



Dear Class of 2021,

The last year and a half has challenged you all in one way or another. Some of the milestones you have looked forward to your entire high school career came and went without acknowledgment or were changed dramatically. You have persevered with grace and kindness. The example you have set for the students who will be following in your footsteps is a hard one to achieve. Your dedication to your studies and your athletics are leaving a legacy for the younger students to embrace. The dragon family is better for having you as part of it.

Sincerely,

Your Dragon Times Family

Disclaimer: Seniors not included in this edition was by choice of the student.

Ethan Anderson

By Anessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE, CO - Ethan Anderson is a senior at the Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School. He has lived in Holyoke his whole life. After graduation, Mr. Anderson is going to attend a trade school in Kansas, hopefully to become an electrician. It takes two years in college to become an electrician. He does not plan to participate in any sports at college. His tips/advice for the underclassmen is, relax. Mr. Anderson's favorite high school memory was playing the Homecoming Olympics. Lali Marquez is one of the people that made his experience at school better. He had a trusted adult here, they helped him by just being themselves. Mr. Anderson isn't really going to miss anything about high school. He may return to Holyoke after graduating trade school, but he is not entirely sure yet. The future is still unfolding for Mr. Anderson!



Joe Beckner

By Anessa Colglazier

HOLYOKE, CO- Joe Beckner is one of our Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School seniors. He is going to attend the School of Mines and hopefully get a degree in Aerospace Engineering. Mr. Beckner has always had a strong interest in math and science. He will be continuing playing football for the School of Mines. His advice for underclassmen is, "You can be lazy your Senior year, just do not get too lazy." It is only the first semester and I am already playing catch-up." His favorite high school memory is sitting in class and dreaming about graduating. Joe's friends helped him have a better High School experience. His friends gave him good reasons to go to school and made it a more enjoyable experience. There were three staff members that improved his high school experience the most: Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Mallari, and Albino. Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Mallari were exceptional teachers and really helped boost Mr. Beckner's interests in STEM. He also had to mention Albino because without him, he doesn't know where our school would be today. Mr. Beckner will miss the football family he developed over his high school experience. Mr. Beckner's favorite sport has always been football, and he feels like the coaches and teammates he has have built something great. Sadly, Mr. Beckner does not plan to return to Holyoke. His dream is to move to California, but the general idea is to get to a bigger city. He wants to work for SpaceX or NASA, but he also has a fall back plan of starting his own business.



Shyanne Conde

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - Shyanne Conde is one of the graduating seniors this year. Ms. Conde plans to go to college, as that has always been her goal; but she still doesn't know where she will go yet. Despite not knowing where she will go, she thinks she wants to continue doing art in college. Her tips for underclassmen are, high school is hard and you may think it is awful now, but you are going to miss and appreciate it. Her favorite HHS experience is when all the little classes of seniors came together to win the Homecoming Olympics. The thing she will miss most is the teachers because she would not have gotten this far if it was not for them. Her friends, family, and teachers helped improve her HHS experience because they were always there to support her in everything, especially when she thought she could not do what she set her mind to. Mrs. Strecker, Mrs. Krening, and Mrs. Mallari helped her get through because they were really easy to talk to and they always made time to help her when she needed it. Ms. Conde plans on returning to visit, but she might not be returning as she just wants to go where life takes her.



Austin Durbin

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - After graduating, Austin Durbin plans to get a job at the radio station downtown.



He will not be participating in any sports, clubs, or extracurricular activities. His tip for underclassmen is, "Be nice!" His favorite memory from his high school years was going to prom with Lauren Bergner. He does not know what he will miss about HHS. His teachers helped improve his high school experience. He does plan on living in Holyoke after graduation.

Jareth Gardea

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE, CO - Jareth Gardea is one of our seniors here at Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School. She plans



on working at Happy Jacks when she graduates.

The tips and advice Ms. Gardea has for the underclassmen is to always “be happy!” Her favorite high school memory is seeing all her teachers every day. Ms. Gardea has also really enjoyed the adaptive music class this year. The support of all her teachers is something that improved her high school experience and made it better. Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Diaz were teachers

who supported her and helped her every day. Jareth is planning on living in Holyoke after graduation.

Jalen Hunter

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE, CO - Jalen Hunter is a senior at Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School this year, who plans on attending the Western Nebraska Community College to be a lineman. He plans on returning to Holyoke after college when his career takes off, if he gets a job here. If not, then he hopes on getting a job in the area around Holyoke or Wray. Mr. Hunter doesn't know if he'll continue basketball or track in college. His advice for the underclassmen is to always do your homework, it won't kill you to do it. If Mr. Hunter had to pick a favorite high school memory it would be when he was thrown across the room by Robert (Bobby) during social studies because he stole his paper while playing Mr. Balog's spy project game. His mom has helped improve Jalen's high school experience. She has always been there to help him when he needs her. Mrs. Kleve has also been his trusted adult. She has helped him get through tough times, her advice has always guided him through anything. All the teachers and help he gets is what he will miss the most about high school.



