors.
Our souls will continue to grow.

Know yourself.
Love yourself.
Express yourself.



YEARBOOK DEDICATION

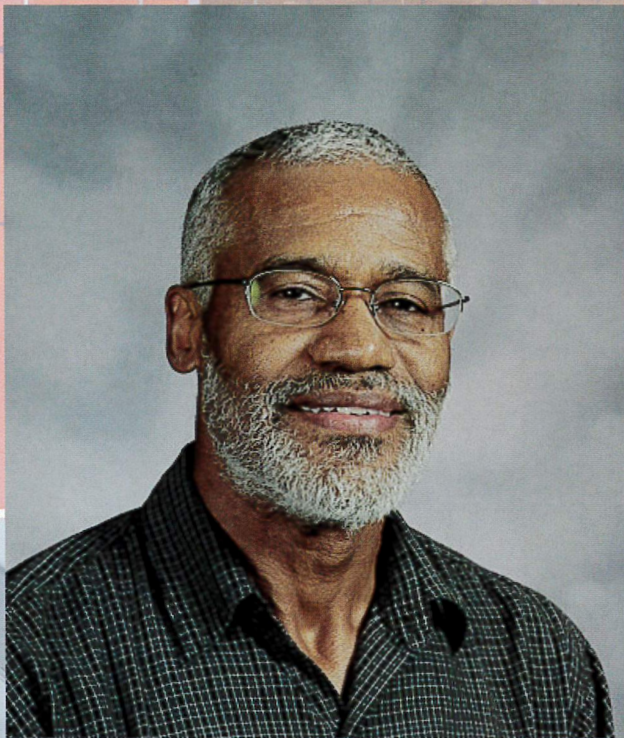
JANET WEINSTOCK

Ms. Weinstock...We want to recognize you as an important person to the MSSD community, and we feel that you really deserve this dedication. Thank you for all your support and encouragement. You are a charming and friendly woman who always brightened our day. You kept us on the right path. You mean a lot to us.



REGINALD KING

Mr. King...You earned this dedication because you have done so many things within the MSSD community. We want to thank you for all your hard work over the years. You have generously shared your great knowledge with those of us at MSSD, and you will always be remembered for your support of the students. You helped to create a beautiful and everlasting vision of our school that we love. Many thanks! We wish you the best of luck in your future.



MSSD ADMINISTRATION



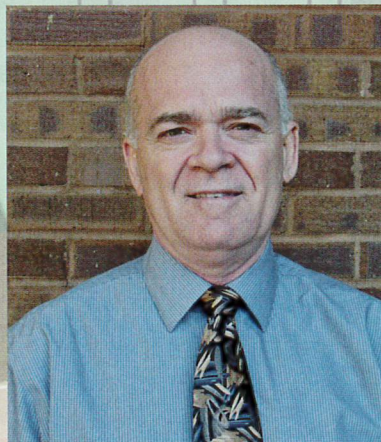
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Dear Graduating Seniors:

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2007! I am sure that your senior year at MSSD has been both a memorable and educational experience for each of you. Being a senior presents many challenges and decisions that have to be made about the next phase of your life. As you move forward to your next goal, I hope this yearbook will hold memories for you of all the wonderful experiences and opportunities you have had during your time here at MSSD.

As you begin the next phase of your life's journey, think about your senior motto: "Unleash the Pink in You." While "pink" represents your class color, it also symbolizes your potential. MSSD has provided you with the foundation you need to expand and develop all your talents, to have a better understanding of yourself and who you can become on your life's travels.

This is my challenge to the class of 2007 – plan your next steps, prepare for the future and unleash your potential! Remember as author Ben Sweetland said, "Success is a journey, not a destination." While you travel on your new journey, use the potential you have to create new dreams, to accumulate the successes you will collect along the way, and to aspire to be the best you can be.

I wish you all the best in all that you choose to pursue. As MSSD eagles, soar, soar, soar as high as you can, and when you get there, soar even higher to the next journey!

Sincerely,



Katherine A. Jankowski, Ph.D.
Dean

OUR ORIGINAL EAGLES SONG!

Hail to our MIGHTY Eagles'
spirit and hail to our MSSD colors
What?

RED, **WHITE**, and **BLUE**!

Our enemies look down on us,
wrong! Because we
TACKLE, TACKLE
stomp, **stomp**, and **DEFEAT**!

Hail, it doesn't matter how we are:
FAT-thin, ugly-*pretty*, fast-slow,
smart-*goofy*, socialized-isolated
but of course we
cooperate, cooperate, cooperate!

Hail to our MIGHTY Eagles'
spirit and hail to our MSSD colors
RED, **WHITE**, and **BLUE**!

Challenge, challenge!
Our world- north, south, east, and
west
Fight, fight and pull
our team through!
Still, we get frustrated, frustrated,
and lost
Our dream of victory and winning
the championship is gone?

Wait, wait, wait!
Our Eagles are willing to be stubborn
and fight from sunrise to sunset!

We play! Refs blow the whistle! We
hear! No! We're Deaf, Deaf, **DEAF**!

Hey, hey!
We hail to our MSSD Eagles'
spirit and hail to our MSSD colors
What? Of course, of course!

RED, **WHITE**, and **BLUE**!

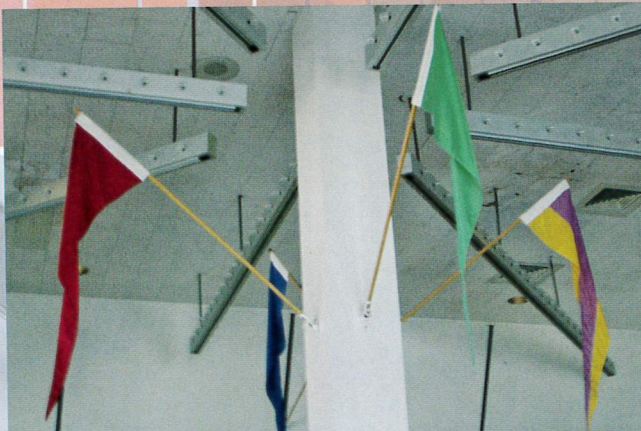
EXPLORING... THE BEAUTY OF MSSD

Walking onto MSSD's campus, you discover a world comforting to the students. It's our home away from home.

We've got vast fields where we can escape from reality, lay down and appreciate nature.



The complexity of MSSD's design is one of the things that make this school so unique.



The cafeteria, with its many multicolored flags, is where conversations flow.



The Eagle Zone is a recreational center where students can socialize, play ping-pong, watch TV and sit in the booths chatting the night away with friends. It is indeed a comfort zone!

THE BEAUTY OF MSSD...



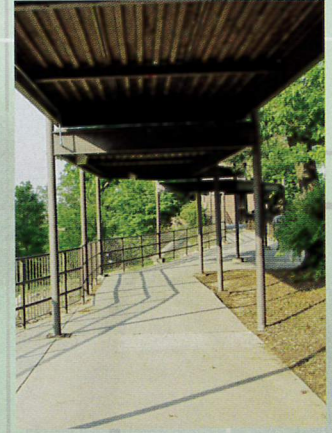
Come fall, you see the leaves of orange, yellow, brown, and red.
Come winter, the trees are bare.
Come spring, they are back in bloom, only to make this place more beautiful.



No ordinary bench, this one overlooks Kendall Green.



When the weather is nice, you will see us sitting outside on the grass.



This path leads us from our school dormitories. It allows us to walk amongst friends and also to get a taste of the day's weather.



One of many hidden areas on our campus, this nook is a place where we can escape, where our thoughts can wander free and secrets overflow.



This little hill overlooks several places: RHE, RHB, and the Eagle Zone. We sometimes gather there before going to the cafeteria.

TEACHERS AND STAFF

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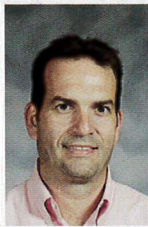
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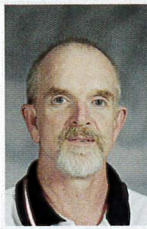
Margaret Klotz
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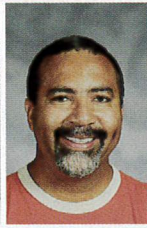
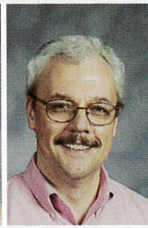
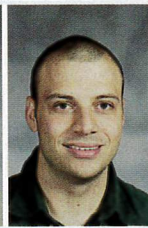
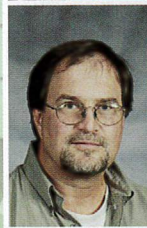
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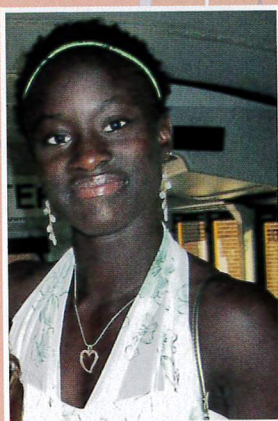


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Jennifer Strunk
Richard Suiter
Allen Talbert
Mark Tao
Nancy Topolosky



Frank Turk
David Warn
Janet Weinstock
Charles Welsh-Charrier
Ena Williams
Roger Williams
Del Wynne





Denise Acquah

Nickname: Den
 Hometown: Bronx, NY
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Pink"
 School Activities: Cheerleader (3, 4), Wrestling (4),
 Peer Health Advocate (4), Crew (4)
 Future Plans: When I am finished with high school, I
 plan to go to a community college for two years.



Joana Akelyte

Nickname: Yoan
 Hometown: Born in Lithuania, and live in Philadelphia,
 PA
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "My main focus is modeling."
 School Activities: varsity volleyball(3), Varsity
 Basketball (3), NFSO Honor Basketbal (3), Spring Play
 "Twinderella" (3), Most Outstanding Athlete (3),
 Model Eagle Award (3), Peer Mediator (4), Fundraising
 Committee (4), Graduation Committee (4)
 Future Plans: I want to travel around the world.



Amanda Algabi

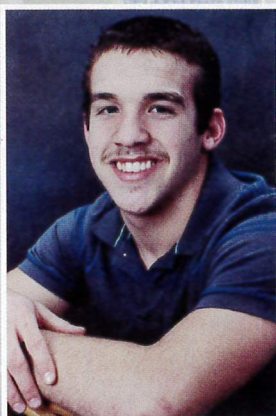
Nickname: Mandy
 Hometown: Potomac Falls, VA
 School Activities: Manager for Softball (3), Fall
 Showcase (3), Spring Play (4)
 EWP: Working at the Library of Congress
 Future Plans: I plan to go to college.



Berhan Amare

Nickname: Caramel
 Hometown: Columbus, OH
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "See... I am always right."
 School Activities: Basketball Manager (3), Step Team
 (3), Winter Dance (4)
 Future Plans: I want to go to college and become an
 interior designer.





Justin Arrigo

Nickname: Justine Ronalda
 Hometown: Trenton, NJ
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "What, why?"
 School Activities: Varsity Football (3, 4), Varsity Wrestling (3, 4), Varsity Baseball (3, 4), Track (4)
 Future Plans: I plan to go to Gallaudet University.



Alicia Balzer

Nickname: Bunny, Ali-Ali, and Ali Jo
 Hometown: Montgomery Village, MD
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Imagination is more important than knowledge." – Albert Einstein
 School Activities: Academic Bowl (1, 2, 3, 4), Class of 2007 Vice President (1), JV Volleyball (1), JV Basketball (1), Varsity Volleyball (2, 3, 4), Basketball (2, 3, 4), Softball (1, 2, 3, 4), National Honor Society (3, 4)
 Future Plans: I plan to go to Gallaudet University.



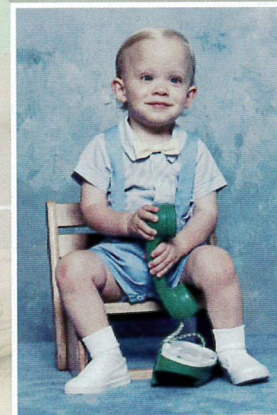
Michael Banta

Nickname: The Matador or The Greatest
 Hometown: Colleyville, TX
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "The strong man is the man who can stand up for his rights and not hit back." – Martin Luther King, Jr.
 School Activities: JV Football (3), Varsity Baseball (3, 4), Spring Play – Crew (3), SBG (3), Botball (3), Eagle Zone Cashier (4), Peer Health Advocate (4)
 Future Plans: I plan to go to Texas Tech University or RIT. My major will be film and business management.



Johnny Bingham

Nickname: Blonde
 Hometown: Mullica Hill, NJ
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Life is a gamble, so dice it."
 School Activities: Football (1, 2, 3, 4), Basketball (1, 2, 3, 4), Baseball (1, 2, 3, 4), Peer Mediator (4), Jr. NAD (4), Member of CEP (4)
 Future Plans: I plan to go to Gallaudet University or NTID/RIT and to become the first deaf person to appear on national television for the Professional Bowlers Association. I want to enjoy my life to the fullest.





Violet Blake

Nickname: Vexy, Vio, and poodle

Hometown: Derby, CT

Favorite Saying/Quote: "Most of our lives are a series of images; they pass us by like towns on a highway. But sometimes a moment stuns us as it happens, and we know that this instant is more than a fleeting image. We know that this moment, every part of it, will live on forever." – Lucas Scott, "One Tree Hill"

School Activities: Fall Cheerleading (3, 4), Girls Basketball Manager, Winter Cheerleading (4), Softball (3, 4), Prom Committee (3)

Future Plans: I want to make a difference in people's lives.



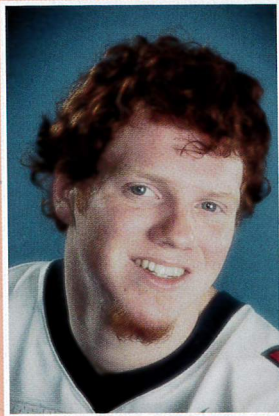
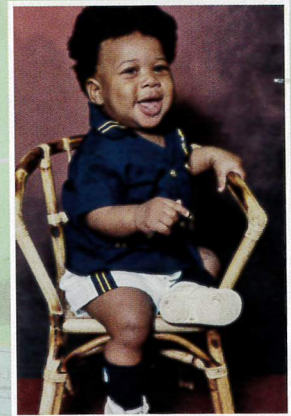
RoDerrick Brown

Nickname: Brown

Hometown: Vicksburg, VA

Favorite Saying/Quote: "I love it when I laugh for no reason."

Future Plans: I want to have a good life.



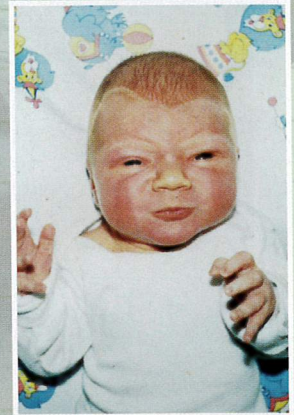
Shannon Callahan

Nickname: Irish guy

Hometown: Shady Side, MD

School Activities: Football (2, 3, 4), Wrestling (2, 3, 4), Baseball (2), Spring Play (3)

Future Plans: I want to go to college, graduate, and get a job!



Brianne Catron

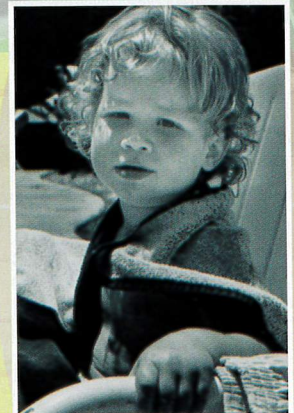
Nickname: Brisa, the redhead, Drama Queen, Briski, and Bri

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN

Favorite Saying/Quotes: "Get a life already...."

