



THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



A Last Farewell to Our Seniors.....

Megan Adam

Dear Megan,
It is hard to believe that the time has come to send off, "The last one," or as you like to say, the one that we always forgot about.



The years have flown by! You were always ready to go anywhere with a y o n e that wanted to take you along, always ready for an adventure. Your personality hasn't changed much since that toddler that loved to be my golf partner, or go to Co-op or the sale barn with Dad. You have brought so much joy and entertainment to our lives. Our farm will be quiet without your ongoing projects of goats, rabbits, sheep, calves, cats, dog, etc.... You have amazed us the last few years with your determination and attitude to not let the negative things that happen in life slow you down. I'm not sure how Dad and I will keep up on all the political issues without you around. We will miss you greatly but we know it is time for you to spread your wings and fly on your own. Have a great summer working at Mackinac Island and at Iowa State University next Fall.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Ryan Chalupa

Dear Ryan,
Dear Ryan,
You have had an amazing 18 years full of so many accomplishments. We have enjoyed supporting and watching you throughout the past 18 years at all your school activities and at all the county and state fairs. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished.



Your hard work ethic shines through in all that you do at school and at home on the farm. You have always been very responsible and reliable and have made good choices along the way, and you should be very proud of that and where it has gotten you and where it will take you. We have no doubt that you will continue to succeed and make us proud as you start your next journey in life. We wish you all the luck in the world next year at Iowa State! Remember home will always be home no matter where life takes you, and we all love you very much and will miss having you at home every day.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Erin, Jace, and Izzi

Rebekah Fagen

Dear Rebekah,
We are so very proud of you! It has been a pleasure having you around for the last 18 years. There is never a dull moment, you can make us laugh at a drop of a hat.



We know that all your dreams will come true because of your strong ability to finish what you start and determined to see the end. We love you so much! Good luck in everything you do! You will always be our little Starr!
Love you forever and always,
Mom and Dad

Isaiah Hahn



Dear Isaiah,
Eighteen years ago we were blessed with a bouncing baby boy. We are proud of the young man you've grown to be. We have enjoyed everything you participated in. You've done a good job working hard to be a good all around athlete. Can't wait to see what the future holds for you! Good luck at Kirkwood!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Megan Hill

Dear Megan,
Sixteen years ago we met the most precious little girl who became a part of our family. So much has happened since then and now



it's time for you to graduate! We are so proud of how hard you have worked to be a good student and to be involved in lots of activities at KHS. We have enjoyed watching you grow and become a caring young woman. We know you will be successful in whatever you choose in your life. Mom, Dad and Grant promise to love and support you as you begin the next phase of your life at Wartburg.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Grant

Cortney Hyman



Dear Cortney,
We'll never forget how excited we were when you were born. From the time you were little, it was obvious that you are a special person. Looking forward to all of your firsts - first steps, first words, first day of school. It doesn't seem that long ago that you were doing all of those things. Now you are graduating from high school. We are really excited to see you graduate and move on to the next part of your life. We have watched you try hard and accomplish about everything you set your mind to. So, we have all the faith that you will be successful in whatever you decide to do.

We want you to know how much we love you and how proud of you we are. We wish you all the best in the next year and beyond. You will go far because you are smart, loved and have the best support system in your family and friends.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt, and Branden

Mariah Lyle

Dear Mariah,
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments in high school and at Kirkwood! You are wise beyond your years, and with your strong work ethic God will lead you to an even brighter future. The last 18 years have passed too quickly, as we have so many wonderful memories. We are blessed to have you as our daughter, and are excited to see what the years ahead hold for you. As you head off to Ames this



fall, remember that we'll always be with a phone call away.
Love you much,
Dad and Mom

Zachery Mousel

Dear Zach,
As you begin your next phase in life, I would like to impart some final words of wisdom...

1. Embrace the Ramen Noodles- they are cheap and the staple of all college existence. Mom is now resorting to cooking for you on your birthday, holidays and summer breaks only.
2. Start stocking up on quarters now. You will need a roll of these for frequenting the communal dormitory laundry. Mom is now resorting to doing your laundry on your birthday, holidays, and summer breaks only.
3. Visit the local Yankee Candle Store in the mall for air freshener plug ins. Your sweaty gym clothes tend to smell. I will not be visiting to clean your dorm room, and as for laundry...refer back to #2.
And finally 4. Tailgating--is a must. However, if you decide (at any point) to take up the #1 Party School pass time, learn how to run--fast. As Mom will not bail you out of jail - ever - and Mom will be forced to resort to visiting you on your birthday, holidays and summer breaks only.