Yeidi Juarez

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - Yeidi Juarez is one of the seniors who will be graduating this year. After graduating, she plans on going to college at CSU or UNL and majoring in Biology. She will not be participating in any sports, clubs, or extracurricular activities after graduating. Her tip for underclassmen is to not be



afraid of trying new things in high school, you will end up regretting it. Her favorite HHS memory is when Joey Beckner tripped right before the finish line in a track meet in Holyoke. The thing Ms. Juarez will miss most is the support she got from all of her teachers and friends. Her friends improved her HHS experience by making it more fun. The teacher that helped her get through high school was Mrs. Beavers. Mrs. Beavers helped her by pushing her to get better grades as well as always being there for her when she was upset or had a bad day. Ms. Juarez does not plan on returning to Holyoke. She plans to live near the city and become an X-ray Tech.

Amy Mackay

By Roz Doorn

HOLYOKE, CO- Amy Mackay, a senior at HHS, has many plans. She plans on attending Central New Mexico Community College and get her Associates Degree in business. She then plans on becoming a certified esthetician. Ms. Mackay would like to work on cruise ships in spas, and then wants to settle down and open her own business. She might play golf while attending college, but it depends on how much time she will have for it. Her advice for the underclassmen is to push yourself, that it might seem like a lot right now, but don't take the easy way out, because the rough way will always pay off. When



asked what her favorite memory is, Ms. Mackay says, "My entire ag journey, from hating Agriculture freshman year and refusing to take an Ag class at the prompting of my dad, to being in love with Animal science junior year and exploring a potential career in Range Management because of plant science, and learning to weld! It was a fun time for my dad and Mrs. Strecker to witness." Some of her favorite people were Kyleigh, Anna, and Josie. She had said how she had many trusted adults, some of them being Mrs Strecker, Mr. Jiru and Mr. Schroetlin. "Mr Jiru pushed me to do better, even when I thought I was doing my best, taught me to 'do it the Jiru way' and throughout all four years of high school, I've based my work off of his standards. Mr. Schroetlin was the first teacher i saw as a genuine human being, and he treated me like an actual person, and i knew he could always tell when i was having a rough day, and he was always there for me to bounce ideas off of. Mrs. Strecker was like a mentor to me the second I stepped into Animal Science Junior year. She was another teacher who actually bothered if I was doing okay. And never gave up on her and my dad's joint mission to get me interested in Ag, and they succeeded." When asked what she will miss most about HHS, she said she will miss her friends, and teachers. She plans to branch out as much as she can. She wants to go to New Mexico first, and explore the world from there; Australia, France, Italy, Japan, Jamaica, and so many other places.

Eric Marroquin

By Mason Sprague



HOLYOKE, CO - Eric Marroquin is one of the many students that are graduating from Holyoke High School. Mr. Marroquin plans to go to Northwest Kansas Technical College for their electricity program. He did play basketball in his high school years, but does not plan to play in college. His advice for the underclassmen is to do your homework because it's not that hard and also have fun. Mr. Marroquin's favorite memory of his high school years is the NHS dodgeball tournament. When Mr. Marroquin is stressed, his friends and family helped him through that. One of his most trusted teacher is Mrs. Clayton because She was there whenever he needed her.

Friends is what he is going to miss most. Mr. Marroquin will go wherever his job takes him.

Chloie Metzger

By Dahira Castillo

HOLYOKE, CO - Chloie Metzger is a senior this year. After high school Ms. Metzger plans on going to NJC in Sterling, Colorado and studying cosmetology. She doesn't think she'll continue to play Volleyball after graduating but she is still unsure. Ms. Metzger's advice to underclassmen is "Always listen to your heart! Do what you want to do, not what others want you to do." Her favorite high school memory is when her class would get together and chat about their funny class moments and laugh! Family and teachers were a huge part of Ms. Metzger's high school experience. They helped and believed in her when she felt like everything was going wrong, for that she is so grateful. Although her biggest influence has been her mom, she supported Ms. Metzger throughout her whole high school career. The advice her mom has given her is "Don't listen to other people and what they have to say because it doesn't matter." Ms. Metzger will miss her small but strong dragon family. Ms. Metzger still is still unsure if she'll come back to Holyoke after her career takes off.



