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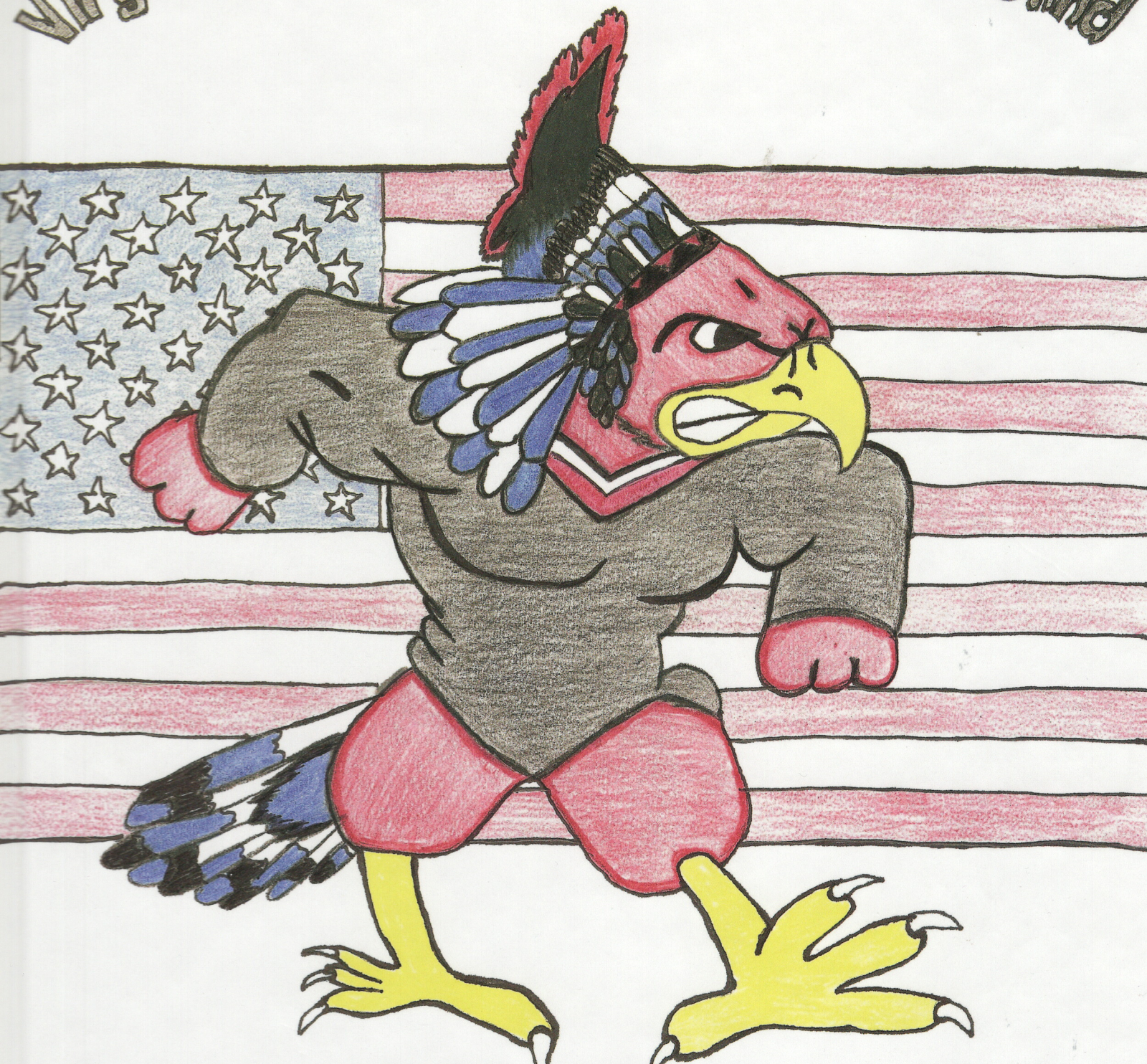

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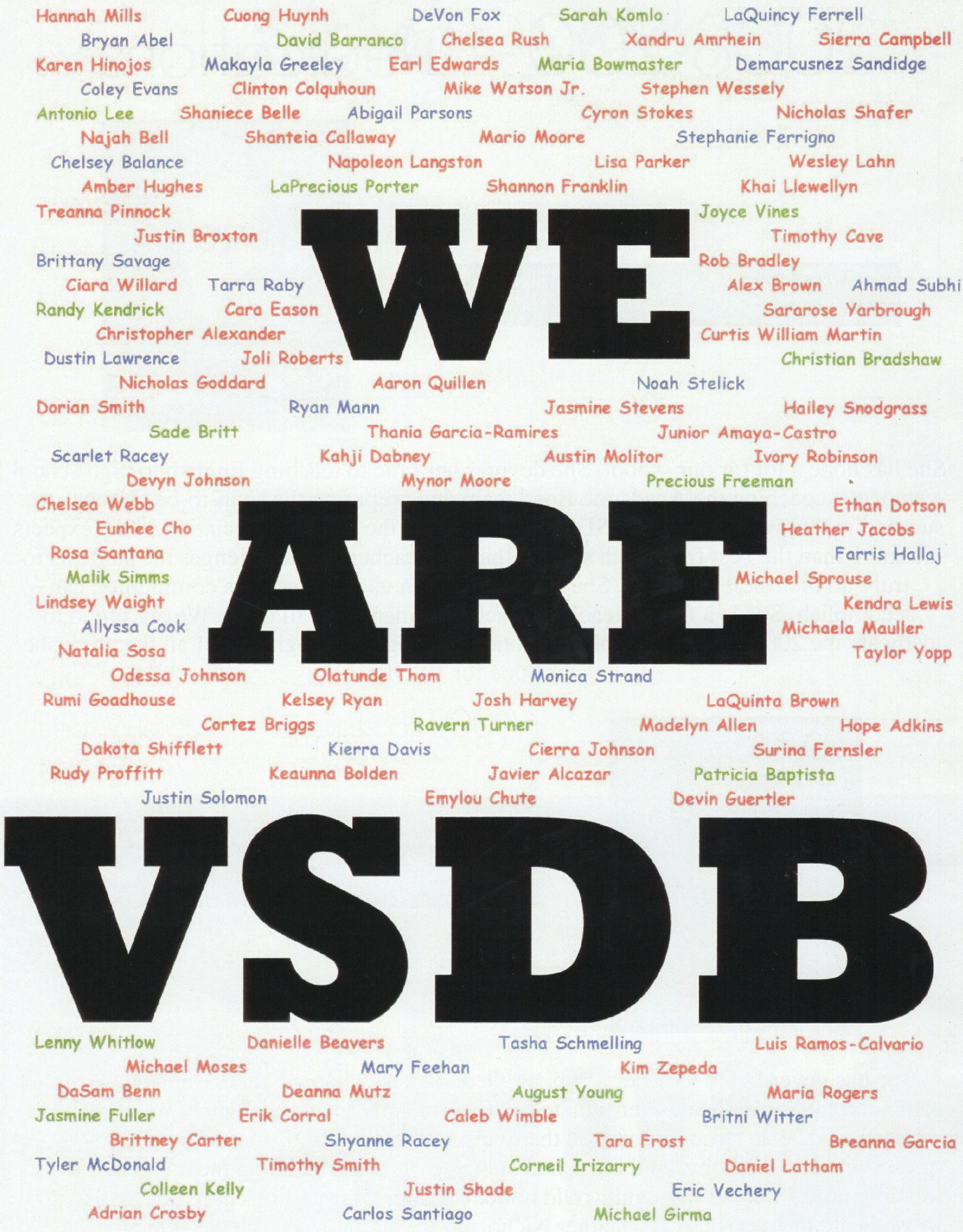
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2008-2009 Dedications

Rhonda Jennings

She has done a lot for our school. She devotes her time to teaching English to high school students, coaching the Academic Bowl team,and preparing the soon-to-be alumnae to succeed in the world. Outside VSDB, she also leads the alumni association. She expects no more than the best from each student that she teaches. She challenges the students to truly do their best everyday. She has truly shown us what we, as a community, can accomplish. She is a friend, teacher, coach, and mentor to all of us. We are proud to dedicate the 2008-2009 yearbook to Rhonda Jennings in recognition of all the work she has done for VSDB.

Heather Nicholson

She has never failed to cheer us up, or encourage us when we think things have gotten tough. She dedicates her time to helping students accomplish more in English. She has made an strong impact on the living history of VSDB for many years by preserving our memories and big moments in yearbooks, including the one you are reading now. Without her, you would not be holding this yearbook. It is fitting that we dedicate this yearbook to Heather Nicholson for all the work she has done for the White Columns Yearbook.

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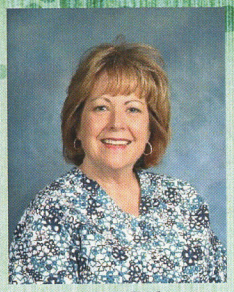

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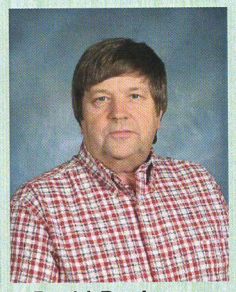

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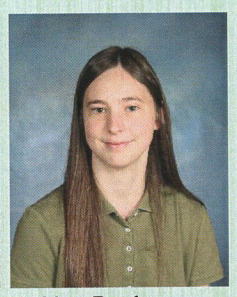

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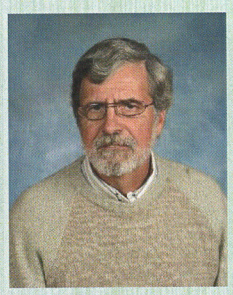

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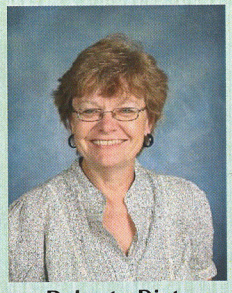

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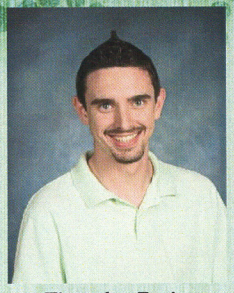

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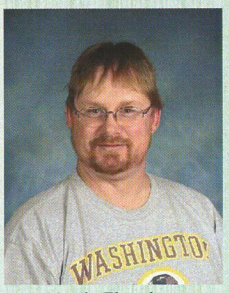

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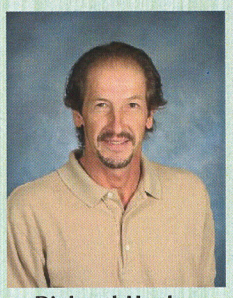

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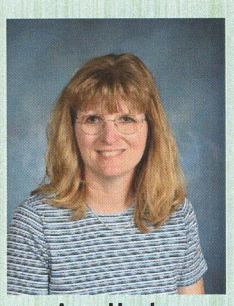

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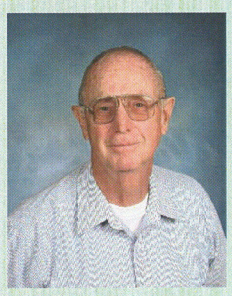

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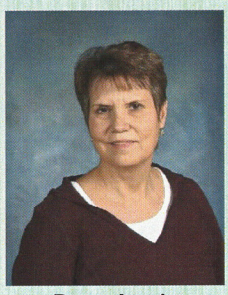

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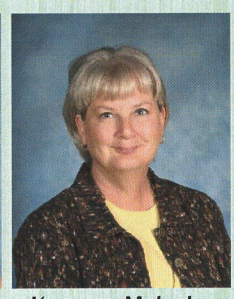

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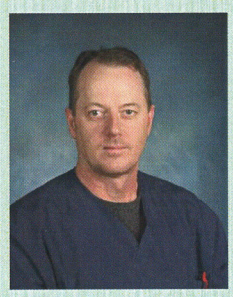

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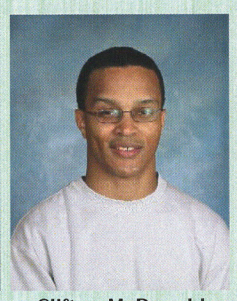

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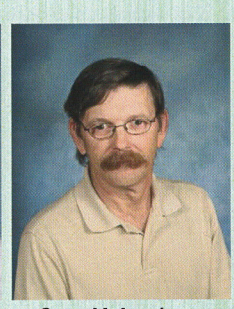

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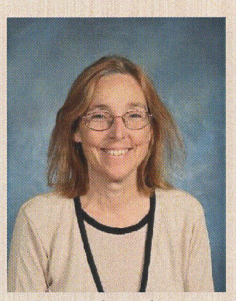

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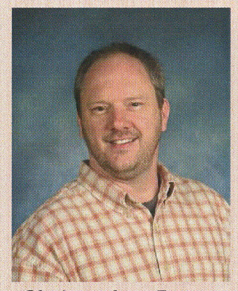

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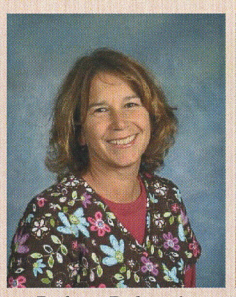

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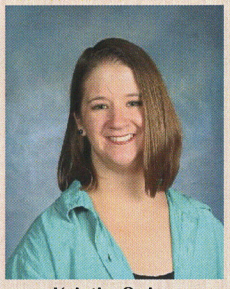

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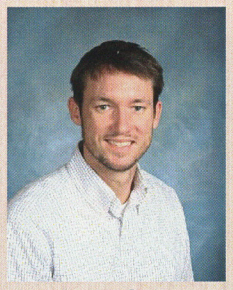

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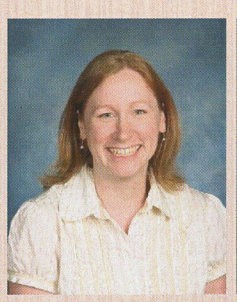

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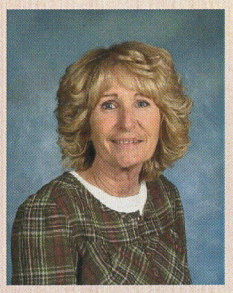

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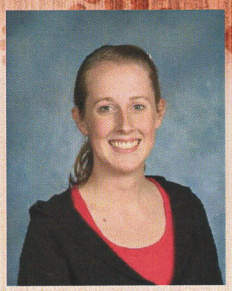

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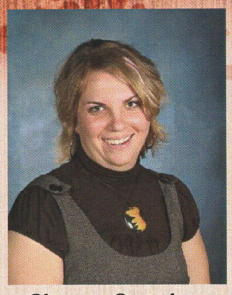

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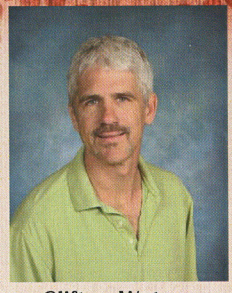

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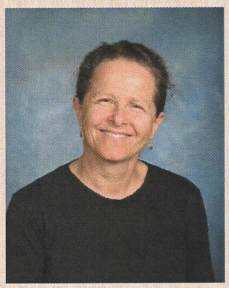

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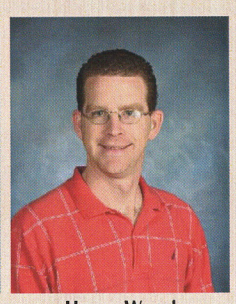

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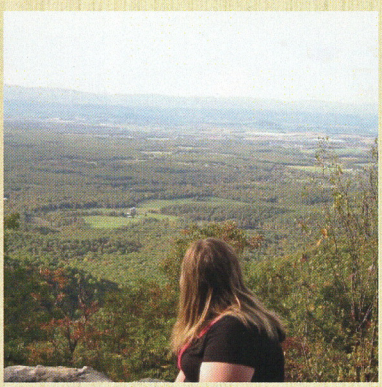

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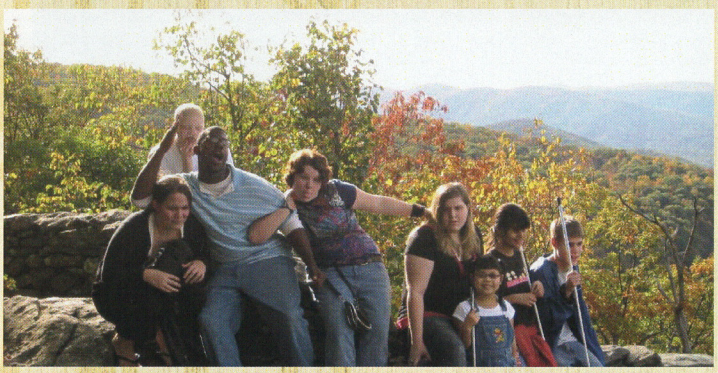
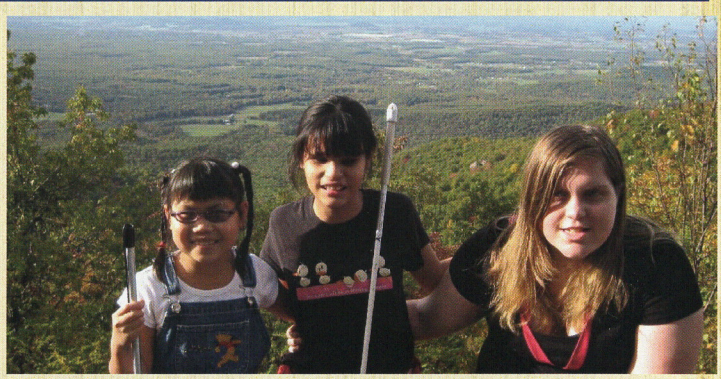
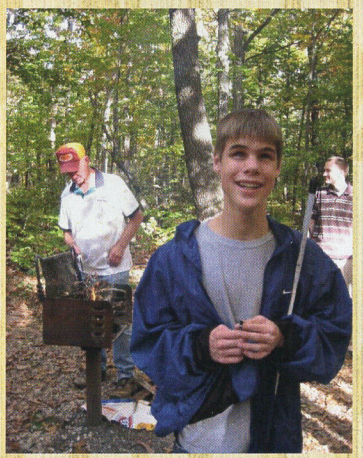
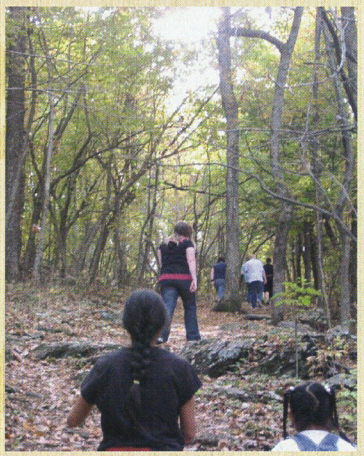