School Activities: Fall Cheerleading (4), Winter Cheerleading Captain (4), Spring Play (4), Class of 2007 Secretary (4)

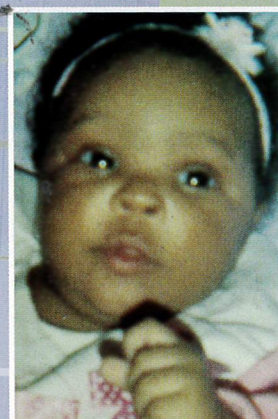
Future Plans: I plan to attend a university and graduate with a BA in filmmaking, continue with my journey in Europe, and hopefully you'll see me in one of those big screen movies in the future!





Jasmine Coleman

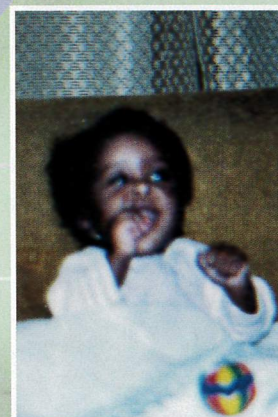
Nickname: J to Pinky
 Hometown: Suffolk, VA
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Love is a game that two can play and both can win in the end."
 School Activities: Captain of Drill Dance (3), President of Jr. BDA (4)
 Future Plans: I plan to go to college and get a job at the same time.



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Marquesa Comer

Nickname: Quesa
 Hometown: Columbus, OH
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Fine and...?"
 Activities: Cheerleader (3, 4), Winter Dance (3, 4)
 Future Plans: I plan to go to college.



Yolanda Cooper

Nickname: Yo-Yo
 Hometown: Cleveland, OH
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Black is beautiful."
 School Activities: JV Volleyball (2), JV Basketball (2, 3), Winter Dance (4)
 Future Plans: I plan to go to college.



Yair Davidowitz

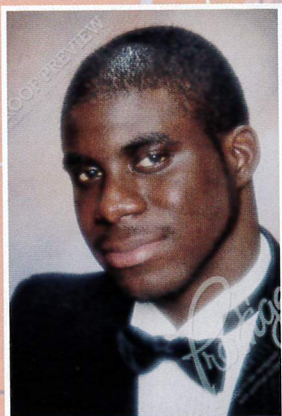
Hometown: Princeton, NJ
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." – Martin Luther King, Jr.
 Future Plans: I plan to go to Israel for a year (or at least for a while, or maybe I'll stay there forever!).





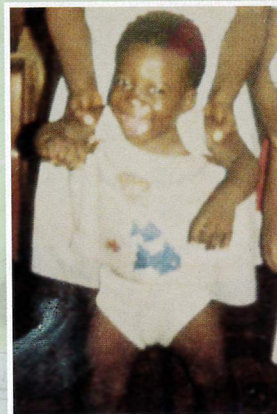
Esther Drake

Nickname: Rebby
 Hometown: Springfield, VA
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Keep your head up and don't look up. If you do, you will go blind."



Kobina Duncan

Nickname: Kobby or Kobe
 Hometown: Springfield, VA, and Ghana, Accra
 School Activities: Winter Dance (1, 2, 3, 4), Drama (4), and Volleyball
 Future Plans: I want to become a dancer, a photographer, and go to community college.



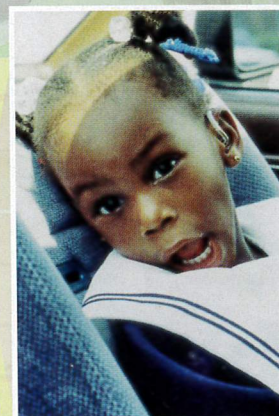
Stephanie Durand

Nickname: Steph and Miss Princess
 Hometown: South Windsor, CT
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Live your life!"
 School Activities: Fall Cheerleading (4), Winter Cheerleading (4), Cultural Exchange Program (4), Spring Play (4)
 Future Plans: My future plans are to go to college and to graduate with a BA in education. Then I want to have a good life with a good job, a husband, and kids.



Jennifer Ekwem

Nickname: Jenki
 Hometown: Charlotte, NC
 School Activities: Winter Dance (4), Tennis (4), Swimming (4)
 Future Plans: I want to become a fashion model, an artist, and a fashion designer.





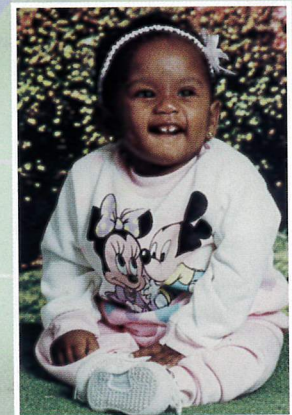
Wally Emul-Moore

Hometown: Pottstown, PA.



Latia Falls

Hometown: District Heights, MD.



Kassie Fields

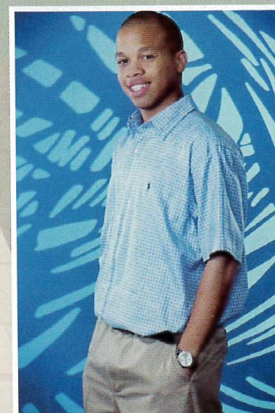
Nickname: Cupcake

Hometown: Jacksonville, FL

Favorite Saying/Quotes: "ILY HARD!" and "Cherish yesterday, live today, dream tomorrow."

School Activities: Cheerleader (2), Class of 2007 Secretary (2, 3), Spring Play (2, 3, 4), Peer Health Advocate (3), Prom Committee (3), Fundraising Committee (4)

Future Plans: I plan to go to Gallaudet and major in social work, counseling, or anything related to kids.



James Flakes

Nickname: Jay and Snowman

Hometown: Atlanta, GA

Favorite Saying/Quote: "All Day I Dream About Stuff." (ADIDAS)

School Activities: Varsity Basketball Boys Manager (3), Mr. MSSD (3), Vice President for Jr. BDA (4), Peer Mediator (4), Scorekeeper for Varsity Basketball (4)

Future Plans: I plan to major in either accounting or mathematics at RIT.





Katherine Glatfelter

Nickname: Kate

Hometown: Spring Grove, PA

Favorite Saying/Quote: "When you fall off a horse, get back on."

School Activities: Academic Bowl (4), Secretary for SBC (4), Student Council (4)

Future Plans: I plan to go to Temple University and focus on my studies.



Ryan Hastings

Nickname: Cinnamon

Hometown: Cherry Valley, MA

Favorite Saying/Quote: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you're going to miss it." – "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

School Activities: Baseball (4), Basketball (4), Football (4)

Future Plans: I plan to stay at MSSD for one more year, then go to college.



Kimber Holmes

Nickname: Kimby

Hometown: Chester, VA

Favorite Saying/Quote: "Tsk....tsk."

School Activities: Winter Dance (2, 4), Softball (2), Deaf Step Team (2, 4), Onyx Pageant (3)

EWP: Working at Bon Appetit

Future Plans: I plan to join a deaf dance company.



Munkhsaruul Jargalsaikhan

Nickname: Muujgii

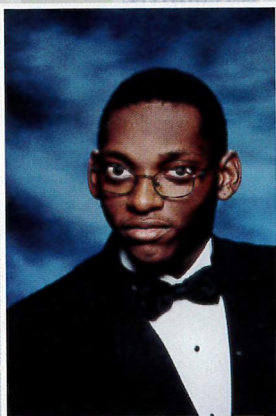
Hometown: Arlington, VA

Favorite saying: "A better day"

School Activities: Fall Dance (2), Botball (4)

Future Plans: I plan to go to Gallaudet University.





Nathaniel Jones

Nickname: Nate
 Hometown: Washington, DC
 EWP: Working at McDonald's



Sierra Jones

Nickname: Cee-cee, Bookie Boo, Sugar Apple
 Hometown: Upper Marlboro, MD
 School Activities: JV Basketball (1, 2, 3)
 Future Plans: I want to become a photographer, a model (tomboy styles), and an actor.



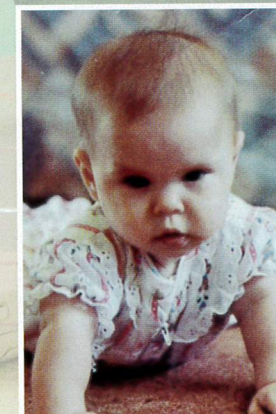
Trisha Jones

Nick Name: Teh Riisha Y and TSJ
 Hometown: Columbus, OH
 Favorite Saying/Quotes: "Get lost!" and "Laugh now and cry later."
 School Activities: JV Volleyball (3), JV Basketball (3), Winter Dance (4)
 Future Plans: I plan to enroll at Gallaudet University and to major in math.



Jacqueline Keaton

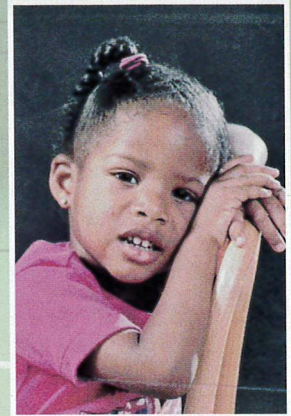
Nickname: Missy Jackii
 Hometown: Las Vegas, NV
 School Activities: Winter Dance (4)
 Future Plans: I want to become a photographer, to travel, and to attend Gallaudet or NTID.





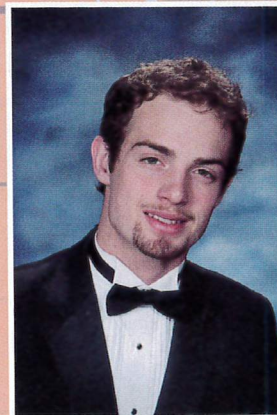
Jene Kelly

Nickname: Candi
 Hometown: Camp Springs, MD
 Favorite saying/Quote: "Knowledge is Power."
 School Activities: Winter dance (2, 3, 4)
 Future Plans: Go to College



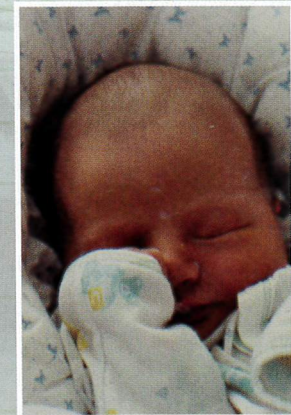
Sentayehu Kifle

Nickname: Abush, Sent
 Hometown: Arlington, VA
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Be glad today. Tomorrow may bring tears. Be brave today. The darkest night will pass. And golden rays will usher in the dawn." – Usher
 School Activities: Wrestling (2, 3, 4), Football (1, 2), Botball (1), Spring Play (3, 4), 2006 National Champion Wrestler
 Future Plans: I want to pursue graphic design in science.



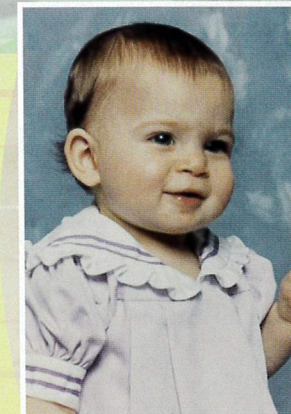
Jay Kowalczyk

Nickname: Elf
 Hometown: Germantown, MD
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Our eyes were put in the front of our heads, so we look to where we are going not to where we have been."
 School Activities: Football (1, 3, 4), S'up Eagles News (2), Spring Play (2, 3, 4), Peer Mediator (3, 4), Student Body Government (3), Jr. NAD (4)
 Future Plans: I want to enjoy my life.



Rebecca Lovitch

Nickname: Becca
 Hometown: Northridge, CA
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "My life, my choice."
 School Activities: Varsity Volleyball (4), Varsity Softball (4), Varsity Basketball (4).
 Future Plans: I want to witness a miracle.



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Emily Macedo

Nickname: Emi
Hometown: Riverside, CA
School Activities: Varsity Volleyball (4), Varsity Basketball (4), Varsity Softball (4)
Future Plans: I plan to attend Gallaudet and to travel.



Sarah Martin

Nickname: China Doll
Hometown: Arlington, VA
School Activities: Varsity Volleyball (4), Varsity Basketball (4), Varsity Softball (4), Cultural Exchange Program (4), Peer Mediator (3, 4, 5), Gallaudet Class (5)
Future Plans: I plan to go to NTID/RIT.



Norah Matthews

Nick Name: Norita, Norah, Velma, Ginny, Noah's wife, Nora
Hometown: Stevensville, MD
Favorite Saying/Quote: Too many to count, but my favorite one is, "Do not die because I am gone. Instead rejoice that you have known me. Cry only if you never knew me."
School Activities: JV Volleyball (1, 2), JV Basketball (1, 2), Varsity Softball (1), Spring Play "Aladdin" (2), Miss 2007 (2), Fall Showcase "Bye Bye Birdie" (3), Winter Dance Concert (3, 4), Spring Play "Twinderella" (3), Eagle Zone Cashier (3), Fall Showcase "Seasons" (4), President of SBG (4), Eagle Zone Manager (4)
Future Plans: I plan to go to Gallaudet University.



Sarah Nelinson

Nickname: Sara
Hometown: Pikesville, MD
Favorite Saying/Quote: "Surf's up."
School Activities: Cooking Club (3)
EWP: Working at the Gallaudet cafeteria as cook
Future Plans: I plan to continue with the deaf-blind program and travel, then go to culinary school.





Thomas Offenburger

Nickname: Tommy
 Hometown: Maryland
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Cool."
 School Activities: JV Football (1, 2), Varsity Football (3, 4), Varsity Wrestling (2, 3, 4), Track (1, 2), Spring Play "Twinderella" (4)
 Future Plans: I plan to attend RIT/NTID.



Alexei Olson

Nickname: Al, Alexi, Alexii, Albert
 Hometown: Hagerstown, MD
 Favorite Saying/Quotes: "What's the matter with you?" "For God's sake!" and "Oh, yeah, right, then it's your problem!"
 School Activities: Weight Lifting (1, 2, 3), Varsity Football (2, 3, 4)
 Future Plans: I plan to go to NTID and then to work for a film magazine.



Mahalia Palmer

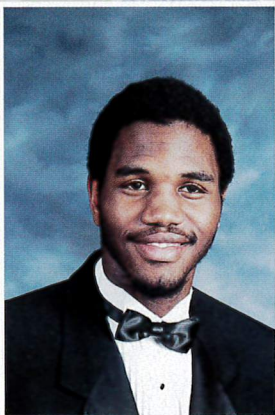
Nickname: Manni Jo, MAHA, Hali, JO
 Hometown: Jackson, MI
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act."
 School Activities: Homecoming (1, 2, 3, 4), Prom (1, 3, 4), JV Volleyball (1), JV Basketball (1), Sup Eagle (2), Disc Golf (3), Eagle Zone 101 (3), #203 Roommates with Vita (3), #310 & #308 with Vita (4),
 Future Plans: I plan to move to Seattle, attend Pierce Community College, work full time, and travel a lot to the western states.



Laura Petroff

Nickname: Lappie
 Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
 Favorite Saying/Quotes: "Love that is true never grows old." "Live, love, laugh." "Be a good listener and your eyes will never get you in trouble." "Why?" "ILY"
 School Activities: Miss MSSD (1), Mr. & Miss DTA Contestant (1), Class Fundraising Committee (4), Graduation Committee (4)
 Future Plans: I plan to attend Gallaudet/NTID/RIT to become a psychologist.





Joseph Richmond

Nickname: JR and Joey

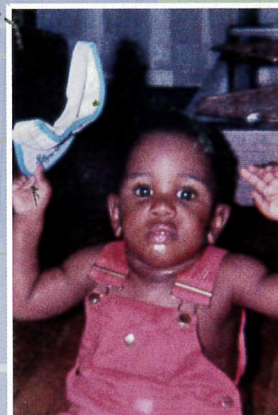
Hometown: Washington, DC, and MD

Favorite Saying/Quotes: "What's up with ya?" "You know me." "That's hot!" and "U down with me?"

School Activities: Football (1), Track and Field (1), Wrestling (1, 2, 3), Swimming Test (1), Weightlifting (2), Black Pageant (3)

EWP: African American Museum, Deaf Reach, Family Dollar

Future Plans: I plan to have a job and go to PGC Community College in Maryland.



