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Graduation Traditions

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With Graduation ceremonies approaching, words such as "baccalaureate," "mortarboard," and "salutatorian" fill the air, but what do all of these words mean? Students march in rows, caps fly through the air, and the band seems to be stuck on replay year after year. Each of these traditions has its own origin, and some of them may come as a surprise.

Let's begin with graduation attire. We all recognize the cap and gown, the traditional garb which dates back to the 12th Century when students and teachers wore academic robes to keep warm. Oxford University in England began the custom of wearing a cap and gown during graduation ceremonies, and the dress became an academic symbol. Oxford was also the first institu-

tion to use the square "mortarboard" caps, named for their resemblance to the tool used by bricklayers to hold wet mortar. The tassels which adorn the mortarboards also originated in European universities where caps were topped by a tuft of fabric. The tufts evolved into a long tassel that is turned from one side of the cap to another to symbolize a passage into the next stage of life.

Another time-honored tradition at graduation ceremonies is tossing caps into the air. This practice began in 1912 at the United States Naval Academy. As part of the ceremony, the graduates received their new officers' hats, eliminating the need for their undergraduate midshipmen's hats. In celebration, the graduates tossed their old hats into the air. This familiar custom has been repeated at ceremonies all over the world, including right here at Northern

Lehigh.

Before seniors receive their diplomas at commencement ceremonies, many partake in another service known as Baccalaureate. This religious service stems, yet again, from Oxford University, where all bachelor students (bacca) were required to deliver a sermon in Latin before receiving laurels (lauri). The tradition carried over into the United States where early colonial schools were built to educate ministers. Modern services, however, normally include only one sermon and celebrate graduates rather than test them on oratory skills.

Next, anyone who has attended a graduation ceremony will recognize the trademark entrance music, entitled "Pomp and Circumstance." The song, which was originally part of composer Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance Military March," was first played at

Yale University in 1905 when Elgar received an honorary degree. The song gained popularity and spread to other schools, becoming a standard at commencement.

All through high school,



and sometimes even earlier, some of the top students in each class will compete to be at the top of the rankings, earning the title of Valedictorian. The student with the highest academic ranking receives this title, but the term is not actually related to academic standings, but rather to the speech given at graduation. The Latin phrase *vale dicere* means "to say farewell;" therefore, the Valedictorian gives the final speech at graduation ceremonies. It is also common for the second-highest ranking student to deliver a speech as the Salutatorian. Much like Valedictorian, this title emanated from the speech made by this student rather than from an academic ranking. In fact, salutatorians were originally students chosen by classmates for their writing and speaking abilities. Their speech is known as the "salutatory

address," derived from the word salutation, meaning greeting. This speech occurs earlier in the ceremony than the Valedictorian's contrasting farewell address.

In addition to these ceremonial aspects, even the diploma received by graduates comes from ancient traditions. Early governmental and political documents were named diplomas, which derives from the Greek word for "folded paper." Diplomas are often depicted as rolled pieces of paper, though that practice has become outdated, and they are now more often given in leather binders. Early on, the documents were made of sheepskin parchment, giving us the slang term "sheepskins." Schools in the U.S. used parchment until around the 1950s when the custom became expensive and unnecessary due to the abundance of paper.

In closing, the traditions of graduation will be familiar for all of us as we attend ceremonies at the end of the school year. Now, as we look back on past commemorations, we realize the significance of these traditions. The graduates of today truly carry on in the footsteps of yesterday. Needless to say, some practices may seem odd to us, but every custom has a reason. From the music heard to the clothing worn, the choices of the past have left a lasting impression on commencement ceremonies of the present and future.