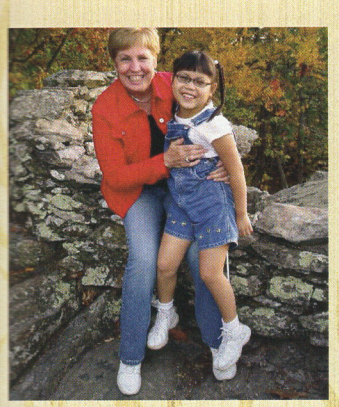
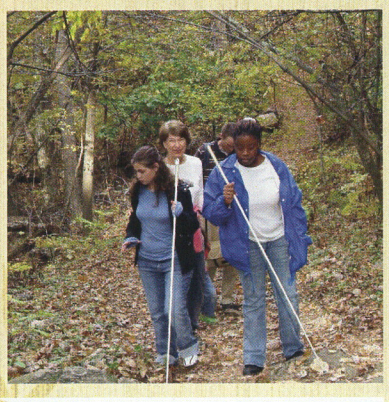
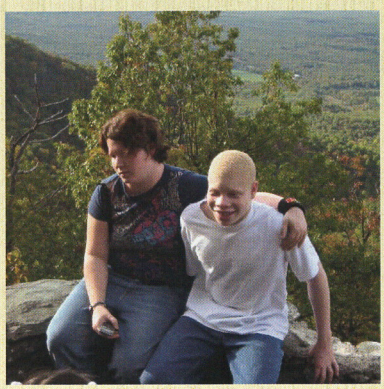
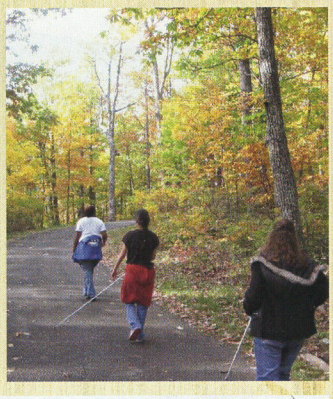

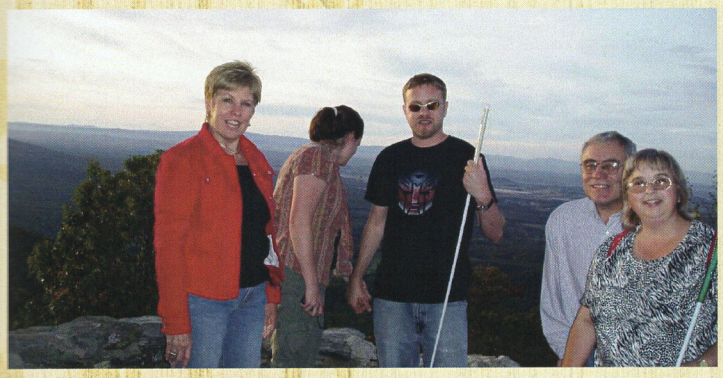

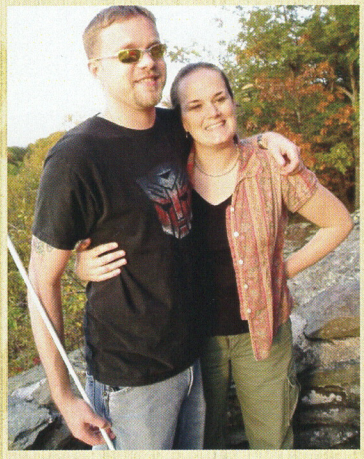

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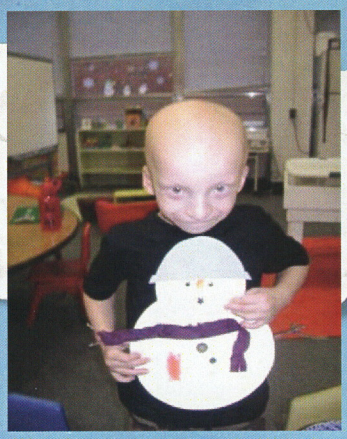

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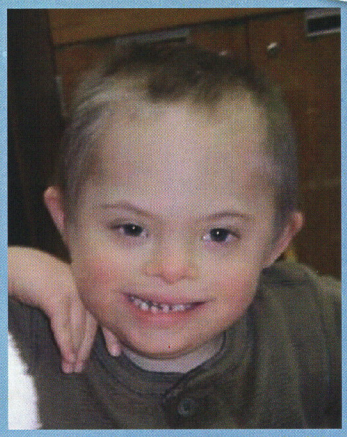

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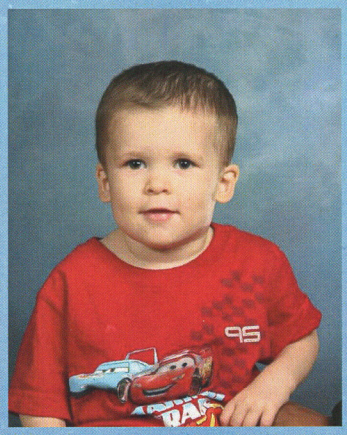

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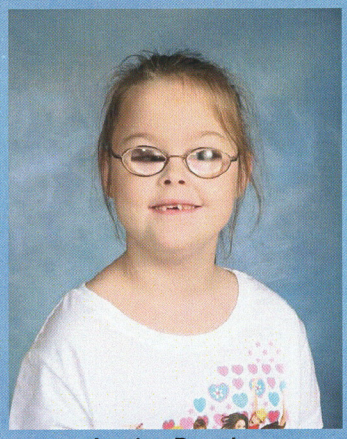

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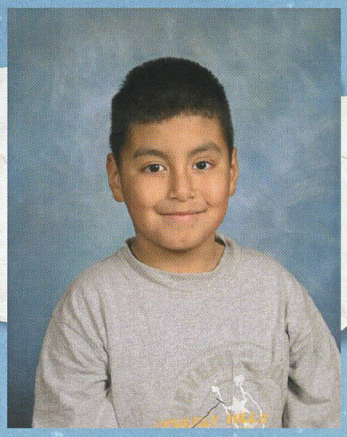

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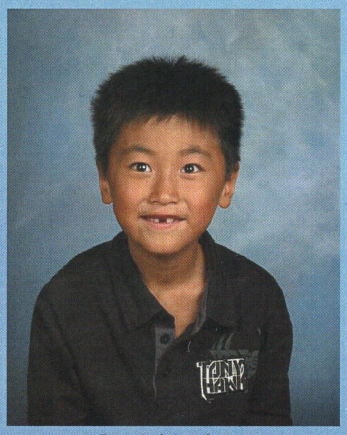

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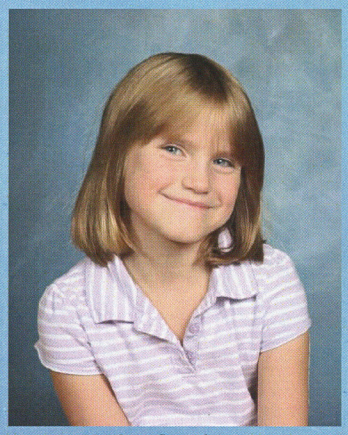

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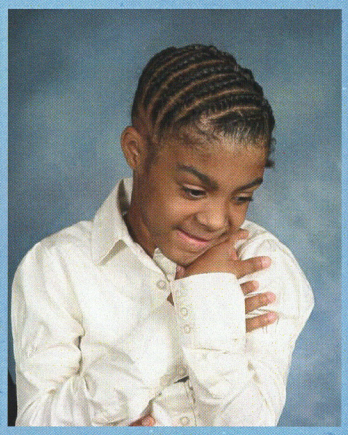

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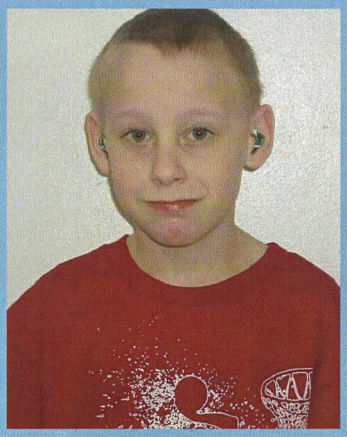

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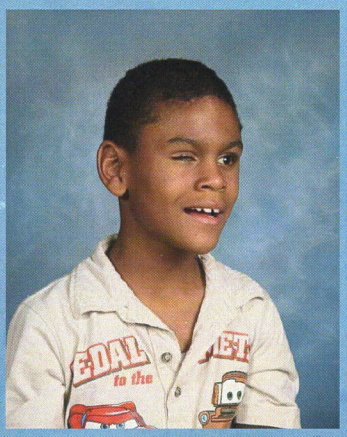

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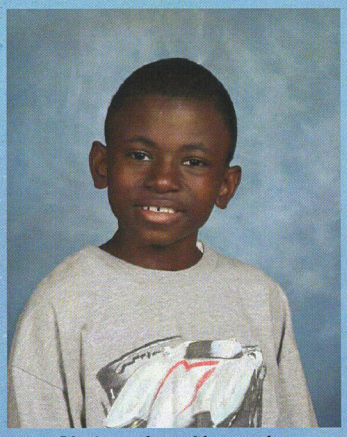

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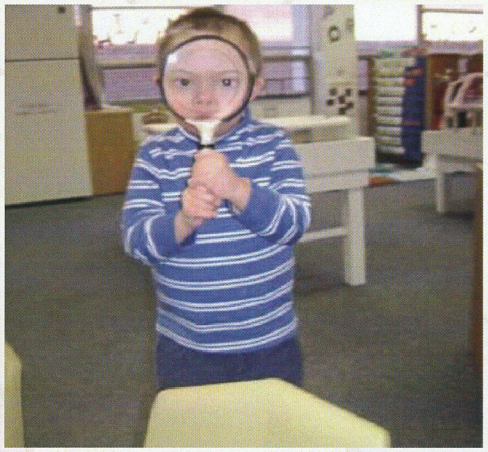

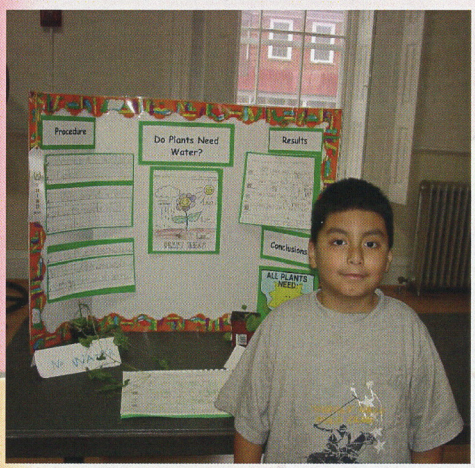

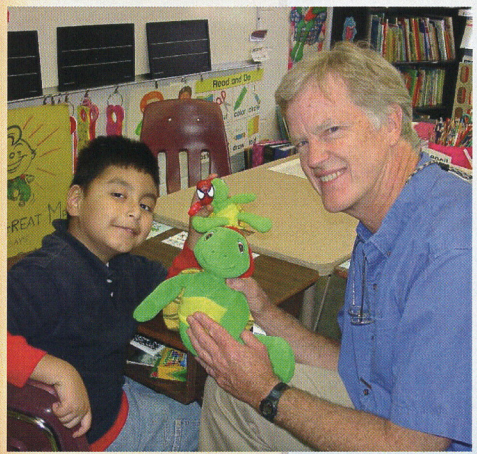

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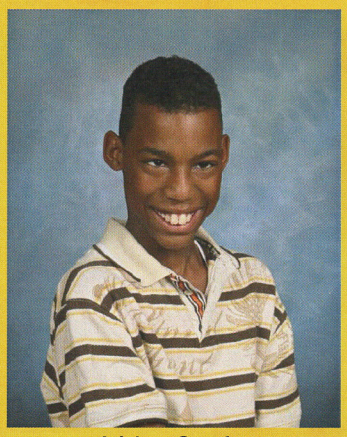

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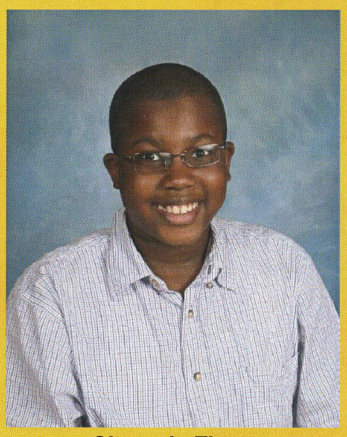

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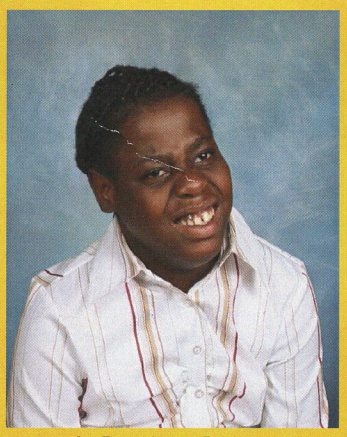

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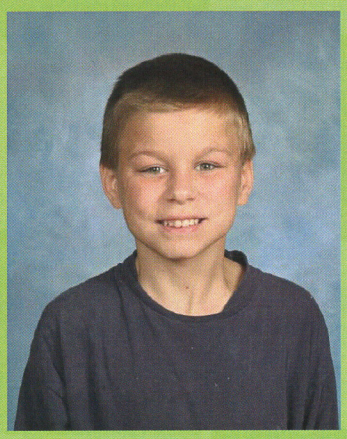

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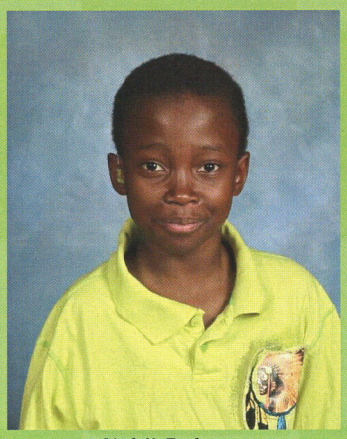

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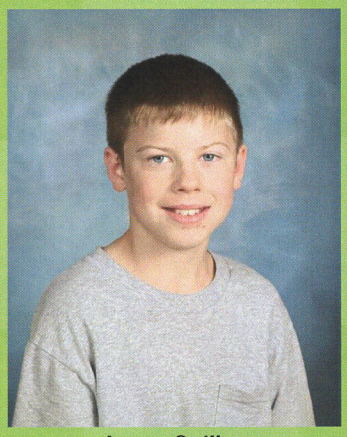

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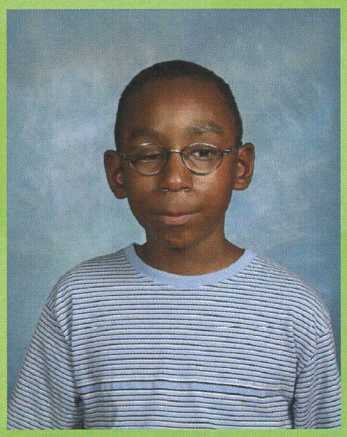

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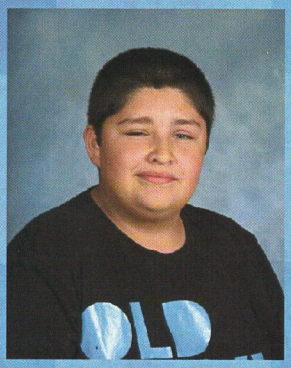

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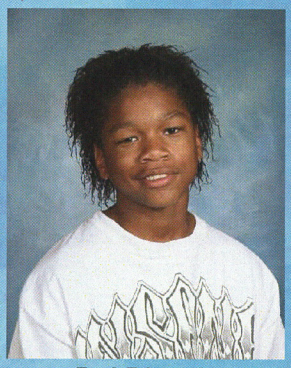

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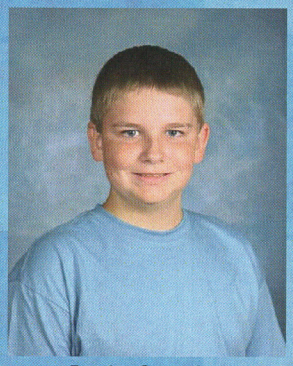

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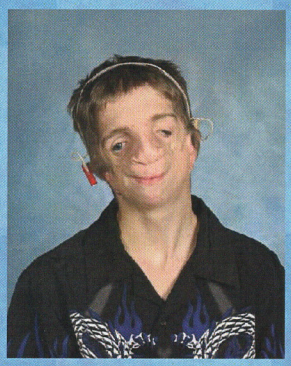

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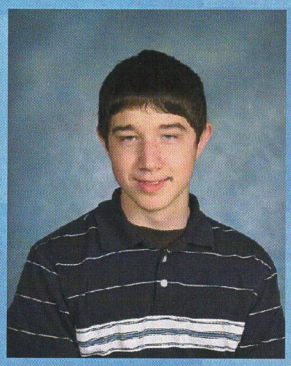

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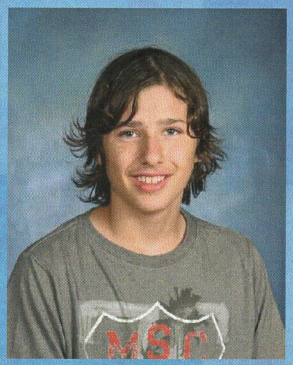

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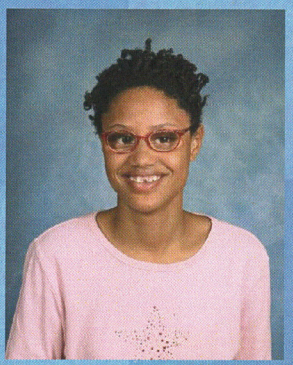

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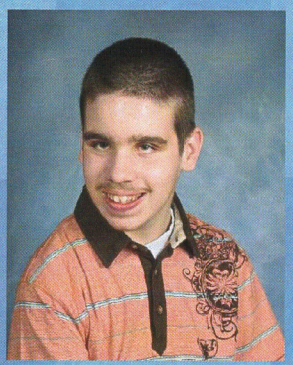

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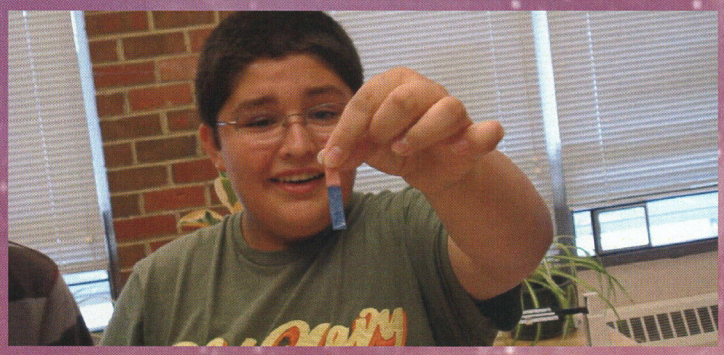
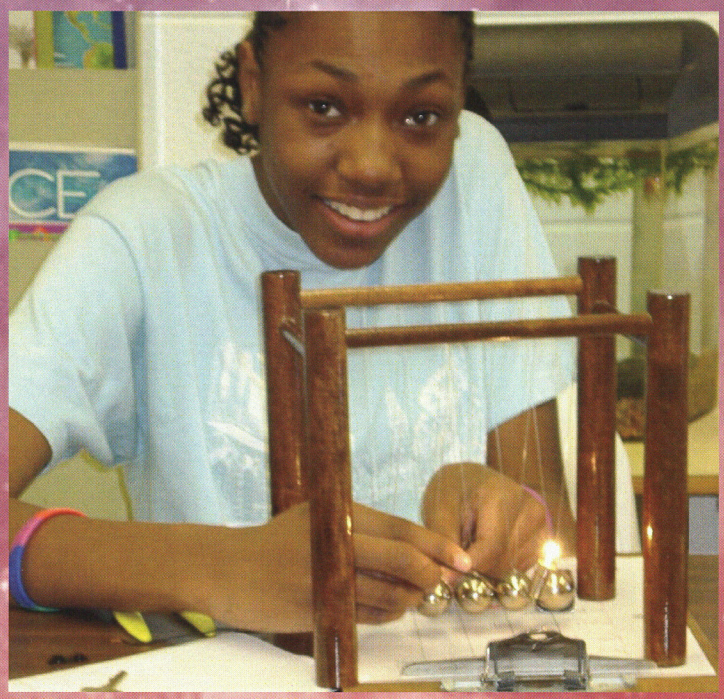