Tiffany Saccente

Nickname: Tiffa

Hometown: Medford, NJ

Favorite Saying/Quote: "Some of us have little time for regret because we're looking forward to the future. Sometimes we have to fight to come to terms with the past. And sometimes we bury our regret by promising to change our ways. But our biggest regrets are not for the things we did... but the things we didn't do." – 'Lucas Scott', "One Tree Hill"

School Activities: Softball (2, 3, 4), Football Water Girl (3), Prom Committee (3), Fall Cheerleading (4), Winter Cheerleading (4), CEP (4)

Future Plans: I want to pursue a career in the field of journalism.



Holly Sharer

Nickname: Shiny

Hometown: Indianapolis, IN

Favorite Saying/Quote: "To love is to risk not being loved in return. To hope is to risk pain. To try is to risk failure, but risk must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing."

School Activities : JV Volleyball (1, 2, 3), JV Basketball (1, 2), Spring Play (1, 3), Jr. NAD (2), Spring Break (3), Peer Mediator (4), Graduation Committee (4)

Future Plans: I plan to go to Gallaudet University.



Earnest Sigamoney

Hometown: Baltimore, MD

Favorite Saying/Quote: "Keep your motivation high."

School Activities: Actor (1, 2, 3, 4, 5), Dance (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Future Plans: I plan to become a math teacher for high school or college.





Maria Solovey

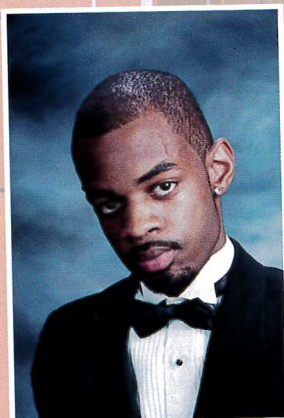
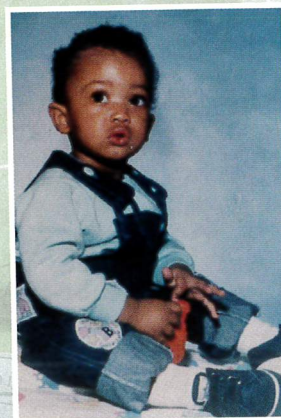
Nickname: Princess Angelie, Kraciva Devochka
 Hometown: Born in the Ukraine, and live in Newark, NJ
 Favorite Saying/Quotes: "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win. - Mahatma Gandhi, "My main focus is modeling."
 School Activities: JV Volleyball (1, 2, 3), Winter Dance (1, 2), Spring Play (1, 2, 3), Miss Class of 2007 (1), MC for Pageant (2), Class Fundraiser (1, 2, 3, 4), Captain of JV Volleyball (3), Winter Cheerleading (3), Eagle Song with Suz & Jay (3), Chairperson for Prom (3), Director & Designer for "Twinderella" (3), President of Class of 2007 (4), Peer Mediator (3, 4)
 Future Plans: I want to become a fashion designer.



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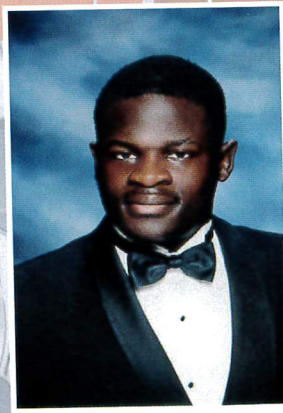
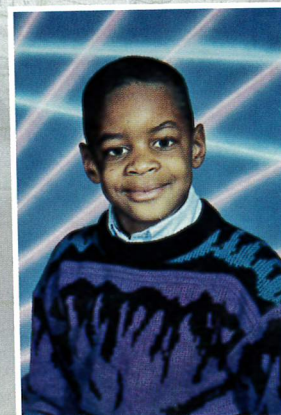

Phillip Spence

Nickname: Zime
 Hometown: Bronx, NY
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Follow the right path to success."
 Future Plans: I want to be successful.



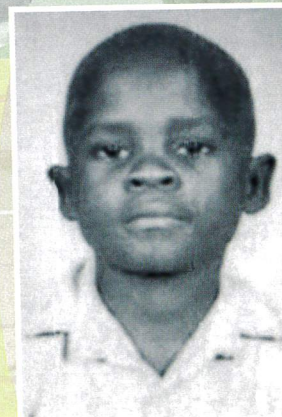
Sylvester Spencer

Nickname: Sly or Lil' Ves
 Hometown: Washington, DC
 Favorite Saying/Quotes: "I'm Most Wanted."
 "Basketball is my PASSION." and "Sly is the Prince of Basketball."
 School Activities: Football (1), Basketball (2, 3), Weightlifting (4)
 Future Plans: I want to get a job and then go to Gallaudet University or community college.



Thomas Ssebyuma

Nickname: Tommy
 Hometown: Maryland
 Favorite Saying/Quote: "Cool."
 School Activities: JV Football (1, 2), Varsity Football (3, 4), Varsity Wrestling (2, 3, 4), Track (1, 2), Spring Play "Twinderella" (4)
 Future Plans: I want to go to RIT/NTID.





Nicole Starkman

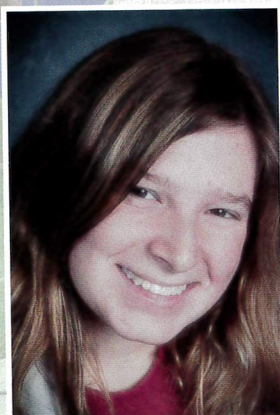
Nickname: Noodle

Hometown: Denver, CO

Favorite Saying/Quote: "No secret."

School Activities: Varsity Volleyball (3, 4), Varsity Basketball (3, 4), Varsity Softball (3, 4), PHA (3)

Future Plans: I want to meet my goals.



Phyllis Steele

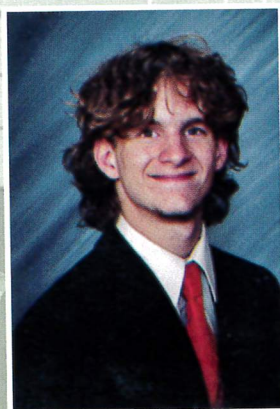
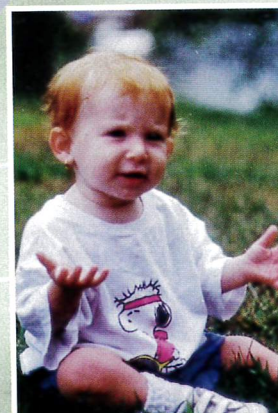
Nickname: Phy

Hometown: Germantown, MD

Favorite Saying/Quote: "Here's to the night we felt alive. Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry. Here's to good-byes tomorrow's gone and come too soon" - PHYz

School Activities: Varsity Volleyball (3), Varsity Basketball (3), Varsity Softball (3, 4), Weightlifting (3)

Future Plans: I want to enjoy life. :)



Jonathan Terpak

Nickname: Screech, Hen, Jon

Hometown: Whitney Point, NY

Favorite Saying/Quote: "If it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score?" - Vince Lombardi

School Activities: JV Football (1, 2), JV Basketball (1, 2), Volleyball (1, 2), Varsity Baseball (1, 2, 3, 4), Vice President for Class of 2007 (1, 4), President for Class of 2007 (2, 3), Varsity Football (2, 3, 4), Peer Mediator (3), Wrestling (4)

Future Plans: I want to attend Gallaudet University.



Holly Vita

Nickname: Vita and Hollie

Hometown: Bristol, PA

Favorite Saying/Quote: "There is only happiness in life to be loved."

School Activities: JV Volleyball (1), Homecoming (1, 2, 3, 4), Prom (1, 3, 4), Sup Eagles (2), Yearbook (2), Scrapbook Club (2), Eagle Zone 101 (3), #203 Roommates (3), Theodore (3), # 308 with Mahalia (4), Peer Health Advisor (4), Fall Showcase Crew (4)

Future Plans: I want to attend to community college and then transfer to Florida University, and, of course, enjoy my life with my beloved Mister Theodore and my own life.





Jamie Withrow

Nickname: Jamiz

Hometown: Frederick, MD

Favorite Saying/Quotes: "LOL" "Uh-oh." "Bring your laugh medicine with you, leave your sadness in this Earth." and "Chance to have fun before it's too late."

School Activities: JV Volleyball (1), JV Basketball (1), Scrapbook (3), Creates Picture (3)

Future Plans: I hope to be an artist or a photographer at RIT or Gallaudet.



Lily Yu

Nickname: Lila

Hometown: Brick, NJ

Favorite Saying/Quote: "A day without laughter is a day wasted."

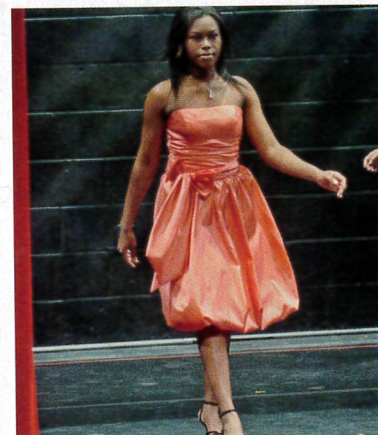
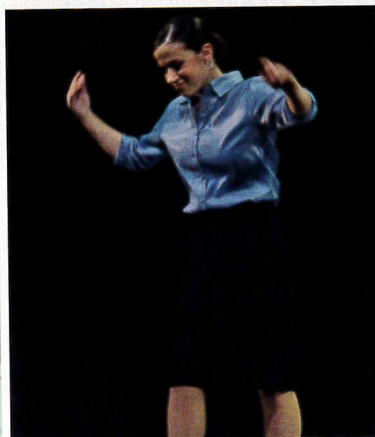
School Activities: Varsity Wrestling (4)

Future Plans: I will attend NTID/RIT this fall after graduating from high school.



CONGRATULATIONS,
CLASS OF 2007!
WE WILL MISS YOU!

SENIOR COLLAGE



Judith Fine

Fingert Stute

John Doe

Maria Slaney

Sandra Petroff

Ritchy

Aranch Algas

Wendy Burke

Alvin Barker

Janice Elmer

Alex Olson

Judith Arings

~~John Doe~~

Denise Acquan

Kassie Fields

Emily Mann

Tiffany Sactenter

Nora H

Silvester Spencer #22

James Ross

Judith Arings

Paul Karaloff

Joanna Bittelte

Brian

John

~~John Stuckman~~

Veron Fmst

John Doe

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Most Studious
Kate Glatfelter &
Tommy Offenburger

Best Dressed
RoDerrick Brown &
Maria Solovey



Best Looking
Mike Banta &
Holly Vita

Best Hair
Ryan Hastings &
Berhan Amare



Most Down to Earth
Sarah Martin &
Sentayehu Kifle

Most Intelligent
Kate Glatfelter &
Jay Kowalczyk

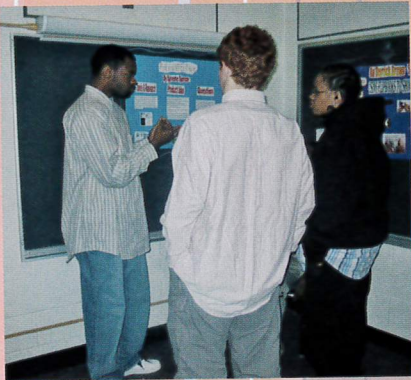


Most Talkative Phillip Spence & Jamie Withrow

Class Pest
Jackie Keaton &
Johnny Bingham

Best Eyes
Nathaniel Jones &
Mahalia Palmer

!SENIOR SHOWCASE



Sylvester Spencer entertains his audience.



Justin Arrigo explains about his knee surgery to Ms. Olsen.



Marquesa Comer and Yolanda Cooper display their modeling project for the Senior Showcase.



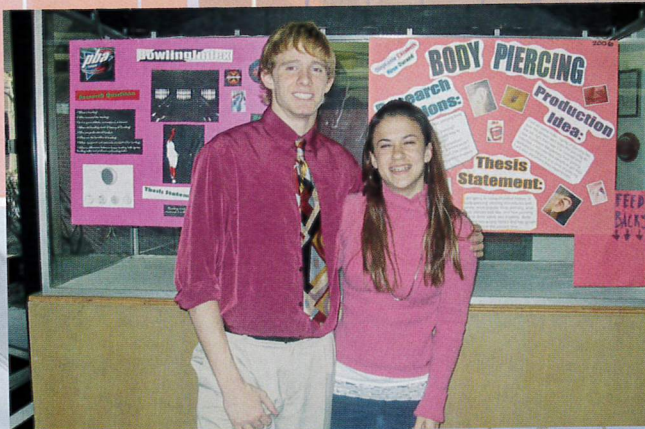
Maria Solovey explains her senior project, which was related to fashion.



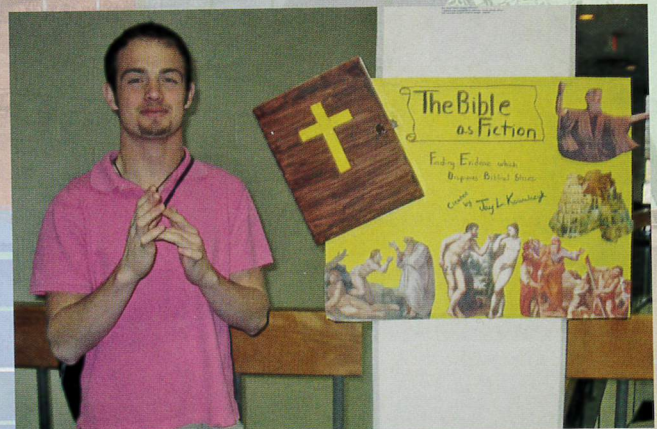
Dean Wilding explains why snowboarding is cool.



Thomas Offenburger's dream is to have his own theater. For his senior project, he showed his concept for future stage design.



J.J. Bingham and Stephanie Durand show their nice smiles as well as their senior projects.



Jay Kowalczyk analyzed the *Holy Bible* for his senior project.

SENIOR SHOWCASE!



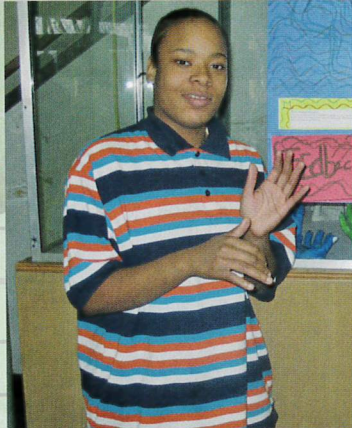
Brianne Catron explains about a serial killer's mind. Scary!



Travis Oshman, Phyllis Steele, and Tiffany Saccente discuss their senior projects.



Joana Akelyte's senior project focused on Lithuania.



Tristian Brown shows off her senior project.



The outcome of this Senior Showcase?... SUCCESS!



Jennifer Ekwem researched Japanese tea for her senior project.



Violet Blake's senior project was entitled, "I'm a Barbie girl in a Barbie world."

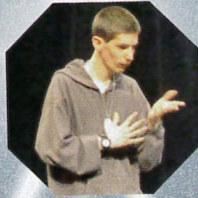


Alicia Balzer did her senior project on controversial topics found in *The Da Vinci Code*.

MSSD FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA



Violet Blake's project was "Barbie's Body Image--the Impact on Young Girls."



Yair Davidowitz's project was "Writing Rap Songs."



Senior Maria Solovey hosted the show with several other students. Her project was "Fashion Show."



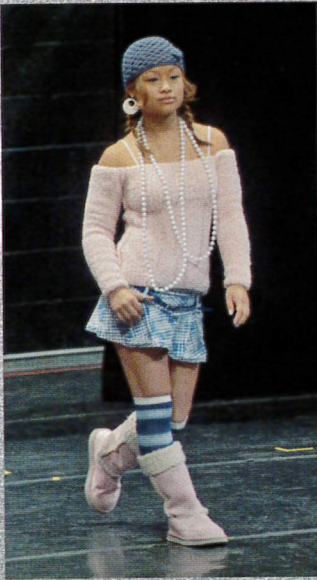
Mahalia Palmer's project was "Denim and How it is Still Popular."



