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HEAD OF THE CLASS



Portsmouth West High School's 2022 Valedictorians are Emily Lore, John Jones, and Natalie Mershon. Throughout their four years at PWHS, they accumulated a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and that is including college credit plus classes! The Ports-

mouth West High School Salutatorian is Laikyn Roberts.

The first valedictorian, Emily Lore, is the daughter of Jason and Mindy Lore. Emily's school involvement over the years included Band, BETA Club, HPAC club, independent drawing and writing. Emily will attend Marshall this Fall and plans to major in Forensic Science.

Her awards and scholarships received by the time of this publication were the Jeremy Pitts Memorial Scholarship, Hazeldean



Meyers Scholarship, and Gillum Memorial Scholarship.

Emily attributes her success to her drive to be the best that she can be, as well as support from her family, teachers, and friends.

Emily has many interests and stated, "I love reading, writing, and drawing. I love my percussion section and enjoy playing my instruments."



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The next valedictorian, Natalie Mershon, is the daughter of Michael Mershon and Dunia Mershon. At PWHS, Natalie was involved in Beta, tennis, OMUN, Key club, prom committee, student government, cheer block, and was a blood donor. Natalie will attend Ohio State University and major in the Biology pre-med program and minor in American Sign Language.

Her awards at the time of this publication were the Christina Marie Lester Niekamp Memorial Scholarship, Portsmouth West Alumni Scholarship, and Washington-Nile Local "Legacy" Scholarship.

Natalie attributes her success to her teachers over the last 15 years and loves animals (she has 5 cats, 4 dogs, and a fish).

The last PWHS valedictorian is Laikyn Roberts.



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dictorian, John Jones, is the son of Jay Jones and Amber Mershon. While in high school, he participated in Choir, Band, OMUN, Beta, Tennis, Yearbook, Quiz and Science Bowl.

John plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in Biological Sciences(Pre-Dental) and minor in Music.

John was awarded the Franklin B. Walter Award Scholarship and the Cincinnati Honors Scholarship.

John stated he attributes his success to his, "desire for academic validation and determination to accomplish the goals he set for himself." One of those goals is to continue playing the flute, which he loves, and his music minor is focused on flute performance.

This year's salutatorian is Laikyn Roberts. Laikyn is the daughter of Matthew and Kristi Roberts. In her four years at PWHHS, Laikyn participated in 3 years of soccer, 1 year of track, 4

years of Beta, 4 years of Key Club, 2 years of HPAC/CRUSH, and 1 year of chamber choir.

Attending Shawnee State University and starting this summer, Laikyn will major in Radiological Technology. For her academic success, she was awarded the following scholarships: Kiwanis' Scholarship, Class of 1965 sch, Nauvoo Masonic Lodge, Shawnee State University Legacy Award, and Shawnee State University Blue & Gray Award.

When asked to what she attributes her academic success so far Laikyn stated, "I attribute my academic success to my hard work and dedication to my studies along with all of the teachers I've had throughout my four years of high school. Especially Ms. Edwards for teaching me how to be a more mature writer and to more deeply understand works of

literature and Mrs. Blevins for teaching me that I can actually be good at math with the right strategies and enough hard work."

Laikyn found athletic success as well. She stated, "I ended the 2021-2022 soccer season 28th in the state for saves of any gender from all districts and divisions in Ohio, 18th in the state for saves by girls, 5th in Ohio for the south-east district in any division of either gender, 2nd in the south-east district division III saves by either gender, and 1st in the SOC for saves."



Senior Memories

My favorite memory of school...

- * Playing with the front ensemble as section leader, at the Iron-ton band competition for the Secret Of Machines show.—Emily Lore
- * Meeting anyone named Dalton—Josh Holsinger
- * One of my favorite memories is my first year of marching band when we went to state.—Cianna Newman
- * 10th grade P.E with the boys.—Gage Martin
- * When we had bouncy houses in elementary and the end of the year cookouts.—Kacy Book
- * Meeting Creed Parker.—Emma Nelson
- * probably my 8th grade ACE trip—Deven Brown
- * The end of the year activities at the middle school (bouncy houses, cookouts, and movies).—Alathea Wolfe
- * Winning overall guard and binge eating Rock Hill pickles.—Aris Setty
- * Winning the first basketball Sectional championship in 23 years.—Jacob Davis
- * My favorite memory of school is the trip to the mall in 7th-8th grade.—Shawn Luther
- * Elementary and Middle school activities for the end of the year.—Preslee Jenkins
- * Winning a sectional game in volleyball and basketball.—Eden Cline