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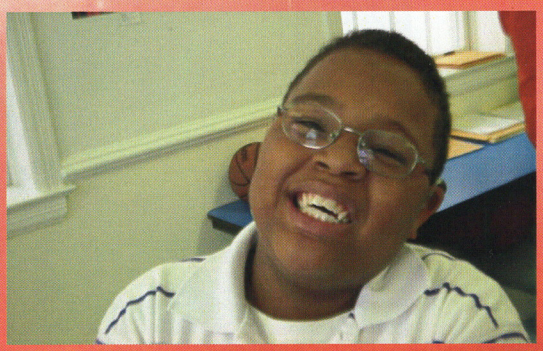

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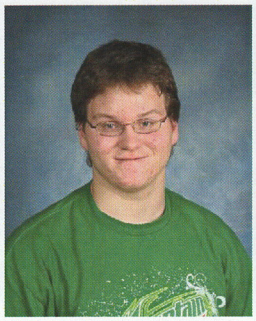
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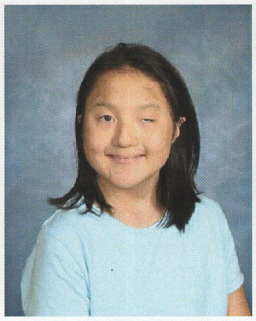
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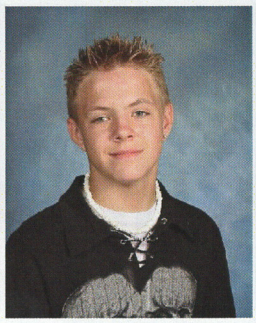
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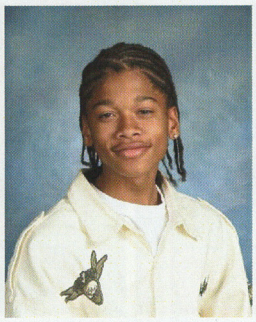
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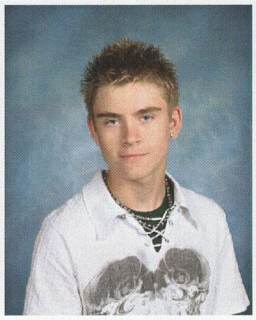
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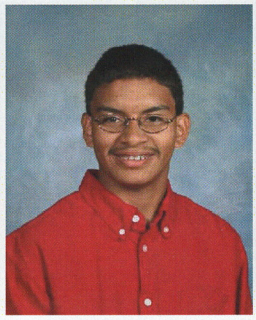
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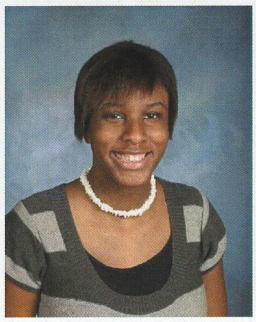
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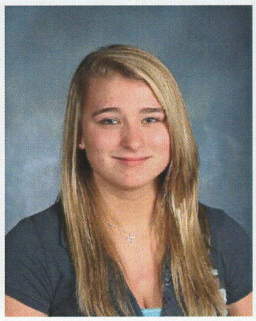
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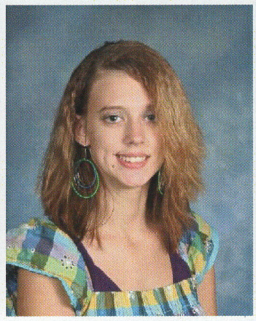
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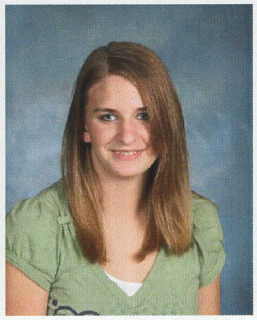
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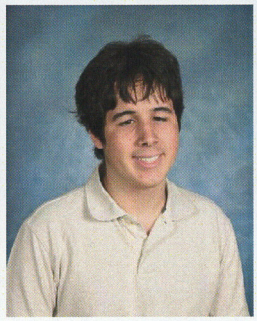
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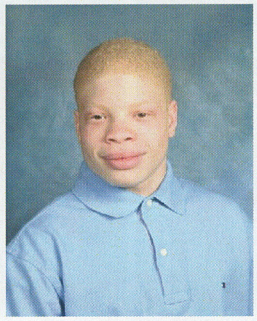
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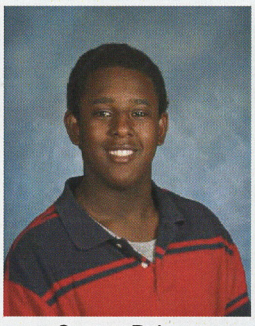
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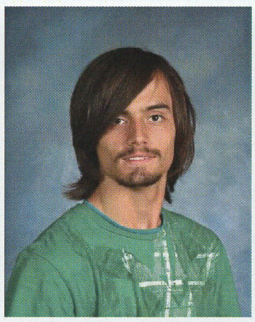
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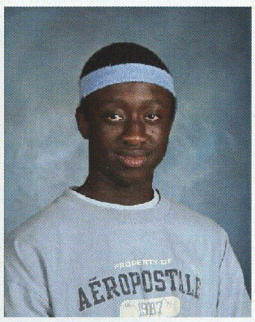

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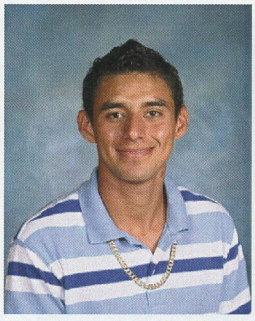
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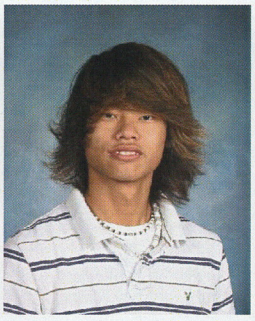
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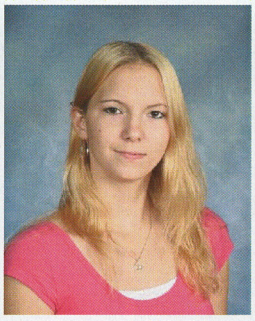
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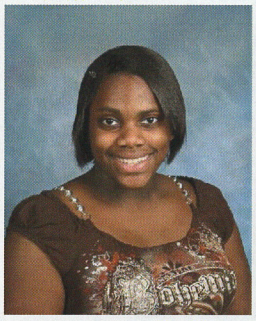
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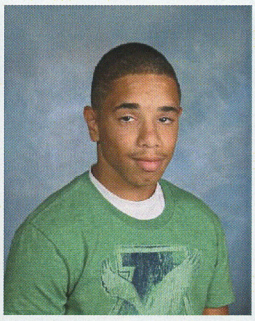
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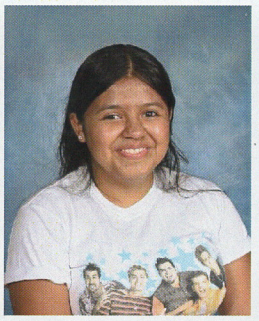
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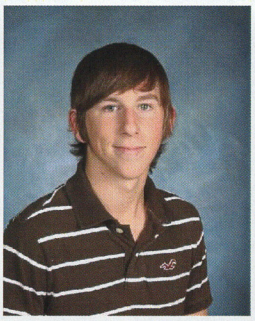
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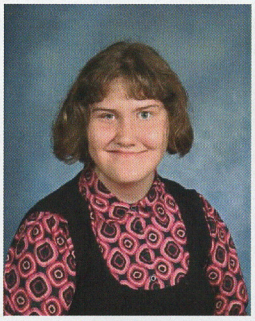
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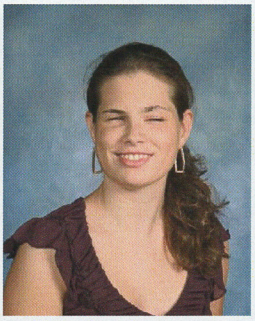
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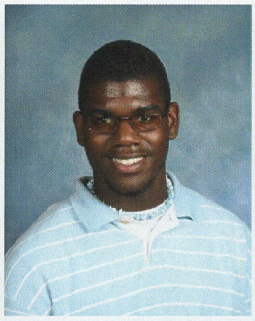
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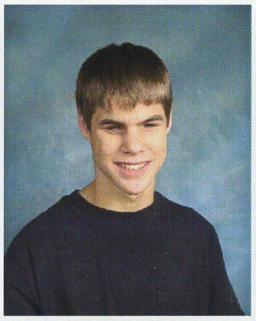
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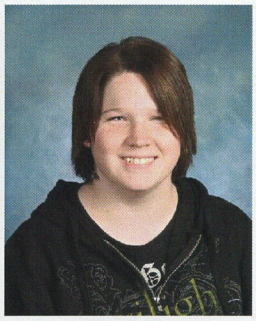
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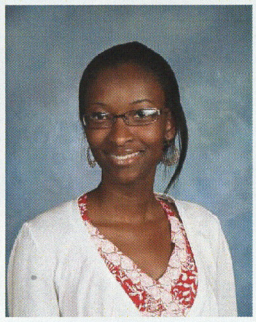
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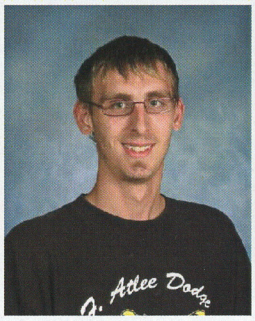
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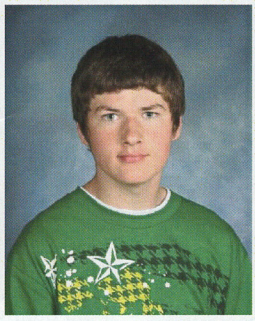
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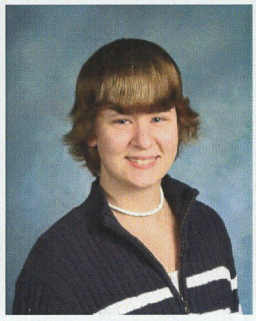
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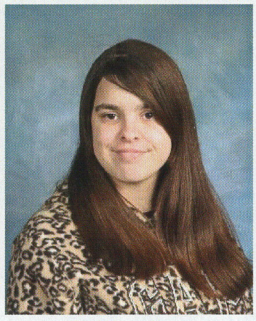
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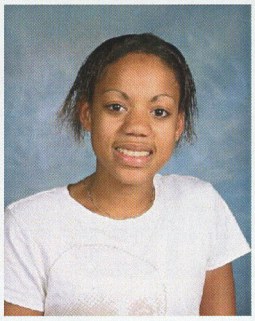
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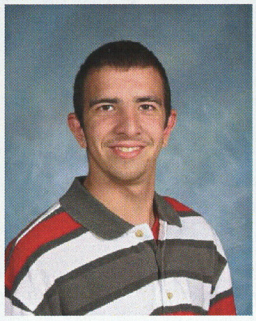
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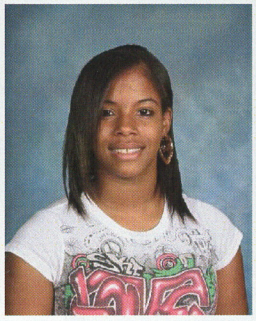
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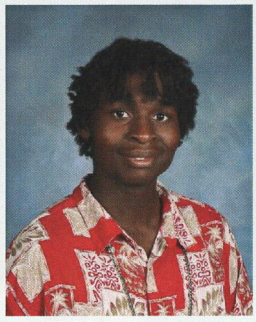
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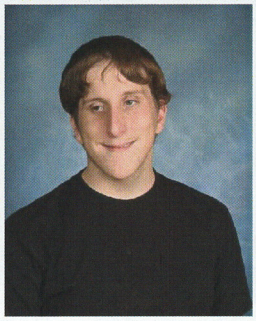
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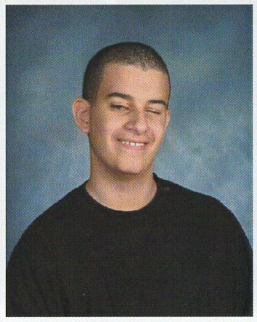
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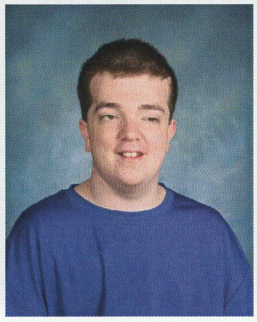
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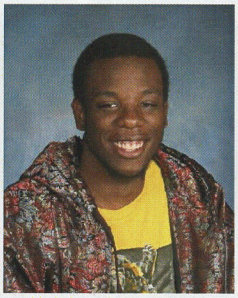
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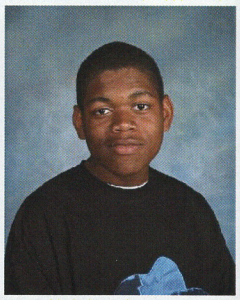
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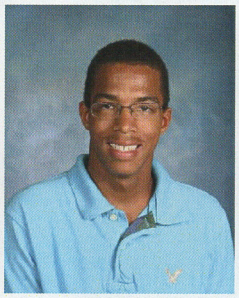
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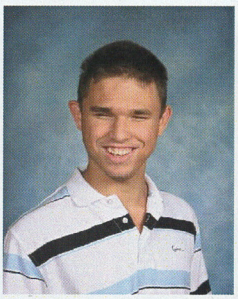
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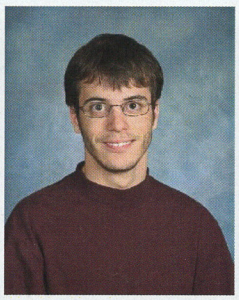
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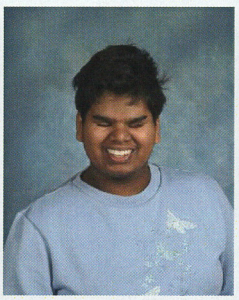
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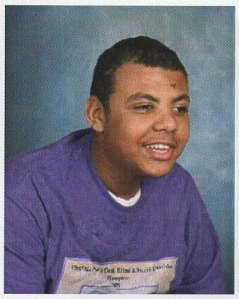
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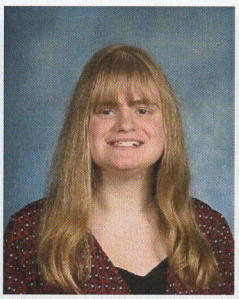
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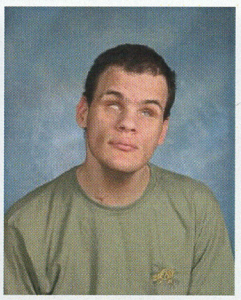
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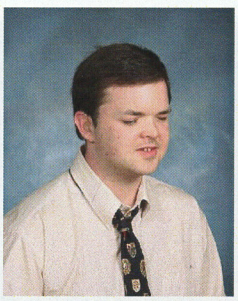
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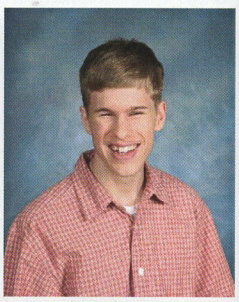
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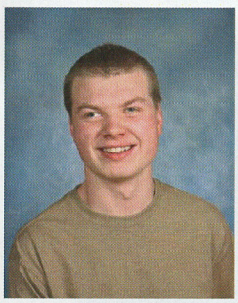
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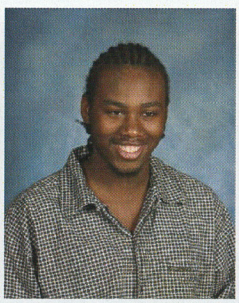
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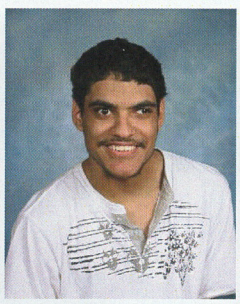
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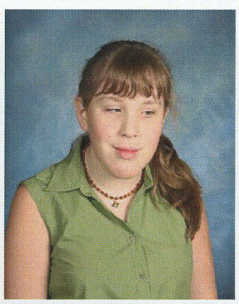
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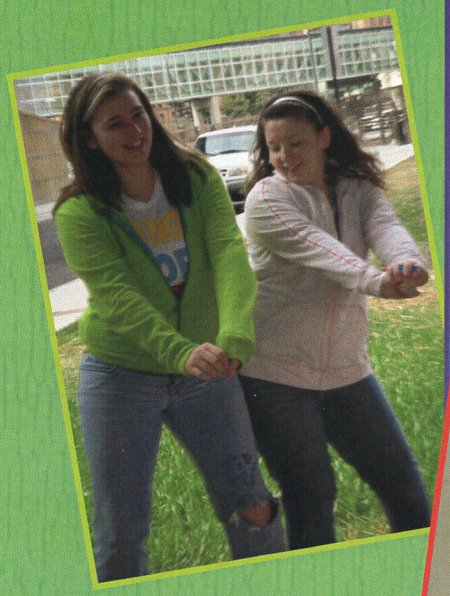