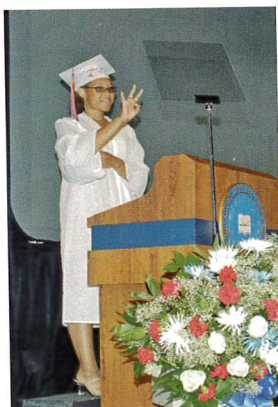
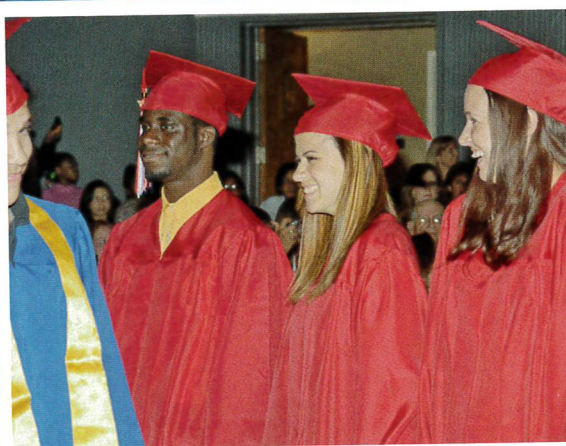
Norah Matthews's project was "Choreographer of the Show/ Director of a Musical Video."



MSSD FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA

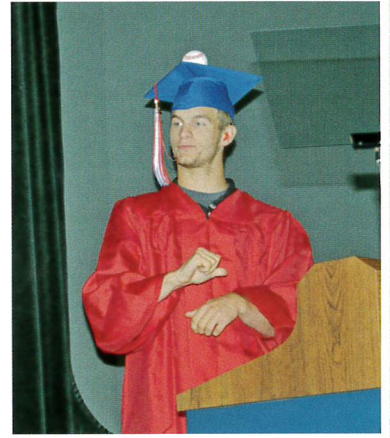


GRADUATION DAY (JUNE 15, 2007)!

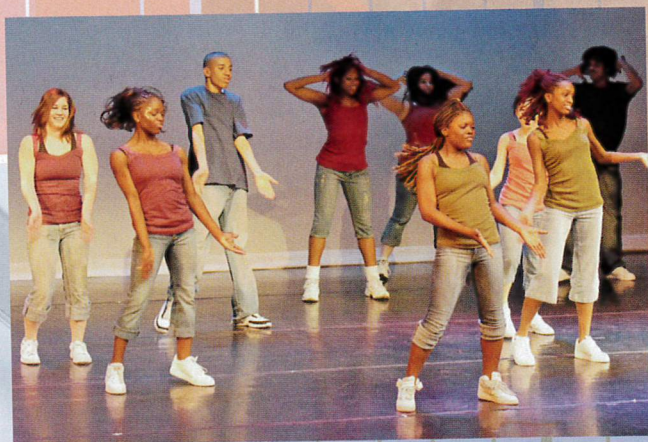
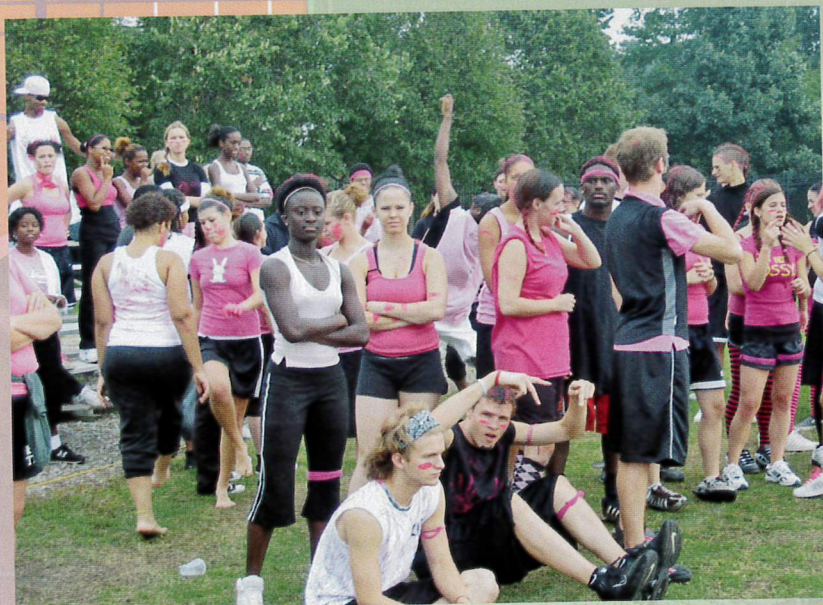


Guess who's on stage with a class jersey? It's Clark Brooke, 1990 alumnus of MSSD!! He came to MSSD as the guest speaker and congratulated the graduating seniors!

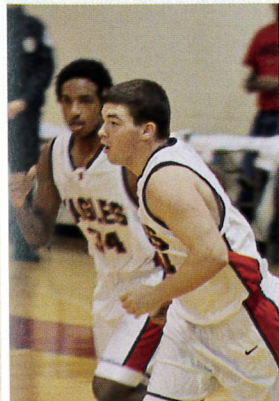
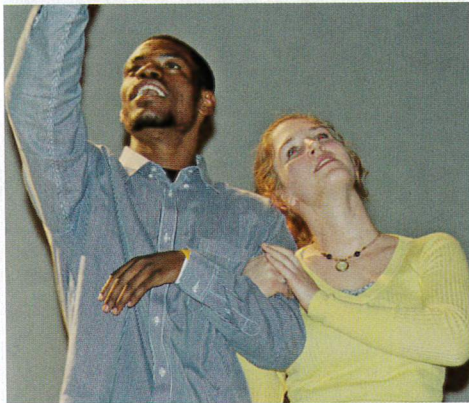
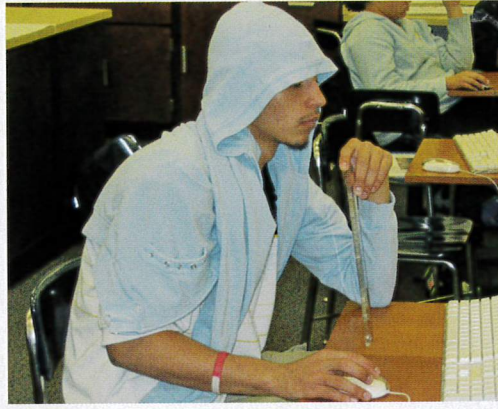
SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR SENIORS!



SENIOR CANDIDS



LIFE AT MSSD!

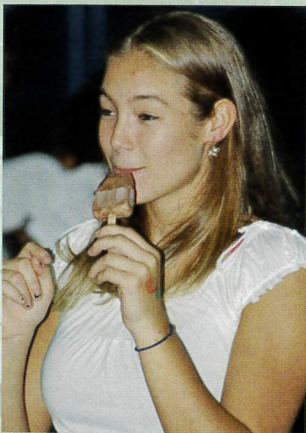


JUNIORS

Merime Ahmed
 Laura Akelyte
 Wegahta Aresei
 Sharice Baker
 Ashley Barber
 Christy Bowers
 Maria Castaneda
 Manuel Contreras
 Rosaleen Crawford
 Shayna Crowell
 Rikki DiMaria
 Jessica Dobscha
 Amelia Duffy
 Sergio Duran
 Andrew Ferguson
 Domonic Gordine
 Michael Halloran
 Megan Harrison
 William Hartman
 Christopher Henson
 Kelvin Hernandez
 Nikki Huffman
 Corey Hunt
 Oana Hunter
 Jenna Ingraham
 Jahmal Jones
 Mukanda Kayembe
 Cassandra King
 Danielle Koplitz
 Ashley Landis
 LeAnha Lawson
 Ashley Lockard
 Amy Martin
 John Martin
 Branden McCarter
 Kenneth Montanez
 Tarrah Musgrove
 Joseph Ofodile
 Ryan Ong
 Shannon Paton
 Aameena Patterson
 Lateefah Patterson
 Lindsey Phelan
 Adrianna Rocha
 Jo Rocha
 Evelyn Sanchez
 Ramnath Shenoy
 Benjamin Shields
 Tiffany Sivell
 Joseph Solano
 Pakuna Spady
 Jake Spencer
 Ariela Stein
 Drew Sumner
 Trisha Swartz
 Victoria Thompson
 Jessica Valente
 Amanda Warren
 Kelsey Wessman
 Hannah Wheatcroft
 Renishia Williams
 Heather Willman
 Breanna Wilson



JUNIOR COLLAGAGE



SOPHOMORES

Miracle Amasiatu
Tobechukwu Amasiatu
Johanna Arrigo
Corey Balzer
Brent Benoit
Rosa Bonilla
Edward Corporal

Cierra Cotton
Anthony Cyrus
Corissa Dobscha
Alexandre Dubsky
Jarvis Grindstaff
Sean Harden
Capria Hickman

Xian Huang
Chauncey Huggins
Rickey Kenneybrew
Desmond Kerkulah
Jennifer Kittredge
Philip Lambert III
Eboni Love-Peel

Maryse Makayat
Jennifer Marfino
Elizabeth McCune
Camille Mitchell
DaShawn Mobley
Claudio Monegro
Sara Moore

Tiffany Narciso
Chad Oshman
Anthony Palmer
Natacha Pericles
Anthony Perry
Matthew Pollock
Miguel Ramos

Anthony Robinson
Ormar Rodriguez
Jocelyn Santiago
Hema Saylor
Datrell Scott
Matthew Scott
Sylvia Smith

Travis Stevens
Frederick Ussery
David Van Boxlaere, Jr.
Antisha Wilson

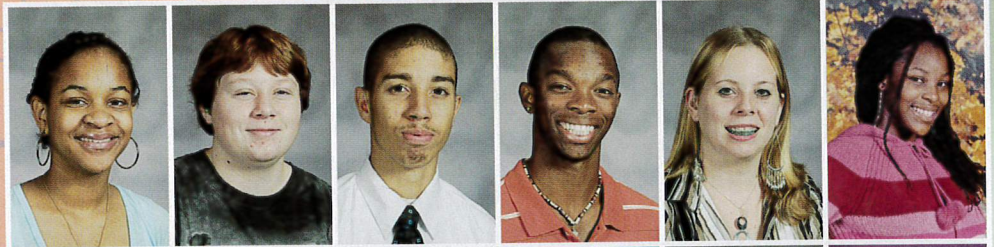


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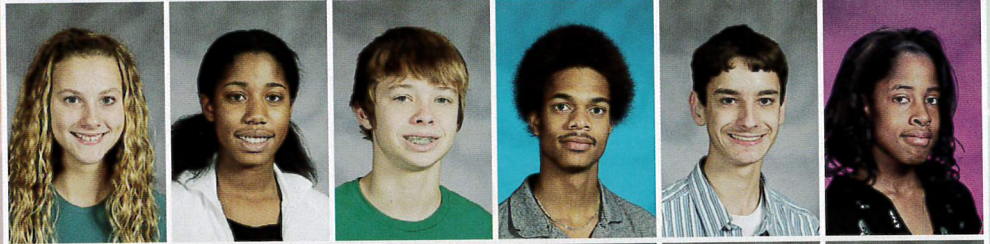


FRESHMEN

Claudia Barthelemy
Julia Bidwell
James Carter
Dwayne Christie
Jacinda Dowdy
LaQuita Ford



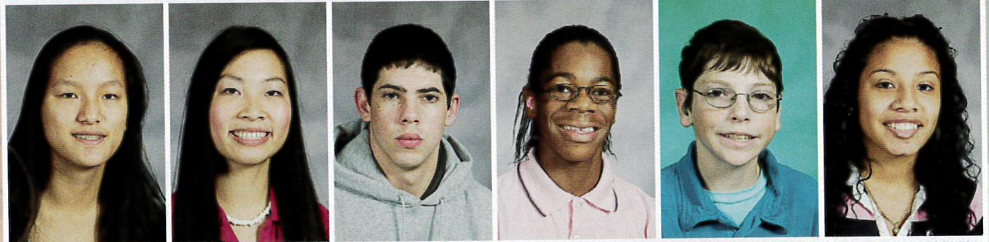
Zamica Gage
Renee Glanville
Jack Green
Navarro Hall
Robert Hardy
Diane Hillard



Kevina Kerchner
Chris Kiskinis-Warmack
Carolina Kohn
Nicholl Lucky
Karina Martin
Timothy Martin



Lark McNamara
MeiLi Robbins
Joshua Roop
Adrian Saylor
Jeremy Smith
Elizabeth Valverde



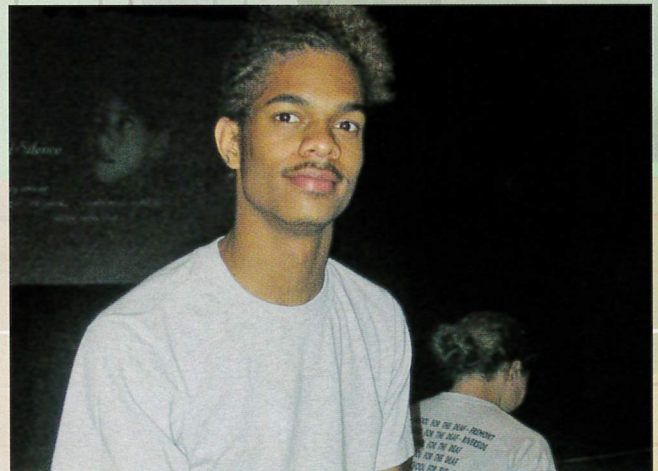
Brittany Way
Jay Werner



Marquita Whitfield



FRESHMAN COLLAGE



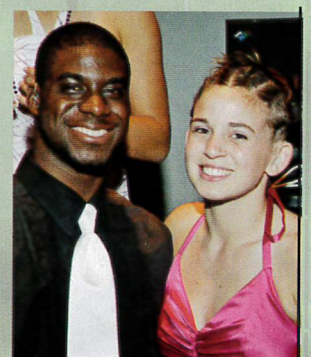
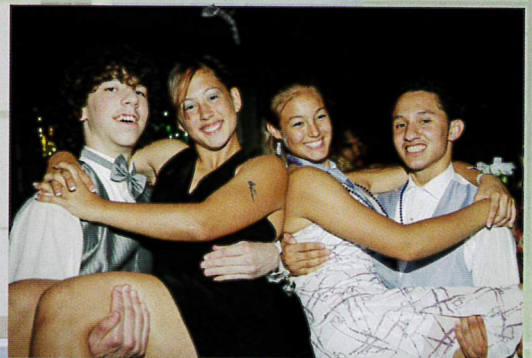
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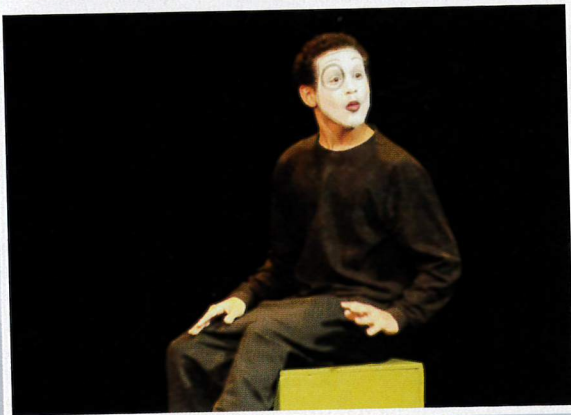
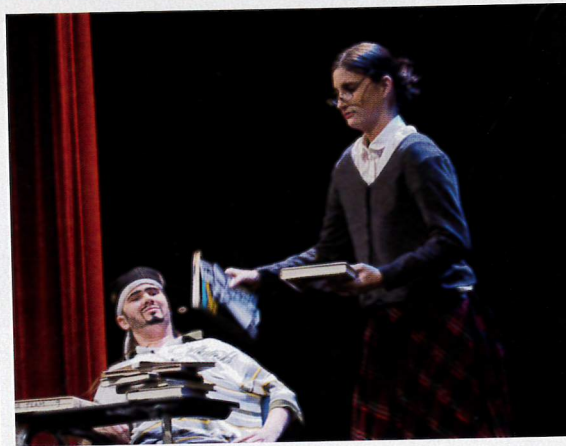
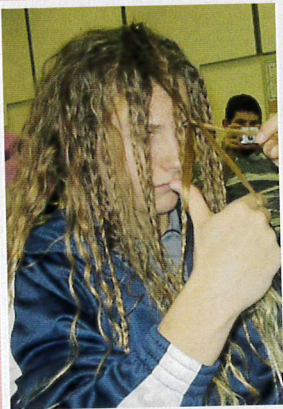
PROM 2007



Congratulations to our 2007 Prom queen and king, Violet and Jonathan!



