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## Senior Superlatives 2011

*Most Likely to Succeed*

Sean D'Amico & Brittany Gosine



*Best Student*

Tyler England & Amelia Hartzel

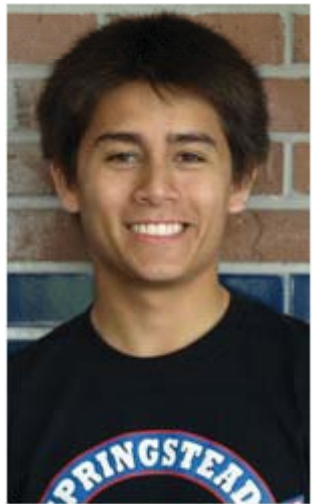


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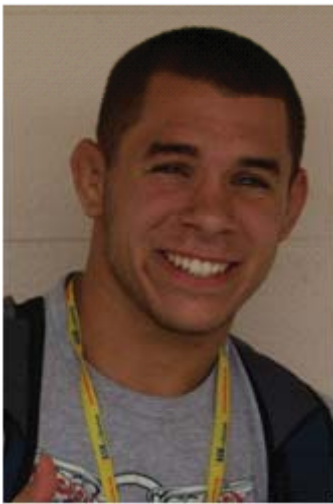
*Most Talented*

John Rudell & Colleen Pulawski



*Most Athletic*

Nick Soto & Sasha Spalding



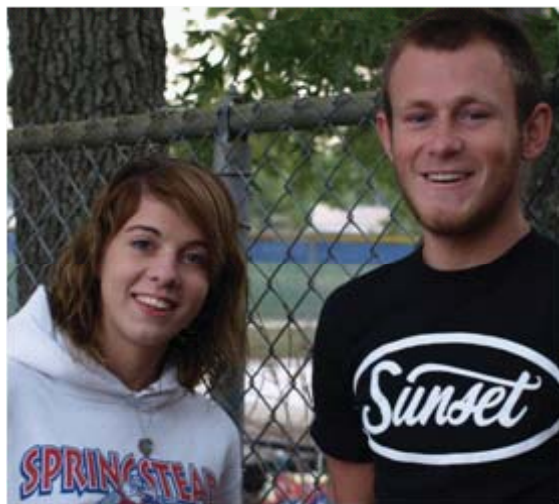
*Best All Around*

Josh Santana & Sarah Imwalle



*Most Outgoing*

Mac Chapman & Traci McNiff



*Most Stylish*

Sam Freeman & Jasmyne Waddy



*Most Humorous*

Randy Jessie & Stephanie Rivera



*Most School Spirit*

Gerry DeCristofaro & Ashley Brass



*Most Dependable*

Eric Aldrich & Emily Roberts



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# Senior Tributes 2011

BY REBECCA BRAZ

## Jenine Massat

During high school, Jenine participated in National Honor Society, Latin Club, Anime Club, and Cosplay Club. Her favorite memory of high school comes from working the Anime Club booth at the Carnival. Since her freshman year, Jenine has become more outgoing. Jenine plans to study Classical Archeology at Florida State University.

1. "High School Never Ends" – Bowling for Soup
2. "Nano Desu" – Higurashi no Naku Kora Ni
3. "Poor Unfortunate Souls" – *The Little Mermaid*

## Guy Simon

Guy Simon participated in Anime Club and the ROTC Drill Team, and his favorite class was Web Design with Ms. Drady. After he graduates, he anticipates long sessions of reminiscing about playing World of Warcraft with his friends Zach, Branden, and Derek. Since his freshman year, Guy has learned not to care about what people think of him. After high school, Guy will attend Florida Christian College and major in Preaching.

1. "Schismogenesis" – The Last Remnant OST
2. "Never Again" – Disturbed
3. "The Red" – Chevelle

## Bobby Tiano

Techno-loving, Bobby Tiano was the 2010-2011 *Talon's Press* photographer. He will miss the people of Springstead the most once he graduates. His post-high school plans include becoming a photographer or music producer.

1. "Harder Better Faster Stronger" – Daft Punk
2. "Something Good Can Work" – Two Door Cinema Club
3. "We're Going To Be Friends" – The White Stripes

## Heather Johnson

During high school, Heather participated in Anime Club and Art Club. Of high school, she will miss her time with friends the most. Her plans for after high school include becoming a veterinarian.

1. "Lost in You" – Three Days Grace
2. "Who I Am Hates Who I've Been" – Relient K
3. "World So Cold" – Three Days Grace

## Sean Thomas

During high school, Sean Thomas had perfect attendance and achieved Honor Roll. Since his freshman year, he says he has grown up and become more socialable. His favorite memory of high school is graduating, and he plans to study Engineering.

1. "Lazy Song" – Bruno Mars
2. "Just The Way You Are" – Bruno Mars
3. "Never Give Up" – Yolanda Adams

## Edgardo Atilano

During high school, Edgardo participated in FBLA and DECA and volunteered at Spring Hill Regional Hospital. His favorite memory of high school is participating in Eagle Games, and he has received the Pride Award. Edgardo hopes to attend UCF to become a pharmacist.

1. "Just Can't Get Enough" – Black Eyed Peas
2. "Not Like The Movies" – Katy Perry
3. "Never Knew I Needed" – NeYo

## Joshua Santana

Josh Santana has no regrets about his high school experience. He participated in football, baseball, weightlifting, Key Club, and Environmental Club. He received an athletic scholarship to Pace University and plans to study Physical Therapy.

1. "Can't Help But Wait" – Trey Songz
2. "I Will Not Bow" – Breaking Benjamin
3. "Emotions" – We Came as Romans

## Victoria Brady

During high school, Victoria participated in German Club, FASG, and history fair. Since her freshman year, she has become nicer and more understanding. Victoria's only regret about high school is changing herself to fit in. She says that she was much happier during her senior year because didn't try as hard to fit in. Her plans after graduations include PHCC and the Navy.

1. "Lost" – Michael Buble
2. "Everything" – Michael Buble
3. "Feeling Good" – Michael Buble

## DeAnne Selamaj

DeAnne's favorite high school class was Art 2D with Mrs. McMann during her junior year. She hopes that she will not lose touch with her friends after high school. She feels that she has matured since her freshman year and she hopes to become an animator after high school.

1. "Don't Stop Me Now" – Queen
2. "Sweetness" – Jimmy Eat World
3. "Give Me A Sign" – Breaking Benjamin

## Michelle Soto

Michelle Soto was a member of the Anime Club and the school's dance team. Her favorite memories of high school include the CLAW and "silly times with friends." Since her freshman year, Michelle says she has become more bold and fashionable. If she could go back and change anything about her high school experience, she would not stress about the small things.

1. "Riot!" – Three Days Grace
2. "Guardian Angel" – The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus
3. "30 Seconds" – t.A.T.u

## Aubrey Ferrero

Since her freshman year, Aubrey Ferrero has become less shy and "a whole lot more weird." Her favorite class was Algebra II with Mrs. Roberts. She has received the Spring Hill Art League Student Scholarship and plans to attend PHCC to get her AA. She has an ultimate goal of majoring in Art in the future.