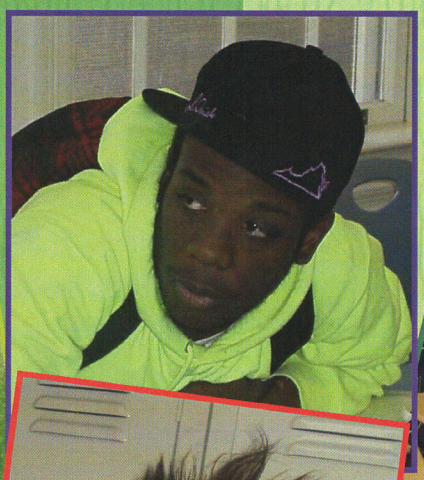

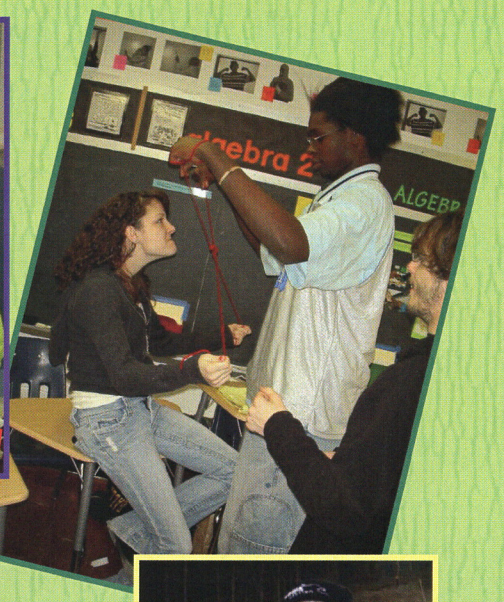
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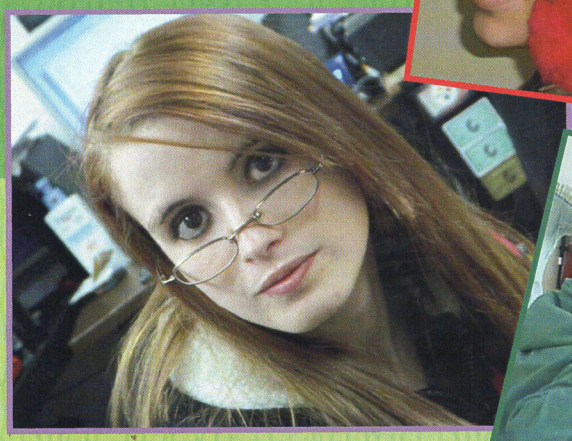
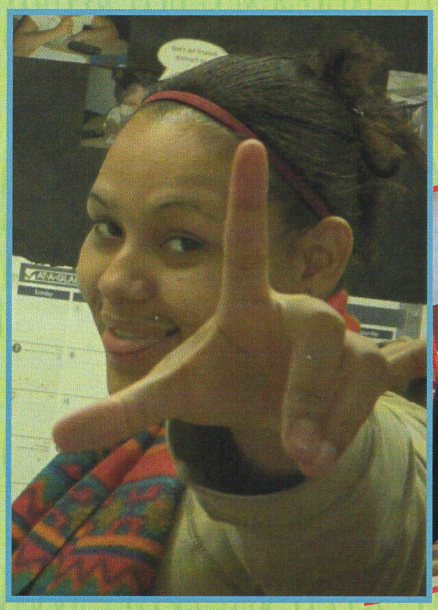
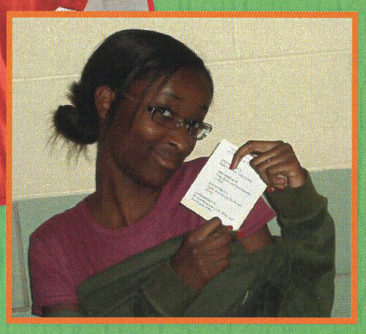
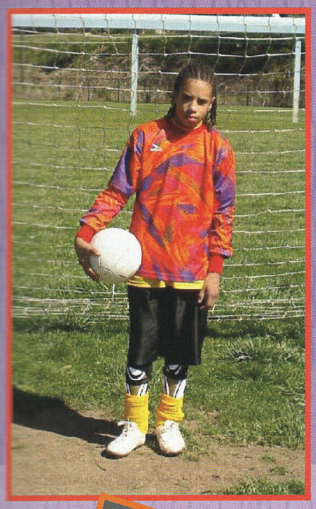
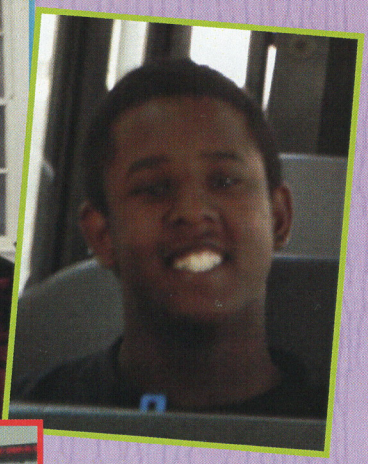
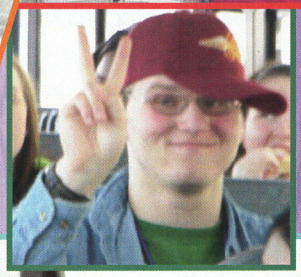












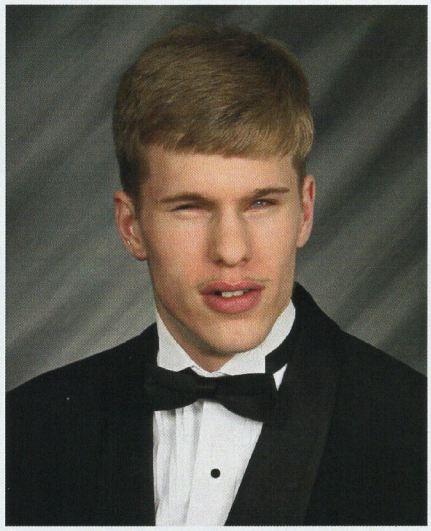
Shaniece Monique Belle

Hometown: Newport News / West Point, Virginia
Favorite VSDB memory: Chatting with my friends, going shopping and to the Waterpark.
My favorites are Rhonda Jennings and Kathy Campbell.
Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Jr. NAD, SCA class representative, Drama Club, Yearbook
Hobbies: Watching "True Life" and MTV
Plans after graduating: I am happy, and will work at Home Depot. I will work and then get an apartment.

Emylou Dayle Chute

Hometown: Culpepper, Virginia
Quote: Follow your heart and be yourself.
Favorite VSDB memory: Having Erica P. in the dorm room. When we turned off the light, she went crazy. It cracked me up. I will never forget that. I love her!
Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Jr. NAD, SCA, Drama Club, Yearbook, and Technology Club
Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, shopping, making funny jokes, and being sneaky
Plans after graduating: Getting a CAR! Zooming to Gallaudet! Living free!

Coley L. Evans



Hometown: Staunton, Virginia
Quote: "Some men see things as they are and say, why? I dream of things that never were and say, why not?" – George Bernard Shaw
Favorite VSDB memory: Summer Camp '05 - A great bunch of people and good times!
Activities: Chorus, band – learned to work the saxophone
Hobbies: Producing spots for Allegeny Mountain radio, studio announcing, audio engineering, working as local radio co-host 94.3
Plans after graduating: 2 year business degree at BRCC, then continuing education at a Virginia university; a career in broadcasting, perhaps one day owning my own radio show

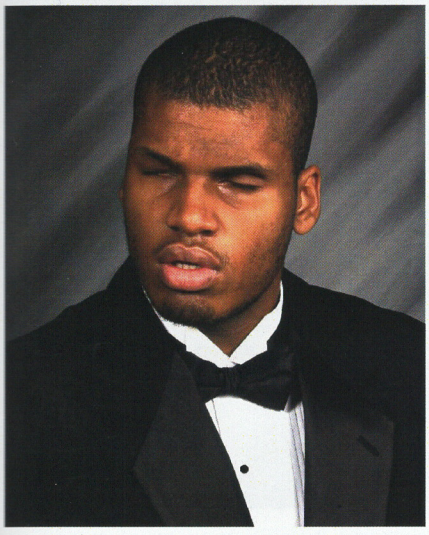
Tara Patricia Frost

Hometown: Portsmouth, Virginia
Quote: My room is messy like a hurricane!
Favorite VSDB memory: Socializing with friends
Activities: Yearbook photographer,
Volleyball manager, Drama Club
Hobbies: Listening to music, watching sci-fi on T.V.,
watching movies, collecting pictures on the computer
Plans after graduating: Go to Tidewater Community College

Dustin Chance Lawrence

Hometown: Wytheville, Virginia
Quote: "Let's rock!"
Favorite VSDB memory: The Dorm Dogs
Activities: Goalball, jamming with the band
Hobbies: Music
Plans after graduating: Still exploring possibilities

Antonio Lee



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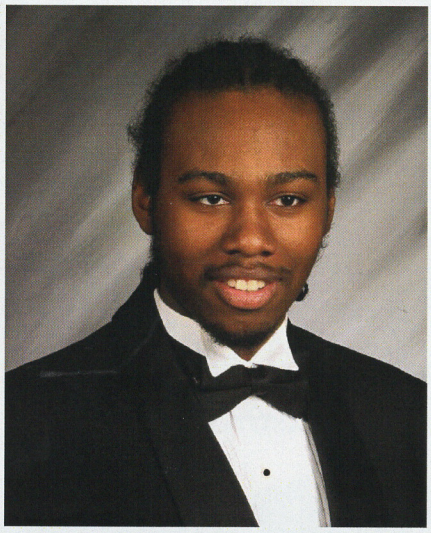
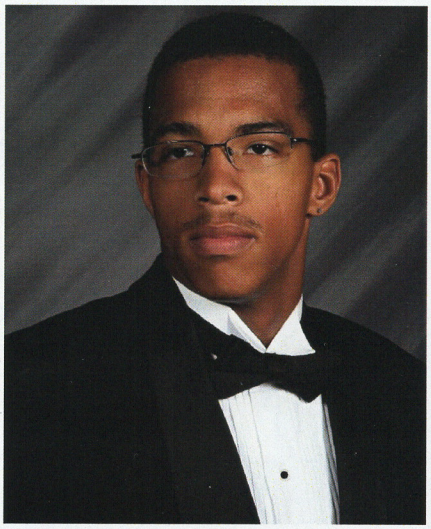


Hometown: Sterling / Staunton, Virginia
Activities: Goal Ball, 2004 - 2006
Hobbies: Video games, drawing, sleeping

Ivory Lamar Robinson

Hometown: Richmond, Virginia
Favorite VSDB memory: Turning off Lindsay's projector
Activities: Jr. NAD, Drama Club, Technology Club, Soccer manager Fall 2007 and Fall 2008, Basketball manager 2007-2008
Hobbies: Watching CSI, hanging out with friends, and chatting with my cousin and friends on VP (videophone)



Maria Rogers

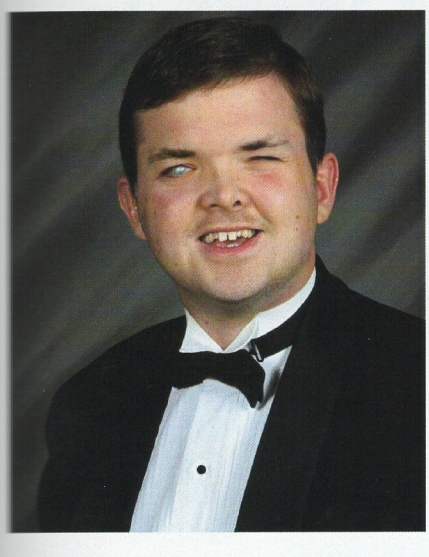
Tashia Marie Schmelling

Hometown: Staunton, Virginia
Favorite VSDB memory: Meeting Coley Evans
Activities: Horseback riding, skiing / snowboarding, swimming, rock climbing
Hobbies: Reading books and writing stories, playing the piano, playing video games
Plans after graduating: To go to college and pursue degrees in English and education

Michael Wayne Sprouse

Hometown: Newport News, Virginia
Quote: "Follow your Heart"
Favorite VSDB memory: Being pranked by Justin McDorman, talking with him, John Saunders and Timothy Cave; squabbling with my classmate Emylou Chute; being on the Academic Bowl Team.
There are more memories, so thanks VSD for the memories!
Hobbies: I love to read up on Deaf History, linguistics of ASL, and Shakespeare.
Plans after graduating: Attending Gallaudet University

August Young



Graduating Senior

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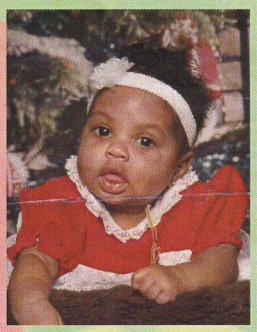

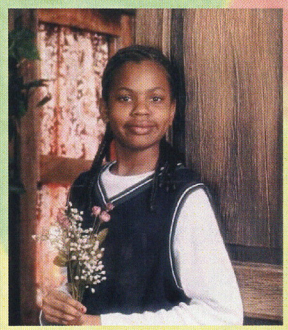
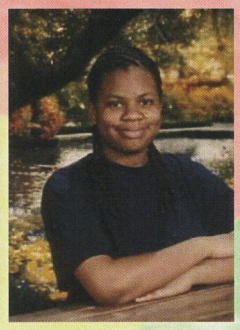

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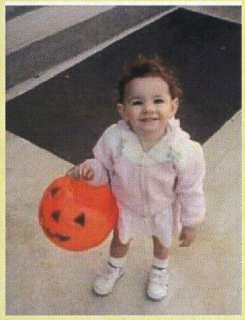
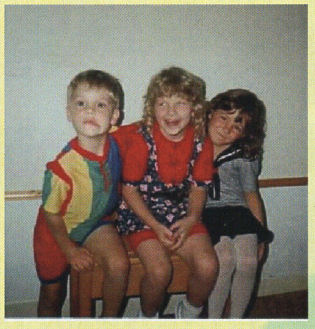
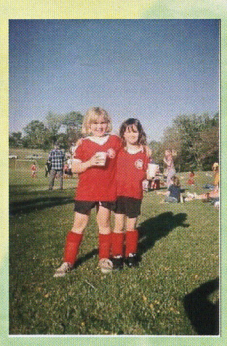

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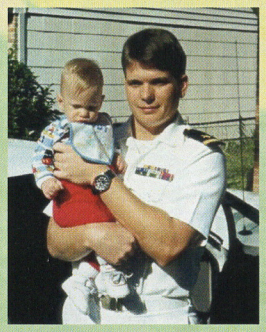
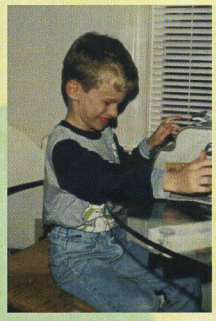
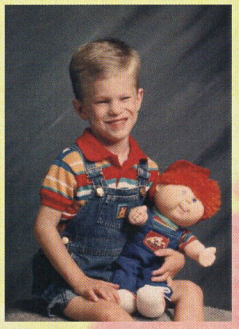
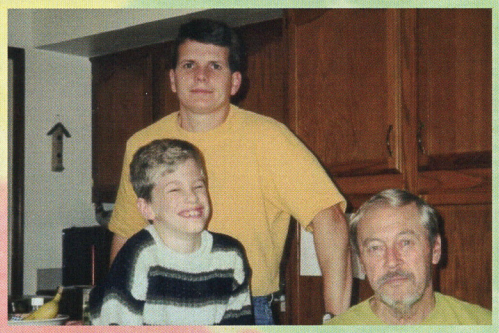

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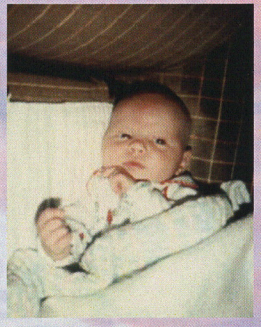
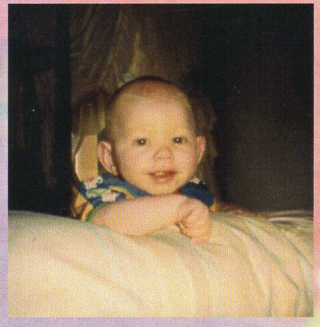
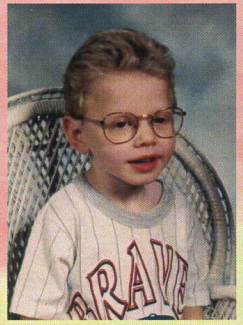
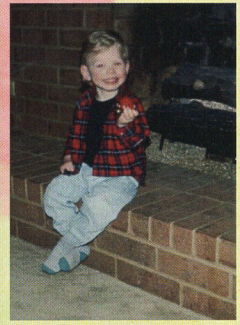

Dustin Lawrence

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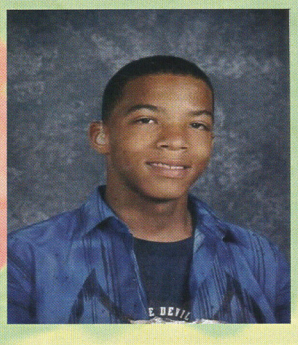
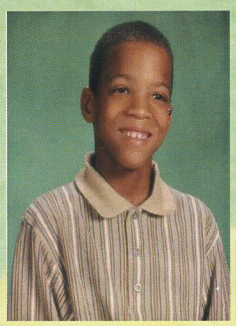
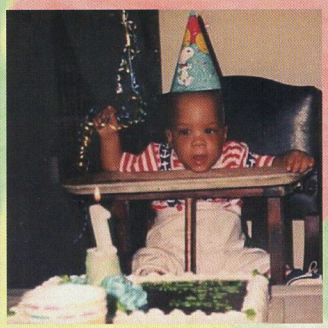
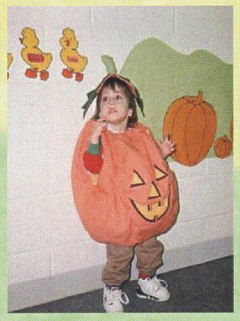
Graduating Senior

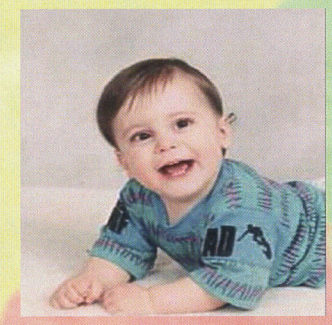





Ivory Robinson

Maria Rogers





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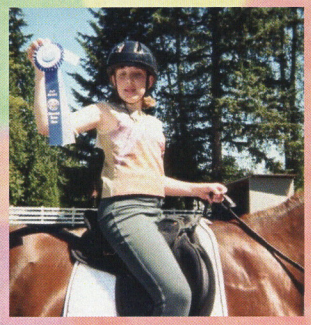
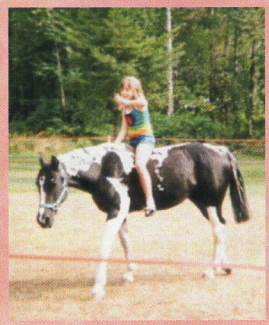

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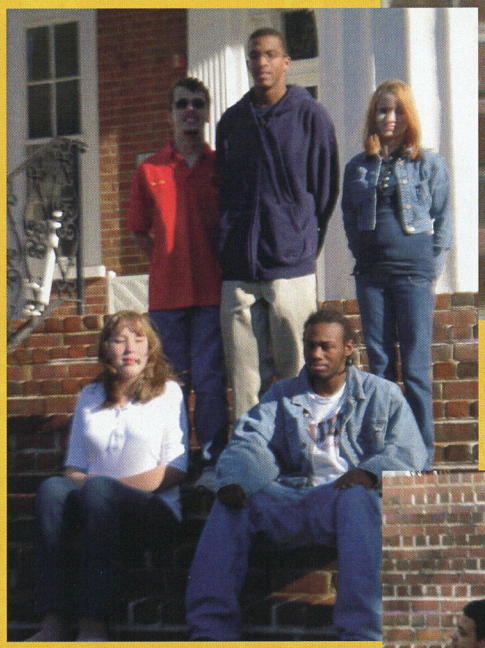
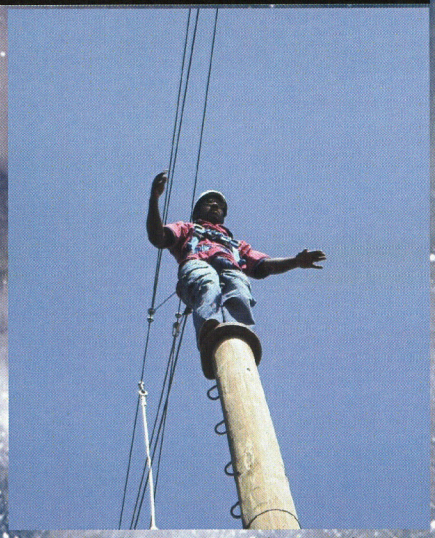
We are Seniors!