BLOOPERS ALL OVER MSSD!



FIELD DAY

The Class of 2007 is the Field Day champion! Congratulations!



Wow, Rebecca has a talent for jumping!



Such a cute smile, Merime!
You look good, too, Tiffany!



Good job, Class of 2009! Wave your hands in the air!



These freshman students look ready to play rough.



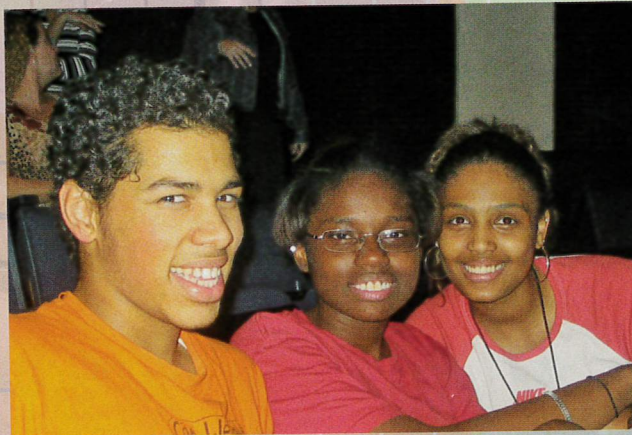
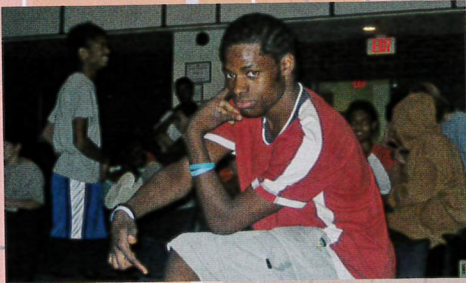
Ms. Klotz and Ms. Wynne chat.



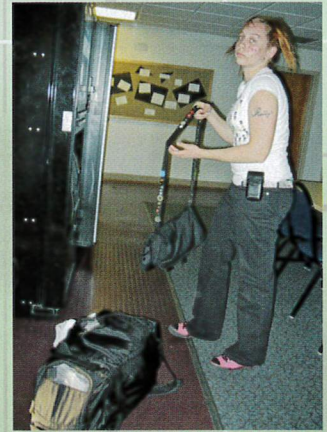
Wow, what wonderful spirit! Everyone is having a grrreat time!

LIFE AT MSSD!

Evidence of
different ways we
enjoy our life at
MSSD!



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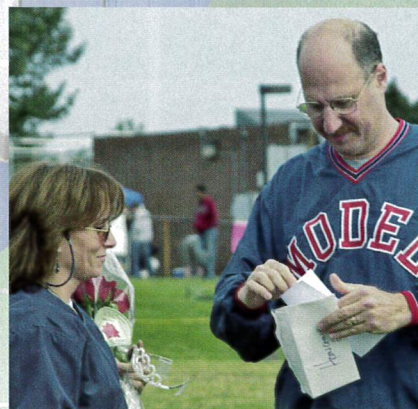


PEP RALLY!



HOMECOMING GAME!

The Homecoming 2006 king and queen candidates line up on the field. Congratulations, y'all!



Go, go, go, Sean!

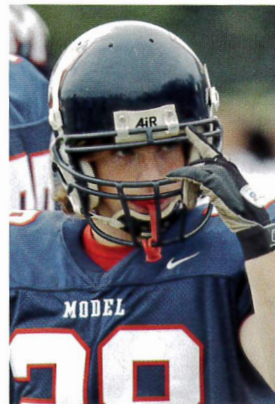


Whoa, our MSSD football players look ready!! Go, Eagles!

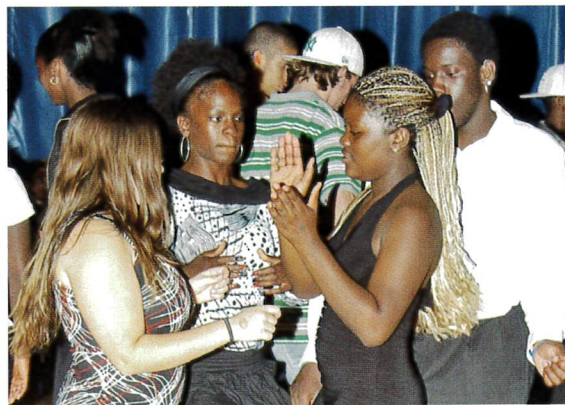
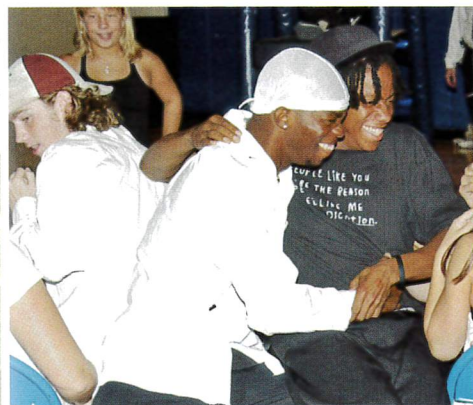
A WINNING DAY!



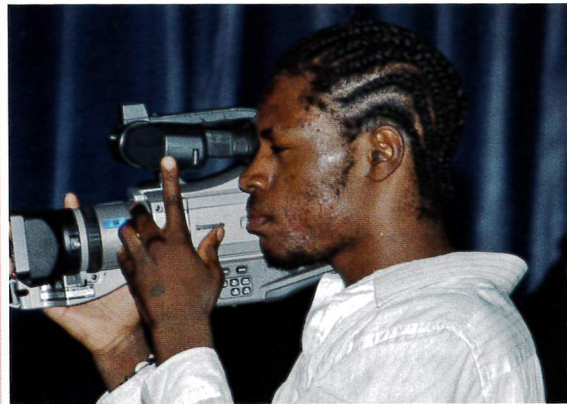
We played against Hyde School on September 30, 2006. The score was 42-0. It was a good game!



~HOMECOMING DANCE~



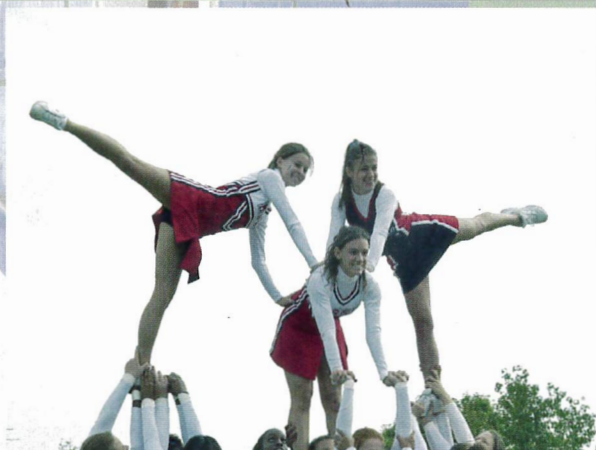
~HOMECOMING DANCE~



FALL CHEERLEADING



It takes practice to be perfect, and that is how we perform our best dance during halftime.



Three flyers strike a pose as they stand high in the air supported by strong girls.



From left to right: (kneeling) Ameena Patterson, Tiffany Saccente, Stephanie Durand, Violet Blake, Evelyn Sanchez, LeAnha Lawson; (standing) Coach Svenna Pedersen, Brianne Catron, Marquesa Comer, Elizabeth McCune, Charleen Foster, Amanda Warren, Pakuna Spady, Ariela Stein

WINTER CHEERLEADING

Shake those pom-poms,
Violet!



From left to right: (kneeling): Elizabeth McCune, Pakuna Spady, Ariela Stein, Stephanie Durand, Natacha Pericles; (standing) Coach Svenna Pedersen, Adrianna Rocha, Jennifer Marfino, Brianne Catron, Violet Blake, Tiffany Saccente

Brianne and Ariela yell, "Hey, Stand Up!" while others watch and wait for their turn.

What an awesome basket throw! You go, girls!



VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL



First row (left to right): Ryan Hastings, Justin Arrigo, Rickey Kenneybrew, Travis Oshman, Johnny Bingham, Shannon Callahan, Jay Kowalczyk, Jon Terpak, Zachary Phipps, Dean Wilding

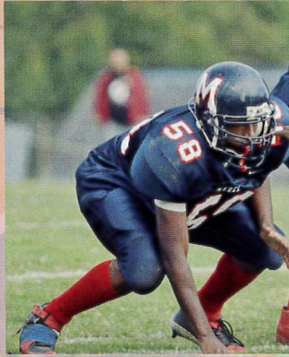
Second row (left to right): William Hartman, Joseph Ofodile, Ramnath Shenoy, Kelvin Suazo, Andrew Ferguson, Michael Halloran, Joseph Solano, Jahmal Jones, Kenneth Montanez, Jake Spencer

Third row (left to right): Xian Huang, Alyk Dubsky, Datrell Scott, Sean Harden, Matthew Scott, Corey Balzer, Anthony Palmer, Timothy Martin, Chris Kiskinis-Warmack

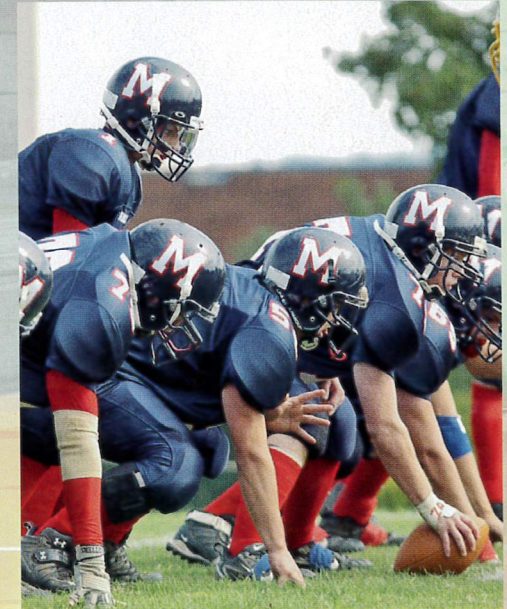
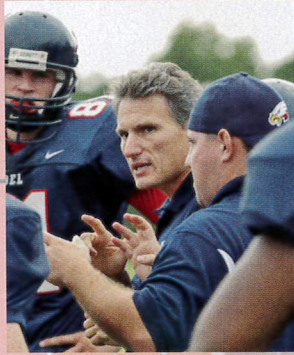
Fourth row (left to right): Matthew Pollock, Anthony Robinson, Dwayne Christie, Philip Lambert, Corey Hunt, Domonic Gordine, Anthony Cyrus, Jarvis Grindstaff

Fifth row (left to right): Manager John Martin, assistant coach Darrin Brecheen, assistant coach Robert Polstra, coach Bob Miller, assistant coach Aaron Brock, and manager Sophia Brunton

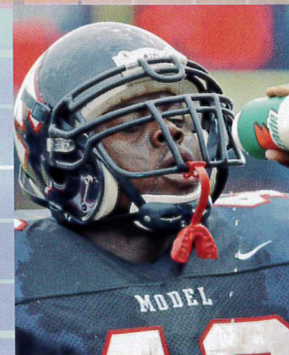
VARSITY FOOTBALL



Whoa, Sean! Nobody can stop you! You ROCK!



Great teamwork! Keep it up!



GIRLS VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Varsity: standing, l-r: Coach Raylene Lotz, Nicole Starkman, Laura Akelyte, Renishia Williams, Alicia Balzer, Heather Willman, Joanna Rocha, Rebecca Lovitch, Karina Martin, Emily Macedo, Sarah Martin, Amy Martin, assistant coach Tamara Suiter. Sitting: student coach Rocco Lauricella.



Junior Varsity: (from left to right, top to bottom) Johanna Arrigo, Tiffany Narciso, Zamica Gage, Lark McNamara, Carolina Kohn, assistant coach Jenica vonGarrel, Trisha Swartz, Tiffany Sivell, coach Christy Sanders, Kevina Kerchner, manager Jennifer Marfino, Karina Martin, Adrianna Rocha, Renee Glanville.



TRACK AND FIELD



Left to right: (standing) Coach Mark Burke, assistant coach Karl Olney, Lateefah Patterson, Ashley Barber, John Martin, Miracle Amasiatu, Michael Halloran, LeAnha Lawson, Natacha Pericles, coach Darrin Breechen.
(sitting) Kevina Kerchner, Lark McNamara, Rosa Bonilla, Denise Acquah, Wegahta Aresel.

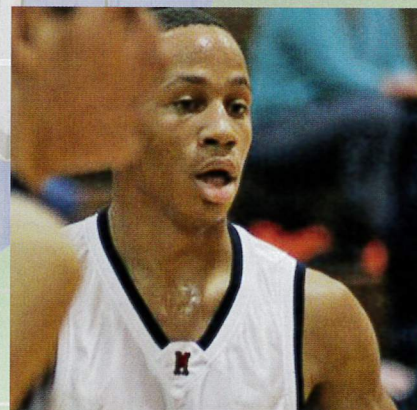


BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL



Standing, l-r: Michael Halloran, Ryan Hastings, Zachary Phipps, James Flakes, manager; Michael Weinstock, coach; Steve Maloney, assistant coach; Marquise Johnson, manager; Datrell Scott, Anthony Palmer.

Sitting, l-r: Joseph Solano, Sean Harden, Rocco Lauricella, Johnny Bingham, DaShawn Mobley.



Standing, l-r: Sam Weber, coach; Corey Hunt, manager; Chris Henson, Corey Balzer, Datrell Scott, Alyk Dubsky, Jeff Blazek, Ram Shenoy, Tim Martin, Chuck Rubisch, assistant coach.

Sitting, l-r: Xian Huang, Miracle Amasiatu, Ryan Ong, Kelvin Suazo, Kenneth Montanez.



GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Standing, l-r: Ashley Lockard, Joanna Rocha, Zamica Gage, assistant coach Katie Spiegel, coach Amy Mowl, Heather Willman, Tiffany Narciso, manager Karina Martin.

Sitting, l-r: Rebecca Lovitch, Emily Macedo, Sarah Martin, Nicole Starkman.

The players watch the game and hope their team wins!



Jo makes sure no one steals the ball as she runs through with her partner, Emily.



Eboni jumps in front of players from the opposite team to get the ball.



Heather is known as "Ball Thief."



Zamica blocks an opponent.



Nicole gets ready to take a shot.

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Don't let them steal the ball from you, Johanna!



Good job, Amy Martin. Get ready to pass that ball!