1. "In It For Life" – Sick Puppies
2. "Awaken" – Natalie Grant
3. "Calling You" – BlueOctober

## Rashad Moore

Rashad played golf and basketball and participated in weightlifting. He has become more outgoing and more knowledgeable since his freshman year. He will attend Flagler College to achieve a degree in Liberal arts.

1. "Trying to Find a Balance" – Atmosphere
2. "Semi-Charmed Life" – Third Eye Blind
3. "Freebird" – Lynard Skynard

## Michelle Higgins

Michelle participated in German Club during her high school years, and her favorite class was Marine Science with Mrs. Dickinson. She will miss dissecting animals in her science class. Michelle plans to attend PHCC to study English and Physical Therapy.

1. "Tell Me I'm A Wreck" – Every Avenue
2. "I'm In" – Keith Urban
3. "Mayberry" – Rascal Flatts

## Kyle Butler

Kyle Butler was a member of the marching band. Since his freshman year, he has become more responsible, and he will miss his friends after he graduates. After high school, Kyle plans to get his RN degree.

1. "East to West" – Casting Crowns
2. "Hero" – Skillet
3. "Rebirthing" – Skillet

## Amber Bauer

During her high school experience, Amber Bauer participated in the *Talon's Press*, Phi Theta Kappa, NHS, German NHS, and German Club. Her favorite memory of high school was prom. She has received the Alan W. Underwood Memorial scholarship and Bright Futures scholarship. She plans to major in Business Management and continue to work at Publix.

1. "Letter To Me" – Brad Paisley
2. "God Bless The Broken Road" – Ras-call Flatts
3. "Fifteen" – Taylor Swift

## Alyssa Zink

Alyssa Zink isn't going to miss anything about high school; she's ready to move on with her life. She has no regrets about her high school experience and is unsure of what to do next.

1. "Bad Romance" – Lady Gaga
2. "Hot Mess" – Cobra Starship
3. "A Little Less Sixteen Candles" – Fall Out Boy

## Danielle "Nyki" Holland

BY AMBER BAUER

Danielle "Nyki" Holland plans to attend Pasco Hernando Community College in the fall and then transfer to Texas A&M University after receiving her Associate's Degree. In the future, Nyki would either like to deliver babies or be a member of law enforcement. She would like to give back to those who are less fortunate than herself and become a gay rights' advocate. She has received the Hispanic Scholarship Civic and Cultural Foundation Scholarship. Nyki received an award of excellence, honor roll all year, and an award for weight lifting, plus many other academic awards. While at Springstead, she was a member of the softball and weight-lifting teams. Her favorite class was Allied Health with Ms. Ansted. Nyki's least favorite part about Springstead was all of the unnecessary assignments she was expected to do and the testing. She has said that she will miss the concept of school in general. Of her future, Nyki says, "I'm looking forward to starting my life on the right path and exploring the world that I read about in textbooks."

## Lisamarie Domenech

BY AMBER BAUER

Lisamarie Domenech plans to go to PHCC in the fall and then transfer to Saint Leo University. Her favorite class at Springstead was Dance Tech. Lisamarie's favorite part about Springstead was Eagle Games and her favorite part about being a senior was attending Grad Nite with all of her friends. She will miss some of the teachers she has had during her four years at Springstead. In ten years, she sees herself as successful.

## Mikayla Bogulski

Mikayla participated in volleyball, cross country, track, FBLA, and NJROTC during her high school years. She received the Cumberland Farms Scholarship and Florida Realtors Scholarship, and she will attend Bucknell University to major in Biology to become a veterinarian.

1. "Stronger" – Sara Evans
2. "Over" – Drake
3. "Forget You" – Cee Lo

## Katie Duguid

During her high school experience, Katie Duguid participated in band, tennis, Academic Team, NHS, Interact, and the *Talon's Press*. She has received the Eagle Pride Award, High Honors, Outstanding Musicianship award, a varsity letter in band and tennis, and an academic letter. She will attend UF to major in Advertising.

1. "Hold My Hand" – New Found Glory
2. "Fifteen" – Taylor Swift
3. "Kids In Love" – Mayday Parade

## Devan Seaman

BY KATIE DUGUID

Devan Seaman is an active member of the theatre program. She has been a member of the Springstead Thespian Society for two years and was co-president this year. As well, she received a superior rating for contrasting monologues at district-level competition and an excellent rating for contrasting monologues at state competition. She will be attending the University of Central Florida to major in B.A. Theatre Studies. She hopes to work as an actress and possibly do professional special effects makeup. She looks forward to the freedom and maturity that college has to offer, though she has enjoyed having an excuse for that awful disease, senioritis. As well, she is going to miss Art History, her favorite and most interesting class, and the closeness of high school. In ten years, she plans on being far from Florida and making her way in the world.

## Kaysie Salvatore

BY AMBER BAUER

Next fall Kaysie Salvatore will attend the University of Florida and study Politics. She has been a member of the Beta Club and Recycling Club. This year, Kaysie was the Beta Club secretary. Her favorite part of being a senior is "getting to be mean to the freshmen without them doing something about it." Kaysie's least favorite part about Springstead is that lunch leave was taken away. Her favorite class was Musical Theatre. In college, Kaysie is excited to be able to pick her own schedule. Her future goals are to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree, get a good job, and love her life. One thing Kaysie would like her fellow seniors to know is, "I've had a great four years with most of you, I hope to stay friends in the future, and I hope you all have a great life."

## Becca Kocab

Becca Kocab participated in French Club and gymnastics during her high school years. Her favorite memory of high school was Eagle Games. After high school, she plans to major in Nursing.

1. "Ocean Avenue" – Yellowcard
2. "The Prayer" – Kid Cudi
3. "Sky Is The Limit" – Lil' Wayne

## Tyler England

BY AMBER BAUER

Tyler England will major in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Florida next fall. He is a Cumberland Farms Scholarship winner, has received Bright Futures, and is still waiting to hear from other scholarships. Tyler was the Key Club treasurer, National Honor Society member, Academic Team member, and a swim team member his sophomore year. His favorite part about being a senior is the school year ending early. Tyler's favorite class was Geometry Honors with Mr. Greves. In college, he is looking forward to self government and independence. In ten years, Tyler sees himself with a family and a good job.

## Cinthya Vazquez

BY AMBER BAUER

Cinthya Vazquez will attend Pasco Hernando Community College to study to be a social worker. In the future, she hopes to graduate college, get her dream career, and become successful. Cinthya's junior year, she was the Spanish club vice president. Her favorite part about being a senior was all of the unofficial days off. Cinthya's favorite part about Springstead is her friends. She says she is most looking forward to starting her life and not having to worry about not being able to graduate. Of her senior year, Cinthya says, "This year has been insanely crazy with ups and downs, but I wouldn't change anything because it's made me stronger and ready for the real world."