Space Camp 2008

At the airport in Huntsville, AL



LaQuncy on the pole

From September 20 through 26, four of our Blind Department students "blasted off" for a special week at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. This week was called SCIVIS, Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students. Tarra Raby, LaQuincy Ferrell, Tyler McDonald, and Demarcusnez Sandidge were accompanied by Mrs. Carver and Mrs. Knopp.

Tyler in the scuba tank

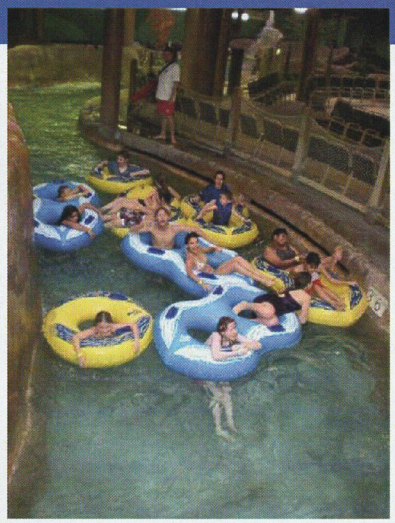
Tarra after the zipline jump

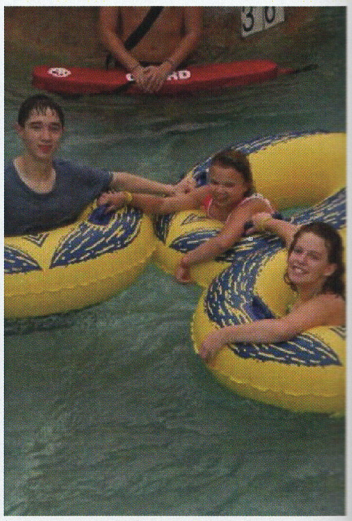
Tyler attended Advanced Space Academy, where he learned to scuba in a huge scuba tank and went on three space missions in space shuttle simulators. Tarra and LaQuincy participated as part of a team in MACH III, an advanced military flying program. Demarcusnez attended MACH II, where he also learned about flying airplanes, planning and executing missions, and supporting his teammates.

D & team at the lake

Tarra performed the best on her team on the simulators and received the Top Gun award on the final night at graduation. LaQuincy received the best all-around award, called "The Right Stuff". We are very proud of all four students, who represented VSDB well. They rubbed shoulders with 178 other blind and visually impaired students from the U.S. and four other countries, Canada, Ireland, St. Lucia, and Australia. They will never forget their experience at SCIVIS!

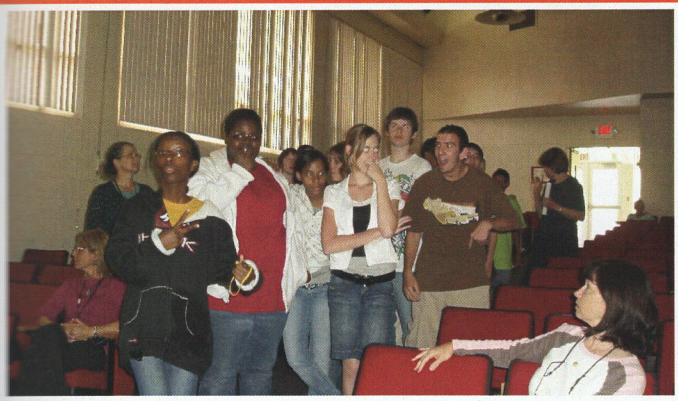
Waterpark

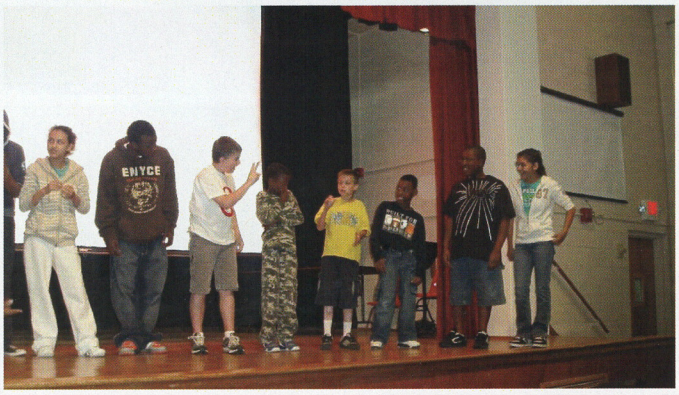




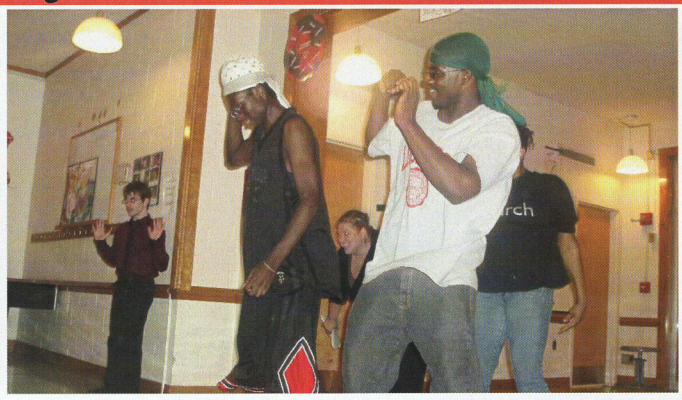
WHAT A YEAR!

Deaf Awareness Week

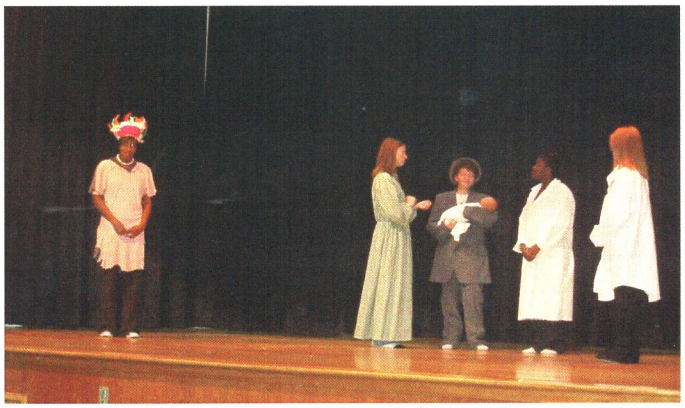


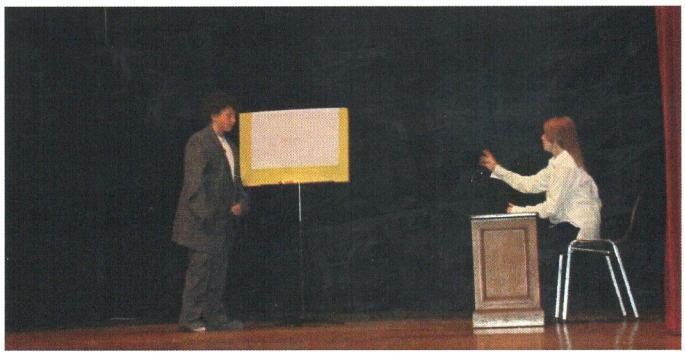


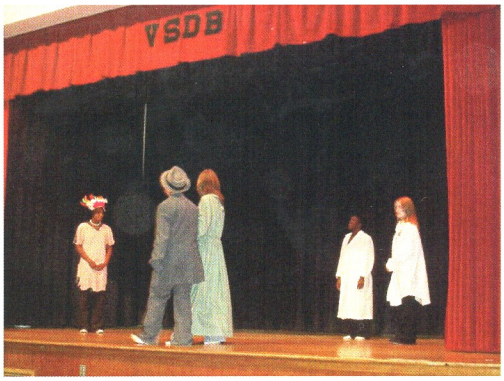
Dance Competition



Job Turner Day
Oct. 20th







Mock Election Oct. 28th

Constitution Day Sept. 17th

Pep Rally November 28th

Boys' Varsity Basketball Team with coaches Harry Wood and Cliff Watson

The Deaf Department gathers to support their sports teams.

Girls' Varsity Basketball Team with coach Anita Robinson

This year, the school held a pep rally for the basketball teams. We have three basketball teams: Boys' Varsity, Girls' Varsity, and Junior Varsity, which includes both boys and girls.

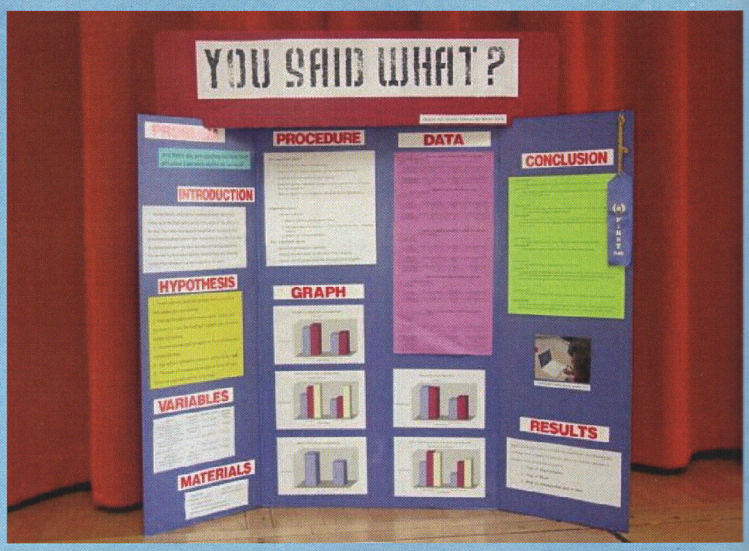
The girls introduce themselves

Junior Varsity Basketball Team with coach Cliff Watson

Building team spirit!

Gallaudet Day

Watching the 2009 Presidential Inauguration

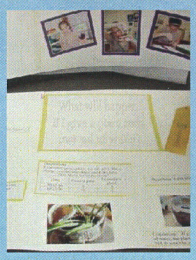


Science Fair
Dec. 10 - 12th

There were 40 entries in the science fair.
The winners were:

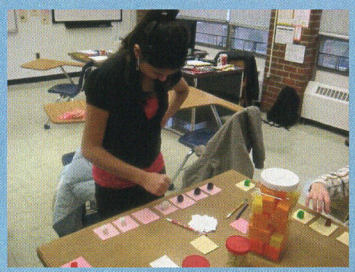
PreSchool - Elementary:
1st - Ms. Morris' 3rd Grade Class - "Which inclined plane is the fastest"
2nd - T. Pinnock - "Magnets"
3rd - "Do plants need water?"
4th - PreSchool - "5 senses"

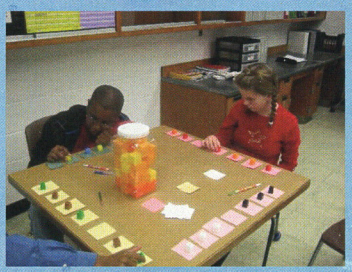
Middle School:
1st - R. Turner, L. Whitlow
2nd - K. Ryan;
3rd (Tie) - K. Llewellyn, B. Garcia, J. Roberts
4th - K. Dabney

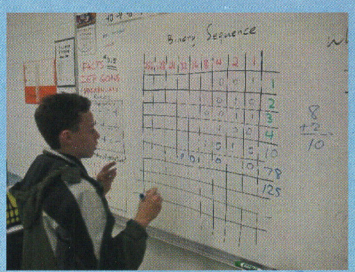


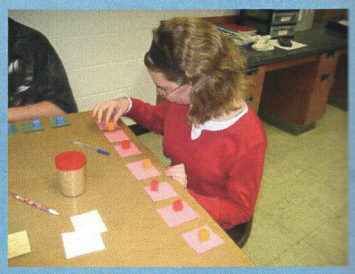
High School:
1st - M. Sprouse, and E. Chute
2nd (Tie) - M. Strand, and T. Schmelling
B. Savage, and K. Davis
3rd - M. Moore
4th - M. Moses, and H. Adkins

Math Day









Homecoming 2008

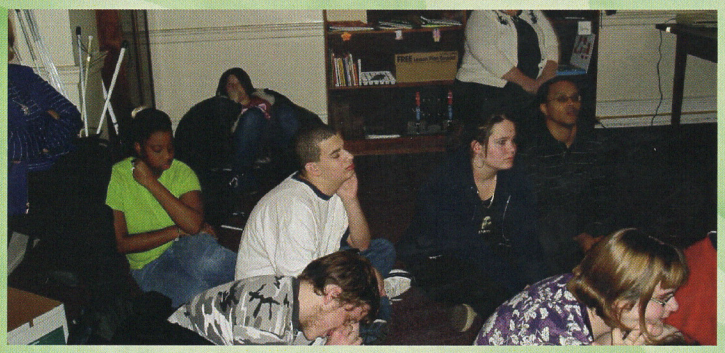
Homecoming Queen Emylou Chute and
Homecoming King Michael Sprouse

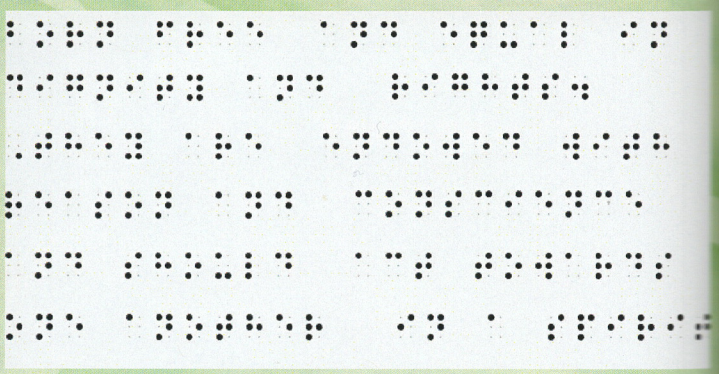
Senior Princess Tara Frost
with escort Michael Moses

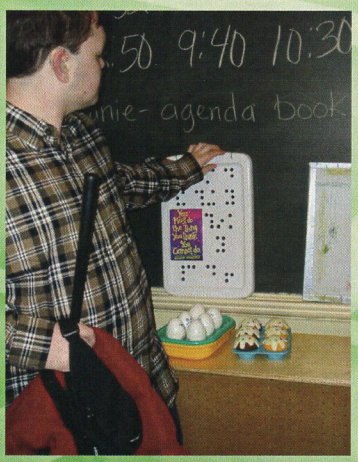
King Michael Sprouse, Queen Emylou Chute
Senior Princess Tara Frost escorted by Michael Moses, Senior Prince Ivory Robinson escorted by Heather Jacobs
Junior Princess Odessa Johnson escorted by Earl Edwards, Sophomore Princess Keaunna Bolden escorted by Devyn Johnson
Freshman Princess Taylor Yopp escorted by DaSam Benn

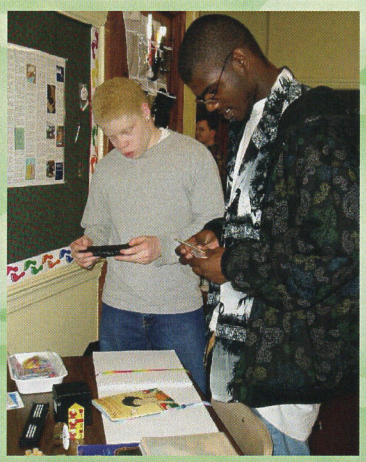
Louis Braille's Birthday

January 4, 2009









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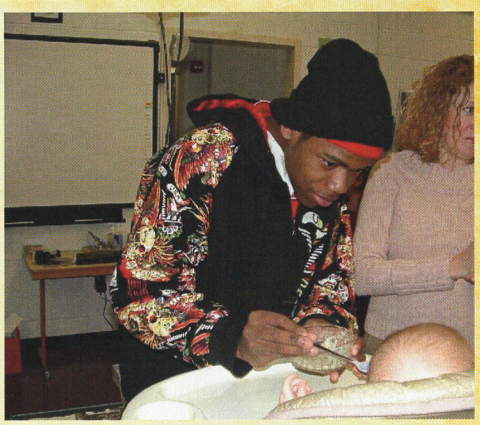
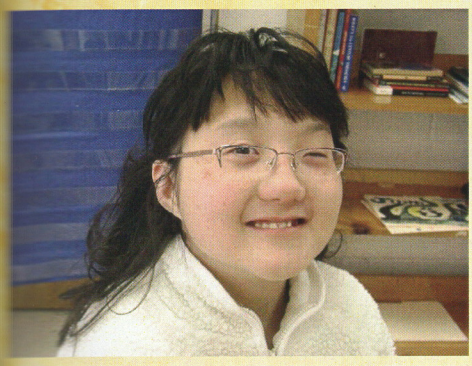

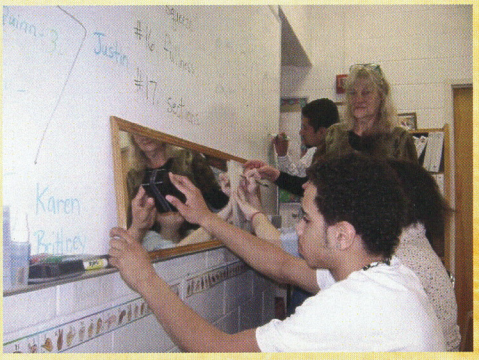

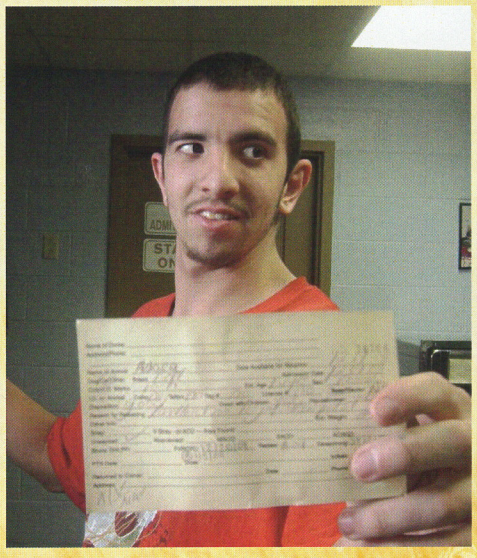

Miss VSDB Pageant

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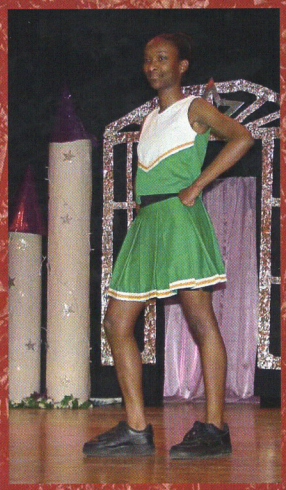