Rylee Oakley

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE, CO - Rylee Oakley is currently a senior at HHS who plays softball and is involved in FCCLA. Ms. Oakley does plan on going to college in Colorado for four years, as she wants to be an elementary teacher or a nurse practitioner. Although Ms. Oakley does play and enjoy softball, she does not plan on playing or continuing any sports in college. Her favorite memory of being in high school would have to be bus riding to her sports events with all of her friends. Ms. Oakley's teachers and friends made her high school experience better by pushing her to get her work done. She has many teachers that have helped push her to do the things she needed to; they helped her with homework, and they have helped her apply for many things. The most Ms. Oakley will miss about HHS is living in such a small town. As of right now, she doesn't plan on coming back to Holyoke, because she wants to experience living in a big town for a while.



Loren Jo Oberle

By Layna Wear

HOLYOKE, CO - Loren Jo Oberle is one of seniors that will be graduating this year. Ms. Oberle plans to go to college in Nebraska. She's not sure which one she wants to attend, but she's focusing on University of Nebraska in Kearney, as they have a good career plan for what she's going into. After High School, she wants to try to continue doing cheer. Ms. Oberle's advice for underclassmen is, turning your homework in on time will save you a lot of points towards your grades in the long run. Also, if you think you're going to enjoy a club, join it, and even if you think you will not, join it for the experience. Her favorite HHS experience is cheering for the Friday night games, especially the ones they won. The thing she'll miss most is the closeness of the school. Her friends helped improve her HHS experience by being there through the hard times and helping her find the good ones. Mrs. Ortner helped her through High School by motivating her to do things that got her out of her comfort zone. Ms. Oberle does not plan on coming back to Holyoke to further her career, only to visit family and friends. She is not sure where she will go, but she thinks it will be somewhere in Nebraska.



Kylie Purkypile

By Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE, CO - Kylie Purkypile is a senior this year and after high school. Ms. Purkypile plans on attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and majoring in Biology with an emphasis in health sciences. After she earns her bachelors degree, she would then like to further her education and get her Doctorate of Physical Therapy. In college, she plans on doing undergraduate research programs in the chemistry or biology departments. Some other things she would be interested in doing is HOSA or intramural sports. Her advice for underclassmen is, "Don't forget how much of an impact you create on the people around you and act as an example. Don't let competitive environments within sports, clubs, or academics affect the way you treat others by treating everyone around you with kindness and respect. Years from now that big win won't matter, that award you earned will be forgotten, but your reputation you built as a kind, hard working individual will stay with you and the people around you forever." Her favorite memory from high school would have to be getting elected and serving as the Colorado District IV State Officer. During that year in high school, she met her best friends, networked with people from all over Colorado, and she gained extremely important life skills. Ms. Purkypile said that her teachers truly improved her HHS experience. Each and every one of them are amazing in their own, unique ways, and she made strong connections with all of them. One teacher who helped her get through high school was Mr. Kramer. He was one teacher who Ms. Purkypile created a strong relationship with, and could talk to about anything. They would get together and sing and talk most Sunday's the summer before her senior year. He taught her many important life lessons, and gave her advice that helped guide Ms. Purkypile throughout her entire high school career. He also supported her immensely with everything she did. For example, he helped chaperone for Holyoke FBLA so Mrs. Nelson and Ms. Purkypile could go to the District Leadership Conference early. Overall, Mr.Kramer has been an incredible teacher, friend, and inspiration to Ms. Purkypile. From HHS, she will miss all of her friends, and she is sad that she is leaving for college next year. Currently, she doesn't know where she will go career wise. She plans on figuring this decision out along the way, because she never knows what opportunities she will be presented with.



Micheal Rascon

By Grace Whisenhunt

HOLYOKE, CO - Micheal Rascon is a twelfth grade student at Holyoke High School. After he graduates, Mr. Rascon intends on attending either Northwest Kansas Technical College or Lincoln Tech in Denver to study auto body repair. He is not planning on continuing the extracurricular activities that he has taken part of in high school after he graduates. Mr. Rascon does not plan on staying in Holyoke, but possibly moving to Iowa or somewhere else in Colorado. In his years in high school, Mr. Rascon's favorite moments were the moments he shared with his friends, and the inside jokes that they shared.



Although, he says that he will not miss anything besides the teachers that actually made learning fun and supported him. The teacher that supported Mr. Rascon says, is Mrs. Clayton, who pushed him to do things that he never wanted to do. To improve his own experience, Mr. Rascon focused on his mindset towards school. On the topic of advice for underclassmen, Mr. Rascon offers, "Just do your work the best you can and try to better yourself

Alejandro Rojas

By Roz Doorn

HOLYOKE, CO - Alejandro Rojas, a student at HHS, will be attending his last year of high school here in Holyoke. He plans on going to Northwest Kansas Technical College with some of his friends, and he will be going into the study of graphic design. He also plans to keep on playing sport; in particular, he plans to continue playing basketball. The advice Mr. Rojas has for underclassmen is to keep pushing



yourself even if you are tired, because it will always pay off. When asked what his favorite memory was, Mr. Rojas says, "All the drama that happened in our class." He had also said how a lot of people helped his experience because he had adults he trusted, and Mr. Rojas would be lost without them with all of the things that went on throughout the years. When asked what he would miss most about HHS, Mr. Rojas responded with "I'm going to miss everything about it honestly." He is unsure what will happen in his future, but he hopes things go well.