## Sara Fetter

BY KATIE DUGUID

Sara Fetter, captain of the county champion girls' golf team and historian of Interact, is off to the University of South Florida where she will major in Biology with a minor in Nursing until she switches campuses. She has loved being a senior because it meant not having another year of high school, as well as getting to become more independent and mature. She will miss her friends, certain teachers, and easy classes, though; however, she won't miss the lack of pep rallies! After college, she isn't sure where she'll be living, but she plans on becoming a nurse and getting a husky. She wants you all to know how important it is that you take chances, do as much as you can, talk to everyone you can with an open mind, and don't overwork yourself; you should enjoy high school.

# Senior Quotes & Wills

“Get involved in a school activity, like a club or performing art, etc. It’s a great way to make friends, have fun, and be involved with your school.” -**Stephanie Matlick**

“Keep your chin up, Buttercup.” -**Kelsey Davis**

“If you use ‘Yes/No, sir’ and ‘Yes/No, ma’am,’ you will get out of a lot of trouble. And freshmen, speak up and use eye contact.” -**Richard “Cavan” Mcgee**

“Don’t stress out too much- learn to balance your work and play.” - **Victoria Kennedy**

“Walk into the jungle when you’re seventeen!” - **Tyler England**

“Live every day differently. Don’t follow the beaten path.” - **Deanne Selamaj**

“Be proud of achievements, not attributes.” - **Sean D’Amico**

“Get started taking PHCC classes early on, do not wait until your senior year. It is definitely worth it.” - **Amber Bauer**

“Stay in school, don’t be a fool.” - **John Leverock**

“Never forget to be yourself and enjoy your time at Springstead because you’ll be graduating before you know it!” - **Ashley Garcia**

“Make the most of your high school experience. Get involved, form friendships, and try your best. Respect your teachers because you will need letters of recommendation your senior year... and for other reasons.” - **Amelia Hartzell**

“There will always be that awkward moment between your freshman year and senior year.” - **Bobby Tiano**

“Be yourself and don’t let people push you around.” - **Dylan Gearhart**

“Keep up with all your work and do your homework. Make high school as much fun as possible.” - **Justin Badiuk-iewicz**

“Never be someone you’re not and don’t change for anyone. Be your own self, and people will either love or hate you. Don’t let people tell you how to be or act. Live your life like you want to.” - **Lisamarie Domenech**

“Procrastination will always get the best of you. Don’t let it take over you and always stay focused.” - **Y’shua Peguero**

“Live long and prosper.” - **Anthony Manzo**

“Do not listen to seniors the first two weeks of school because they’ll make you late to every class. If you skip one day for whatever reason, do not walk by the front office and do not go to every lunch period; you will get caught.” - **Precious Neely**

“Always push yourself to the limit to achieve your goals in life.” - **Chris Goforth**

“Do your work, honestly, it’ll provide less of a headache to you when you’re supposed to be relaxing.” - **Brendan Tilson**

I, **Christian Conrad**, will bequeath the ideals of youth and freedom that I hold most dear to the lovers of this and future generations.

I, **Mariah Pacheco**, will all myself to Wilmer Cruz.

I, **Kayla Brown**, will leave behind my glasses to Kourtney Brown, so she can look toward the future and past anything else.

I, **Cris Dipiano**, will leave my awesomeness to Polywog.

I, **Katie Duguid**, will my trombone solos and my parking spot (the one with the pole) to my “little” sister.

I, **Shajee Cuevas**, will leave my unmatched skill, wisdom, and determination to the junior class.

I, **Eric Aldrich**, will my extensive knowledge of percussion instrumentation to incoming drumline freshmen.

“I know it sounds repetitive, but study. You’ll thank yourself senior year when you don’t have to cram virtual school into your life or worry about not achieving credits. And enjoy it! It only happens once!” -**Dani Lips**

“Never give up on your dreams and hopes; as long as you have the will and never stop believing, you can make some of the things thought impossible, possible.” -**Andrew Bernstein**

“Success is uncommon. Therefore, it is not enjoyed by the common man.” - **John Sanborn**

“Be who you want to be, not who others want to see.” - **Daniel Rodriguez**

“Don’t slack off and start looking for scholarships early on.” - **Jenine Massat**

“If you know you’re breaking dress code, stay away from the tardy table, the administration office, all staff, and students that will say, ‘She has a short dress, too.’” - **Jasmyne Waddy**

“People are essentially similar. The problem is that our differences are more subject to definition.” - **Kevin Kaczynski**

“Have fun during high school. Participate and do everything you can with school activities, your best memories will come from them.” - **Brittany Villano**

“Life is like a diamond, it starts off rough and dull. But with every experience you have, you fine tune the diamond. Later in life, when you look back on what you’ve accomplished, you realize you have become a pretty nice diamond.” - **Miguel Ortiz**

“These four years will go by faster than you think. Enjoy it, love it, and most importantly, don’t rush it.” - **Leeza Pardun**

“Make sure you do all your work, it will catch up to you if you don’t.” - **Erika Clark**

“Every cloud has a silver lining, and every rainbow has a pot of gold at the very end.” - **Amanda Bajzec**

“Don’t ask twelfth graders for directions.” - **Corey Robinson**

“Dance, even if you have nowhere to do it but your living room.” - **Jonathan Perkins**

“The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek.” - **Jaleena Harmon**

“People don’t plan to fail, but people fail to plan.” - **Wayne Westt**

“Never let the bad things overrule the good.” - **Holly Brown**

“Skills may get you far, but it’s passion that will really take you places.” -**Marisa Aguiar**

“Good luck freshmen, I already have Ashley Gomes.” - **Joey Lasala**

“Twang.” - **Cris Dipiano**

I, **Ashley Garcia**, will my movie collection to all Springstead teachers so they can show more movies during the school year.

I, **Daniel Rodriguez**, will leave my pure power to make it through high school and beyond to the freshmen with the purest of heart.

I, **Deanne Selamaj**, will my advice on paying attention and staying on task to the junior class. Good luck- you’ll need it.

I, **Bobby Tiano**, will leave my hidden treasure containing untold riches to any underclassman who can solve the mystery.

I, **Ryan Kramer**, will leave my Super Nintendo to Marisa Aguiar.

I, **Sean D’Amico**, will my limitless apathy to whomever.