LaQuinta Brown

LIBRARY EVENTS

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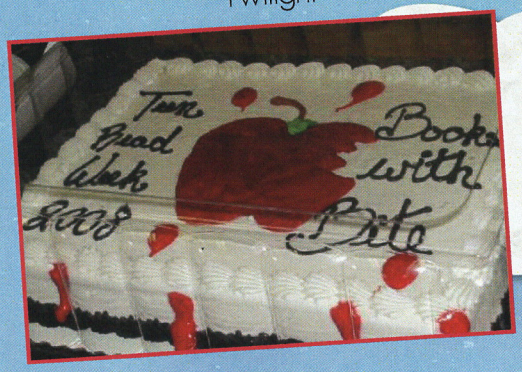
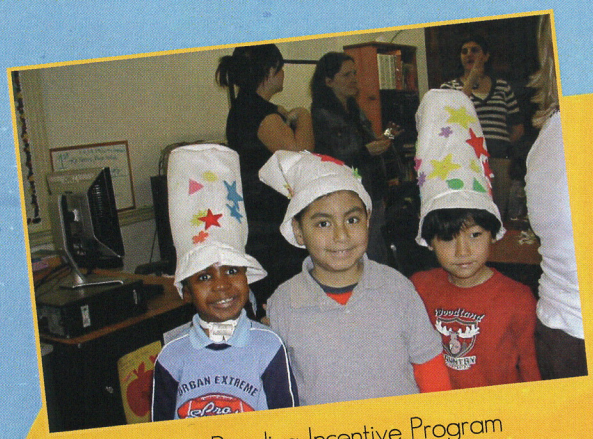
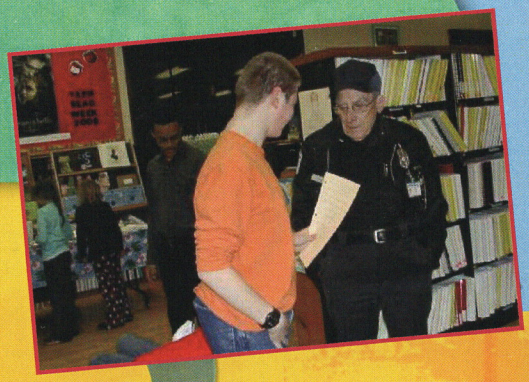
Twilight

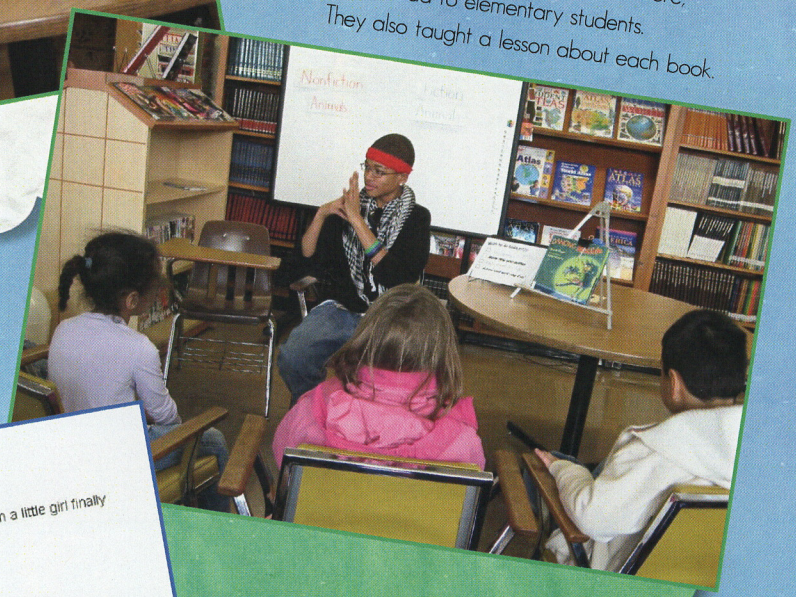




Reading Incentive Program



Maranda Maurer's freshmen students, Devyn Johnson and Mynor Moore, read to elementary students. They also taught a lesson about each book.



Book Election

Students voted on books to send to the new President's daughters.

2009 Presidential Inauguration Book Election: Sasha

TOP 3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SASHA'S LIBRARY:

1) Corduroy written and illustrated by Don Freeman
Viking Press, 1968; ISBN: 978-0-670-24133-0
A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

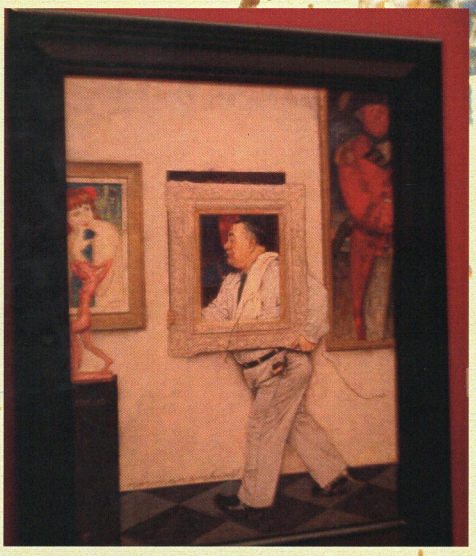
2) Duck for President by Doreen Cronin; illustrated by Betsy Lewin
Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers; 2006; ISBN: 978-1-59961-091-7
Here is a duck who began in a humble pond. Who worked his way to farmer. To governor. And now, perhaps, to the highest office in the land.
Awards/Recognition: 2005 Book Sense Book of the Year Award: Children's Book , School Library Journal's Best Books of 2004

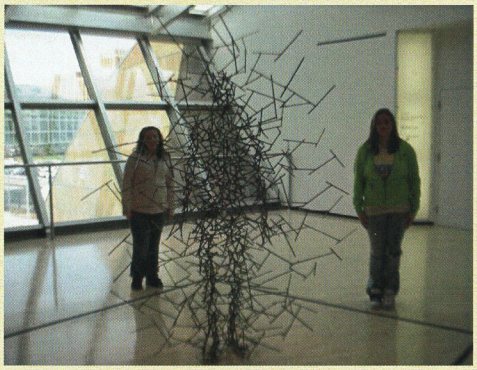
3) The Mitten retold and illustrated by Jan Brett
The Mitten: Baba knits white mittens for Nicki and he loses one in the snow. A mole, rabbit, hedgehog, owl, badger, fox, bear and, finally, a mouse move into the woolly mitten. That mouse tickles the bear's nose and he sneezes, dislodging all of the animals at once. Nicki finds his mitten, and takes it home, but Baba is left to wonder about how it became so enormously stretched out.
Putnam; 1989; 978-0-399-21920-7

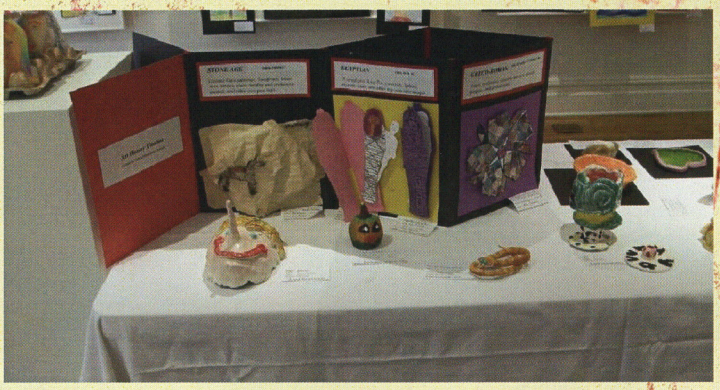
Food Drive

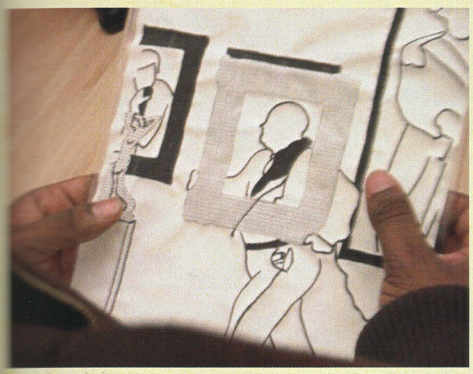
Students will collect cans to donate to the Verona Food Pantry.

Art



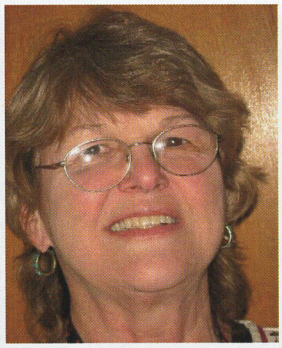






Justin Whitson

Anita Robinson



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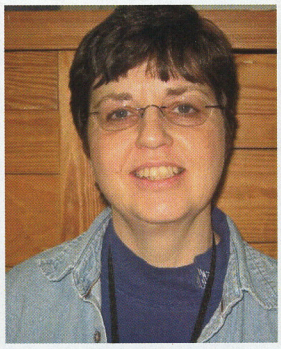

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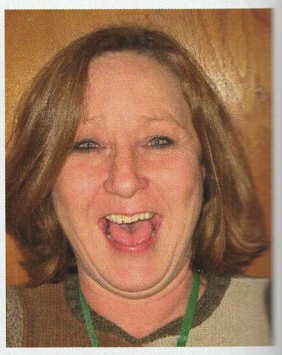

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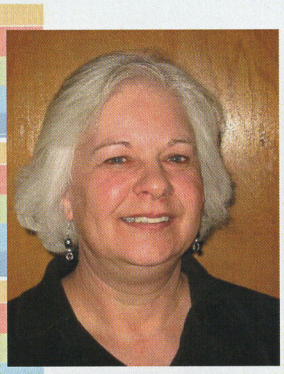

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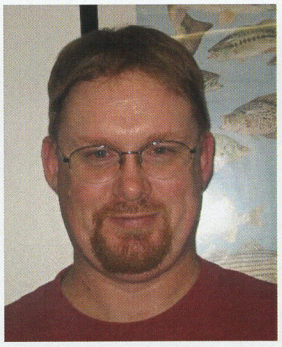

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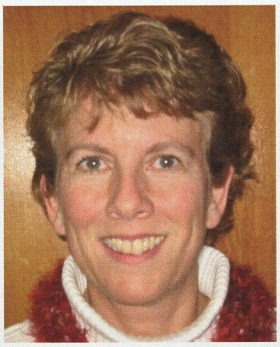

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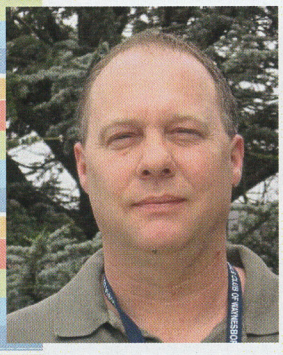
Jennifer Taylor



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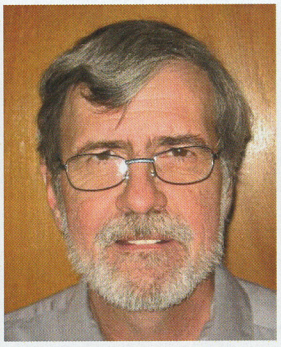

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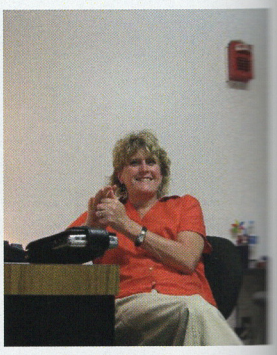
Wanda Biser

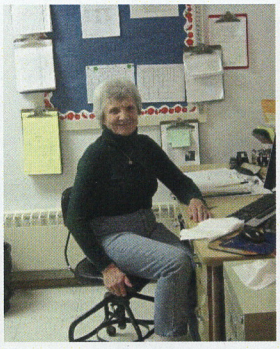
Lori Tate and
Judy Dinges



Never a dull moment!
Mary Murray

Yvonne DeVore and
Regina Russell

Dorm



Ruth Swink

Diane Bryant

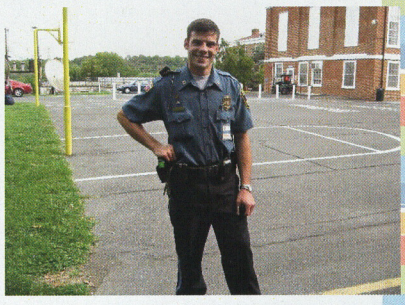
Lisa Walters, Liz McKinney,
Amber Bradley, Tonya Chandler

Bass 3 Dorm Staff:
Regina Kidd & Brenda Bourne

Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil!

Eclipse and Echo

Battle Girls' Dorm Staff: Pat Lewis,
Donna Middleton, Susan Starcher



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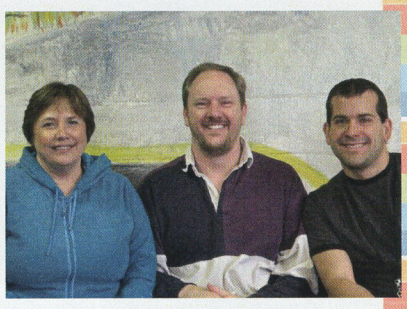
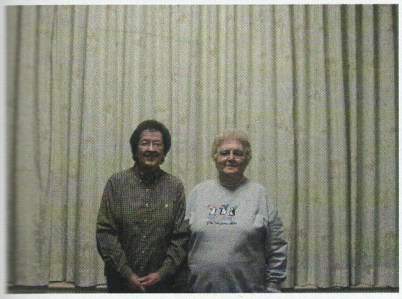
Heather Coleman, Bonnie Bartee,
Cindy Deaver

The Three Amigos!



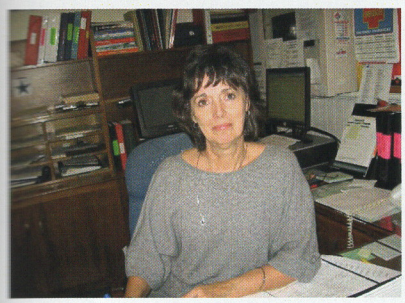
Price Hall Dorm Staff:
Sandy Russell, Chris Payne, Nick Helsel



Eva Whitley and Joyce Rexrode

Michelle "Misbehavior" Dedrick

Fay Wallace



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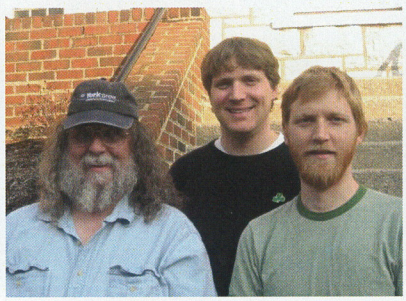
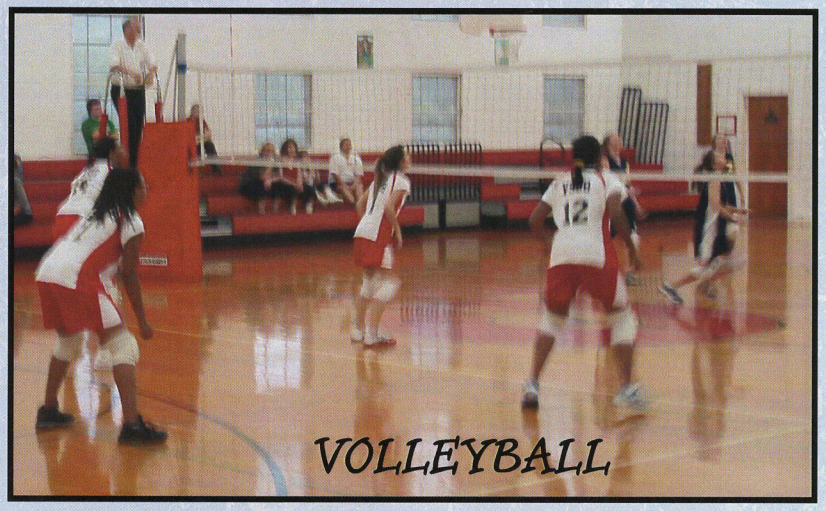


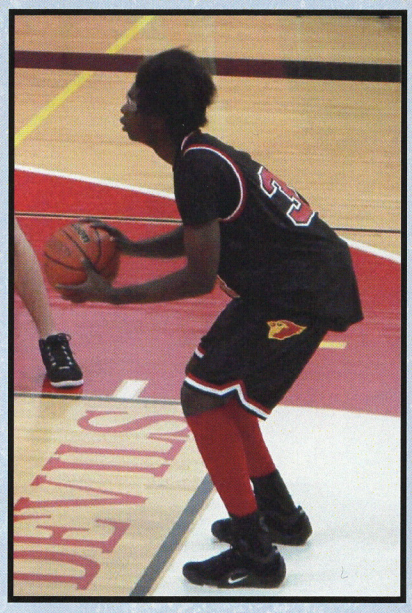
The Barbarians Band &
Battle Boys' Dorm Staff

Tammy Statton

Sports



VOLLEYBALL



BASKETBALL

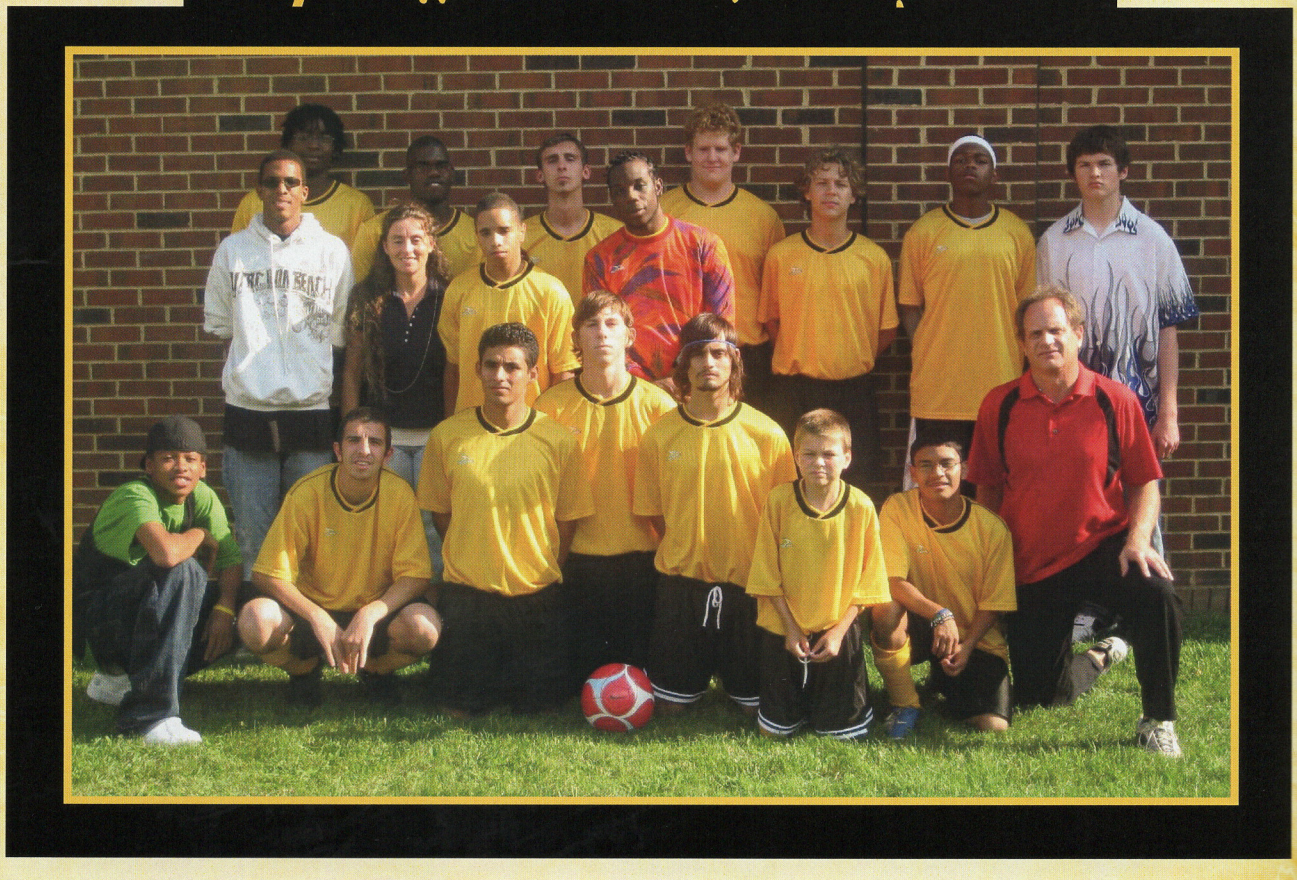
GOAL BALL

SOCCER

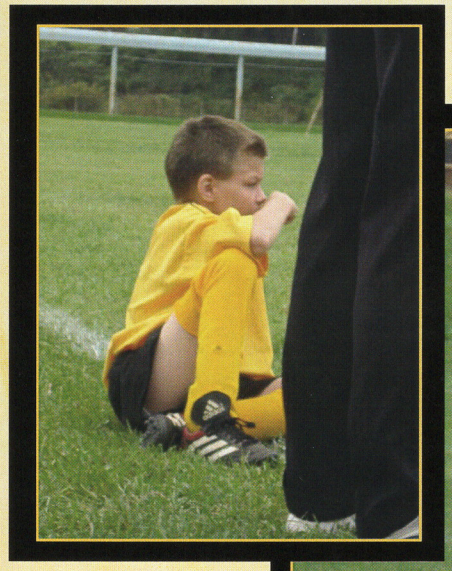
Girls Varsity Volleyball

Players: Cara Eason, Chelsea Webb, LaQuinta Brown, Keaunna Bolden, Shaniece Bell, Heather Jacobs, Lisa Parker, Cierra Johnson, Emylou Chute, Rosa Santana, and Kendra Lewis
Managers: Tara Frost, Shannon Franklin
Head Coach: Kathy Campbell
Assistant Coach: Lindsay Douglas

Fall Soccer



Team Members: Cyron Stokes, LaQuincey Ferrell, Robert Bradley, Timothy Smith, Stephen Wessley, Josh Harvey, Justin Shade, DaSam Benn, Michael Moses, Erik Corral, Mike Watson Jr., Timothy Cave, Justin Broxton, and Mynor Moore
Managers: Devyn Johnson, Ivory Robinson, Clinton Colquhoun
Head Coach: Jim Houselog
Assistant Coach: Daphne Thompson



The team watches the coach closely during halftime.