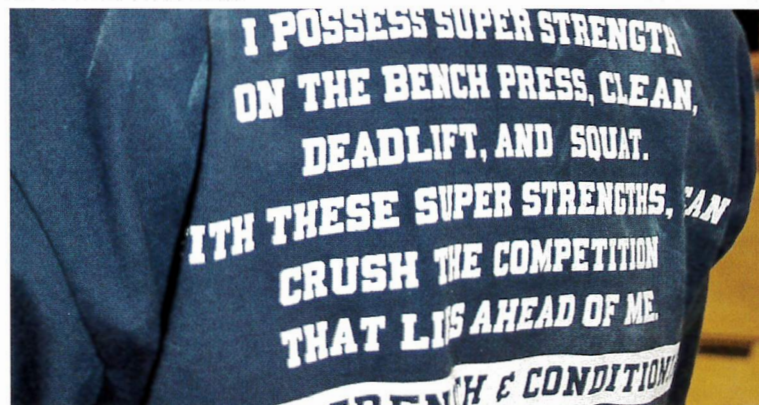
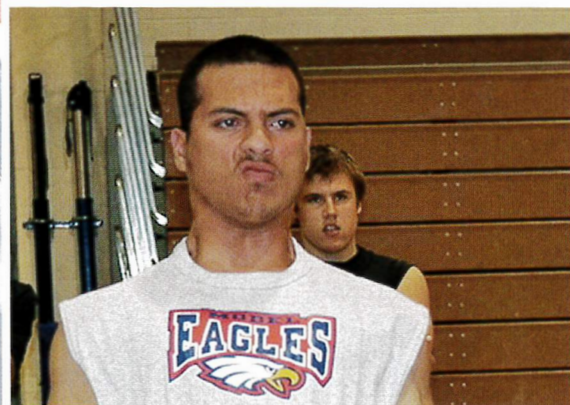
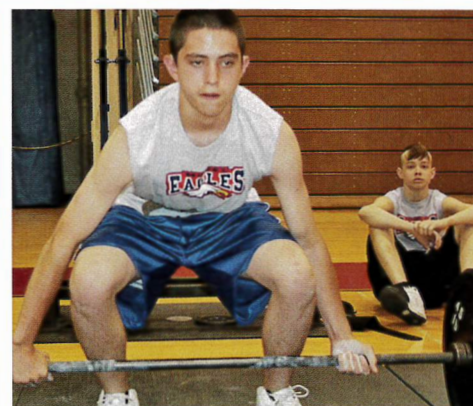
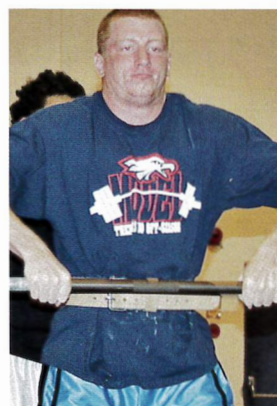
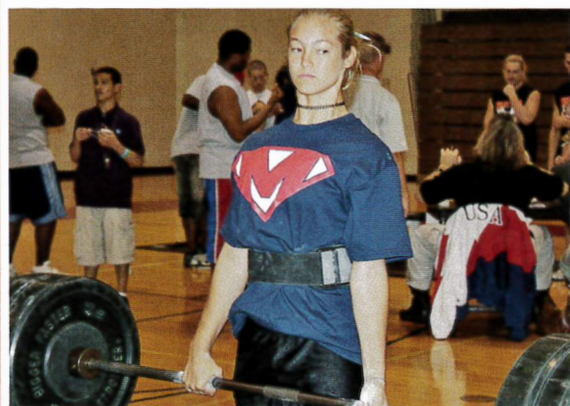
From left to right: coach Touria Boren, Kevina Kerchner, Victoria Thompson, Wegahta Aresei, Tarrah Musgrove, Renee Glanville, Johanna Arrigo, coach Tamara Suiter. Absent: Amy Martin



DEFENSE!

Coach Touria Boren gives play tips. Listen up, girls!

WEIGHTLIFTING



BASEBALL

You'll never miss 100% of the shots you don't take.



Back row, l-r: Coach Sean Gill, Michael Banta, Anthony Cyrus, Manuel Contreras, Ryan Hastings, Alyk Dubsky, Corey Balzer, Datrell Scott, Jake Spencer, assistant coach Chuck Rubisch.

Front row, l-r: Kenneth Montanez, Travis Stevens, Jarvis Grindstaff, Jon Terpak, Johnny Bingham, Corey Hunt, Sean Harden, Tim Martin.



SOFTBALL



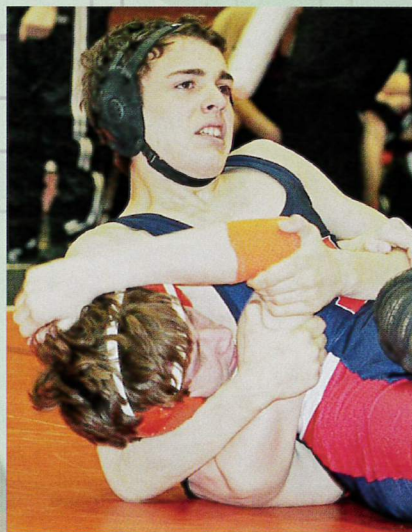
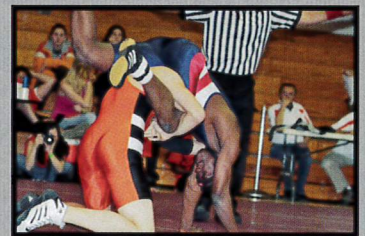
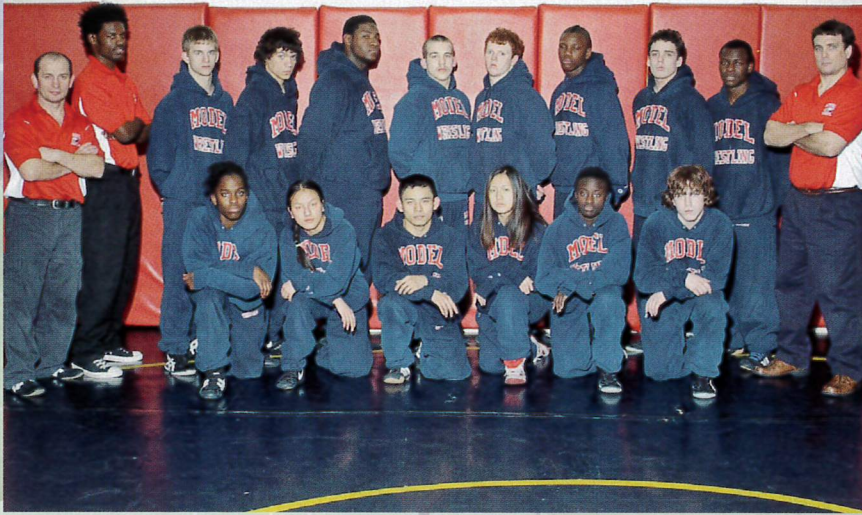
Standing, l-r: coach Cy Saunders, Elizabeth McCune, manager; Karina Torres, Jenna Ingraham, Renee Glanville, Heather Willman, Zamica Gage, Tiffany Narciso, Joanna Rocha, Cierra Cotton, Johanna Arrigo, assistant coach Justen Burns.

Kneeling, l-r: Sarah Martin, Violet Blake, Tiffany Sivell, Alicia Balzer, Nicole Starkman, Rebecca Lovitch, Emily Macedo.

WRESTLING

Standing, l-r: assistant coach, Tairbek Tabolov; manager, Mike Kayembe; Jonathan Terpak, Philip Lambert, Jahmal Jones, Justin Arrigo, Shannon Callahan, Miracle Amasiatu, Andrew Ferguson, Tobechukwu Amasiatu, coach Thad Ferguson.

Kneeling, l-r: Lateefah Patterson, Lark McNamara, John Martin, Lucy Yu, Denise Acquah, Chris Kisinis-Warmack.



CLERC CLASSIC VII

There's lots of excitement at the Clerc Classic tournament. Go, Eagles!

As Rocco takes a fall, Joseph handles the ball.



Zamica Gage seems like she knows what to do next! Go and win, girl!



Renee passes the ball to Johanna to keep it from being stolen by the other team.



Travis shows off his impressive jumping skills.



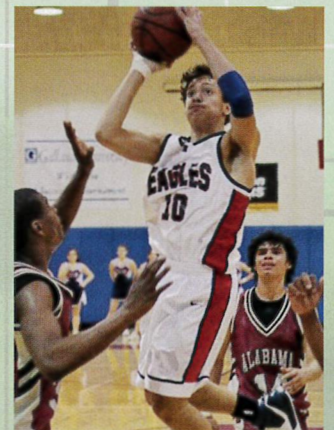
Coach Mike Weinstock talks to his players between plays.



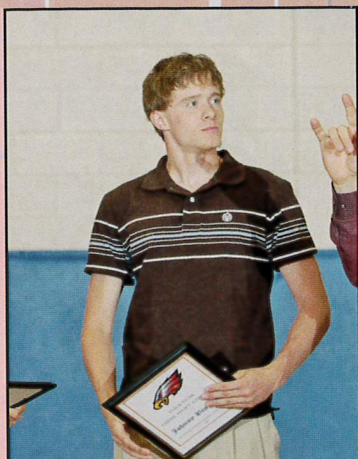
Stay alert, players, so you can win the game!

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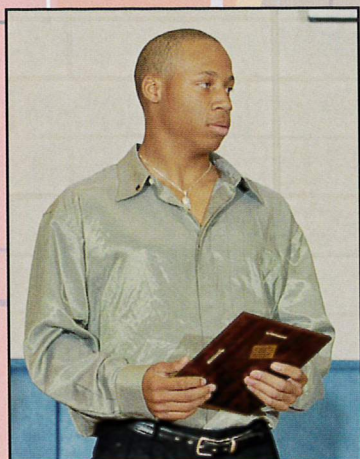
SPORTS CANDIDS!!!



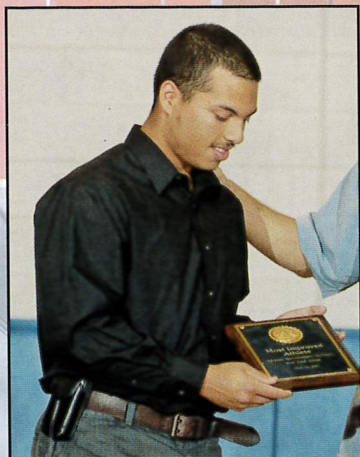
SPORTS BANQUET



Johnny Bingham receives an award for being involved in three sports in four years.



Sean Harden receives three awards for three sports.

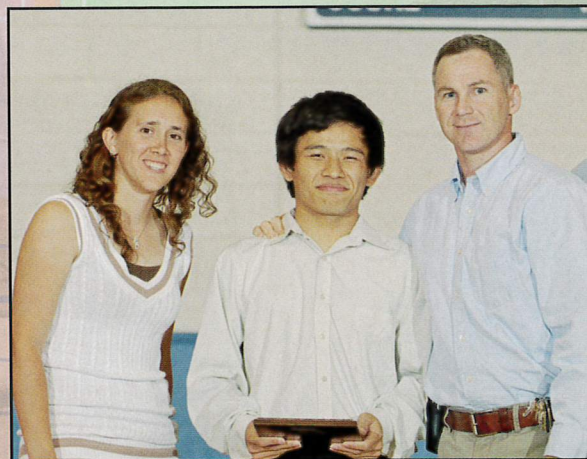


Kenneth Montanez receives an award for Most Improved Player in JV Football.

- Denise Acquah
Wegahta Aresei
Johanna Arrigo
Laura Akelyte
Alicia Balzer
Johnny Bingham
Violet Blake
Shannon Callahan
Brianne Catron
Zoe Fearon, parent
Andrew Ferguson
Renee Glanville
Mike Halloran
Sean Harden
Ryan Hastings
Chris Henson
Xian Huang
Kevina Kerchner
Philip Lambert
John Martin
Sarah Martin
Timothy Martin
Elizabeth McCune
Kenneth Montanez
Tiffany Narciso
Ameena Patterson
Lateefah Patterson
Joanna Rocha
Datrell Scott
Ariela Stein
Pakuna Spady
Nicole Starkman
Jon Terpak
Heather Willman



Renee Glanville receives several awards. She worked hard and showed her passion for sports.



John Martin receives the Coaches' Award for Varsity Wrestling and Varsity Track & Field.



The award for Most Improved Player in Girls Varsity Volleyball goes to Nicole Starkman.



The Fall Cheerleading Coach Award goes to Brianne Catron.

SPORTS BANQUET

Athlete of the Year awards went to Sarah Martin and Jon Terpak. They were very involved in and committed to their sports.



The Biggest Fan Award went to Sarah Martin's aunt, Zoe. She always attended games and sometimes provided snacks to Sarah and her teammates.



Students were recognized with Scholar Athlete Awards because they earned a 3.5 GPA or above.



Chris Henson is recognized with the Coaches' Award for JV Basketball.

Denise Acuquah received both the Unsung Hero and the Most Improved Player awards for Varsity Wrestling.

FALL SHOWCASE 2006... "SEASONS"



Sarah Moore was a "tree," a symbol of the seasons. She used facial expressions and body movement to show the change in the weather and the time of the year.



Maria Castaneda and Norah Matthews were parents to Mike Kayembe. They supported him as he was learning to walk.

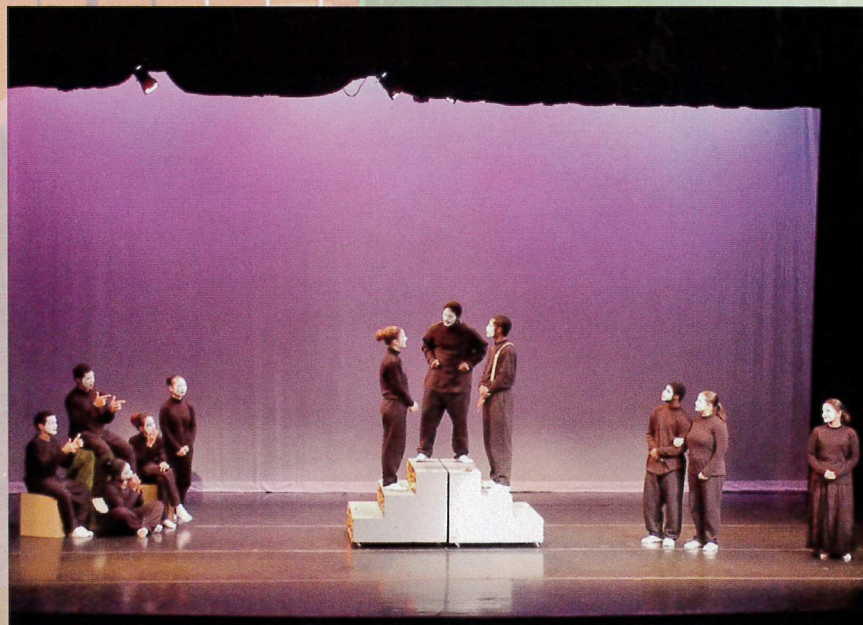


Kobina Duncan acted as Mike Kayembe's uncle. He explained to him about the car.



Acting as waitress Meili Robbins's boss, Ormar Rodriguez fires her for not living up to his expectations in his restaurant.

The cycle of life is imbedded in our very existence throughout our lives. Seasons was a play that depicted a story about growth, love, change, death, and rebirth. It was a unique play done entirely in mime.



The family was proud to see the children grow up, get married, and start a new family. They showed their emotions through happy tears.

Marquise Johnson blessed the newly married couple. Danielle Koplitz received a ring from her new husband.



FALL SHOWCASE 2006 (CONTINUED)...

Danielle Koplitz rests for a while as her baby makes it difficult to walk.



Doctor Marquise Johnson delivers Danielle Koplitz and Mike Kayembe's baby. MeiLi Robbins and Sergio Duran act as nurses.



Mike Kayembe teaches his son, Elisha Spinosi, about life.