“Enjoy every moment and cherish each day, but try not to stress too much. Remember this is just high school. Nothing defines you but you.” -**Bermarie Jerez**

“High school drama is petty and five years from now, no one will care.” - **Morgan Booker**

“Always be yourself, don’t change for other people.” - **Lisa Cullin**

“A man is not a piece of fruit. You can’t just eat the orange and throw away the peel.” - **Alejandro Grudzinski**

“Don’t sell out to the pressure of others. Be yourself, love God, strive for excellence, and greatness will come.” - **Daniel Stevens**

“Being a senior is nothing but shenanigans.” - **Derek Llovet**

“Airplanes are pretty rad.” - **Ryan Kramer**

“Make sure you come into freshman year ready to work and keep up with your work and classes early in the year so you can stay on top of things. The key is to not procrastinate!” - **Kimberly Flynn**

“When you’re a senior, don’t procrastinate. It’s the worst thing you can and it takes a huge toll on your own enjoyment of school and life.” - **Mika Wescomb**

“My advice to you is to always do your best. Don’t slack off or do anything less than what you’re capable of. You will be rewarded in the future if you choose to be a good student.” - **Vanessa Perales**

“Keep your head up and work hard; it all pays off in the end.” - **Ashley Hobbs**

“Just be yourself and don’t worry about what other people say- it’s only words. Remember that and you will be fine.” - **Adam Jensen**

“Live as if you’ll die tomorrow, dream as if you’ll live forever.” - **Jessica Medina**

“It’s awesome to be involved, but make sure you leave time for yourself. And remember to not sweat the small stuff (FYI, it’s all small stuff).” - **Katie Duguid**

“Quid pro quo.” - **Gabriel Melendez**

“Don’t be dumb.” - **Jaymie Mansfield**

“Kill off your enemies and your friends might die, too. Keep marching towards your future, and nothing will ever stop you.” - **Kayla Brown**

“Hadouken!” - **AJ Hernandez**

“Just like in traffic, always walk on the right side. If someone tells you that you have to go across the street to get to a class, don’t go unless your schedule says Drama or Acting.” - **Mariah Pacheco**

“Man, it’s all about the people. The few people you meet in the coming days will affect you in the most complex and irrevocable way. Keep them close because they’ll turn out to be the world to you.” - **Christian Conrad**

I, **Kelsey Davis**, will my amazing abilities to navigate the treacherous hallways to anyone brave enough to embrace “the Gift.”

I, **Brittany Villano**, will all my grades, accomplishments, and essays in all of my AP classes to Izac Murphy (he shouldn’t have to do a thing).

I, **Tyler England**, will the stresses, the losses of time, and general unhappiness to subsequent IB students.

I, **Alejandro A. Grudzinski**, will my title of Polish-El Salvadorian person to Benjamin C. Grudzinski.

I, **Amelia Hartzell**, will the National Honor Society bylaws that I typed for hours as the secretary to current and future members. You’re welcome.

I, **Wayne Westt**, will the knowledge I’ve gained over the years to Springstead.

I, **Marisa Aguiar**, will my position as Editor-In-Chief of the Talon’s Press to Kristine Chapman.

# The Top 8

BY AMBER BAUER

## #1: Amelia Hartzel

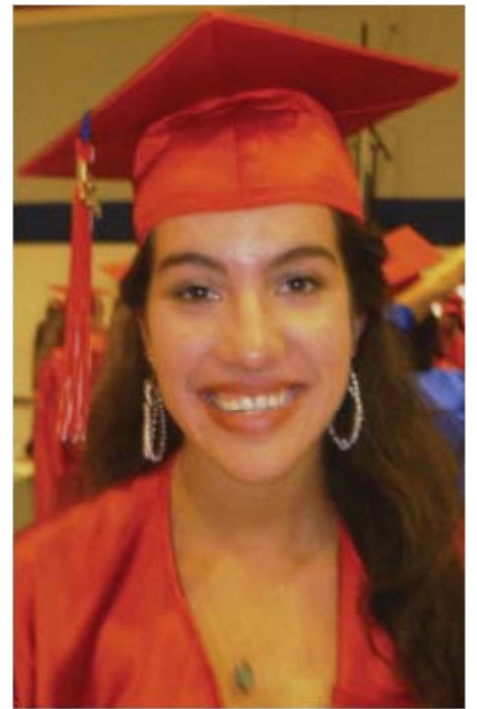
Amelia Hartzel is Springstead class of 2011's valedictorian and is graduating with a weighted grade point average of 4.52. While at Springstead, Amelia was an International Baccalaureate (IB) student her junior year, an Advanced Placement (AP) student her senior year, and she also took Dual Enrollment (DE) classes. In the fall, she will attend Nova Southeastern University as a part of their seven year guaranteed entrance to dental school program. After completing dentistry school, Amelia would like to become an Air Force dentist and work at an Indian reservation to complete her residency. Amelia has received an honors and dual admission scholarship from Nova Southeastern University. She also is a Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholar. Throughout high school, Amelia has received many awards for math and science. She attended Evening of Excellence every year, took second place in the Science Fair her freshman year, has won pride awards and earned highest honors, and she is an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar. To Amelia, the best part of being a senior has been waiting for graduation and learning about "who she is" while filling out applications for colleges and scholarships. Her favorite classes during her high school career were AP Physics, AP US History, and AP Biology. Amelia's favorite part about high school has been making connections with her teachers and being able to have mature conversations with them. Amelia is going to miss knowing who people are most about high school and is not looking forward to starting over. On the other hand, she is excited for the independence and applicable knowledge she will get from college.



Amelia Hartzel

## #2: Maria Garcia

Maria Garcia, Springstead's salutatorian, plans to study international studies at John Hopkins University in the fall. Graduating with a 4.48 grade point average, Maria has been an Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE) student during her high school years. She is the National Honors Society president and the yearbook editor. Maria has played varsity volleyball and was even captain her junior year. She has also participated in cross country, Key Club, and student government. For cross country, Maria was also a chaser for the All-North Suncoast Second Team. So far, Maria has received the Cumberland Farms Scholarship and is still waiting to hear back from others. She was also a Barnes Scholarship Semifinalist and an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar. Maria has received pride awards, high honors, and honor roll at Pasco Hernando Community College (PHCC). Her favorite classes have been AP US History, AP Art History, and weight-lifting. Maria says that the best part of being a senior is "having leadership and knowing a lot of people within my classes and the faculty". Maria also said it is great to know you are almost finally done with high school. Her favorite part about Springstead has been working on the yearbook, the spirit, the faculty, and her cross country team. What Maria hates most about attending Springstead is that it starts too early. She claims, "I would not be getting lunch detention if school started at eight or nine". Maria is going to miss the spirit of Springstead and Mrs. Laza. She will also miss the workload, as she knows it is only going to increase when she starts college. Maria cannot wait to meet new people and begin preparing for her future in college. Her future goals include joining the Peace Corps, which is a nonprofit organization that will allow her to travel.



Maria Garcia

## #3: Colleen Pulawski

Colleen Pulawski is number three in Springstead's class of 2011 and her grade point average is 4.42. She has participated in International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Enrollment (DE) classes during high school. In the fall, Colleen will attend Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and major in BFA Acting. Colleen has been offered thirty-seven thousand dollars a year from the college. She has also received other scholarships such as District Fourteen Thespian, Brooksville Music Club, Timberpines Players, and Barnes Finalist. She was the president of Key Club her junior year, a National Honor Society member, an Engineering Society member, and a very active Thespian member. Colleen was voted Critic's Choice at the Thespian District Acting Competition. She also received the New College of Florida Junior Scholar Award, Principal's List, multiple Pride Awards, and is an Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar. To Colleen, the best part of being a senior was the Washington D.C. trip because it gave her a "taste of the college experience" and she got to spend time with all of her friends. Her favorite thing about Springstead was "all of the opportunities for acting and the performing arts." Colleen is looking forward to moving to a new place for college and being exposed to different cultures, people, and diversity. In the future, Colleen hopes to gain new perspectives and to learn about the fine arts through travel.