Teacher Memoirs

Compiled by
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As we say farewell to the seniors, one must wonder what the teachers' thoughts and opinions are about the graduating class, and what they will remember the most about the class of 2011. For this reason, I asked a couple teachers to write a short reflection about their experiences with the seniors. Here is what they had to say:

Mrs. Leslie

I have many fond memories to share with you about the Class of 2011. First of all, you have great advisors in Mr. Schmidt and Miss Zeiser. It seems like yesterday that Miss Zeiser was a senior at NLHS herself. So onto the memories. I will remember:

- Casey and Zach's hair
- Not being able to tell the Ruths apart...but if I see them together I can tell the Zeurcher's apart
- Lauren's beautiful smile and pleasant "Hello"
- Courtney's tall and beautiful presence
- Payton always leaving Anatomy in her crazy shoes
- Kristi earning her full scholarship
- Tamara's sweet giggle laugh
- Marcus' and Jordan Zellner's deep dark eyes
- Jenna being so dear
- Haab and his silly smile
- Dottery and Danish and the dynamic duos videoclip for Anatomy
- Eshbach and Danner watering the pine trees after the zoo
- Carly's smile, laugh, and energy in that petite package
- Maggie's persistence at test taking
- Jake's English accent
- Sonja's eyeliner and love for basketball
- Mike Hoffmann just being a great person
- Heyer's sweet greetings and great smile
- Gill and Colin's "You look lovely today"
- Czarnicki and her great smile and flip flops
- Puskas on his hotwheel and winning his first varsity match and NOOAH website and the great Christmas CD
- Bechtel and his quiet intelligence
- Steigerwalt's freckles and whining
- Heiser's great morning voice and being funny as the

emcee at Mr. NL

- Tori's two last names???
- Jill dancing her heart out in the musicals
- "Erkel" aka Alisha Patricia would not stop reading
- Ian in Romeo and Juliet
- April spreading the rumor about how I call us off on snow days
- Krista being blonde
- Zach in his Superfresh/Pathmark shirt and being the only guy in Chem 1
- Logan and her musical talent and great posture
- "Pookie" aka Kristi Seiler the serious student
- Kyle staying behind while his sister graduated and his mom got another job
- Bowman putting together my one paper organizer backwards
- Justin with the great car
- Varilek sitting at the same table for Child Development and Anatomy
- Shelby's great graduation project
- Amy's karate at the Duane Lucien festival
- Brody borrowing a laptop
- Lakota's great new do
- Nate and his wire rims
- Geronikos's hip waders
- Lakoda at her locker on good days and bad
- Bolton being escorted by April, who I knew as a little girl
- Remaley's inappropriate bathroom remark

Mr. DeFrain

The senior class of 2011 is a very interesting group of young adults to say the very least. It has been a pleasure to



work with them over the past four years as they completed their high school educations. From the topics of Honors Civics and the Woll books, to this year's U.S. to Reconstruction course, some

of the discussions have certainly been interesting and "educational." Best of luck in the future and here's to hoping that all of your dreams and plans come true.

Mr. Schmidt

With June 17th, 2011 rapidly approaching, many of you seniors are counting the days until your freedom. As you move on from NLHS, many of you are also looking back on your time here. Over the past four years, you have changed – from eager freshman to graduating seniors, from fourteen year olds ready to learn to seniors ready to move on to the next phase of life.

My first real dealing with many members of the class, outside the classroom, was in our first class function – decorating the cafeteria. During decorating your freshman year, I was worried about how this class would turn out. However, as has often been the case, you proved me wrong. The other class events went much smoother, and I grew to appreciate your effort and skills. Years from now, you may not remember winning the spirit stick (my least favorite event – I like quiet!) and winning hall decorating (multiple times); you will remember the people there with you.

Big events like dances will stick out – the Prom crowning that almost wasn't because we couldn't get the lights out; Farewell with Puskas' goose egg from the water on the floor; the hall decorating every year for hours on end; the league and district titles won; the music titles; the Freddy Awards; the scholarships and academic awards. From academics, sports, music, art, theater, clubs, and everything else that high school encompasses, you have displayed great talent. As a class, you have excelled. It has been my pleasure to watch you grow over the past four years – to change into adults ready for the world beyond the NL campus. Miss Zeiser and I were lucky to be your advisors.

For many of you, your class song sums up your time at NLHS – "Time of Your Life." Watching you sway as

Now & Then

By Staff Writer Michelle Bingert

Think back to when this year's graduating class was in kindergarten. What do you remember about the economy and pop culture? The year 1998 was a time when technology was on the rise, the well-known film *Godzilla* was shown across the country, Aerosmith, Madonna, and The Spice Girls were among the most popular musicians, and the television shows *Friends* and *7th Heaven* were a couple of favorites among Americans.