Rylee Schneller

By Kenzie Rau

HOLYOKE, CO - Rylee Schneller is graduating this year, and she plans to attend UNL (University of Nebraska Lincoln). She plans to major in both kinesthesiology and nutrition. She will then go on to Occupational Therapy School. While Ms. Schneller enjoyed swimming in high school, she currently doesn't plan to continue in college. Her advice for underclassmen is "TRY YOUR BEST!! School may be boring, stressful, and tedious, but the end result is so rewarding." Some of Ms. Schneller's favorite memories from HHS were all of the FFA trips she attended. She said that everyone of her teachers made her high school experience better, because they have always offered up wisdom and advice towards her. Mrs. Powell has helped her through high school a lot. She always had the best advice and knows how to make Ms. Schneller feel better. Ms. Schneller said that she will miss her teachers and friends the most, and she does not plan on returning to Holyoke. She hopes to live in a city where she plans on working at a children's hospital as an OT (Occupational Therapist.)



Aaron Sierra

By Emma Sprague

HOLYOKE, CO - Aaron Sierra is a senior who plays football, basketball, and track. Mr. Sierra plans on going to MCC in Fort Morgan because that college has a good major in radiology. He does plan on continuing to play sports in college. He enjoys playing track and football, but plans on only doing basketball. He advises the underclassman to focus on what's in front of you and that if you ever feel like giving up, just remember that all your hard work will eventually pay off. Mr. Sierra's favorite high school memory is when he came back to basketball after having surgery, he broke someone's ankle to the point where he fell on the ground and all his friends and teammates were cheering him on. The people around Mr. Sierra at school really helped him through high school by showing him the ways they have learned and what he needed to work on as a student and person. He also has multiple teachers who have helped him and pushed him to be greater and have different approaches to learning. Mr. Sierra is really gonna miss all of his classmates and playing sports because all his years were really fun with them. He plans to go anywhere that he can be a radiologist and he plans to work until he fully makes it to his dream.



Alec Sprague

By Mason Sprague

HOLYOKE, CO - Alec Sprague is one of many seniors who will graduate this year. Mr. Sprague is planning to go to NJC and get trained to be an EMT. At the moment, Mr. Sprague doesn't know if he will do sports, but he has done basketball in the past. His advice is to do your homework because it can add quickly to your grade. His favorite memory from the HHS is his freshman year Homecoming Olympics. He loved it because they did a chant. The teachers are the ones who improved Mr. Sprague's experience, and especially Mrs. Nelson. She helped Mr. Sprague push himself and encouraged him. Mr. Sprague will miss the teachers as he is leaving HHS. He plans to return to Holyoke.



Emali Torres

By Teagan Martin

HOLYOKE, CO - Emali Torres was one of the many students that will be graduating this school year. When she leaves high school, she will join the army and go to college to study criminal



justice. Ms. Torres will continue to do Track and Field. For the underclassmen, her advice is to enjoy your friends, but leave the fake ones behind. Her favorite memory about HHS is when Serina Almeida accidentally put a hole in the band room wall. The thing she will miss most about HHS is her relationships that she built with the teachers. Mrs. Mallari is the teacher that helped Ms. Torres keep her on top of her schoolwork. Even when she didn't have a class with Mrs. Mallari, Ms. Torres still went to her for help. Mrs. Kleve was a trusted teacher that helped her finalize her decision about

joining the Army. When she leaves HHS, she plans to not come back to Holyoke.

Haley VanOverbeke

By Dahiria Castillo

HOLYOKE, CO - Haley Van Overbeke is a senior at Holyoke Jr./Sr. High School this year. After graduation Ms. VanOverbeke plans on going to college and beginning a pre-law track before attending law school. She may join leadership groups in college and play intramural sports such as swim and softball. If VanOverbeke has any advice for underclassmen, she would say, "Put the work in; it'll be worth it!" A favorite high school memory of hers is when she would attend sports games and being in the student section. Her friends have made Ms. VanOverbeke's high school experience one she'll remember forever. Along with her friends: Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Bieber, and Mrs. Strecker have helped VanOverbeke through the tough days high school threw at her. Seeing her classmates and having fun with them is something that she will miss after high school. Ms. VanOverbeke does not plan on returning to Holyoke after her career takes off, instead she plans on working at a decently large law firm.