Colleen Pulawski

## #4: Alejandro Grudzinski

Alejandro Grudzinski is graduating in June with a 4.39 grade point average and is ranked fourth in the class. Next fall, Alejandro will attend Florida International University and major in Architecture. He has already been awarded the Presidential Scholarship from the university. While at Springstead, Alejandro was involved with the Key Club and the National Honor Society, in which he was treasurer his senior year. Alejandro has received academic excellence awards every year and also was awarded the New College Junior Scholar Award during his junior year. His favorite classes at Springstead were IB Physics and Biology. Alejandro says the best part of being a senior is "knowing that your future is set." His favorite part of high school has been his friends, who he will miss dearly when they all go off to separate colleges in the fall. His least favorite part about high school has been the workload. Alejandro is looking forward to the freedom and independence that comes along with college.



Alejandro Grudzinski

# Top 8 Continued....

## #5: Sarah Head

Sarah Head is ranked fifth and has a grade point average of 4.37. In the fall, Sarah will be attending the University of Florida. She plans to major in English. Sarah is a part of the Key Club, National Honor Society, and the Eagle Fan Club. She was the Key Club president her freshman and sophomore years. Sarah has received the American Citizenship Award, Eagle Pride Awards every year, and a gold medal for the National Latin Exam her sophomore year. Her favorite class while at Springstead was English with Mrs. May; teachers like Mrs. May were very helpful to her. Sarah thinks the best part of being a senior is that "teachers give you more independence with assignments." Her least favorite part of high school was the days when she had multiple tests. Sarah's favorite thing about Springstead was that "no matter who you were, everyone was included." Sarah is going to miss everyone she has gotten to know, as they are all "going in a different direction." In the future, Sarah hopes to go to law school and become an insurance lawyer and author at the same time. Sarah is looking forward to college because she has the "ability to grow into more of an independent person and she will have more choice in classes."



Sarah Head

## #6: Alexandra Coscia

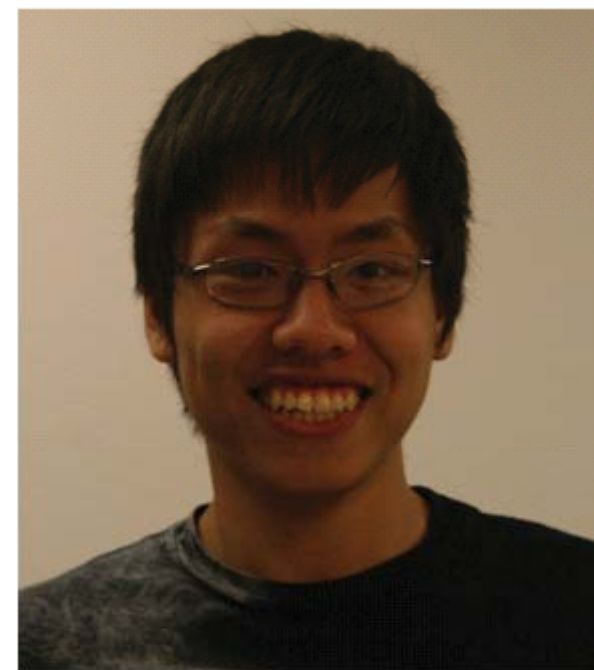
Alexandra Coscia is ranked sixth in Springstead's class of 2011 and has a 4.36 grade point average. She plans to major in Biology at the University of Florida this upcoming fall. She has received the Bright Futures Scholarship and is still waiting to hear back from the other scholarships she applied for. Alexandra has received four Pride Awards while at Springstead. She is the yearbook editor, vice president of National Honor Society, a Key Club member, and a student council member. Her favorite class at Springstead was Advanced Placement (AP) United States History. Alexandra says the best part of being a senior is "being able to claim senioritis." She does not like how overcrowded Springstead is. Her favorite thing about Springstead is "all the school spirit and opportunities to be involved throughout the school." When Alexandra leaves for college in the fall, she is going to miss Springstead's homecoming week, but she is looking forward to meeting many different types of people. In the future, Alexandra hopes to get accepted to Cornell University's Veterinary School.



Alexandra Coscia

## #7: Seon Lee

Seon Lee will attend the University of Miami in the fall and major in Premed. He is ranked seventh in this year's graduating class and has a 4.3 grade point average. Seon is an Independent Bacculerate (IB) student here at Springstead. He was a junior varsity soccer player during tenth grade, the National Honor Society parliamentarian this year, and the secretary of the Math Honor Society. Seon was offered a scholarship to the University of Rochester in New York, but turned it down so he could follow his dreams and attend the University of Miami. He received an Outstanding Achievement in Spanish Award his sophomore year and a Pride Award his junior year. His favorite class has been IB English with Mrs. May. Seon says the best part of being a senior is that you get to graduate and you know that soon you will be done with high school. His favorite thing about Springstead was "the amount of spirit no matter what you are involved in." His least favorite part was the workload. When Seon attends the University of Miami, he will miss his friends, but is looking forward to the social life and independence at college. Seon's future goal is to "go on tour with a band and be a doctor at the same time."



Seon Lee

## #8: Sean D'Amico

Sean D'Amico is ranked eighth in Springstead's class of 2011, and he has a 4.29 grade point average. He will attend McAllister College in Minnesota, where he received a scholarship of forty-five thousand dollars. Sean plans to major in Premed. He was a member of the swim, soccer, and weight-lifting teams. He was also the swim team captain for three years. Sean is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Key Club president. He was a Sunshine State Scholar his sophomore year, a Pride Award recipient, and he has earned the Principal's List multiple times. Sean says the best part of being a senior is "leaving high school, going on the Washington D.C. trip, and being in Eagle Games." His favorite class was weight-lifting, which he took in tenth grade. Sean's favorite thing about Springstead is that "everyone's really nice." His least favorite part is AP and IB exam reviews. Sean will miss his high school friends, but is looking forward to moving on with his life and starting a new journey. In the future, Sean hopes to become "comfortably wealthy and have a nice little family."



