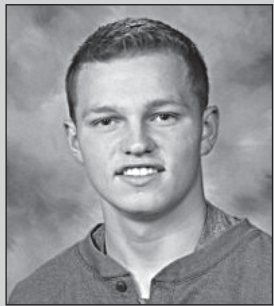


Meet Student Body President: Caden Sprouse

BY COLE KINDRED
THE EAGLE'S WING



Caden Sprouse
KHS Student Body President

Last year during student body elections, a new president was chosen. Popular and outspoken senior at Keota High School, Caden Sprouse was elected. Caden has been very involved in various extracurricular activities throughout his high school career. These include speech, FFA, 4-H, CYM, cross country, golf, basketball, baseball, and of course Student Council President. When asked about his greatest achievement in high school, he pointed to his perfect attendance a few times throughout his high school career.

With all these accolades, it is clear why Caden Sprouse was elected as the biggest leader in KHS. But what were his reasons for running? When asked this question, Caden had this to say, "There were signups and many people approached me and told me I should run. And some teachers did not like that, ya know, they just believed I wasn't a good fit. But of course I had a lot of support from people, like my friends, and we discussed it. And that same day in Mr. Jamison's Ag Construction class, I had a discussion with the previous president Colten Clarahan."

"I told him about all this negative energy I was getting, but he told me to just go for it. He gave me advice on how to be a good leader for the student body. After my conversation with Colten, it really inspired me and made me determined to set a good example and be a strong leader for the school. Everyone should strive to be the best version of themselves, academically, athletically, and as a leader. That's what I hope to inspire this student body to accomplish," Caden said.

But this begs the question, what does our president plan to change or accomplish with his new position? When asked what he hopes to change he had this to say, "I want to start some good fundraisers throughout our community or just for our school in general. Also for the homecoming season, I plan to get student body feedback on activities and things we should add or change from past years. It's a big deal for me to get the whole student body involved and have their voices heard. It's essential for a leader to listen to their peers. I would also like to get more public speakers to come into the school and educate the student body on important life lessons and issues around the community."

Caden has big plans for the student body and says he will work hard to get these things done in the coming months. When asked what his favorite memory was during his high school career, he gave a few memorable moments. He says, "My favorite memories from high school were becoming a racquetball champ in P.E. and visiting Indian Hills with my classmates; it was a great experience to get associated with the campus and get us accustomed to college life."

Caden's future plans after high school are to go to Indian Hills for Ag business, and then transfer to Iowa State and major in Ag business with an emphasis in sales and marketing. KHS very much looks forward to seeing what Caden accomplishes as Student Body President and watching him continue to be a great leader for the school.

New Club at Keota Schools

BY CONNER STRAND
THE EAGLE'S WING

Keota's business teacher, Mr. Whitten, is starting up a new program for Keota students. The program is the FBIA, or Future Business Leaders of America, which is a career technical student led organization. This program is for any student that is interested in business, marketing, technologies, and speaking. The purpose of this program is to inspire and prepare students to become community minded business leaders.

Mr. Whitten is starting this club because he feels like student organizations such as the FBIA are good for the school. Mr. Whitten wants to push for the program to be driven, managed, and operated at a high level by students.

The FBIA has a lot of cool and fun activities offered within the organization, as well as competitive events on the state and national level. These competitive events at conferences play a major role in the mission of the FBIA. The events demonstrate career competencies, job skills, and the knowledge members have about business. FBIA events help to expand the leadership skills of students and put their competitive spirits on display.

Members of the program will be taking part in the community by organizing local events and activities. These community events will consist of community service jobs, such as park clean-ups and more. The program will also involve meetings determined by the student leadership team.

When Whitten was asked about his experience with organizations such as the FBIA, he said, "I have researched other career and technical student organizations and am motivated to get the FBIA started in Keota schools." "Anybody interested in joining the FBIA should talk to Mr. Whitten."

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Keota High School Volleyball is Back

The Keota Eagles volleyball team is currently 2-4 with two wins over Lone Tree and Highland. The Lady Eagles are led by head coach Debra Swantz and assistant coach Madison Sheetz. They have played in three tournaments and a scrimmage so far. The Conference play will start on Monday, Sept. 12 for the lady Eagles where they will face off against the Sigourney Savages here at Keota with a 5:30 p.m. start time. Later that week they will play English Valley on Thursday, Sept. 15 in North English with a 5:30 start time.

When asked about her team goal for this year, senior Nicole Clarahan said, "Staying drama free and staying positive." Wise, constructive words from senior Nicole Clarahan, and a good goal for the lady Eagles to have this year.

The varsity squad consists of two seniors, two juniors, and five sophomores: Nicole Clarahan, Macie McDonald, Cassie Swantz, Emily Sheetz,

VOLLEYBALL



PHOTO BY SEAN STROHMAYER

Pictured above this is the 2022-2023 Keota Eagles Volleyball team. From left to right, they are (back) Kennedy Jackson, Kimberly Clarahan, Cassie Swantz, Ava Greiner, Macie McDonald, Reese Conrad, Kate Elam, Izzi Chalupa; (front) Assistant Coach Madison Sheetz, Tierney Greiner, Nicole Clarahan, Dakota Dodd, Emily Sheetz, Lainey Swanson, Grace Conger, Olivia Lyle, Chloe Pringle, Addy Purkeypille, and Head Coach Debra Swantz.