Point guard Rosa Santana calls a play as she brings the ball down the court.

Back Row: Assistant Coach Ronnie Knuckles, Manager Deanna Mutz, Manger Terra Harris, Cara Eason, Shaniece Belle, LaQuinta Brown, Keaunna Bolden, Ciara Willard, Taylor Yopp, Manager Heather Jacobs, Coach Anita Robinon
Front Row: Karen Hinojos, Rosa Santana, Emylou Chute, Najah Bell

Girls' Varsity Basketball

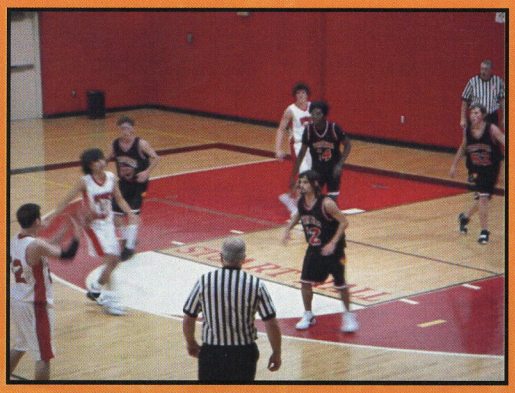
Keaunna Bolden passes the ball to a teammate.

LaQuinta Brown and Shaniece Belle stop the offence from passing the ball.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

Team Captain Mike Watson Jr. brings the ball down the court.

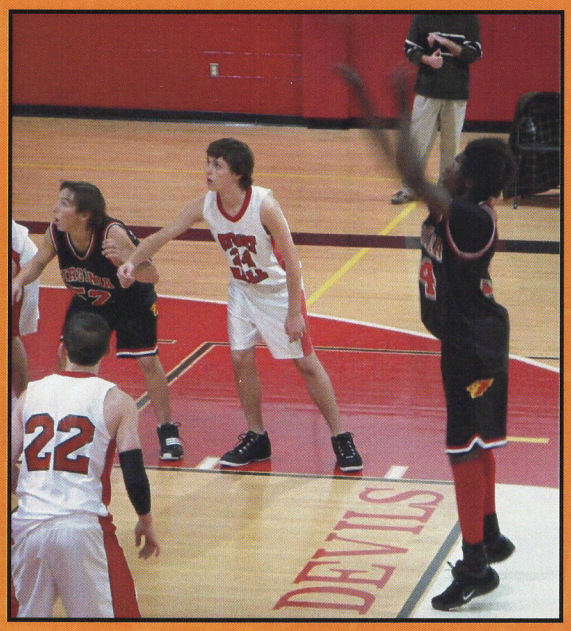
Coach Wood discusses strategies during a time out.



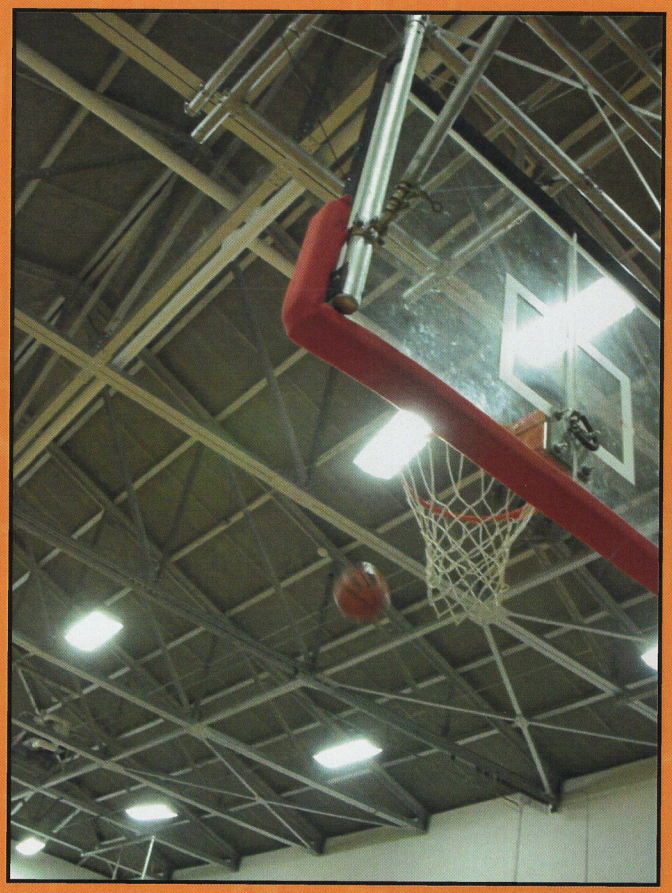
Rob Bradley, Tim Cave, Cyron Stokes, and Mike Watson defend against Stuart Hall's offence.

The Varsity players are serious on the court but they know how to have fun off the court.

Back Row: Coach Harry Wood, Erik Corral, Josh Harvey, Mike Watson Jr., Cyron Stokes, Rob Bradley, DaSam Benn, Timothy Cave, Manager Michael Sprouse, Assistant Coach Cliff Watson
Front Row: Manager Clinton Colquhoun, Michael Moses, Justin Shade, Manager Devyn Johnson

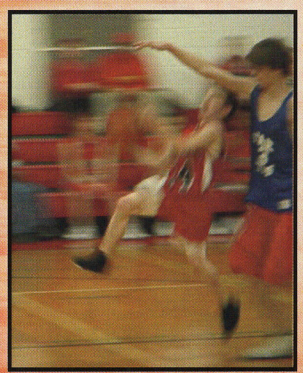


Team Captain Cyron Stokes shoots a foul shot. Mike Watson is ready to get the rebound.



JV Basketball

Back Row: Coach Cliff Watson, Manager Cortez Briggs, Dorian Smith, Nick Shafer Earl Edwards, Khai Llewellyn, Timothy Smith, Stephen Wessely, Lindsey Waight, Mynor Moore, Managers Caleb Wimble and Chelsea Rush
Front Row: Aaron Quillen, Hannah Mills



Spring Soccer

Back Row: Assistant Coach, Manager Emylou Chute, Mike Watson Jr., Tim Cave, Jonathan Estes, Kelsey Ryan, Rob Bradley, Caleb Wimble, Timothy Smith, LaQuinta Brown, Cyron Stokes, Keaunna Bolden, LaQuincy Ferrell, Cara Eason, Stephen Wessley, Lindsey Waight,Coach Rory Swientek, Earl Edwards, Manager Odessa Johnson

Front Row: Timothy Bernardo, Justin Shade, Erik Corral, Michael Moses, Devin Guertler, DaSam Benn, Mynor Moore

Goal Ball

Boys' Team
LaQuincey Ferrell
Demarcusnez Sandidge
Tyler McDonald
Farris Hallaj
Carlos Santiago

Girls' Team
Brittany Savage
Kierra Davis
Britni Witter
Abigail Parsons

Coaches
Kristy McClain - Head Coach
Tom Dumontier
Mandi Bundren

Demarcusnez becomes a blur as he sends another serve speeding toward the opponent.

Bryan, Carlos, Farris, and Dustin listen to the ball's movement as they support their teammates out on the court.

Kierra, Britni, and Abigail pose for a picture between games.

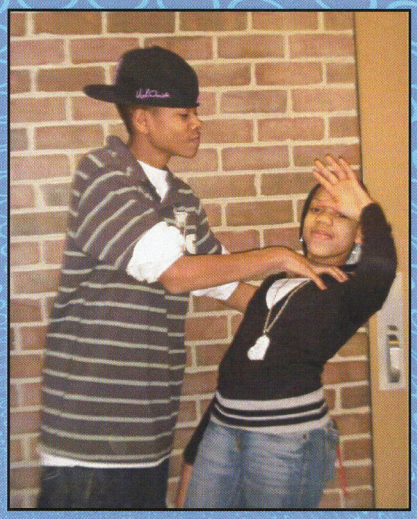
Tyler plans his next serve.

Demarcusnez and Tyler attempt a block.

LaQuincey is focused on defence.

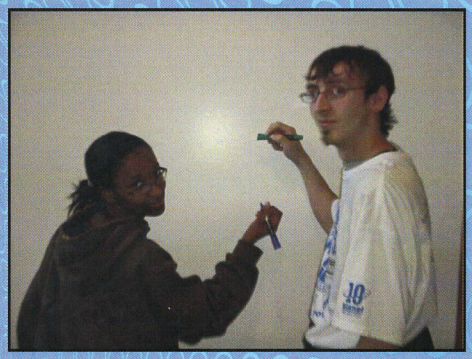
Brittany, Kierra, and Abigail successfully stop another shot on goal.

Student Superlatives



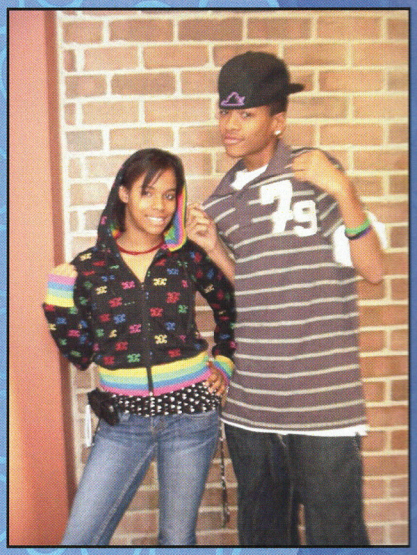
Most Dramatic: Devyn Johnson and Odessa Johnson

Most Flirtatious: LaQuinta Brown and Michael Moses

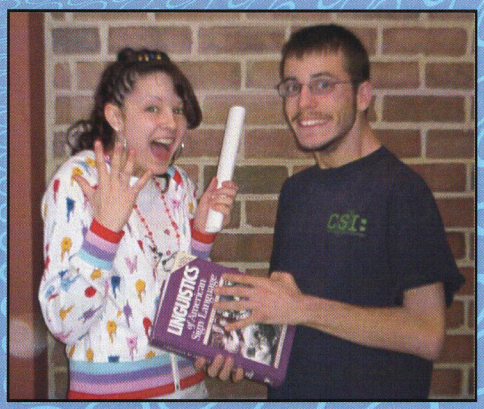


Most Artistic: Najah Bell and Robert Bradley

Most Wild: Kendra Lewis and Erik Corral

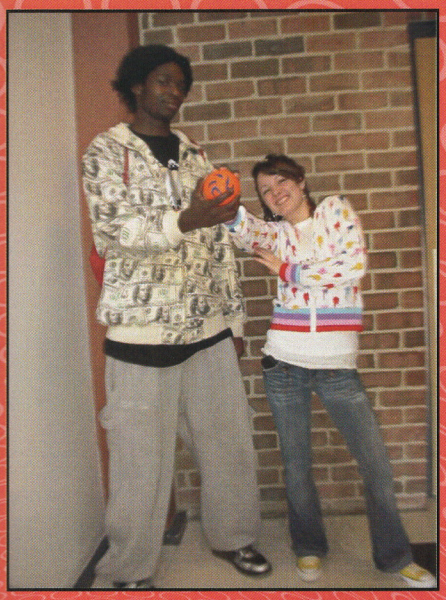


Best Dressed: Rosa Santana and Devyn Johnson

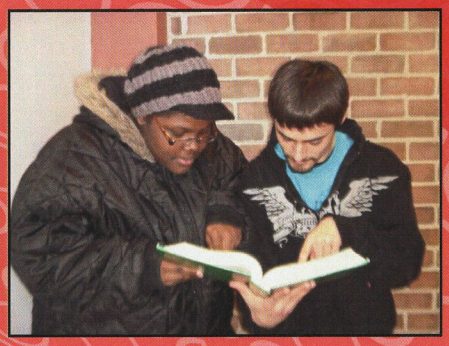


Most Likely to Succeed: Emylou Chute and Michael Sprouse

Funniest: Shannon Franklin and Justin Shade



Most Athletic: Cyron Stokes and Emylou Chute



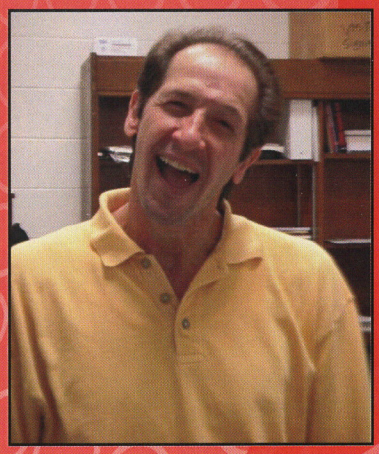
Most Focused: Madelyn Allen and Timothy Cave

Best Dancers: Justin Shade and Rosa Santana

Teacher Superlatives

Most Encouraging: Bobbie Dietz

Most Friendly: Lindsay Douglas



Funniest: Richard Haelen

Most Energetic: Harry Wood

Most Dramatic: Rhonda Jennings

ABC Cafe

ASL/Art Club

Sponsors:
Richard Haelen,
Tina Margaret-Steele
Members:
Emylou Chute,
Madelyn Allen,
Kendra Lewis,
Shaniece Belle,
DeSam Benn,
Ivory Robinson,
Cierra Johnson,
Devyn Johnson,
Mike Sprouse,
Najah Bell,
Tim Cave,
Keaunna Bolden,
Mike Watson Jr.,
Cara Eason,
Deanna Mutz,
Ciara Willard,
Robert Bradley,
Brittney Carter,
Clinton Colquhoun,
Shannon Franklin

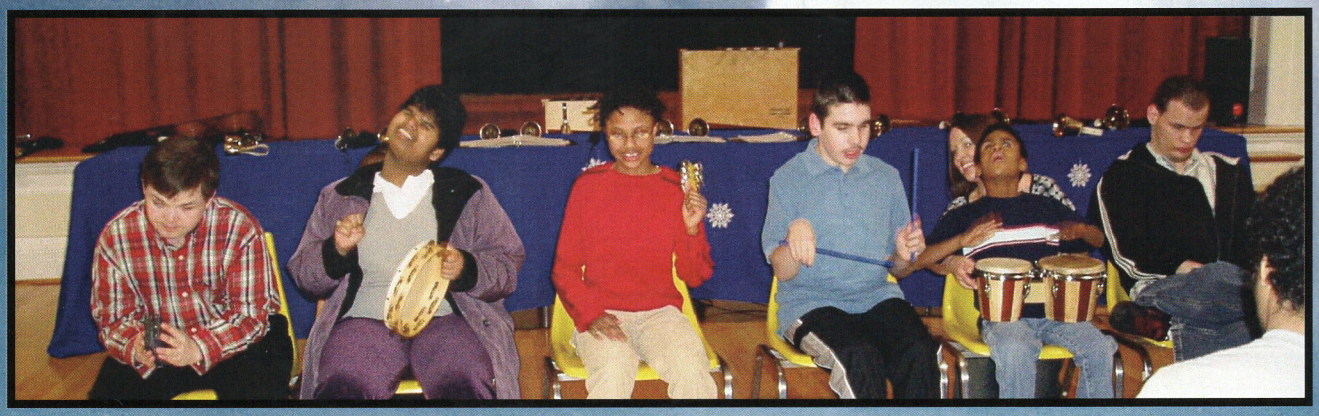
Academic Bowl

The 2009 Academic Bowl Team:
Emylou Chute
Timothy Cave
Keaunna Bolden
Michael Sprouse, Captain

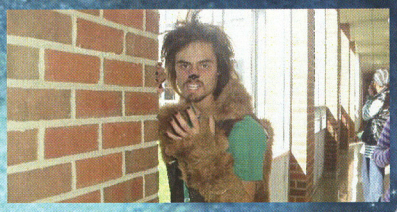
Coaches:
Rhonda Jennings
Harry Wood

March 12 to 15, 2009
Model Secondary School
for the Deaf

Band

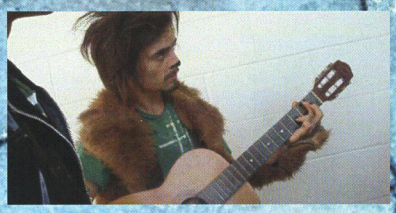
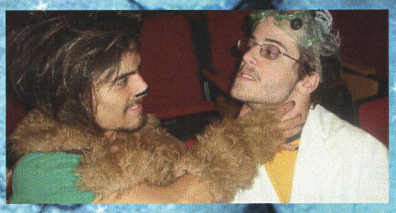