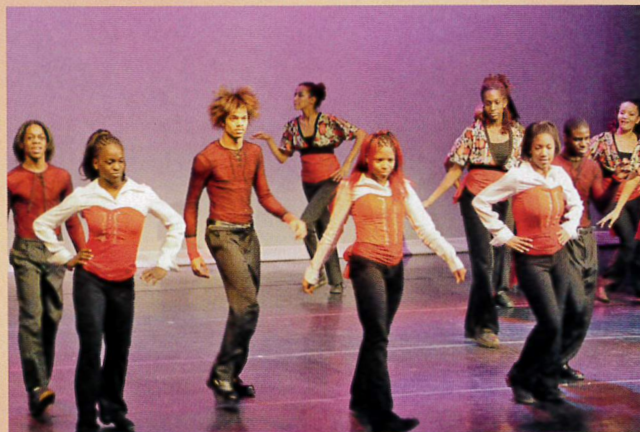
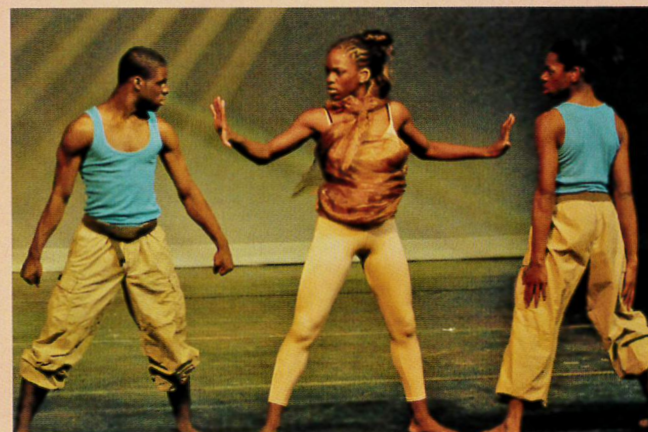
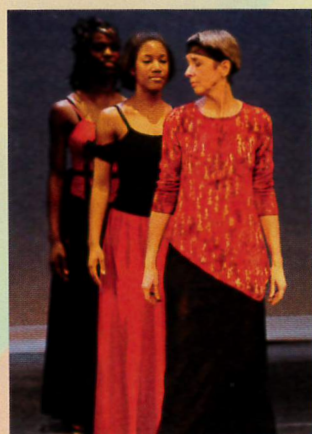
In this street scene, some people were strangers, some greeted old friends, and some made new friends.



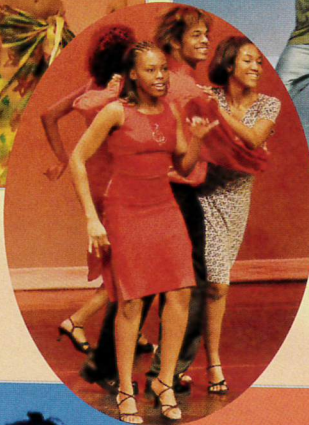
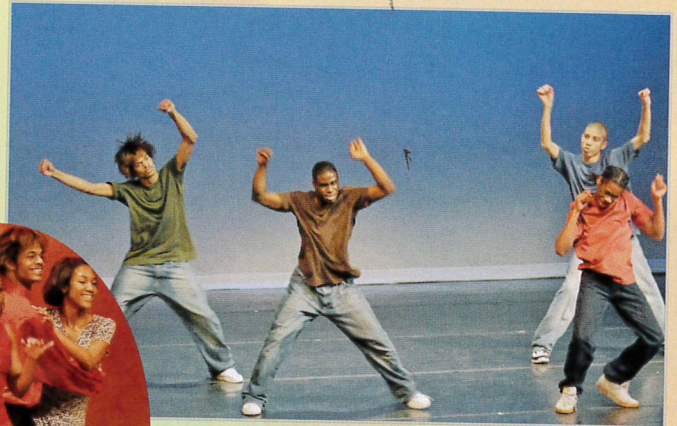
Jason Stewart was the amazing director of *Seasons*.

25TH ANNUAL WINTER

The Spirit of International Dance featured Model Secondary School for the Deaf students and guest artists. They performed hip hop, modern, jazz, funk, salsa, and African dances.



DANCE CONCERT 2007



SPRING PLAY... "THIS IS A TEST"

The class



Stephanie: the teacher



Mike, doing what he does best!



Amanda! Looking GOOD! :)



Our resident punker, Jennifer.



Stephanie, considering teaching as a profession someday?



Ariela, awesome artwork!

DEMONSTRATING OUR SKILLS!

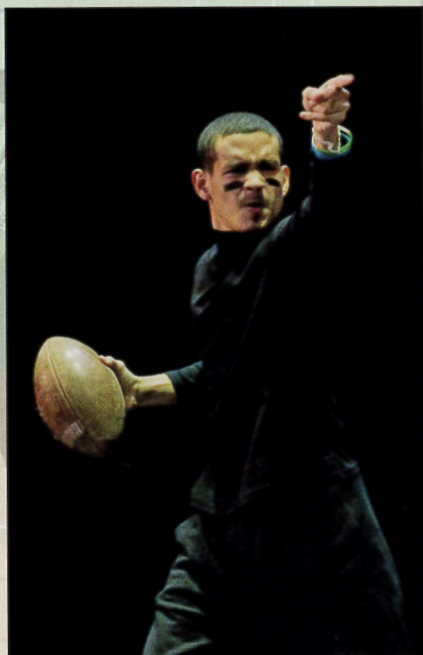
Rikki DiMaria was the director of the play.



The play's co-director was Danielle Koplitiz.



Amanda, looking way different!



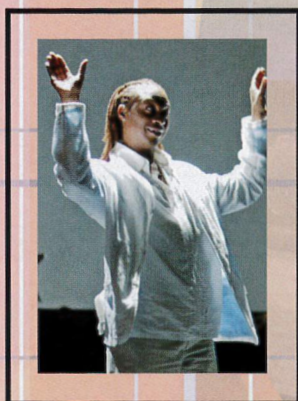
Sergio, looking really tough!

Bye, bye, bye! Wonderful work, y'all!

PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

"Stars in Our Eyes" was the theme of the theater banquet. The theme represented people who have skills and show their talent through their eyes. Mary Ann Seremeth was the mistress of ceremonies.

Yola Rozynek has worked at MSSD for many years. She loves teaching students her skills.



Mervin Primeaux was a guest speaker. He is an MSSD alum who graduated in 1995.



Pinky Aiello is a professional juggler. She is very creative. She told the students not to listen if people say they can't be something. It's important to follow your



Ameena Patterson earned Best Dancer Award for her performance in the Winter Dance Concert.



Brianne Catron earned the Most Versatile Performer award.



Our youngest performer, from KDES, Elisha Spinosi, received recognition.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS AND WORKERS!

Fall Showcase

Outstanding Lead Performer: Mike Kayembe

Outstanding Supporting Performer:
Maria Castaneda

Most Creative Performer: Sergio Duran

Best Stage Crew: Mike Jarglsaikhan

Winter Dance

Outstanding Lead Dancer: Ameena Patterson

Outstanding Supporting Dancer: Kobina Duncan

Most Creative Award: Maryse Makayat

Most Versatile Dancer: LeAnha Lawson

Best Stage Crew: Ranica Fitch

Spring Play

Outstanding Actress: Sara Moore

Outstanding Supporting Actress:
Nikki Huffman

Best Comedian: Amanda Algabi

Most Versatile Performer:

Brianne Catron

Best Crew: Sergio Duran

All Around Awards

Crew of the Year: Ranica Fitch

All Around Artist: Ameena Patterson

Most Promising Performance: Sergio Duran

Most Dedicated Performance: Sara Moore

Most Improved Improved: Danielle Koplitz

Unsung Hero: Merime Ahmed

Best Lead Dancer: Ameena Patterson

Best Supporting Dancer: Kobina Duncan

Best Lead Actor: Kobina Duncan

Best Lead Actress: Brianne Catron

Best Directing: Rikki DiMaria



The Most Creative Award went to Maryse Makayat.



Ranica Fitch earned two awards for being a terrific crew member.



Sara Moore, our Outstanding Actress!



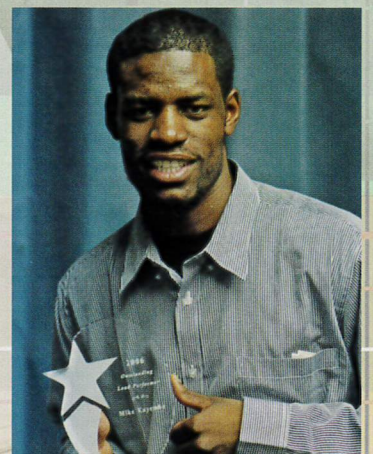
Maria Castaneda was recognized as Most Outstanding Supporting Actress for Seasons.



"Tsunami" was performed by Adrian Saylor, Ameena Patterson and Kobina Duncan.

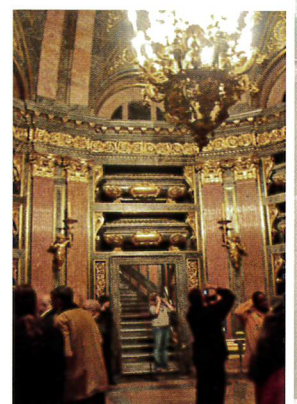
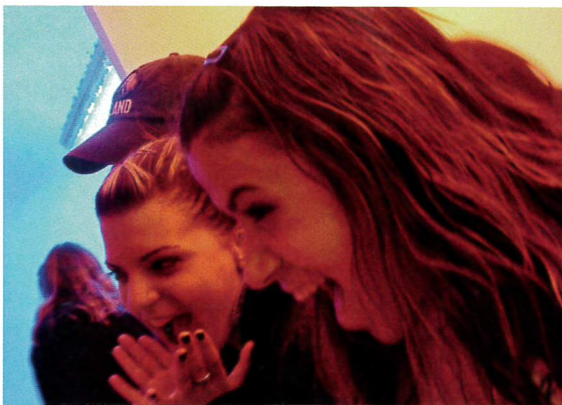
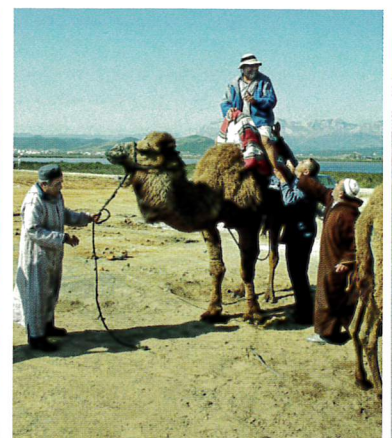


Ah, our Unsung Hero, Merime Ahmed!



Mike Kayembe, the biggest ham around. :)

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM (CEP)





SCHOOL AND DORM AWARDS DAY



Most Improved
Timothy Martin
Miracle Amasiatu
Michael Halloran
Yair Davidowitz

Most Involved
Timothy Martin
Johanna Arrigo
Rikki DiMaria
James Flakes

Salutatorian Award Second
Highest GPA
Violet Blake

Valedictorian Award
Maria Solovey

President's Scholarship Award
Justin Arrigo
Phyllis Steele
Norah Matthews

"AM" Club Scholarship
Alicia Balzer
Sarah Martin

Stephanie Joyner Scholarship
Award
James Flakes

Alan Robert Williams
Scholarship Award
Amanda Algabi
Katherine Glatfelter
Jay Kowalczyk
Maria Solovey

Model Eagle Award
Carolina Kohn
Sara Moore
Wegahta Aresei

Spirit of MSSD Award
Maria Solovey

Most Improved Reader
Joana Akelyte

Improved Writer
Wegahta Aresei

Honors Scholar Award
Maria Solovey

National Honors Society
Merime Ahmed
Joana Akelyte
Laura Akelyte
Amanda Algabi
Violet Blake
Edward Corporal
Cierra Cotton
Rikki DiMaria
Katherine Glatfelter
Domonic Gordine
Sentayehu Kifle
Jay Kowalczyk
Amy Martin
Sarah Martin
Tommy Offenburger
Lindsey Phelan
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Earnest Sigamoney

2007 Excellence in the Arts
Rikki DiMaria

2007 Certificate of Merit in
Art
Mukanda Kayembe

2007 Certificate of Merit in
Drama
Amy Martin

2007 Certificate of Merit in
Dance
Ameena Patterson

Volunteer
Carolina Kohn
Jennifer Marfino
Lateefah Patterson
Earnest Sigamoney

Unsung Hero
Michael Banta & Danielle
Koplitz

Community Building
Jacinda Dowdy
Sylvia Smith
Mukanda Kayembe
Joana Akelyte

Outstanding Student
Internship
Sara Moore
Corey Hunt
Thomas Offenburger

Most Improved Student
Employee
Amanda Algabi

Outstanding Student
Employee
Nathaniel Jones

Mathematics Award
John Martin

RIT: National & Science Fair
Lateefan Patterson
Kelsey Wessman

Botball Robot Participation
Andrew Ferguson
Munkhsaruul Jargalsaikhan

Social Studies
Marquita Whitfield

Avid Reader
Katherine Glatfelter

Avid Writer
Amy Martin

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS WEEK

During International Awareness Week, students had the opportunity to learn about other cultures. Students got to sample international food, see clothing worn by people in other countries, and see a panel discussion about the traditions of the world. Respect for diversity and ethnic tolerance is encouraged at the Clerc Center.



Yummy!! Delicioso (Delicious)!! We can't wait to eat international food. Yummy again! Husta Luego (See you later)!

LEARNING, UNDERSTANDING, STRENGTHENING OUR CULTURE



Carolina talks about her Italian culture and where she came from.

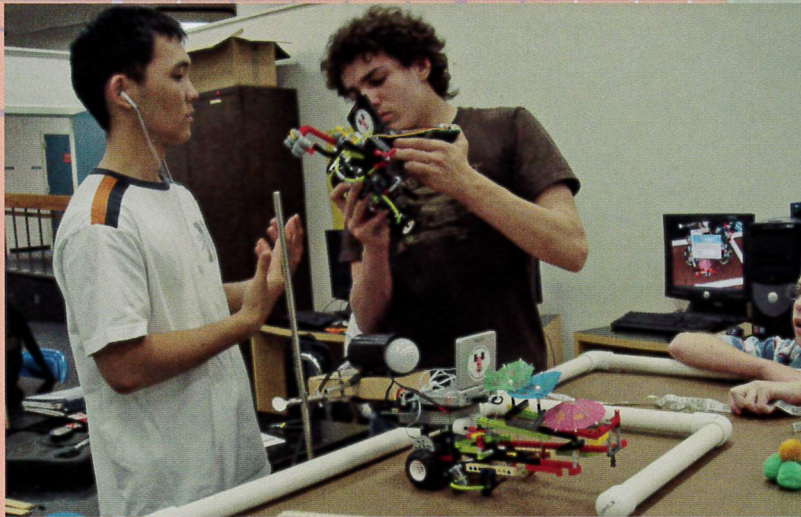
Thank you, Yola Rozynek, for a very successful International Awareness Week!



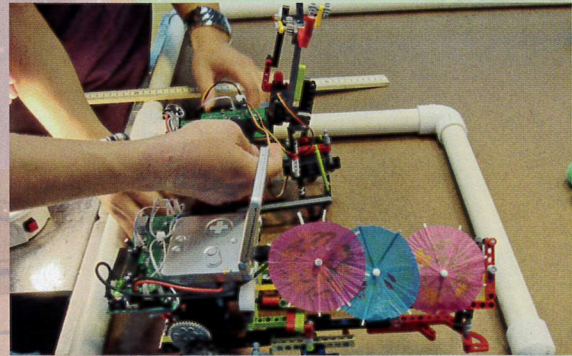
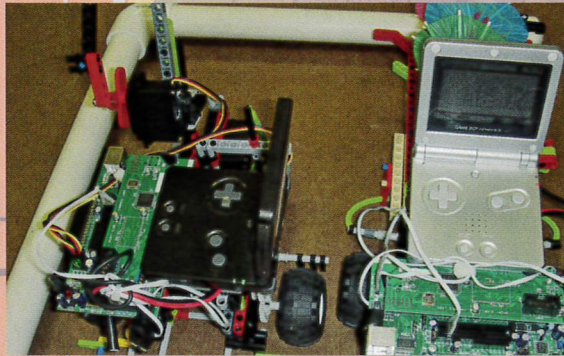
Students check out the various dishes, wondering what is in them.

Maryse and Ameena demonstrate an African dance.

BOTBALL



Mike and Andrew work together on how the robot will function.