Many aspects of life were different back in 1998 as compared to 2011. The charts below display how much times have changed.



Average Prices:

Item	1998	2011
Computer	\$1,300.00	\$600.00
Gallon of Gas	\$1.06	\$4.00
Gallon of Milk	\$2.00	\$3.50
Movie Ticket	\$4.70	\$7.86
New Music CD	\$13.50	\$20.00
Pair of Jeans	\$14.00	\$40.00

Most Popular:

	1998	2011 so far...
Boy Name	Michael	Jacob
Girl Name	Emily	Isabella
Movie	Saving Private Ryan	Black Swan
Song	Iris by The Goo Goo Dolls	Grenade by Bruno Mars
Television Show	E.R.	American Idol
Video Game	Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time	Portal 2

a group to it as your final song of Farewell was certainly a memory I will treasure. With so many good times, fond memories, and great friends, how could you look

back on your four years and see anything but the time of your life? I hope that it was; more importantly, I hope that changes. You have grown over your time here, and, if

the faculty and staff here did their jobs, you should be prepared for even more, even better. Although high school is a time that you should look back on fondly, I hope that you were prepared for the future, and that "The Time of Your Life" is yet to come.



I will first make
a difference in my life.

College changes everything.
Doors swing open.

Possibilities pile up.
I'll start with **myself**.

Get my degree.

And get going.



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On a Scale of 1 to 10, we're an '11!

By Staff Writer **Laura Grammes**

For the seniors of Northern Lehigh High School, the class of 2011, the year has been anything but boring. So much has happened; so many memories have been made, but could the year really have gone by so fast? It seems like just yesterday the Seniors busted through the doors on September 7th, barreling past any lowly freshman who stood in their way. It was that feeling of dominance, that sweet thrill of being on top that drove our beloved seniors to become the characters we love and admire today. Now, as June 17th rapidly approaches, the bright and dazzling images of the senior class fade to gray as we look back on the highlights that have made the hallways of Northern Lehigh more bearable.

Let's start where all this madness began; the fall. With the crisp autumn leaves surrounding the school in mid-October, Homecoming season hit the area. The colors blue and white streamed everywhere—from the halls, classrooms, and even from the bodies of senior boys. Cheers and vibrations pulsed throughout the school corridors along with the mesmerizing chants of the senior class as they out staged the

underclassmen at the annual 2010-2011 Pep Rally. Who could forget the satisfying moment when Mr. Allen was pried in the face? The seniors certainly brought the noise that day as cheerleaders, athletes, and students alike all rooted for the future defeat over Bangor. Who could forget the anticipation over the announcement of Homecoming Court and the crowning of the King and Queen? The crowns this year went to Carly Gavalla and Cody Remaley. That night's football game will always live in our memories.

"We seniors, we became a family," said Remaley, expressing his affection and support for both his class and fellow teammates for the '10-'11 football season. That same team brought home the 10-0 record that will forever make Slatinton proud. Each and every opponent the Bulldogs faced was obliterated thanks to seniors Jake Kern, Matt Gill, Cody Remaley, Nick Heyer, Brody Minnich, Bryan Puskas, Andrew Ruth, Daniel Ruth, Kyle Heiser, Andrew Staskowski and Mike Buresh. Their names and others became household names for locals as they won us the Colonial League, the District title, and even took our name to

States! No one will forget the night our boys paraded through town triumphantly after they won the championship; no one will ever forget our very own "Boys of Fall."

With these memories of conquests and victories, it is important to point out that our seniors are not all work and no play. Senior Dress-Up Day, perhaps one of the best senior traditions, came out alive and strong through the attire of Northern Lehigh students and faculty. This celebration of old brought out our seniors' true personalities, as they became the envy of all the underclassmen, walking the halls and attending class in the most ridiculous of Halloween costumes.