Senior Memories

- * not showing up —Kaleb Shepherd
- * Saving my bud's life (He was chocking on a hotdog) on the Reds trip 4th grade—Auston Tilley
- * My favorite memory was Prom 2022, I had a great time with my friends and I actually had to dress up.—Corey Demorest
- * Getting the band directors to wear silly gear at the spring concerts.—Charity Teeters
- * Coining the nickname of "Juvenile Delinquent" because I texted Mrs. Smalley "Help Me" at 1 a.m. freshman year.—Natalie Mershon
- * me cutting my hair in kindergarten—Phillip Seth
- * The Winds of Ironton—Zachary Elliott
- * High school: Being a part of the first basketball sectional championship in 23 years. Before high school: Getting stuck behind a wreck for hours on the way back from a Reds game in 4th grade.—Brennan Overby
- * Ace trip laser tag in 8th year at the WEB—David Flannery
- * Graduating school—Gabriel Myers
- * all the field trips but especially the Reds trip in the 4th grade—Abigail Boland
- * Winning a sectional championship—Noah Coleman
- * Talks with Mr. William Todd Gilliland and all the memories from soccer like Bailee at Minford telling Meagan Johnson to calm down.—Laikyn Roberts

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- * My favorite memory of school would have to be either the ace trips in middle school or the cooks outs we would have on the last day in middle school.—Jasmine Wilson
- * Going to the play offs for football and field trips in grade school.—Tanner Redoutey
- * The adrenaline rush I got when my classmates and supportive community cheered me on in the Portsmouth River Days Pageant as Miss West.—Madison Russell
- * Whenever we went to "The Web" and I went to order a drink that was called "Avalanche", but I pronounced it as "ava Latte" and the worker giving me this confused look.—Kimberly Stanley
- * Graduating—Andrew Abrams

Wills and Bequeaths

- * I, Emily Lore, will and bequeath my leadership skills and responsibilities over the percussion section to Bryson Perry.
- * I, Cianna Newman, will bequeath, my ability to make good grades to Deaglan Wolfe. I, Cianna Newman, will bequeath, my ability to help others to Jacee Carver.
- * I, Gage Martin, will and bequeath to be the sussiess man to ever walk the earth and David Flannery.
- * I, Kacy Book, will and bequeath my ability to make it to school on time to Deaglan Wolfe.
- * I, Deven Brown, will and bequeath to serve my nation and make the air force proud to all those in the country.
- * I, Aris Setty, will and bequeath my music abilities to Deaglan Wolfe.
- * I, Jacob Davis, will and bequeath my ability to randomly post up in the hallway to Tyler Thompson aka Big T.
- * I, Madison Riley will and bequeath my ability to make it to school on time to Jason Riley
- * I, Preslee Jenkins, will and bequeath my athletic ability to Deaglan Wolfe.
- * I, Eden Cline, will and bequeath my ability to be a good role model to the younger classes.
- * I, Auston "Ten" Tilley, bequeath my undeniable swagger and incredible ability to daydream for an entire period to my dear underclassmen friend, Brian Davis.
- * I, Corey Demorest, will and bequeath "The Long Neck" to whomever has the longest neck in the school.
- * I, Charity Teeters, will and bequeath my ability to be a good leader to Dalton Russell.
- * I, Natalie Mershon , will and bequeath carrying the whole senior class to Brandon Anderson.

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- * I, Phillip Seth, will and bequeath be late to classes
- * I, Mariah Smith, will and bequeath being the best grandma to Sydni Callihan.
- * I, Brennan Overby, will and bequeath the cheer block duties to Haley Coleman.
- * I, David, will and bequeath Kaleb Thurman's items that he entrusted to me at his departure.
- * I, Noah Coleman, will and bequeath oldest Coleman to Haley Coleman
- * I, Ethan Journey, will and bequeath my Marketplace browsing in the middle of class to the person on Marketplace the most that isn't me.
- * I, Laikyn Roberts, will and bequeath my state ranked goalie skills to Layla Buckler.
- * I, Tanner Redoutey, will and bequeath my ability to be late 24/7 Brayden V.
- * I, Harmony Daniels, will and bequeath my ability to stay out of trouble to Zander Daniels.
- * I, Kimberly Stanley, will and bequeath my ability to be prepared for classes to Sydney Callihan and Deaglan Wolfe. I, Kimberly Stanley, will and bequeath my artistic ability to Kodi Burton. I, Kimberly Stanley, will and bequeath my ability of holding good attendance to Gracie Vernier.
- * I, Andrew Abrams, bequeath my left sandal to Noah Williams and I bequeath my right sandal to Dalton Hedrick

In 10 Years I'll...

