

10 Facts about Senior Nicole Clarahan

BY CADEN SPROUSE
THE EAGLE'S WING



1. Nicole's favorite food is any kind of pasta.
2. A hobby she can never give up is reading.
3. Her biggest pet peeve is people touching her.
4. Nicole hates the smell of mixed or really strong fragrances or perfumes.
5. She is most scared of swimming without being able to see below and not knowing what is around her.
6. She thinks the most boring sports to watch are fishing, hunting, and golf.
7. The most stressful thing for her is to comfort and talk to people.
8. Nicole can cross her eyes and independently blink.
9. She is the second oldest, having two younger sisters and an older brother.
10. She has one dog and one cat. "Their names are Duke and General, but we just call the cat, "cat."

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Aiden is Annihilating Senior Year



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This week's Senior Spotlight is over Aiden Marshall Conrad. Aiden was born on December 29th, 2004, to parents Doug and Angela Conrad. Aiden also has three siblings, brothers Avery and Riley and a sister Taylor. When asked what he admires about his parents, Aiden said, "They are both very hard workers and they are able to work past difficulties." During his free time, Aiden occupies himself with various hobbies and activities. Aiden's hobbies include reading, writing, and playing video games. He says he enjoys these specific hobbies because "They offer great new experiences and are very entertaining." Before Aiden began taking on high school life, he spent his early school life and childhood at Keota Elementary. Aiden recalls many fond memories and special people from his elementary days. When asked who his favorite teacher in elementary school was, he named his third grade teacher, Ms. Miller. His reasoning for this was because "She was the first teacher to get me really into reading."

Inside the halls of Keota Elementary School Aiden made countless memories over the years. When asked to name his favorite of those memories, Aiden said, "The

entirety of my sixth grade year; it was very eventful." Outside of the classroom, Aiden had a memorable and impactful childhood that he will cherish forever. Over his childhood, many years came and went, and every year he would have a birthday to remember forever. When asked what his favorite birthday memory was, he said, "Having family over to celebrate at my house." Aiden spent a lot of quality time with his family over the years. He said his favorite memory with his family was, "Going camping at Lake Red Rock in the summer. It was very fun to spend the weekend camping and boating." Over all the memories of his childhood, Aiden said his favorite was spending time at his friend's house after school and playing video games. Even in his younger years, Aiden had big dreams. When asked what he dreamed of being when he grew up as a child, he said, "I wanted to be a train conductor because I liked Thomas as a kid."

These days, however, Aiden's goals and dreams have changed drastically as he matured. As he moved through his high school years, Aiden kept himself very busy throughout the years in and out of the classroom. Throughout high school, Aiden has been involved in various extracurricular activities, including the fall and spring plays, large group speech, Student Council, and the Coding Club. During his time in the coding club, he achieved what he considers to be his greatest achievement and fondest memory, which was winning the game creation contest Byte Jam during his junior and senior year. Out of all these activities, when asked what he enjoyed most, Aiden said, "Both the plays and speech, because it is fun to act with other people."

During his countless hours in the classroom at KHS, he was taught by many teachers and classes over the years. Out of all these classes, he said his favorite was World Literature with Ms. Bries. He said his reasoning was, "It was very interesting and I really liked the stories we read."

But when asked what class prepared him most for the real world, he said, "Probably Practical Math, because I have learned about a lot of real world things like how mortgages work, how much you should spend on rent, buying a car, and generally learning about how I should spend my money."

Outside of his time in the classroom and doing extracurriculars, Aiden keeps himself busy over the summer with work. Over the summer, Aiden spends his free time mowing the Keota cemetery for his employer Scott Westendorf. When asked what his responsibilities were at work he said, "I mowed around the stones carefully with a zero turn mower." When asked what his experiences at work have taught him, Aiden said, "It taught me what it's like to work and how to become more proficient at your job."

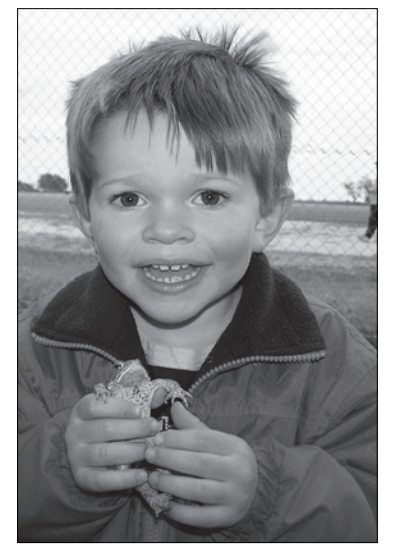
Beyond his work and schooling, Aiden has been thinking about his future beyond high school. After high school, Aiden plans to attend Indian Hills Community College and pursue a degree in Computer Science. He says he chose to attend Indian Hills because it is close to home and very affordable. He says he chose to major in Computer Science because he has always liked working with computers and technology. When asked where he sees himself in ten years from now, Aiden said, "Personally I don't exactly know, but I hope that I am successful in life." When asked what are three things he wants to accomplish in his lifetime, Aiden said, "I would like to publish a book, release a video game, and make an impact on someone."