Left to right: Mr. Mark Tao, Andrew Ferguson, Sentayehu Kifle, Jeremy Smith, Mike Jargalsaikhan, Tobechukw Amasiatu



ACADEMIC BOWL

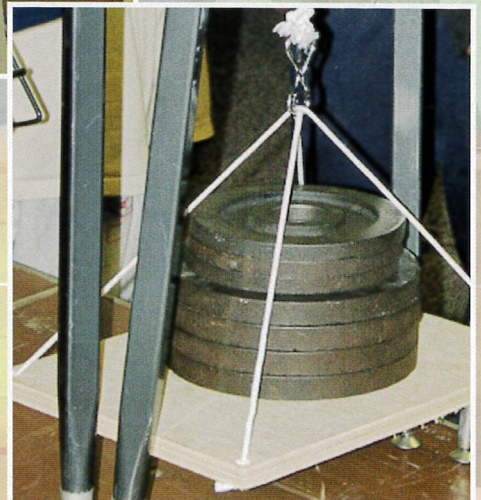
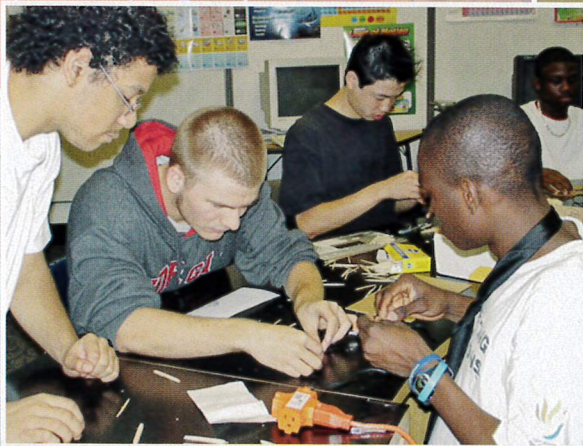
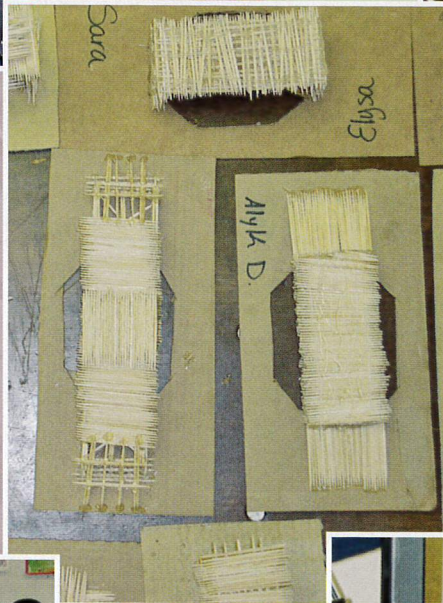
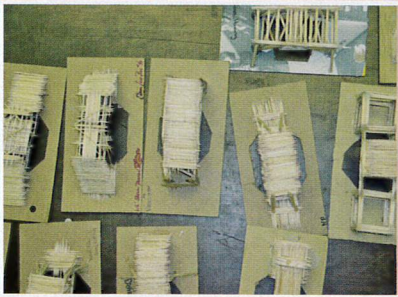
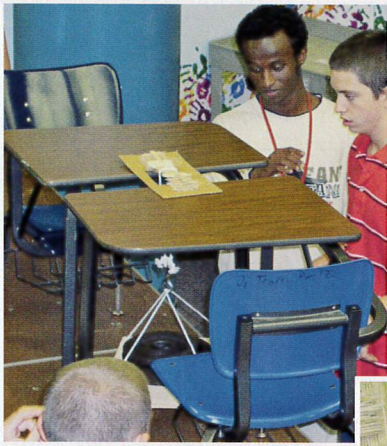
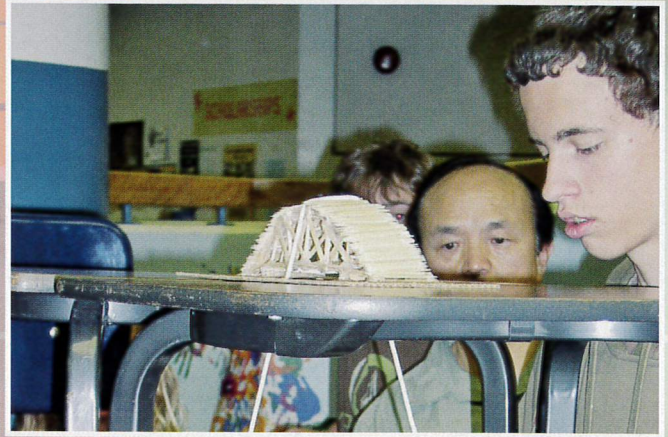
This year, 2007, was one of the strongest showings for the MSSD Academic Bowl team, capturing third place for the first time since 2003. Led by captain Alicia Balzer, serving her fourth season on the team, the MSSD team went 7-1 in pool play, losing only to the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind by four points in a heartbreaker. Aside from that loss, we breezed through the

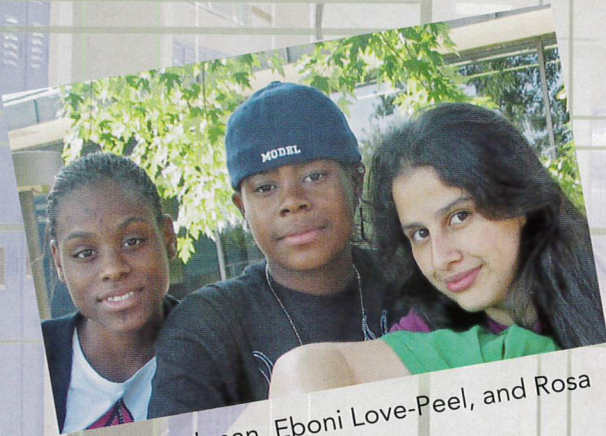
tournament, winning by an average margin of 16 points. Our second loss of the tournament came at the hands of our rival school, the Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD), in the semifinals. Balzer, along with seniors Kate Glatfelter and James Flakes and junior Ando Ferguson, could not get started and trailed behind MSD throughout the semifinal match. The MSSD team rebounded in the third

place match, defeating Woodson High School by 10 points to capture the third place trophy. Ando Ferguson was voted the Most Outstanding Player in our pool. Next year's team loses all three seniors but will rebound nicely with the return of Ferguson and a crop of new players in the wings. The team this year was led by coaches Chris Kaftan and Jason Stewart.



TOOTHPICK BRIDGE COMPETITION





Capria Hickman, Eboni Love-Peel, and Rosa Bonilla...friends 4-eva!



Ariela Stein, Kassie Fields, Rikki DiMaria and Holly Sharer laugh all the time when they are together.

LIFELONG FRIENDS!



Jahmal Jones's arms are so long that he can hug Aameena Patterson and Tarrah Musgrove at the same time.



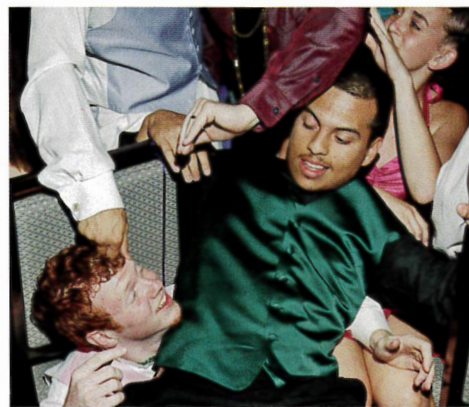
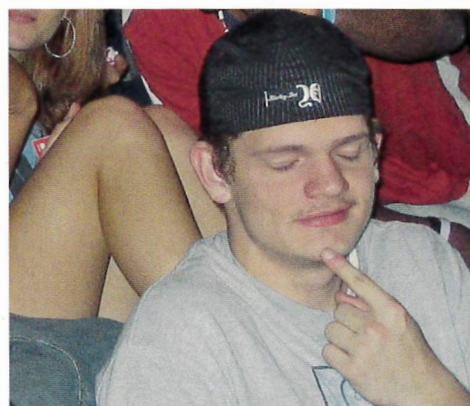
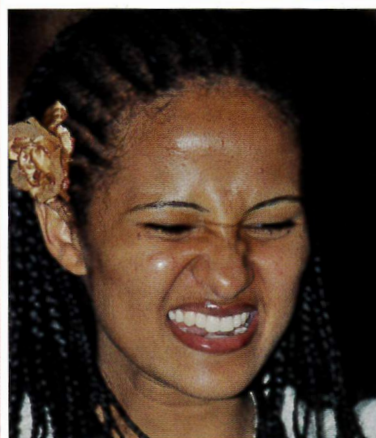
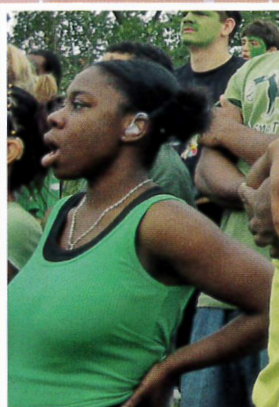
LaQuita Ford and Diane Hillard are so close that they will be friends for life.



Ashley Barber gives Sharice Baker a big hug expressing her friendship.

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CONGRATULATIONS, HOLLY!

On this Grand Endeavor!
We love you! VERY MUCH!



CONGRATULATIONS, MICHAEL!

You've come a
long way!



Love,
Mom, Dad, and the kids

HAPPY GRADUATION DAY, TIFFANY!

We thought this day
would never come!
We love you. Lots of
good luck and best
wishes in your
future.



- Love Mommy and Anana



CONGRATULATIONS, REBECCA!



We are so proud of your accomplishments, Rebecca! We know you will do wonders at Gallaudet University!

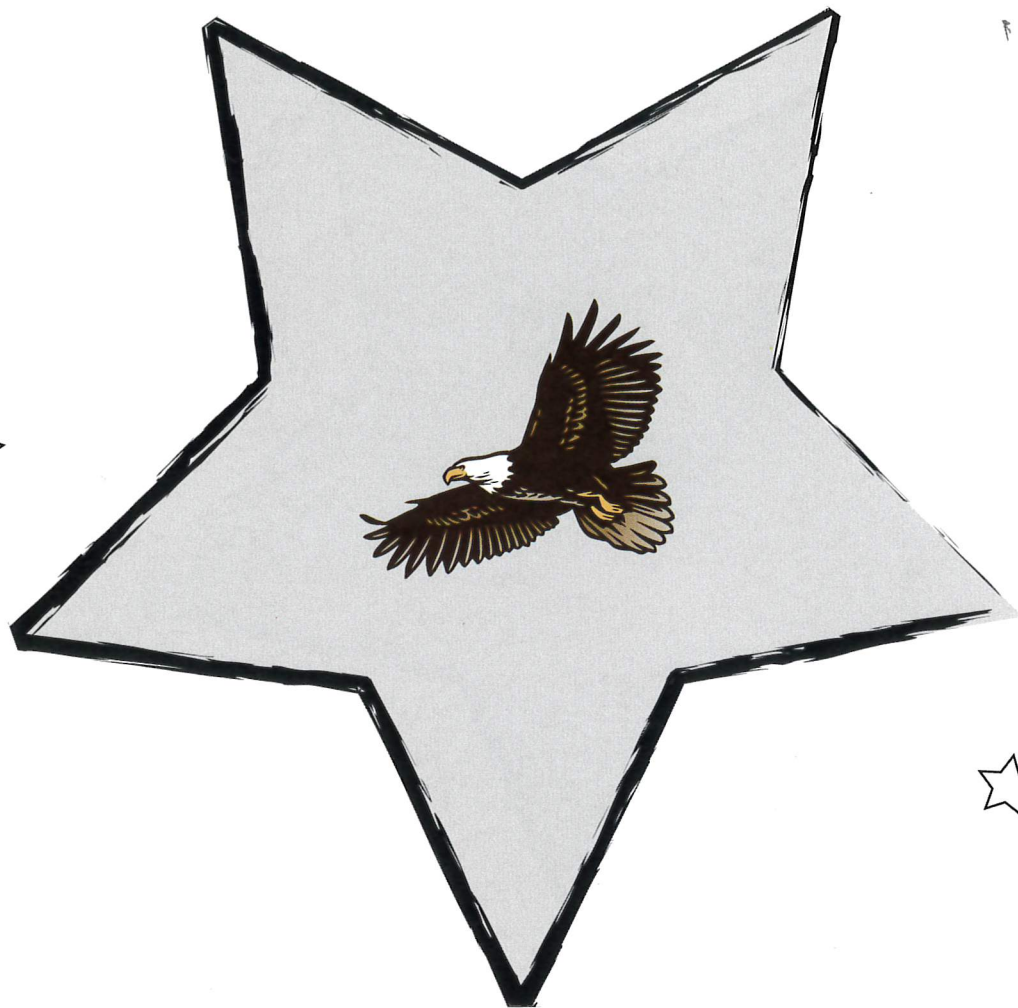
Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Marlo Jo

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Left to right: Julia Bidwell, Travis Stevens, Ariela Stein, Heather Willman, Maria Solovey, Benji Shields, Shannon Paton, Brandon McCarter



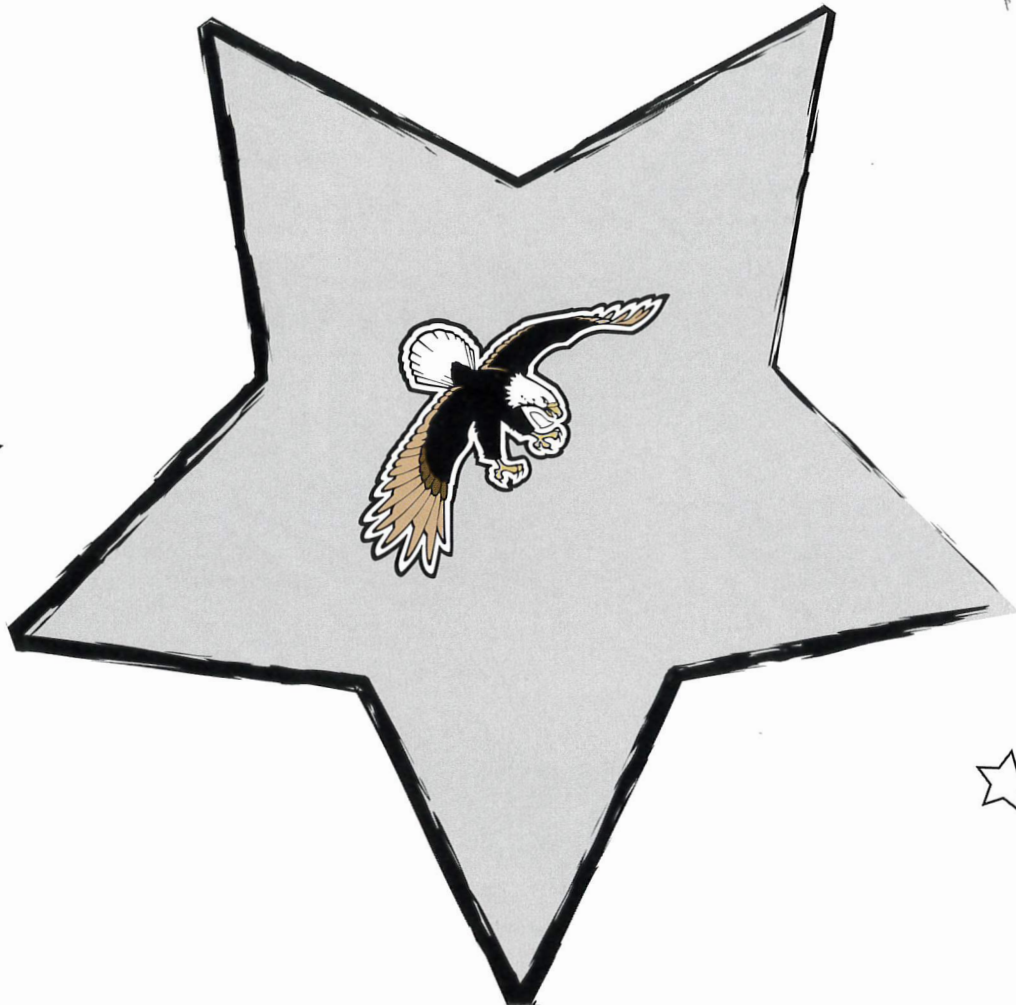
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