I love you and couldn't be more proud!
Love,
Mom



Abby Schulte



Dear Abby,
It seems like the years have passed in just a blink of an eye, yet you have accomplished so much in that blink. We are very proud of all that you have done and we are even more proud that you have done so much already in your first chapter in life. Your spirit and your determination have served you well and we know that it will continue to lead you down your path wherever it may lead. You have asked us both many times, "what did you want me to be when I grow up?" and we have always told you that we didn't have anything picked for you, because the only thing that is important to us is that you be happy and follow your dreams. Throughout the years you have given us so much joy and laughter and we are truly blessed to be your parents. You have become a truly amazing young woman and we know that you will continue to dream big. So, as you get ready to go on to the next chapter in your life, we want you to give you a few words of wisdom:

- Your high school years have been a dress rehearsal for the rest of your life - go be a star
 - Don't always worry about what is next - enjoy the moment
 - It's impossible to live without failing sometimes - just learn and grow from those mistakes
 - You can never have too many friends and don't be afraid to give your heart away
- We wish you success at Simpson and in everything that is ahead of you. We will miss you but we will always be your biggest fans!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jillian, and Jaime

Grace Shemanski

Dear Grace,
We couldn't be more proud of you!! The goals you've met and accomplishments you've had are overwhelming. You can do anything you put your mind to no matter the obstacle. You are smart, independent, opinionated, a great friend, opinionated, strong, a great role model and mentor, opinionated, hard working, and most of all beautiful & unique inside and out! Dad & I love you always!!
Simpson better be ready, they won't know what hit 'em. Congratulations, we love you Shimmy ;0)
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Ben



Nathaniel Sieren

Dear Nate,
I can't believe how fast time is moving! It seems like just yesterday your dad was letting you drive a tractor for the first time and I was biting my lip trying not to yell "Noooo"! You have grown into such a responsible person and we are so very proud of you! Although it has been a tough year for you, you have shown us all what a strong person you are. You not only have been a great brother to Lexi, but you are a hero to Sam and Chase. We could not be more proud! We love you very much!



Sometimes wish you were still small
Not yet so big and strong and tall
When I think of yesterday
I close my eyes and see you play

We watch our children change and grow
As years come and quickly go
Our God has a perfect plan;
To shape a boy into a man.

Today my son I'm proud of you
For all the thoughtful things you do
I'll love you till my days are done
I'm so grateful that you're my son!
Love,
Mom and Dad, Lexi, Sam and Chase

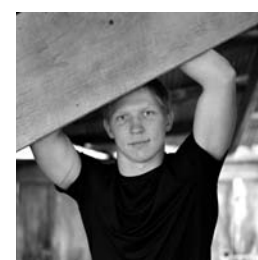
Ann Smith

Dear Ann,
We want you to know you are capable of great things. We hope you follow them to your biggest desire. We are very proud of the person you are and we will miss you when you go to college. We know things haven't always been the way anyone wants them, but we also know that you know how life is. We know you have a big heart and remember to follow it and listen to what your instincts say. That will be the best way for you to know your true potential that we know you have. We wish you the best of luck in all you do! Take care when you leave and remember you can always call.
Love
Mom, Dad, and Elisha



Paden Uphold

Dear Paden,
Congratulations! Preparing for graduation, looking through pictures of days gone by, makes us again realize how precious life is and how blessed we are to call



you son! It's been a pleasure to watch you grow into the Christian man you've become. We are so proud of you! Continue on the path God has for you and God will give you the desires of your heart.
Love you always,
Dad and Mom

Gloria Vega



To Our Sweet Little Globes,
It has been such a blessing and an honor watching you become the strong and beautiful woman you are today. Let's not forget the wisdom and strong determination and hard work that you have put into your school and into life in general. It seems like it was only yesterday on the day you were born that we almost lost you as quickly as we received you. As the doctors and nurses rushed you off to the ICU

all I could do was pray with all my heart and ask God to please leave you here with us. It was only minutes later the nurse rushed in with tears in her eyes and told us you were going to be okay, and from that moment on I knew you were a precious miracle from God.

We've seen you laugh, we've seen you cry, we've seen you spread your wings and fly, cherish every moment because it could be your last and we'll always remember our memories of the past.

As your parents and loved ones, we are more proud of you than you could ever imagine. We all know that there have been hard times in your life, but you have prevailed and come out on top despite all the road blocks. We wish you only the best and have high hopes that you will continue on and have a bright and shining future.
Love Always,
Your Parents

Tyler Verstraete

Dear Tyler,
I remember the night you were born like it was yesterday. You stayed in my room all night, at the hospital, in the bassinet. I couldn't believe you were finally here, healthy and perfect, and I stayed up all night staring at you. I imagined through the night what you would look like as you grew up...at kindergarten, going into junior high, high school, and beyond. I imagined what your personality would be like and what kind of person you would be. I never imagined how wonderful you would become. You are such a good warmhearted person, always there for your friends, and a good brother. You are becoming such an amazing young man. I am so proud of you. I am excited for the next phase in your life, I know you will be successful. I love you more than you will ever know.
Love always,
Mom



Dear Tyler,
I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of you! Words won't do justice to how I feel. I miss my little boy, but I love to see the young man you have turned into. You are going on to the next stage of your life and I look forward to seeing what else you accomplish. Hope you know how proud Aunt Amy, Grandma, Grandpa, and I are of you.
You have always been my best buddy!
Love you with everything,
Dad

Alyssa White



Dear Alyssa,
We are so incredibly blessed to be your parents! Even with our ups and downs while raising three children, we wouldn't trade it for anything. I know at times you have been hard to live with, but I also know you're asserting your independence. I know you can't wait to pack your bags and move off to college, but what you don't realize is how much we will really miss YOU. Please know that we are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become and happy for what lies ahead. Remember the things we have tried so hard to teach you when faced with challenges. Don't worry about what people think of you and most of all remember we love you so very much! Last thing; remember you always have a choice. Think before you POST:!!
Love You Always,
Dad and Mom