To achieve all these goals, Aiden will need a lot of strong personal qualities to help get him there. When asked what qualities will help him achieve his goals, Aiden said, "I am very persistent and I work very hard. I am also very creative." When asked what three words best describe him as an individual, Aiden said, "Creative, funny, and intelligent." As Aiden departs from high school,

he looks back on what he will miss when he leaves. When asked what he will miss most after he graduates from KHS, he said, "I will miss the Coding Club the most."

Keota High School has brought a lot of good to Aiden's life and has been a special place for him to spend his high school years. When asked what he believes Keota offers students that other high schools don't have, he said, "The teachers are more hands-on with the students." When asked how he hopes to be remembered after he graduates, Aiden says, "I hope to be remembered as a good person."

And that has proven true as Aiden has made a strong impression on his classmates throughout the years. When asked what she will miss most about Aiden after he graduates, classmate and friend Dulaney Clubb said, "His goofy personality and being in class with him everyday." When asked if he could go back and do high school again and do things differently, Aiden simply said, "I wouldn't change a thing." For parting advice for future KHS seniors, Aiden said, "Take every opportunity you are given." Aiden will be remembered fondly as a fantastic student and classmate for years to come. We wish Aiden all the best in his future endeavors.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

By Cole Kindred

HOW WILL SENIORS RESPOND THE SECOND TIME AROUND?

Each week, we ask a senior the same question they were asked for the Question of the Week when they were younger. Let's see how their responses have changed over the years...

CALEB WATERHOUSE

Q: Who is your celebrity crush and why?

7th:

A: "Emma Watson, because she has a nice smile."



12th:

A: "Emily Rickards, because she wears glasses and glasses are attractive."



Mystery Photo

By KOTA HAMMEN
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This week's Mystery Photo is a senior at KHS. He has relatives and family members in the school. He has three siblings and is involved in football, basketball, and baseball. If you believe you know who this mystery student is, come to Mrs. Conrad's classroom for a chance to win a prize!

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

By Aidan Anderson, The Eagle's Wing



Pictured above is the 2022-23 7th grade girls basketball team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Marlee Greiner, Cameron Haifley, Ella Greiner; (front row) Karley Greiner and Elyse Lyle. The 7th grade girls basketball coach is Jenny Hobbs. Photo by Swanson Photography.



Pictured above is the 2022-23 8th grade girls basketball team. From left to right, they are: (back row) Maya Dalton, Emily Conger, Calli McCoid; (middle row) Lexus Detweiler, Brynn Conrad; (front row) Izzy Robison. The 8th grade girls basketball coach is Jenny Hobbs. Photo by Swanson Photography.

Junior High Girls Basketball Season Recap

By Sawyer Stout
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The junior high Lady Eagles basketball team wrapped up an excellent season with a final record of 6-5. The junior high girls had to battle a lot of adversity this season with a high number of sicknesses. Coach Hobbs had this to say about the sickness the

girls battled through. "Our girls did an excellent job stepping up into roles. Two or three starters would be sick. We would have two or three people step up into their roles."

This season, Ms. Hobbs said she was most impressed with the way the girls improved on defense. From game one to game number 11, the

girls improved drastically on defense, according to Ms. Hobbs. The second half of the season the girls started getting red hot from deep. According to Coach Hobbs the girls were hitting between 6 to 8 threes a game!

The girls play a split season, which is when you start earlier in the year and end before Christmas. This allows

the girls to get over half their season finished before the high school teams start playing. Coach Hobbs was very happy with how the season went and said, "I am very proud of how my team improved this season from day one of practice to the final game." The junior high girls basketball team finished the year 6-5 and will be eager to get back on the court next winter. Go Eagles!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is your favorite mythological creature? By Jocelyn Purkeypille



Mrs. Beinhart Staff
"A mermaid because if I was one I'd know how to swim."



Dulaney Clubb Senior
"Pegasus because it's like a unicorn with wings."



Will Carlson Junior
"Centaur because it looks cool."



Willow Schutte Sophomore
"A Phoenix because they are cool."



Dakota Dodd Freshman
"A vampire because they're cool."



Lexus Detweiler 8th grade
"A unicorn because they're colorful."



Steven Bird 7th grade
"Unicorn because it's kinda like a horse, but with a horn on its head."