

# 5 LETTERS FROM THE EDITORS

## Madison White

**Madison White**  
Sports/Web Editor

Wow. I never thought I would make it to the time I actually had to write a goodbye letter in newspaper. This year has thrown me tons of obstacles and a bunch of lights at the end of the tunnel. From heart breaks, new friendships and relationships, fun opportunities, and getting to know myself as a person, senior year has definitely been a year I will not forget. Being Sports/Web Editor has taught me so much about the journalism world, and I am so thankful I was chosen for this position.

First of all, I want to thank my parents and my teachers for supporting me throughout my journalism career in high school. Mrs. Drouin was always there for me, from personal things like heartbreak, to making sure my stories are up to the highest standards as they possibly can be. She has always been the mama bear for newspaper, protecting her cubs like we are her own. Being her student has been a true honor for me and I could not ask for a better mother figure in school.

Next, I want to say thank you to Mr. Mattison. Ever since my sophomore year, Mattison has seen something in

me from the start that I did not see in myself. He inspires me to be creative in ways that I have not even thought of, and of course, we share the same name so that is extra points. I want to thank Mr. Trice for being the best B.R.I.C.K. teacher I could have asked for even though I absolutely hated the class at first. Everytime I have a dilemma, Mr. Trice steers me on the right track and always gives me another option on how to handle a situation. Last for teachers, I want to thank Mrs. Schmalenberg for making my mornings not so terrible and making me hate reading a bit less. It will definitely help me when I am older. Next, I want to thank my parents. They’ve heard it all from be before but from helping me with my anxiety to being there for me no matter whais thrown our way, being my parents is hard work. Every little thing they had done has molded me to who I am today and I can confidently say that my parents are the coolest and



most caring individuals I have ever met.

Finally, I want to say thank you to my friends. Even though I am usually quiet and keep to myself, I want to thank all of these people who took the time and effort to being me out of my shell and get to know me. I first want to say thank you to my newspaper family: Caitlin Michael, Chelsea Bacci, Miranda Bolinger, and of course Tyra Hill (TyTy). Tyra, this past year has meant the world to me with you being there. I know even when I move I will spill the tea with everything going on in my life. I’m so glad we got close. You guys are the people I talk to the most and go to with most of my problems. Thank you for making my days brighter and sucking a bit less at high school. Next, I want to thank my longtime friends Joe Zerilli, Sydney Iannucci-Thompson, and Gabby Waderlow for being my friends since freshman year and even before that. We have been

through a lot, and I want to say thank you for always being the best raw selves you can be. Lastly and most importantly, I want to thank my boyfriend Antonio Alcini and my brother Chase White for always being my #1 and #2 boys in my life. Trust me, that will never change. I have never been so comfortable with two people as I am with you two, and I just want to thank you for being the best people basically ever. I love you guys so much.

When I first started high school, I never knew that I would end up moving over 1,278 miles away. When I graduate in late May, my family and I will pack up our belongings and move to Rotonda West, F.L. Rotonda West is a deed restricted community, separated into different communities, kind of like Grosse Pointe (Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Shores, etc). Now we are at the stage where we will be selling our old house in Roseville soon, waiting for me to graduate and my brother to finish sixth grade and baseball. We plan on moving in mid-July and will be receiving the keys to our new house then. My future terrifies me in the best possible way, and I am so ready for what lies ahead in this twisted life I call my own.

## Emily Soehren

**Emily Soehren**  
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When thinking about my high school experience, there is not a word to describe it. Going into high school, I did not know what to expect because so many people had different opinions about how it actually is. Everyone around me would ask if I was excited to grow up or what classes I am going to have. Being here for the last four years has been a wild ride that I would not change for the world. From being in Grease my freshman year to joining newspaper my sophomore year, it has been the strangest and most exciting years of my life. There will never be anything like high school in my life ever again, and I am glad that it is finally coming to an end. Recently, my family and friends have been asking me about how I am feeling about graduating and going on to college. It is a kind of bittersweet feeling because I do not want to leave this all behind, but at the same time I cannot wait to walk across the stage. It has been a long four years and I think that I am ready to move on.

Throughout these years, there have been many friends who have been there for me and I cannot express enough appreciation for them. First, I would like to start off with two people who stand out to me when I think about who has been helpful: Madelyn Coles and Jade Danhausen. Madelyn and I have been friends for the past two years, and Jade and I have been friends for the past five years. You both have been the most supportive friends that I have ever had and I am so grate-

ful for you both. Through the struggles of Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry and genuinely not knowing what we were doing, to making videos for AP Composition where we sold “rock, paper, scissors pasta,” it has been the best time and I want to say thank you. Then, a huge thank you to Andrew Wikarski. I do not think that I would have made it through trigonometry without you and I am so glad that we have become friends. Also, to the half of table seven that I have not thanked yet, Caitlyn Hudek you are an amazing human being that can play every instrument out there and Brishana Collins, even though you have already graduated, you have always made me laugh and share my love of Harry Styles, so I would like to thank you both for being by my side and just being great friends. Then, I would like to thank Caitlin Michael. You have always been a wild child and have been there for me throughout our time in newspaper. I have seen you grow into an amazing Editor-in-Chief and you have made the newspaper class into a little family which I am so grateful that I get to be a part of. Finally, a huge shoutout to Aniyah McKanney for sticking with me through AP Calculus and suffering with me. It is probably the hardest class we have both taken and somehow we made it through until third trimester.



Then, I would like to talk about the teachers who have taught me some pretty amazing things that have gotten me to where I am today. First, I would like to thank math teacher Andrea Gabbard who made learning algebra two very exciting and who got the “quadratic formula” song stuck in my head for the past two years. The notes that we took every day in that class actually helped me and have continued to help me excel in my current math class, which I am very appreciative of. Also, any of my science teachers that I have had, Robert Smitka, Scott Wheeler, Michael Zimmer, and John Reinowski, I would like to thank you all for being some of the nicest and funniest people I have met. All the dad jokes that I have endured or the crazy experiments that we would do, they have all been some of my best memories, except for all of the long hours that I have spent taking notes. You all made learning science fun and I have found some of my best friends in your classes.

Furthermore, a huge thank you to English teacher Samantha Jordan for excelling my knowledge about writing and just my overall knowledge about anything. Every day, I would go into your class with an open mind because we would talk about topics that I have never had an opinion on and after the class would come

to an end, I would not stop talking about the discussions we just had because they were always so interesting. One last person I have to thank is journalism teacher Sarah Drouin, who I have had for the past four years. It is crazy to think that I used to have journalism with Ryan my freshman year, and now I am a senior in your newspaper class. Even though it sounds cheesy, you have always pushed me to do my best and my writing has gotten better because of it. You are an amazing teacher that I will always be grateful for and I just wanted to say thank you for these past four years. Newspaper has given me a voice so I could finally speak my opinion and it has strengthened my leadership skills.

The last few people that I would like to thank are my family. To my two brothers, Nicklaus and Ryan, thank you for supporting me and just being the best you can be. The biggest thank you, and the final one, goes out to both of my parents. Whether you were stressing out with me about tests that I had to take or helping me finish projects at the last second because I would always procrastinate, you have both been there for me through it all and I will forever be grateful. I would not have made it this far without your constant support of what I am doing in life and you both pushing me to be the best I can be. Thank you for helping me become the person I am today and, because of that help, I am able to move on to college and accomplish everything that I have planned for in the future.

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