- * In ten years, I will have finished college for a degree in forensic science and be in the work field helping to solve crimes. Emily Lore
- * Be a nurse and having a nurse affiliated job. Josh Holsinger
- * Hopefully be graduated from college and having a job of my dream. Cianna Newman
- * Be graduated from dental school, no I do not want to clean your teeth or gives you free braces. John Jones
- * Hopefully be in a stable relationship, have a bachelors degree and have my own place to call home. Gage Martin
- * I will be married and have a kid maybe and working in the medical field hopefully. Kacy Book
- * In ten years I will be happy and away from Portsmouth, Ohio. Emma Nelson
- * Hopefully be financially stable with someone I love, with a home and great life doing what I love. Deven Brown
- * In ten years I will be graduated from high school teaching at a local high school and married. Alatheia Wolfe
- * Moving to Florida, working at Disney, and working on becoming or be a mortician. Aris Setty
- * hopefully be living my best life. Jacob Davis
- * In ten year's I will be moving in a house with my best friend as a room mate. Shawn Luther
- * either be in the military or a police officer. Preslee Jenkins
- * Be a speech pathologist living my best life. Eden Cline
- * Be cuttin hair or dead somewhere Auston Tilley
- * Broadcaster on ESPN Corey Demorest
- * Be a successful Nurse Practitioner Charity Teeters
- * be rich. Natalie Mershon
- * have a family and good job. Phillip Seth

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- * Be Somewhere Zachary Elliott
- * be happy. Mariah Smith
- * Be living the dream. Brennan Overby
- * In TEN years I will have enough McDonald's coupons to be free in life. David Flannery
- * have ten cats Gale Winters
- * rich Gabriel Myers
- * Be an elementary teacher Abigail Boland
- * be in Florida Noah Coleman
- * Rich Ethan Journey
- * be working in the radiology field, living in Wyoming with my husband and kids. Laikyn Roberts
- * Be successful at whatever I am doing living through faith.
Eli Sayre
- * In ten years I hope to be graduated from college and starting my life. Jasmine Wilson
- * I would like to have been had a business by now and thriving
Max Cyrus
- * I will own a successful business and have a family.
Tanner Redoutey
- * Be on my way of becoming a doctor. Ryan Tatman
- * Be doing my dream job of helping people as a nurse practitioner, and living my best life. Madison Russell
- * In ten years I will be a known artist Kimberly Stanley

What I'll Miss Most

- * I will miss my percussion section and being in marching band, playing my marimba. Emily Lore
- * Choir class. Josh Holsinger
- * I will miss being apart of the choir and seeing Mrs.Tieman. Cianna Newman
- * Per my senior superlative, the teachers.... John Jones
- * Friendships Gage Martin
- * I will miss Alatheia, Preslee and all the good laughs we had.Kacy Book
- * That coming home from school feeling. Emma Nelson
- * Having all my friends in one spot to congregate in. Deven Brown
- * I will miss the good laughs that came with good friends. Alatheia Wolfe
- * Mrs. Tieman and the musical performances. Aris Setty
- * Fish sticks and mac n cheese Jacob Davis
- * friends madi riley
- * Sports Preslee Jenkins
- * Conversations in class with my friends and teachers. Eden Cline
- * all of my homies Kaleb Shepherd
- * The agony of waking up at 6 in the morning Auston Tilley
- * All the notes in Mr. Smalley's class Corey Demorest
- * The fun times I've had during the musicals. Charity Teeters
- * the friendship Phillip Seth

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- * Being an Office Worker Zachary Elliott
- * What I will miss the most from highschool is the atmosphere of the building and the teachers that have made such an impact on my life. Mariah Smith
- * nothing Kaleb Shepherd
- * Seeing the people I've known for almost 13 years on a daily basis. Brennan Overby
- * Mr. Goodwin David Flannery
- * Mr. Smalley's dad jokes Gale Winters
- * my friends Abigail Boland
- * Playing tennis with my sister Noah Coleman
- * nothing Ethan Journey
- * Soccer and all the events like football games and Key Club service and the wonderful talks with Todd G. Laikyn Roberts
- * The morning conversations with G. + baseball. Eli Sayre
- * What I will miss the most will definitely be my friends, and some of the teachers. Jasmine Wilson
- * Gym class with the boys Tanner Redoutey
- * I will miss the teachers' and students' jokes and laughter. And school library books. Harmony Daniels
- * Cheering at Friday football games Madison Russell
- * I will miss the closeness of my friends and I Kimberly Stanley
- * Musicals and the soccer team Andrew Abrams