As the new school year slowly faded along with the warm autumn colors, the winter season hit the seniors with just as much excitement and adrenaline. Nothing could hold the seniors back, not even the heavy amounts of snow that, after awhile, just became ridiculous. Basketball season exploded onto the school's newly redone court, completely melting away any signs of winter boredom. The boys' team, led by seniors Mike Hofmann, Josh Malaska, Carter Rankin, and Jordan Waylen, again continued the tradition of yet another victory in the annual Rotary tournament, and the team even qualified for Districts. If that was not enough to be proud of, our girls' team conquered the competition as they continued on to the Colonial League tourna-

ment, District playoffs, and even to States. Seniors Lauren Oertner, Sonya Josephson, Kristi Seiler, and Courtney Werley led the way for the Lady Dawgs with great determination and focus and carried them to an excellent season. Good job girls!

Next, it was that time again to take a break from the hardships of high school and enjoy a good laugh. We thought we had seen it all, but our senior boys showed us the true meaning of talent, charm, and poise at the annual Mr. Northern Lehigh pageant. It was a night full of laughter, humor, and sparkly buckets "Yes-ing!," but, out of it all, Jake Kern took the crown as the 2011 Mr. Northern Lehigh.

However, who better than to reminisce on their finals days at NL than the seniors themselves? Here are a few seniors who wished to immortalize their favorite memories and accomplishments for the rest of us at Northern Lehigh:

- Logan Thompson- Announced Honorary Girl of the Month for March, 3 years of District 10 Band, 2011 Region 5 Band
- Chelcie Meixell- Might pass Spanish 3
- Destiny Phillips- Getting an A in College Class
- Joe Wirfel- Helping the 4X4 relay team medal at Leagues and Districts and going to college
- John Hudicka- Being a part of the Emerging Heath Program
- Sam Zuercher- Becoming an experienced flyer in cheerleading and acquiring

- her varsity letter
 - Zach Frace- Getting through senior year successfully
 - Robby Haydt- Had a wall at the Northern Lehigh Art Show
 - Alexa Gernert- Best operator to print technology and graphic design at LCTI
 - Lauren Oertner- Colonial League Scholar Athlete, VIA basketball All-Star team for 2011
 - Sonya Josephson- Colonial League 1st team for basketball
 - Nicole Catherine Czarnecki- Scholar Athlete for soccer, Girl of the Month, Phi Theta Kappa
 - Emily Christman- Attending Lock Haven University
 - Chris Cope- Receiving high honor roll
 - David Goodhile- obtaining his Certificate of Skill Achievement for auto body repair, getting his Hazardous Material, Collision Pollution Prevention, and Collision Safety Training Certifications, and winning the Wheels of Time Scholarship
- Reflecting on the past year and thinking about the accomplishments of the seniors throughout their four years at Northern Lehigh really reminds us of how sorely they will be missed. Their achievements in academics, triumphs in athletics, and contributions to extracurricular activities will not soon be forgotten, but life at Northern Lehigh must go on without them. With this year's juniors ready and willing to take the reins and their place at the top of the totem pole, we can only hope they will leave a legacy as great as this year's graduating class.

SENIOR INTERVIEWS

Collected by Editor-in-Chief **Jonathan Haab**

As our time at Northern Lehigh draws to an end, members of the class of 2011 have undoubtedly taken the time to look back and reflect on their experiences. Everyone has fond memories, favorite teachers, things they did and did not like, and advice for those staying behind. Through these interviews, students were given the chance to express their opinions and say a final goodbye. The questions are numbered as follows:

2. What did you like the most about Northern Lehigh?
3. What did you like the least about Northern Lehigh?
4. Who was your favorite teacher(s) and why?
5. What are your future plans?
6. Do you have any advice for underclassmen?
7. Additional comments and goodbyes...

1. What is your favorite memory of Northern Lehigh?

Lakoda Hoffman

- 1) I remember looking FABULOUS in my prom dress, football games, and other fun things.
- 2) I love our class; we're all so close and most of us have grown up together— we are family and I am going to miss everyone so much.
- 3) THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS TOO COLD
- 4) Mrs. Waz! Because I love her.
- 5) I am going to East Stroudsburg University to major in English. I have no clue what I want to do as of yet; maybe I'll become a writer, sell some books, and make lots of money.
- 6) My advice is to just have respect.