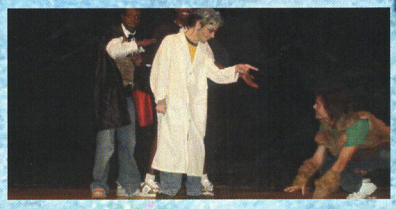
Chorus

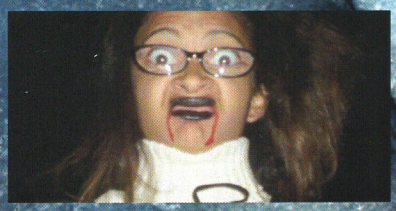


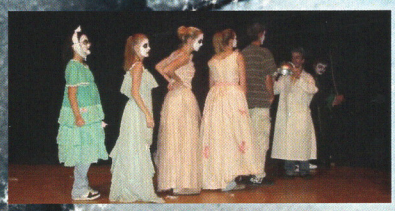
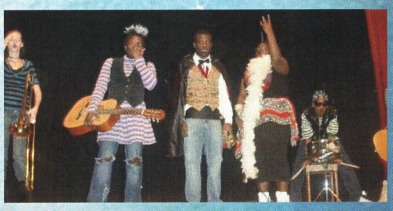
Drama Club

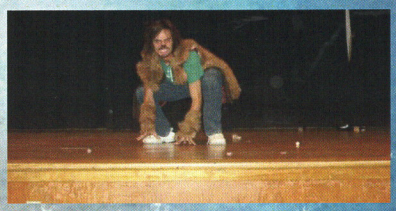
does the Monster Mash







Student Council Association

2008 - 2009 Officers
President: Emylou Chute
Vice President: Odessa Johnson
Secretary: Keaunna Bolden
Treasurer: Tim Cave

High School SCA

Freshmen Representatives: Ciara Willard and Devyn Johnson
Sophomore Representatives: Mike Watson and Lisa Parker
Junior Representative: Najah Bell and Clinton Colquhoun
Senior Representative: Mike Sprouse

Middle School SCA

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Secretary: Breanna Garcia; Treasurer: Khai Llewellyn
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Hannah Mills, Devin Guertler, Sierra Campbell

Jr. NAD

Back Row: Sponsor Bobbie Dietz, Mike Watson Jr., Tim Cave, Emylou Chute, Rosa Santana, Sponsor Marianne Dunham

Front Row: Taylor Yopp, Ivory Robinson, Ethan Dotson, Najah Bell, Devyn Johnson, Sierra Campbell, DaSam Benn, Khai Llewellyn, Kendra Lewis, Chelsea Rush, LaQuinta Brown, Keaunna Bolden, Shannon Franklin, Nick Shafer, Michael Sprouse, Kelsey Ryan

2008 - 2009 Officers
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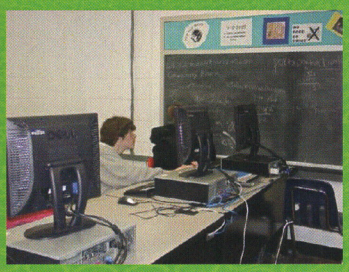

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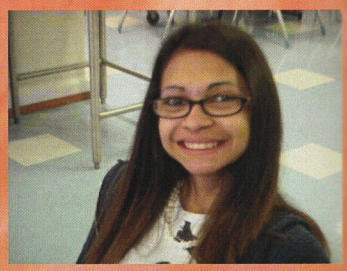

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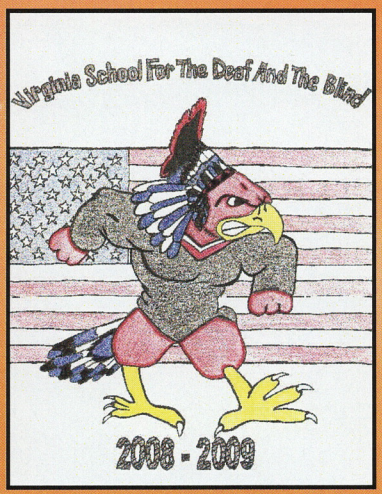
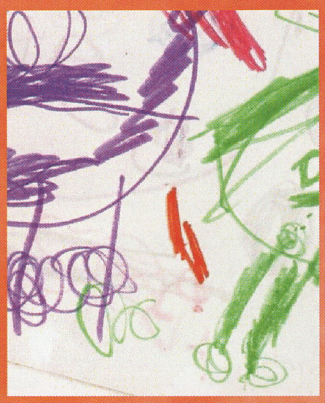


WINNER!
Deanna Mutz,
Freshman



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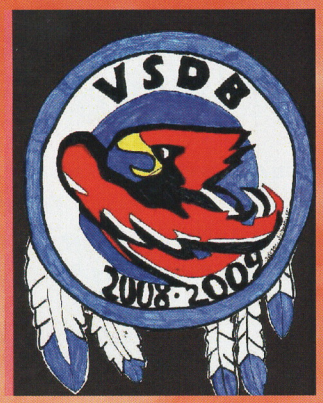

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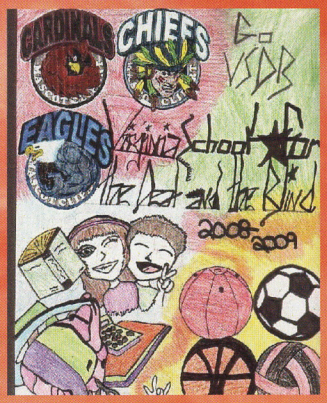

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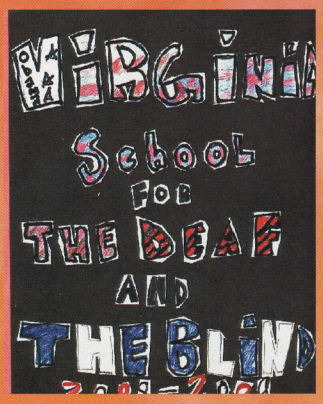

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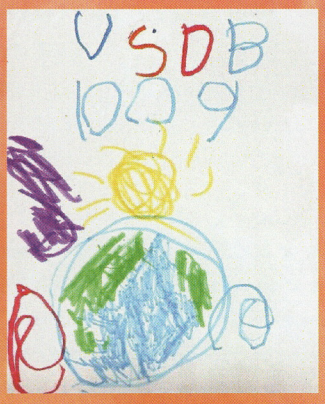

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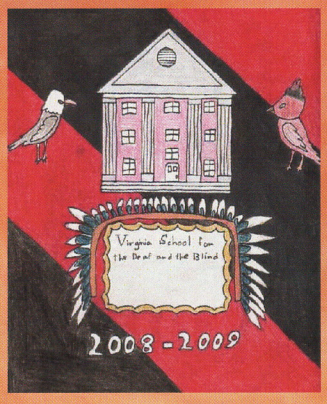

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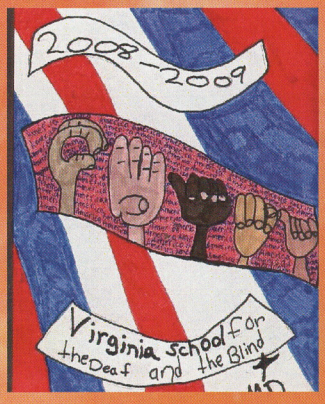

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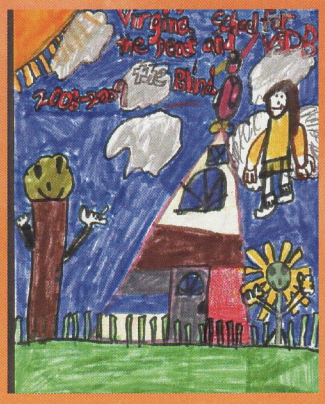

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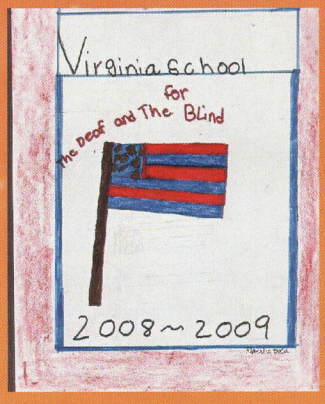

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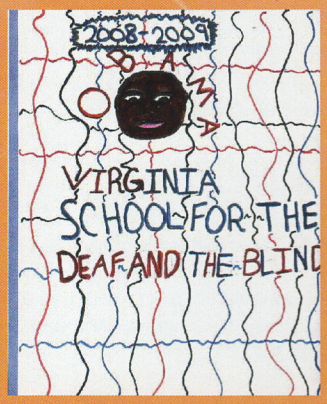

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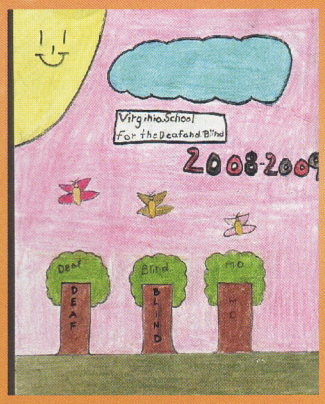

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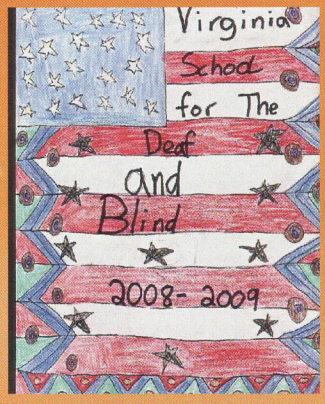


Devin Guertler

To the Class of 2009

Mike,
I guess it is easy to say "never thought I would see this day." From a father point of view I'm very proud of you and I know one day you will make me even prouder.
Love you,
Dad, Sherry and Ashley

BELIEVE IT OR NOT you all survived high school! It has been a pleasure sponsoring the graduating class of 2009. You all worked hard together this year and we are proud of your successes. You showed determination that will take you far in life. Best wishes for you all!
Your sponsors,
Marianne Dunham
Maranda Maurer

Ivory,
Can't believe that you are a senior this year. It seems that the time has gone so fast since I was your teacher aide at Bird Hall with Barbara Ferguson when you were in Kindergarten. I've seen you everyday since then. I want you to be successful in your future.
I will miss you very much..
Best Wishes!
Love,
Wanda Bieer

Mike,
Well, the time is finally here. The time where you continue your adult maturity. We have always known you would be someone special. You have reached a major milestone in your life. It is hard to believe that 18 years have gone by so fast. And now you are off to college. You have accepted the higher education challenges and we know you will do well. All the hard work is finally paying off (for all of us). Even though there were times we weren't so sure this day would come. Although you will be moving to Washington, DC, you will always be here in spirit. You know what they say; "A son or daughter may change addresses, but they never leave home" (LOL). Congratulations and good luck at "Gally". We love you and are very proud of you.
Granddad and Grandma

To the Class of 2009 I would like to express my sincerest wishes for your happiness and success in the future. I have known some of you since you first arrived here at VSDB. Ivory and Emylou, I was your first teacher. Some of you I have known since you were very young and others I have known you only in High School. But I know you are all a wonderful graduating class and deserve the best of everything in the future.
Barbara Ferguson

Class of 2009,
You have always been quite a force to be reckoned with! Your strong individuality, self-advocacy, and belief in your ability to accomplish your goals will serve you well. Remember that success often requires compromise, teamwork, and honest self-assessment. Aim for balance, and stay true to yourself.
Congratulations! I wish you the best.
Heather Nicholsen

Mikey,
My nephew, you have been through a lot. We are so very proud of you. You have achieved many milestones in your life. Graduating from high school is another one. Just remember life is a journey and you graduating is just another step along this long journey. Enjoy the moment and live each day one day at time. And be the best person you can be.
Love you,
Jessica, Jordan
Aunt Kathy and Uncle Jerry

To the class of 2009,
Congratulations to you all for completing one of the chapters of your lives: graduating from high school. Now I challenge you succeed your endeavors as you move on with your lives after you leave us as women and men.
Linda C. Blehm

MIKE,
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL. GREAT JOB AND EFFORT ON YOUR PART, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT GRADUATION FOUR YEARS FROM NOW AND PLAN ON COMING TO THE PARTY.
JIM, JAMMIE & KAMMIE

Mike,
Way to go! Congratulations on your scholarships. We are so proud of you it is so hard to believe you are at this stage of your life, I can still remember watching you take your first steps across my den floor. You were so proud and determined, with the same determination you have accomplished so much already. We wish you all life has to offer
Love you!
Uncle Wayne and Aunt Norma

To the Class of 2009

To Dustin Lawrence,

We are so very proud of your accomplishments. The day you enrolled at VSDB was such a hard decision for us to make, and the first day we had to leave you there was even harder. The years you were away from home were difficult for us, but the benefits of your time at school were greater.

You have exceeded all of our expectations and grown into a wonderful young man. We know that VSDB has given you the foundation for future success, and we wish you the best.

Congratulations!
Love,
Your family

Dustin's family would like to send our deepest appreciation to everyone at VSDB that has been such an important part of Dustin's life and has made his time there so successful. We will be forever grateful and will always remember the special people at VSDB. Thank you!

Coley,

You've overcome many challenges throughout the years and remained focused on completing your goals. Your commitment and determination will serve you well in future education and life. We are exceedingly proud of your accomplishments. We wish you all the best for the future and stand by you to realize your goals.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Best wishes to all graduating seniors for a happy and productive future!
From: Koressa Malcolm, School Psychologist

To the Graduating Class for the Department of the Blind,
Best wishes in your future. Although I have only known you all in your Senior Year, I am very impressed with all of you. Your talents and strengths that fit each one of you individually are outstanding. The road ahead will be a hard one but worth it. You have learned what your strengths and weaknesses are and your strengths and goals will be with you. Use your "abilities" to your advantage and keep learning new things as you make way down your own road to success. Success if knowing your self and being happy with what you do in your life. Follow your dreams, regardless of what others think, you need to be self-determined and at least try at what you want to do. You can choose your goals, express your goals, and make a plan of action. As your current principal, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being you. I have learned something from each one of you and I have a different perspective in educating students with visual impairments. Congratulations on your achievement in graduating from high school.

Carol Swindell, Ed.S
Asst. Principal of the Blind Department

Dear Class of 2009,

Each day passes by.
Things change, and we cannot explain why.
We learn our lessons through life,
We live, we laugh, and we cry.

Our footprints lead us to different directions,
We meet different faces painted with affection,
We make memories exist, made to never fade away,
And as we wander on our journeys,
We let the stars lead the way.

Though we may find ourselves lost and afraid,
Never fail to keep your head up, never fear to seek aid,
Never shy away from exploring,
Never stop soaring.

Remember that we may have bad days ahead,
Where we just want to mope around, and stay in bed.
There are days when your heart will be broken,
There are days when words will be spoken,
And there are days when tears will fall,
But picking ourselves up, is what we learn after all.

Our lives are filled with different journeys.
We will go to different places,
We will see different faces.
May your minds continue to learn.
May your hearts continue to yearn.
May you accomplish every dream.
Start with today, and live, with high esteem.

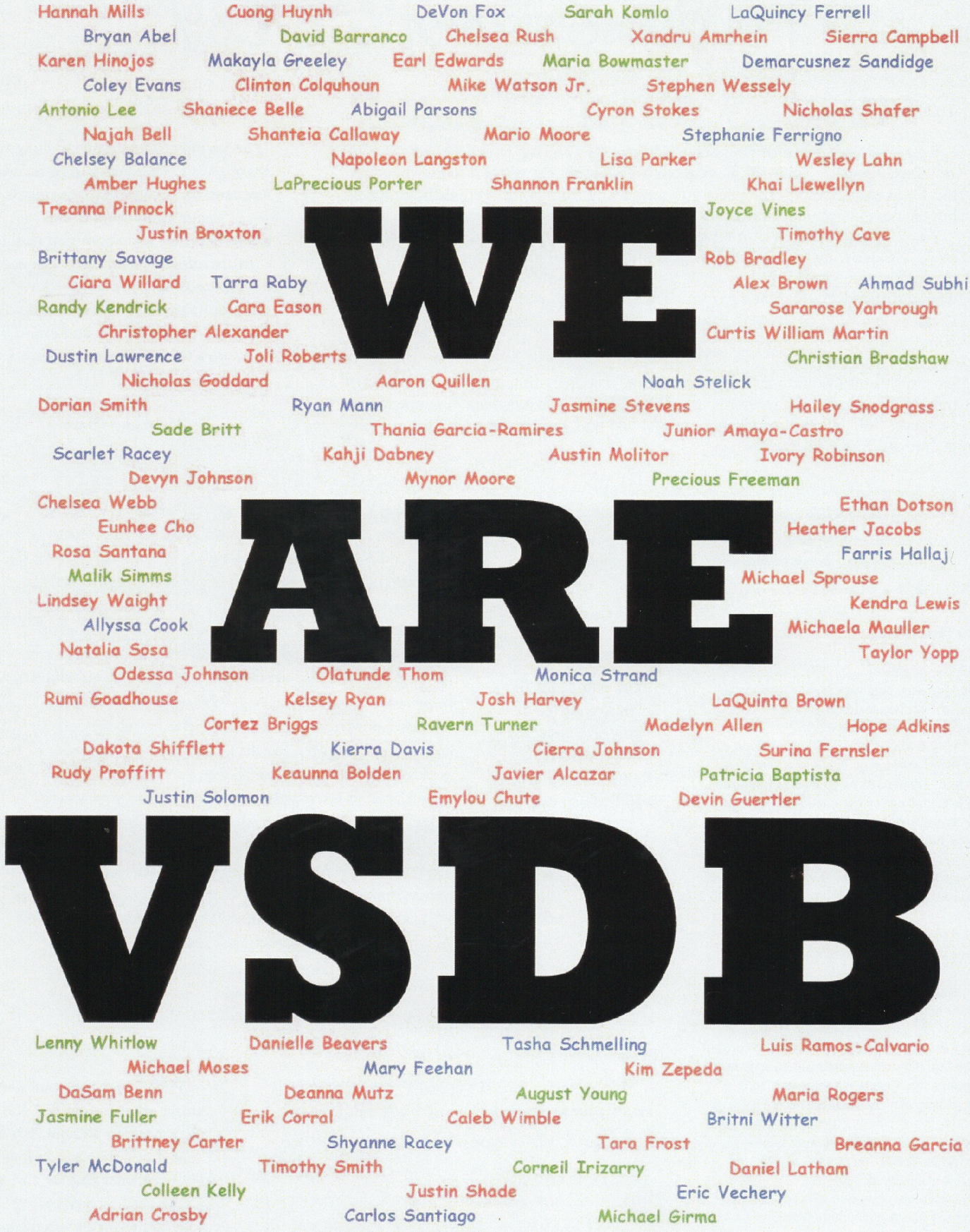
Congratulations, Class of 2009.
Amy Tussing

Seniors.
You will begin the new chapter of your life once you graduate.
Remember all what you learned and use them well.
Best wishes,
B Dietz

To the Class of 2009,
As you go out in the big world, I hope you remember all of the advice I gave you guys. Always follow your heart in what you want to do with your life. Try your best to pursue your dreams. Never give up when things seem gloomy because there is always a balance and things will be okay. I want to wish you all the very best! Keep in touch and take care of yourselves.

Fondly,
Rhonda Jennings

Please work hard and work smart whatever you do. Keep your head on straight, take it one day at a time, and if you ever need some help or advice, just call or text me. :)
Congratulations on graduating and I wish you the best!
Harry Wood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