Kimberly Clarahan, Grace Conger, Izzi Chalupa, Ava Greiner, and Lainey Swanson.

The Eagles have nine more games and a tournament at the

end of the season. Three of the nine games are at home.

The home games are on Monday, Sept. 12, Thursday, Sept. 22, and Monday, Oct.

3, 2022. All start times are at 5:30 p.m.

Be sure to come out and support your Keota Eagles Volleyball team.

New foreign exchange student at Keota

BY JOCELYN PURKEYPILE, THE EAGLE'S WING



Eduard Serban
KHS Foreign Exchange Student

Keota High School's new foreign exchange student, Eduard Bogdan Serban, is a 17 year-old from Romania. Edy, as he likes to be called, is a junior in high school. When asked why he wanted to be a foreign exchange student, Eddie said he wanted to learn about American culture and about the educational system. He lives with his mom and brother back in Romania, but he is currently living with his host parent, Dean Greiner. He enjoys living there because he has never lived on a farm.

Though he's never lived on a farm, he has had pets and currently

still owns two dogs, Bruno and Rita. During his time at KHS, he is planning on volunteering a lot as well as participating in basketball and speech. His favorite classes so far are Government and Biology. He plans on going to college in Romania, but he doesn't know what he wants to major in next. He was involved in the Student Council back in Romania. He tends to dislike rock music.

Edy came to our country through the FLEX program. This program is a foreign exchange program that looks for flexible kids who could be the next leaders. In Romania, the program this year started with 2,000 people signed up. By the end of the program, only 29 people got to come to America. The requirements for the program are that students need to be 15 to 18.5 years-old, be enrolled in high school, and not have any immediate family members who work at the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development, or public or private organizations that are under contract or grant agreement with the U.S. Department of State on U.S. Department of State

exchange program. Also, they cannot have previously participated in the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad, National Security Language Initiative for Youth, Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, Youth Leadership Program, or Youth Ambassadors Program. Specifically, current or past participants in these programs are not eligible to participate if the two programs will take place in the same calendar year or if the individual is currently participating, or has already participated, in an academic year program.

Edy had to sign up for the program during October of last year and he had to take an online English test, as well as meet with an American official for an interview.

Edy has noticed a few differences in our school, along with differences between our countries. One of these differences is that in his home country the teachers actually change classes instead of the students. Another is that noone in Romanian schools get school lunches. Instead, if they wish to eat they must bring lunch to school. The students are also not allowed

to choose what they learn and they don't have lockers. They also don't have busses at their schools. Instead, they have to walk all the way to their school or get a ride from a parent because children need to be 18 to drive in Romania.

Like in America though, some Romanian schools do have uniforms. He states as well that in Romania, people are far less "judgy." In Romania they apparently don't have any sports. Also in Romania, everyone is required to take the Chorus class. The grading system is from 1 to 10, with a 10 being equivalent to an "A" here.

Romania is a democratic state. The President acts as international communications and the Prime Minister is in charge of in-country issues. Both are elected. Many people in Romania live in what Edy calls ranches: three bedrooms, a living room, and two bathrooms. In general, Romania is very unique from America.

Keota High School would like to welcome Edy to our school and community. We wish him the best this school year.

Keota welcomes new math teacher

BY CADEN SPROUSE, THE EAGLE'S WING



Mrs. Overturf
KHS Math Teacher

KHS welcomed new teacher Mrs. Elizabeth Overturf at the beginning of this year. This will be Mrs. Overturf's fourth year teaching. At KHS this year, she is teaching junior high math and

reading. She has previously taught at Pekin and Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Schools. Mrs. Overturf already likes KHS and has mentioned how friendly Keota is compared to the other schools she has been at. She currently lives in Oskaloosa, but is from Nebraska, which is where most of her family still lives. She moved around some, so she has family everywhere.

Mrs. Overturf graduated from William Penn University with a degree in education and an emphasis in math and reading. She added she was a "band nerd" in college, as she was in the marching band and played the flute. Her greatest inspiration is her mom. Mrs. Overturf shared that her mom

was diagnosed with stage four cancer and beat while working a full time job and then received her CPA license. She is very proud of her mom, as she should be! Mrs. Overturf revealed she became a teacher because her friends struggled in school and they didn't have the best teachers. She wanted to be the teacher to help the kids that need the extra help.

Mrs. Overturf is really looking forward to getting to know everybody and check out everything around here. She really likes how super friendly and nice KHS has been. "Its been good," she said. Mrs. Overturf says the toughest part about her job this year will be helping the students who don't enjoy math. She said she wants to

understand their dislike and help them get over that and show that there is a purpose for what they are doing and learning. Mrs. Overturf said she wants to get involved with the Keota Community by going to watch activities, games, and talking with everyone. "If something is going on, I want to be a part of it as much as I can." Mrs. Overturf shared she has six tattoos and they all have a meaning. She is also a proud Nebraska Corn Huskers fan. Something that Mrs. Overturf wants everybody to know is, "I understand life happens and if you need to vent something or need anyone to talk to, my door is open." Whenever you see Mrs. Overturf, give her a warm welcome to Keota!