Nicole Czarnecki

- 1) My senior soccer season is my favorite memory. We broke our record from the previous year and overcame the obstacles thrown at us. It was great proving everyone wrong and defeating the odds.
- 2) I like the individual attention that you get from your teacher. It is nice to walk around school and know everyone; to know the teachers and have them know you. I will probably miss that the most.
- 3) I dislike that even though everyone knows each other, you can't get away with anything. Everyone knows everyone else's business.
- 4) Mr. Kern because he makes me laugh (especially when he and Mr. Sander are together) and he taught me a lot about film making, always thinking I knew more than I actually

Robby Hanzlik

- 1) My favorite memories are of



- the Basketball Student Section my freshman and sophomore year.
- 2) The thing I like the most about Northern Lehigh is the splendid view of the rolling Appalachian.
- 3) My least favorite thing about Northern Lehigh is the air

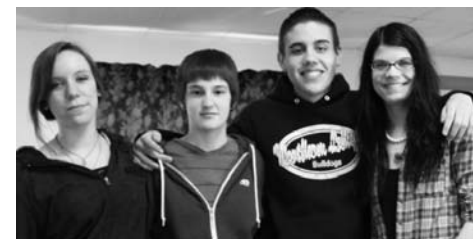
- conditioning system. It is always too hot or too cold.
- 4) My favorite teacher is Mr. Long.
- 5) I am going into the Air Force for an undecided occupation.
- 6) Bring a sweatshirt at all times— even in June.

Lyndsey Williams

- 1) Jonathan Scrak and Amanda Eck always being there and being my best friends. Being there through all the good and bad times. Sharing laughs, sharing tears, and just being together. Thanks guys, for everything.
- 4) Mrs. Druker and Ms. Saville are my favorite teachers because they are the type of teachers you can always go to and talk to. They are caring and understanding. They are there for you. They explain things in depth and really break it down if you don't understand it. They made my English class the best! I'll miss you both!
- 6) Stay in school, you have come so far and you can go a

lot farther. It's not as hard as everyone thinks. If you just listen and do your work, it's really easy, and sometimes it is even fun.

- 7) I want to thank all of my friends and teachers for everything. I have learned a lot being at Northern Lehigh. Although I have preferred some classes to others, I learned a lot of new things that I wouldn't know now if I hadn't taken those classes. And to all the seniors, good luck moving on with your lives; life is hard, but we can do it. We have come this far; there is no stopping us now. I had a great experience with you all, and it was a fun ride, but everything has to end eventually. Now it's our time to shine. Farewell, everyone.



Trevor Dottery

- 1) I will always remember prom with Casey McCarroll and Colin Hedash.
- 2) I like the caring and cool faculty.
- 3) School starts too early in the morning.
- 4) Mr. Prive, Sr. Hauck, Mr. DeLong, Mr. Jordan, Mrs.

- Guss, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Schmidt.
- 5) I will be entering the Marine Corps with a specialty in recon.
 - 6) My suggestion is to finish your graduation project early.
 - 7) Goodbye to all my friends and good luck to future graduates.

Zach Frace

- 1) My favorite memory of NL has to be all of the people I've met. My classmates, teachers, and coaches have all impacted me in one way or another.
- 2) I think Northern Lehigh is a great place because you can ask questions and learn easier because we have small classes where you can have a conversation with your teacher about work, future plans, and everything in between.
- 3) The only thing I would change is the amount of clubs we have available to us. I think students would benefit from having more options.
- 4) Mrs. Evans because she teaches you what you need to learn for college and also for

life. Public speaking and creative writing were always fun to be in. Mr. DeLong kept class interesting by telling us useless, funny facts about the subjects we were learning and telling jokes.

- 5) I plan to attend Bloomsburg University to get my Bachelor's Degree in science for medical imaging. I plan on getting a job while continuing my education to get a doctorate for physical therapy.
- 6) My advice is to respect what is given to you. As much as you think NL stinks, it really isn't that bad. Try your best because if you slack off in high school, once college comes around you may not be prepared for what you thought you were.