Superlatives

Most Artistic

Devyn Stanley
Jacob Ball

Best Promposal

Gabe Myers
Sharon Macias

Best Bromance

Gabe Myers
Jacob Davis

Besties

Mariah Smith
Kenzie Miller

Class Heartthrob

Max Cyrus
Mariah Smith

Most School Spirit

Brennan Overby
Eden Cline

Teacher's Pet

John Jones
Sharon Macias

Most Likely to Cheer you up

Jacob Davis
Nataya Richards

Worse Case of Sen- ioritis

Jackson Doughman
Kinslie Scarberry

Biggest Flirt

Max Cyrus
Keima Bennett

Always Late

Tanner Redoutey
Natalie Mershon

Most likely to be a pro athlete

Jesse Dixon
Abigail Boland
Eden Cline

Most likely to be TikTok famous

Jackson Doughman
Madison Riley

Most Likely to Be Late to Graduation

Jackson Doughman
Keima Bennett

Most Likely to Win the Lottery and Lose the Ticket

Jesse Dixon
Kaylee Scott
Madison Riley

Most Likely to Be- come a Famous Musician/ Singer

John Jones
Taran Willis
Sailor Isgett

Most Gullible

Kaleb Thurman
Sharon Macias

Best Personality

Jacob Davis
Gabe Kouns
Brennan Overby
Mariah Smith

Best Car

Noah Coleman
Eden Cline

Most likely to be a billionaire

Tanner Redoutey
Natalie Mershon

Friendliest Smile

Jacob Ball
Nataya Richards

Best Dressed

John Jones
Mariah Smith

Best Couple and Most Likely to remain high school sweethearts

Brennan Overby and
Eden Cline

Funniest

Max Cyrus
Nataya Richards

Teacher most likely to be missed

Mrs. Smalley

Senior Favorites

Car/Truck — Jeep Wrangler

Clothing Brand — Nike

TV Show— Friends

Actor— Johnny Depp

Actress— Jennifer Aniston

Movie— Notebook and Stepbrothers

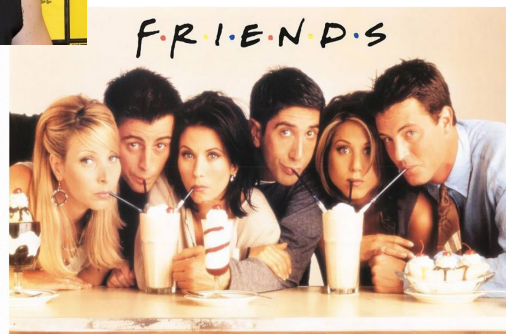
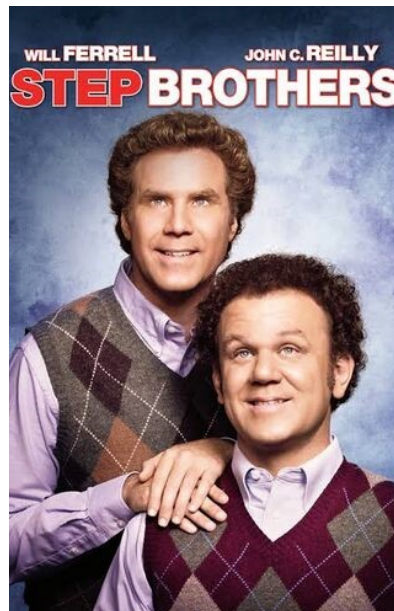
Food— Pizza

Social Media App— Snapchat

Comedian— Kevin Hart

Subject in school—Science

Music Artist—Morgan Wallen



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Guess Who: Senior Babies



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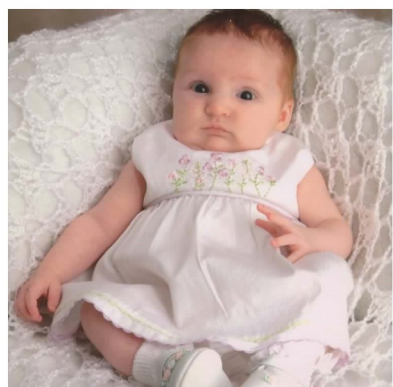
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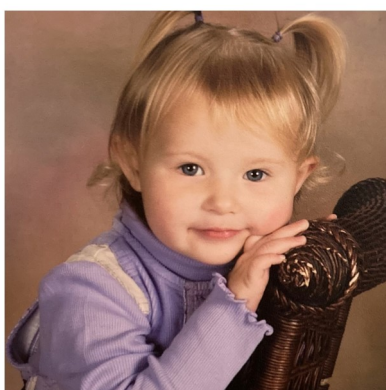
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Scan the QR code below to see the Senior "Then and Now" video



Guess Who Answers
 1. Noah Coleman
 2. Madison Staggs
 3. Auston Tilley
 4. Kacy Book
 5. Xavier Camden
 6. Sailor Isgett
 7. Max Cyrus
 8. Abigail Winters
 9. Jayson McGraw