Sean D'Amico

# Senior Class Officers

BY AMBER BAUER

## President: John Rudell

John Rudell, the senior class president, will attend the University of Central Florida in the fall. He plans to major in Musical Theatre and hopes to one day perform on Broadway. While at Springstead, John took Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes. He is a member of John Leggio's Center for the Performing Arts, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Teen Leadership Hernando, Thespian Society, Student Council, and the Hernando County Philippine American Association (HCPAA). He also performed in multiple musicals at Springstead. John has been awarded the Certificate of Academic Excellence from HCPAA, took part in Stetson University Honors Choral Clinic, got an Excellent in Duet Musical at the State Thespian Competition and won Critic's Choice in Duet Musical at District Thespian Competition. He also won an Eagle Pride Award and an American Citizenship Award. His favorite classes at Springstead were his musical theatre and acting classes with Ms. Pusta and Mr. Pennington. So far John has won two scholarships: Cumberland Farms Believe and Achieve Scholarship (\$1,000) and Hernando Jazz Society Scholarship (\$250). To John the best part of Springstead is "the community and involvement that encompasses Springstead." He dislikes that lunch leave was taken away and some other Springstead's policies. John thinks the best part of being a senior is "realizing we are one step closer to starting the next chapter in life: college." Before becoming senior class president, John was the junior class treasurer and he was an active student council member. John would like others to know about student government that "it is certainly a great experience. You learn to improve upon your leadership skills and build an atmosphere of collective harmony."



John Rudell

## Vice President: Sydney Monahan

Sydney Monahan was the class of 2011's vice president. In the fall, she plans to attend Florida Gulf Coast University and major in Communications. In the future, Sydney hopes to host a radio show and talk about music and pop culture. During high school, she participated in Key Club, DECA, Latin Club, Chorus, and the Superintendent's Advisory Council. Through DECA, Sydney has won two awards. She also won a few Pride Awards while at Springstead. Sydney's favorite class was Latin, which she took all four years. Her favorite part about Springstead was the school spirit, and she will miss her friends and the togetherness of Springstead. Last year, Sydney was the class of 2011's secretary. Her favorite thing about student government has been "making new friends and being involved in school instead of just attending every day." In ten years, Sydney hopes to be married and have a grasp on life. One thing Sydney would like her senior class to know is that she's "actually sad to leave this place," despite how much she hated waking up early. She said, "I'm going to miss it so much. I'm just grateful for everything high school has done for me. Peace out Springstead, it's been bittersweet."

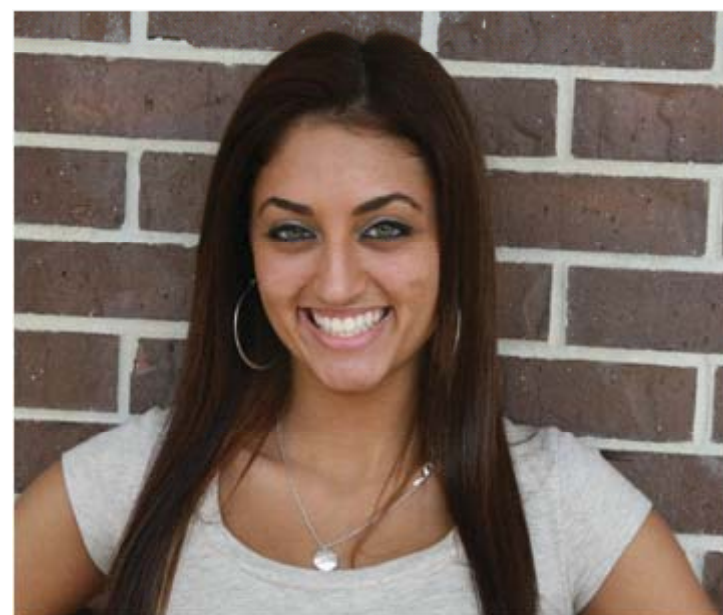
Sydney Monahan



## Secretary: Christabelle Lteif

Christabelle Lteif is the senior class secretary and the homecoming queen, as well as an Advanced Placement (AP) student at Springstead. She is also a member of the Key Club, Environmental Club, Academic Team, Humanities and Etymology society, DECA, and the Eagle Fan Club. She was also a DECA and Academic Team State Qualifier. Christabelle plans to attend Pace University in New York and has already received \$38,000 from them. Her favorite part of being a senior has been getting to leave campus early, and her favorite part about Springstead is the spirit. Christabelle thinks that underclassmen are not properly informed about how important their freshman and sophomore years really are. According to Christabelle, "If I was kept on track more by guidance instead of a grade check once every few months, I would have been able to reach my potential in high school." Christabelle's favorite classes were Law Studies, AP Environmental Science, AP Art History, English III Honors, and American Government. Next fall, she will miss the fun experiences of high school and her friends. She is also excited for college, as she will be a step closer to reaching her future goals. In the future, Christabelle plans to attend a four-year university and become either a politician or a doctor (an otolaryngologist). As senior class secretary, she had to write everything down and keep the senior class organized. She also helped with everything else student government did. Christabelle's favorite part of being a part of student government was the senior class skit for the claw. She liked how the senior class came together during homecoming week. She said, "It showed our unity as a class despite our strong opinions." The hardest part of being a senior class officer was the stress of trying to do as well as last year's senior class officers. Christabelle would like her fellow seniors to know that, "I really enjoyed being secretary, and I hope the class knows I put a lot of work into it. I did try with everything I did for student government."

**Treasurer: Shannon Linares could not be reached for comment**



Christabelle Lteif

# Tribute to Retiring Teachers

BY MARISA AGUIAR

## Ms. Johnston

Ms. Johnston will be retiring this year after twenty-eight years of teaching. Seven of those years were here at Springstead. This year she taught Algebra I and Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications. She is retiring this year because she wants to spend more time with her family and her Deferred Retirement Options Program (DROP) has ended. Ms. Johnston's favorite thing about working at Springstead has been the friendliness of the other teachers and staff as well as the way everyone works together as a team. The best memory she has from Springstead is seeing her students learning.

*"I have been happy to have been a part of SHS and wish you the very best in the future."*



Ms. Johnston

## Mrs. Wohlfel

Mrs. Wohlfel has been teaching for nineteen years. She has been back and forth teaching at Springstead. She taught here from 1994 -1997, then stayed home for five years before returning to teaching at Springstead. She has chosen this year to retire because she just feels like it's time and "there isn't much time for much else when you're a full-time teacher." Her favorite thing about working at Springstead has been "the students [she's] reached who have a passion for French- who want to really learn the language and all about France, and maybe want to travel there one day." She returned to Springstead to instill that passion in students, and she was successful. The best memory she has from working at Springstead was when a French family came to visit her French classes. "The enthusiasm of my students was awesome- they asked great questions and were so excited. It was inspiring to watch and listen to them."