Jonathan Haab

- 1) My favorite memories are all of the awesome times I have had with all of my friends in school, playing sports, and participating in extracurricular activities.
- 2) I like the library, the teachers, and the opportunities that I have had available to me because the school is not too big but also not extremely small.
- 3) The things I like the least are the messed up heating and air conditioning systems, waiting in the lunch line (a necessary evil), and waking up early in the morning.
- 4) My favorite teachers are Mr. Sander, Mr. DeLong, and Mr. DeFrain for making class enjoyable. I have to give props to the underappreciat-



ed Wellness and Fitness staff. Mrs. Turoscy for all she does in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. Mr. Lehtonen and Mr. Oertner for being great teachers and even better coaches, and Mr. Schmidt for being the best librarian ever. Finally, Mrs. Leslie for her dedication and natural love of teaching.

- 5) I will be attending Muhlenberg College in the fall for an undecided major.

Lynzi Johnson

- 1) My favorite memory is the homecoming pep rally and game, the cheerleading girls, and fun times.
- 2) Our class is close and small; we're like a family.
- 3) I don't like the lunches.
- 4) Mrs. Waz because she not only helped me learn math, but she was also a mentor.
- 5) I am going to East Stroudsburg University to major in Business Management.
- 6) My advice is to live it up!

Nathan Newhard

- 2) My favorite thing about NL is leaving every afternoon.
- 3) I do not like the cafeteria because of the number of the rules I am forced to follow.
- 4) My favorite teachers are Mrs. Kim Jones, Mr. Sander because he keeps the class interesting while still following the book, and Mr. Schmidt for just being overall awesome.
- 5) After high school, I will be going on tour with my band throughout the U.S. Once the tour is over, I plan on going

Michael Hofmann

- 1) My favorite memory is when the Cross Country team qualified for states in 2009 and I got to run after the chicken nugget fiasco (another team member twisted his ankle running down the stairs to get to lunch). Another fond memory is winning the Colonial League Boys' Basketball Championship in triple overtime against my hated rival Notre Dame.
- 2) My favorite thing about Northern Lehigh is the continual efforts by the Lunch Ladies to improve the quality of the food offered for lunch.

Ian Moslet

- 1) My favorite memories are of lunchtime shenanigans. To truly explain them would require such a vast amount of time and alas such time we do not have.
- 2) Well at Northern Lehigh we have our ups and downs. We have some truly great stuff and some, well, not... We have our share of good kids, and yet some that are not.
- 3) *Included in above
- 4) My favorite teacher would

- 3) I did not like the removal of the Last Wills and Testaments.
- 4) My favorite teachers are Sr. Hauck, Mr. DeFrain, Mr. Sander, Mr. Oertner, and Mr. Ranck because each brought something different to the table and always kept class enjoyable.
- 5) I will be attending Moravian College to study Secondary Education in Mathematics,

- and I would not mind coming back to teach at Northern Lehigh once I graduate.
- 6) My advice to underclassmen is to get involved in as much as you can and enjoy high school because it goes by quicker than you think.
 - 7) I would like to wish the best of luck to next year's seniors and to Northern Lehigh's athletes who will always have my support.



have to be Mr. Ranck. Those who have had him can back me up on this. Mr. Ranck kept the classroom interesting. For every lesson, he had a life story to go along with it. He was also just a phenomenal teacher.

- 5) I am going to Gettysburg College to dual-major in Philosophy and International Relations with a minor in

- Asian Studies.
- 6) Live by these words, "The louder you are the more right you are and the higher your collar the more cool you are."
 - 7) "If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if you think in terms of 10 years, plant trees; if you think in terms of 100 years, teach the people." – Confucius

Kyle Heiser

- 1) All of my memories are great, but I would have to say that playing football, especially this past year is my favorite. It was so nice to be part of such a close family and we had a lot of fun in the process. Despite the hot summer workouts and hard practices, it was something I will never forget.
- 2) I think the best part about Northern Lehigh is the size of the school. You know virtually everyone, literally! I don't think there is one person in this school that you haven't heard about, and if there is, it is a surprise to everybody.
- 3) To tell you the truth, I really cannot think of anything at NL that really stinks. I mean I'm sure that a lot of people might say an assortment of things such as "lunches", "teachers", and "no money", but I don't think the school is that bad at all.
- 4) This is a difficult question for me because I have a laundry list of them! Mr. Yadush, Mr. Sander, Mr. Tout, Mr. DeLong, Mrs. Waz, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Prive, Mr. Bennett (aka the Grizzly Bear), Mr. DeFrain, Mrs. Kim