*"Education is power; it can take you wherever you may want to go. Take advantage of it, dream, set high goals, and don't let anyone or anything stop you from achieving all that you can."*



Mrs. Wohlfel

## Mr. Bruno

Mr. Bruno has been working at Springstead the longest. Dedicating a majority of his life to teaching, Mr. Bruno has been a mathematics teacher here at Springstead for thirty years. He also taught for a year and a half at a high school in Detroit, Michigan, and he was a substitute teacher for a year in Michigan, as well. He has also coached soccer, tennis, and basketball up until 2003 when he received his Master's Degree in Education. Mr. Bruno has chosen this year to retire for a series of reasons. First and foremost, because of the state financial cut-backs on retiring teachers since he "want[s] to keep what was promised to [him] thirty years ago." Secondly, he does not find it fair that teachers' pay will soon represent how their students scored on standardized tests in that subject. Over the years, Mr. Bruno has witnessed the decline in the AP passing rate in his AP Statistics class. His first year he had a 100% passing rate, but through the years, the passing rate has dwindled down to only a handful, and he isn't sure that it's his fault or just the type of students enrolled in his classes. Unfortunately, Mr. Bruno's most lasting memory at Springstead would definitely not be considered his best-when breaking up a fight on his birthday, he suffered an injury to his teeth, which forced him to need a wire there for the rest of his life. He thinks this situation "stand[s] out to [him] because [it affected him] physically and mentally." He believes the most enjoyable part of a his career is that his "ex-students would greet [him], and give their sincere appreciate of what [he] tried to teach them in their high school education."

*"I think this school needs a Remembrance Wall of staff who served twenty or more years of their life at Springstead or died while a teacher at Springstead. I would put a small, simple name on a brass award, attach the name on an original brick on an original wall of Springstead. The bricks located at the inside, front of the school are original bricks with a simple appreciative greeting: 'The Building Blocks.'"*

**Other retiring teachers who could not be reached for comment include:**

Mr. Blustein  
Ms. Colon  
Mr. Meneely

**Resigning Teachers include:**

Ms. Gallagher  
Mrs. Mabrey  
Mr. McCoy

# Katie's Kudos: A Complimentary Conclusion

BY KATIE DUGUID

It was suggested that I needed something a little less acerbic to counter my "Kolumn;" that's where this little column came in. While it doesn't allow me to get my bitter feelings off my chest, it's done something even better, something that I needed: it showed me the good, not only in the world, but that surrounds me every day.

It's really entirely too easy to focus on the negative. It can consume you until it's all you can see anymore. By writing this column, I was forced to see the numerous wonderful things around me- I found a lot. People do great things. The thespians are some of the most talented people at school. The band kids work super hard all year long. The athletes continue to impress me with all that they accomplish. Springstead students are smart, sweet, and successful. I just wasn't allowing myself to see it because, well, I was hung up on having my foot stomped on during passing period. It is a waste of time to focus on all the awful, terrible, no good, very bad things in your life (you saw how it turned out for Alexander way back when). There are too many great, beautiful, amazing, impressive things out there to spend your precious time on the bleakness. Every single one of you has something to offer, something good and wonderful to contribute to the world.

That's right, all you seniors- every single one of you. So don't get caught up in gray skies and thunderstorms; look for the brilliance in the world and all of a sudden, the sunshine will poke itself out of the clouds. You all have done something worth noting: you made it. You got through thirteen years of public education. You struggled. You worked hard. You faltered sometimes, but you managed to get back up again and push yourself even further. You graduated.

I can't think of something more deserving of praise as I write this last "Katie's Kudos." Seniors, you are significant. There are a lot of awesome things out there in the world, and you're part of that group. It might not seem like you've done something impressive sometimes, but I assure you, you have. Congratulations and kudos, seniors. Kudos.

# Grad Nite

BY AMBER BAUER

As many people have already heard, there will be no more Grad Nite for next year's graduating class and beyond. Many Springstead juniors and underclassmen are upset about this change. Junior Kristine Chapman says, "I was looking forward to going and I heard it was a lot of fun. I was very upset when it was cancelled." Music fanatic junior Rebecca Braz stated, "I was looking forward to seeing all of the bands perform." A Facebook group was started called "Bring Back Grad Nite", but so far it has had no success. When Springstead students emailed Disney asking them to bring back Grad Nite, they said that it would not happen because of "economic difficulties."

Luckily for the class of 2011, the seniors made the best of their opportunity to attend the last Grad Nite ever. Four buses full of Springstead seniors attended the Disney event. After the long bus ride to Orlando, the students got off the bus and worked their way through security. The attendees went on the rides, saw live performances, and hung out with the rest of their graduating class. Taio Cruz, Pete Wentz, and 30h!3 all performed in front of the Disney castle. There was a spectacular fireworks show over the castle. They also had pictures submitted by students on Disney's Facebook page projected onto the castle. I saw one of the ones I submitted of me and my best friend from prom in the middle of the castle.

Most of the students who attended had a good time; I know my friends and I did.

# Moving Forward

BY MARISA AGUIAR

It's done. High school is finally over. Within the next year, some of the most important decisions of our lives will be made. Even the closest cliques will go their separate ways as we go to different colleges, join the military, or get jobs. We all started out the same, scared freshman just trying to find ourselves and our way to class. Everything was easy, minimal responsibility, and if we ever messed up, our parents were always right there to swoop in and save us. Now, things are about to change. We'll have to step up and be responsible for ourselves and our own actions as we integrate into the "real world." We're taking the first steps to the rest of our lives. For me, it's bittersweet. I'm excited to start my life, doing what I really have a passion for: oncology, but I'm not looking forward to not living at home and not being able to see my family every day. More positively, this is an opportunity to make relationships stronger, not only with family, but with friends as well. As we move forward in life, never forget where you came from. Give those old high school friends a call every once in awhile to catch up because these relationships could last a lifetime if you let them.

As Editor-In-Chief of the 34th volume of the *Talon's Press*, I would like to say thank you to the people who made all twenty-five issues of the *Talon's Press* a reality. First and foremost I would like to thank my staff, as well as anyone else who submitted articles. You guys made this possible. I would also like to thank my copy editor, Katie Duguid. Without your creativity and mad English skills, this paper would have been a mess. And, of course, thank you to Mrs. Long for always steering us in the right direction and being such a great advisor. Finally, I would like to congratulate next year's Editor-In-Chief for the 2011-2012 school year: Kristine Chapman. Good luck, Girly! It won't be easy, just never let go of that passion for journalism and you will be just fine. Thank you to everyone who read the *Talon's Press* this year, I hope you enjoyed it. To all the seniors graduating this year, go out and live your dreams. Congratulations! We did it!



Photo by Amber Bauer

# Some Final Thoughts...

## Moment for Life

BY KAYLA BROWN

I wish I could have this moment for life.  
 Us graduating standing on the stage under all the lights.  
 Boys shaking hands becoming mans.  
 Girls crying and smiling.  
 Do you remember freshman year when we didn't care and  
 just wanted to get the hell out of here?  
 What about sophomore year, when it was time to crack  
 down with blood, sweat, and tears?  
 Junior year when the only thing that mattered was that we  
 only had one more year.  
 That's a long way from when we only came to school to see  
 friends and pretend.  
 We didn't like to do our work because everything was a  
 joke.  
 Now look at us in red and blue, who would have knew?  
 I only say that I wish I could have this moment for life  
 because we came a long way and we put up one hell of a  
 fight.  
 Because after tonight we're going to have a lot of obstacles  
 in life.  
 So don't worry about yesterday, don't worry about tomor-  
 row, live in the moment.  
 Now that it's out time to shine I want everyone to repeat  
 after me and say 2011 is mine!