- Jones, Mr. Oertner, Mrs. Turoscy, and of course Missha Wong! Each one of these fine scholars has taught me everything I know and they have taught me various life lessons that make me the person I am today. Thank you so much for everything you have done for me and you guys are practically saints for putting up with my shenanigans.
- 5) I am going to King's College ("up in Wilkes-Barre" as I like to say) to major in history and hopefully become a teacher.
 - 6) All I can say is: live it up! These are the best years of your lives; make them last and make them memorable. Enjoy the times under your parents' roof where you can get bailed out of trouble easier. Also, just respect everyone. People will respect you if you respect them.
 - 7) Mr. Haab and Mrs. Turoscy, you guys do one heck of a job with this newspaper. Also, to everyone at NL, I love you all. Each and every one of you has changed my life in one way or another. Thank you all for an experience I will never forget. Good luck to all of you in your future endeavors, and I am always here to talk to any of you.

Tommy Krupa

- 3) SENTINEL WEB FILTERING SERVICE
- 4) Mr. Long, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Jordan
- 5) I will be attending California University of Pennsylvania to study computer science.
- 6) Take Multimedia I, Print Tech, CAD I and Prob and Stats.



Victoria Uebele

- 1) I really enjoyed track this year. Doing track instead of soccer for the first time in 4 years was a risk, but it ended being the best spring I could ever have asked for. Mr. Bonner was a wonderful coach and I will always be thankful of him for encouraging me to do my best because it got me very far. I loved our hurdling crew; thanks for making me enjoy it so much.
- 2) What I like the most about NL is being able to make great friends in elementary school and still be very close 10 years later. This would be a lot more difficult if our school wasn't so close.
- 3) The thing I like least is how small our school is. It's hard

Lauren Oerfner

- 1) My favorite memory is when the Girls' Basketball team beat Palmerton to go 22-0 my junior year and just making friends and memories in general.
- 2) I like the fact that Northern Lehigh is small and everyone gets to know each other.
- 3) I don't like the removal of a number of our freedoms over the four years.
- 4) My favorite teachers are Mr. Sander because he allows us to have fun while learning and Mrs. Evans because she is a really good teacher who cares about her students and

Logan Thomson

- 1) My favorite memory is the marching band placing 6th at the Atlantic Coast Championships.
- 2) I love the band room because it feels like home.
- 3) My least favorite thing about Northern Lehigh is the orange paint all over the school and the immature actions of some students.
- 4) Mr. Ranck because he made Physics interesting and had a story to tell with every lesson.
- 5) I will be attending Lebanon Valley College to major in Music Recording Technology and minor in Physics. I am hoping to be a recording engineer or a sound technician.
- 6) My advice to underclassmen is to be yourself and study hard.



- not to let your personal business be spread across the school within two blocks.
- 4) My favorite teacher would have to be Mr. Lehtonen. This is the first year in my four years here that I understand the math and am doing well.
- 5) I am attending Penn State and plan to major in political science. Some day, I hope to become a successful lawyer.
- 6) Underclassmen: never give up on your aspirations no matter how unreachable they may seem at times. Hard work really does pay off. I promise.
- 7) I cannot wait to graduate and leave, but to be honest, I'm going to miss this school and everyone in it.

works hard to prepare us for life.

- 5) I will be attending Misericordia University next year to study Speech Language Pathology and play basketball. I hope to one day get a career as a speech pathologist in either a school or children's hospital.
- 6) My advice to underclassmen is to cherish the time you have in high school because it goes by very fast. Always try your best and be yourself.
- 7) Class of 2011: Thanks for all of the memories that will never be forgotten and good luck in the future!

Carly Gavalla

- 1) It's hard to name just one memory from the past four years, but my favorite memories involve all the times our class was together. Times that I'll never forget are soccer, prom, pep rallies, and homecoming of our senior year. I just love being around friends and enjoying everything together. Laughing with my favorite people is something I'll always remember.
- 2) My favorite thing about Northern Lehigh is the size. It's my senior year and I'm still friends with the same people who I've been with since elementary school. Since our school is pretty small, it gives you the chance to become close with a group of people.