## Katie's Kolumn: Final Farewell

BY KATIE DUGUID

I am a very opinionated person; there's no denying that. I really enjoy telling people what I think because, honestly, there's nothing more satisfying than feeling like my thoughts and feelings are important enough to share with the world. My "Kolumn" has allowed me to do just that. I've gotten to complain about the things that bother me, such as IB and people who steal lunch numbers, and I've gotten to express my feelings on things, like being second best and getting to know new people. It's been my little niche in the paper for two years now... and it's really hard to say goodbye to it. I started this column last year when Alycia, the editor, asked me to. I used it as my place to vent and rant about the injustices in the world. Since then, "Katie's Kolumn" has always been there, armed and ready with whatever was on my mind and bothering me. It wasn't even a question whether or not I'd do it this year- I just went with it. Sometimes, it's not great; I was rushed or stressed or had something I was busy with. Other times, I've gotten pretty obnoxious; I like to be right, to have people agree with what I have to say, and my thoughts are usually unbudging. My space in the paper gave me the opportunity to share my opinion without having people argue with it. I could just get it out and that was that. I'm not sure what I'm going to do when I no longer have a smidge of the internet dedicated to my thoughts- maybe I can blog? Whatever I decide on doing, I hope that my "Kolumn" has been successful. I know exactly what that success has meant to me. I hope that you got something out of my corner in the paper, that it made you question something you didn't think was right. I want you to have read what I had to say and thought, "She has a point." Whether or not it's a point you personally believe in doesn't really matter; what matters is that I've given you reasons, I've backed up with facts, and I've had numerous examples on hand for why I feel the way I do. I want it to have been worth the five minutes of your time to hear what I had to say, and I am holding out, sincerely hoping it has made a difference for you, no matter how big or small. If I've made an impact with you, then I've done my job, and there's nothing left for me to say. There will always be injustices, issues, and problems with the world, and rest assured, wherever I am, I'll be voicing my thoughts on them. I might one day have a syndicated column where people all over the world read what I'm thinking (but probably not). Until that day, though, this is my final farewell. My fair audience, I bid you adieu and I wish you the best in the world; if you've listened to me complain this far, then you surely deserve it.

## Thank You's

The Talon's Press would like to thank **Mrs. Drady** for working with the paper this year. We appreciate that she took the time to publish each issue on line on the school website. Without her, we would not have been able to get our paper out. Also, thank you to **DeAnne Selamaj** for drawing the 2011 Eagle.

## The High Cost of Graduation

BY KATIE DUGUID

There are few things you will dedicate more time to than the thirteen years you have given to your education from kindergarten through the twelfth grade. It's tough to make it this far. But do you know what's tougher? Not breaking the bank while doing it. Compared to any other year of schooling, your senior year is by far the most expensive. Those class dues and field trip fees of yore can't even compare. Let's break it up, shall we?

•*Lab/Workbook fees.* That's at least \$10 a year because Springstead requires you to pay \$5 per workbook; lucky you, you get one for Economics and Government. Science classes usually have a fee of about \$10; if you took Anatomy & Physiology, that's an additional \$20 for a dead cat.

•*School supplies.* Getting new backpacks, pens, pencils, binders, dividers, calculators, etc. really is a burden for your wallet. They'll probably cost you around \$50.

•*Parking pass.* Being able to drive to school is a privilege... one that you have to pay \$25 for. Hopefully, you got a spot near your first period, or you shelled out some money for your right to walk.

•*Sports/Equipment.* I'm not sure what it costs for other activities, but it uniform cleaning, buying new shirts, shoes, and gloves, bus driving, and instrument renting requires each kid in band to pay approximately \$250 per marching season.

•*The big field trip.* The AP trip to Washington, D.C. was a great experience- it was also one that cost me around \$400. The trip with the band to Disney was a lot of fun; it was also \$250. Those are just the on-the-books costs; you'll probably want to eat and buy souvenirs, too.

•*Homecoming.* The tickets are \$15 a piece (Are you buying for your date, too?), but the price only rises when you factor in the new dress/suit, new shoes, whether or not you're getting your nails and hair done, a corsage, etc. Some people even rent limos. You can easily spend \$100.

•*Extra school activities.* School spirit is awesome, but it comes at a high price. There are all sorts of extra activities: football games, the Luminaria, dodgeball tournaments, fundraising, etcetera, and unfortunately, each one will cost you a pretty penny to take part. Whether it's \$3 a ticket, \$10 for cystic fibrosis, or \$20 to play with your team.

•*Club fees.* Clubs are a great way to get involved, but they add up quickly. Dues, t-shirts, and money you have to raise all call for cash. For National Honor Society, dues are \$5 per semester. In other clubs, they can go up to as much as \$20 a year. T-shirts are usually in the \$15 range.

•*Prom.* Prom, prom, prom. The night you'll always remember, right? Probably because you blew three paychecks on it. Tickets were \$70. Then you add on the dress/tuxedo, new shoes, your hair, corsage/boutonniere, limo, hotel room... it ends up being quite a lot.

•*Yearbook.* You might want to remember your senior year. It's too bad that it's going to cost you between \$55 and \$70 to get the documented proof of it.

•*Extra dance.* There was the Winter Formal, the ROTC Military Ball, and the Band Banquet. If you want to attend, the cost varies. However, you can be sure you'll need the new outfit and shoes as well, not to mention hair, flowers, or dinner beforehand.

•*Lunch.* It's not a cost you think of very often, but unless you're bringing lunch or you get it free/reduced, lunch is at least \$2 a day. If you bought lunch ever day, it was \$360 for you to eat this year.

•*Grad Nite.* Lucky you for taking part in Disney's last Grad Nite. Unluckily for you, you had to spend \$100 to do it. Food and memorabilia rack up the price.

•*Senior Pictures.* Senior pictures: they look nice, they go in the yearbook, and everybody "ohh"s and "ahh"s over them. You, the fortunate senior, get to take them once over the summer and then again when you get your cap and gown. I going to be at least a \$10 sitting fee each time, not forgetting whatever it is you buy.

•*Notices of obligation.* Your senior year gets even more expensive when you've got fees and debts from previous years. This is when they all have to get paid because, otherwise, you don't get a diploma.

•*Graduation Attire.* Did you think that cap and gown was pricy (Probably, considering the cheapest you could've gotten it was \$70)? Well, then the clothes and shoes that you will have to buy to go under those gowns won't thrill you. That's right- we have to buy new outfits that nobody's even going to see.

If you managed to do it all, you must have a very generous relative or be the best saver ever. I know, for me, my final year of high school cost me more than \$1000 and I bought my yearbook the first week of school, I paid off my cap and gown as soon as possible, and I didn't attend several events. Even when you're thrifty, you can't get past the expenses; random costs are always popping up (Who would've thought I'd use so much printer ink and paper!). Your public education is far from free, and what it comes down to is this: graduating may be priceless, but it's definitely costly.