Jill Zeiser

- 1) My favorite memory is many years of doing musicals.
- 2) I like how our school is small and how every time you walk down the hallway there are always people you know.
- 3) I dislike the cafeteria food.

Kristi Seiler

- 1) Although I have tons of memories that I will never forget, I would have to say my favorite was when the softball and baseball teams won the Colonial League Championship on the same night. In that moment I was so happy and never felt so proud to be a bulldog!
- 2) I like that our school is small and personable. Everybody knows everybody and it is a friendly atmosphere.
- 3) As I'm sure many agree, DRAMA!



- 3) Since our school is small, everyone knows (or thinks they know) everything about each other.
- 4) My favorite teacher throughout high school was Mrs. Evans. I've had her for creative writing, Honors English, and Public Speaking. She taught me so much in each of those classes. Walking into her class brightened up my day and she always held my attention. I've learned things in her class that will help me throughout my life. I admire her and how driven she is in her work. She takes the time to get to know all of her students and she is always willing to help anyone. She is a great teacher and an amazing person.
- 5) After high school, I'll be

- 4) My favorite teachers are Frau Schmidt and Mr. Sander. Frau is one of the nicest people I have ever met, and I am so glad I had the opportunity to travel to Europe with her. Mr. Sander is just a great teacher and really makes class interesting.
- 5) I am going to Moravian College this fall to major in

- 4) Mrs. Evans because she makes class fun and entertaining but we still get a lot accomplished and I learn so much!
- 5) I will be attending Misericordia University to major in Medical Imaging.
- 6) My advice is to take advantage of every second you have in high school. These four years fly by faster than you think, and before you know it, it's time to say goodbye.
- 7) Goodbye NL! Good luck seniors! On a scale of 1 to 10 were definitely an '11!

Payton Marunich

- 1) My favorite memories are homecoming, parades, pep rallies, prom, and softball (especially winning the Colonial League and traveling to watch the baseball boys do the same).
- 2) I love Northern Lehigh- the small town community, the blue and white, the Friday nights under the lights, the student sections that rocked the gym, and the diverse but tight-knit Class of 2011.
- 3) I do not like the long lunch lines.
- 4) It is extremely difficult for me to pick a favorite teacher. I like them all!
- 5) My future plans include attending Elizabethtown College.
- 6) Underclassmen: make the best out of every day you spend here. It goes by entirely too fast and you never get these days back. These are the best days of our lives so make memories, be positive, and put your heart into everything you do!

Tamara Stubits

- 1) My favorite memories are homecoming decorating and pep rallies because it was always a time when our class came together and always had a good time (while also winning the hall contest and the stick).
- 2) I like that Northern Lehigh is a small school because I got to participate in all of the activities I wanted to, while still playing softball and keeping my grades up. It is nice to know all the teachers and students.
- 3) The thing I like least about Northern Lehigh is how small the halls and locker rows are. It was always annoying when other students either ran into me in the locker row or walked way too slowly down the hall.
- 4) My favorite teacher is Mrs. Evans because she was always upbeat and never boring. She really kicked my butt into shape when it came to doing things the right way.
- 5) I plan to attend Misericordia University and major in Medical Imaging.
- 6) Be nice and have as much fun as possible. Four years goes by way too fast to waste any time. Make the most of it while you can because soon your days at Northern Lehigh with your best friends will be over, and you don't want to be left with any regrets.

attending Bloomsburg University to study in nursing. I hope to become a nurse in the operating room after college.

- 6) My advice to all the underclassmen is just to enjoy high school while it lasts. Four years goes by faster than you think so just have fun with your friends and try not to get caught up in the little things that don't matter. P.S. - Don't listen when people say the SATs don't matter because they do!
- 7) To my teachers and to the class of 2011: thank you for making the past four years so exciting and memorable! Good luck to everyone!

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- 6) Enjoy your time here, study, and be involved. Also, don't let anyone try to bring you down; many bigger and better things await you outside of Northern Lehigh.
- 7) Good luck to all the seniors next year!



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