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How do seniors feel about a gap year?



When students start thinking about college a certain question always comes up: do I wait or do I go right away? Many seniors have different opinions on this topic. Some have found that they want to go and get it over with right away, while others feel they need to take that year off and find who they are, whether that is because they want to find out what to major in or just not having the funds to go without a scholarship. Seniors Andrew Keltz, and Kris Farley feel that they are ready for college, but Ashlyn McCullum and Jenna Smalstig feel that there not quite ready to go just yet.

McCullum wants to take a gap year because she does not feel she is quite yet prepared to go to college straight from high school. McCullum wants to be able to explore more options before committing on going back to school. She feels as if she will benefit from taking a gap year because she will be able to free her mind and and let the stress of high school go before she goes back to school. According to McCul-

lum she just needs a break and a chance to explore before she goes back to school. McCullum believes that she needs a break from schooling and wants to focus on herself. She is not planning on applying for scholarships so that she can let the stress fade away her senior year.

McCullum is not the only one who is taking a year off, Smalstig also plans on taking a gap year, but a shorter one than most she is taking half a year. She wants to take that year because she feels that she should have the time to save up the money for the average college lifestyle and not be rushed. She also believes that taking half a year off at the least will be a good idea and would recommend it to her friends, but she does think she will benefit from it. She believes that taking that time off will help her with the expenses of col-



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Some seniors take a gap year to save up money or to give themselves a mental break. It is your personal preference on what your future holds.

lege, and she wants to make sure she is jumping into the right thing before she moves on in life.

“I would recommend the gap but it is really your choice to take it or not, but it is ok to take a gap year,” Smalstig said.

On the other hand, Keltz feels that taking a gap year is not so much for him because he is already adjusted to the typical school lifestyle and just wants to get college done and over with. He feels that if he goes right away, the transition will be much easier than taking a year off. Keltz also feels that he will benefit from going to college straight away because all of his high school learning will still be fresh in his brain which will make things easier to remember when he gets there.

“I wouldn’t want to take a gap year because you already just got out

of school and I’d rather get it over with right away,” Keltz said.

Farley feels that when he graduates he wants to go straight to college. He thinks that if he does not go right away, he will put it off, never end up going, and then regret it later. Farley feels that he will benefit from this choice because everyone wants to make money and be a millionaire, but no one wants to take the first steps to get there. He would also recommend going to college to anyone who procrastinates in doing anything, because once you get out of college and take a year off you will never want to go back.

Many seniors are torn between the thought of college, while others are ready to go as soon as that diploma hits their hand. The seniors who are uncertain must decide if they will go straight out of high school or if they are going to wait and give themselves some time off to find out who they are. No matter what decision the seniors make, once graduation hits, everyone will begin their own path on accomplishing what they want to do in their life.

Seniors and staff reflect on best RHS experiences

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Most of the students who attend RHS have been here since freshman year, and those who have not often wish that they would have. The school has impacted many students in several different ways. There is not one student who attends here that is the same as another. In any school it is important to get to know your surroundings, and form great relationships with those around you. Here we show a great example of that.

“We want kids to exceed to their highest potential and not get discouraged when something doesn’t go the way they expected. There are many opportunities out there to help students grow and improve as they leave high school, we just do everything we can to show students that they can better their chances when they actually try,” counselor Kelly O’Callaghan said.

There are many staff members who love and care deeply about the students that attend here. We hear it every day on the P.A. that another senior has done some good. Even on announcements we see our seniors growing and learning more each and every day.

“I have gone to Roseville for all four of my high school years, and I would not change it for anything. I came

over from the middle school and I had already grown great friendships with most of my classmates, I grew up with students I was raised with and I am most thankful for that. Roseville taught me great connections and how to adapt to new things with very little question,” senior Alizah Sumner-Taylor said. She added that she loves Roseville High and will always remember how it changed her.

“One thing that is unique about Roseville is all the time spent on building relationships. By the time senior’s graduate, many of them have formed really close relationships with staff members, and even principals. It’s sad to see them go but it’s nice to see them move on. We know they will always have somewhere to come back to. They always ahev us to lean on for advice or to just talk to someone if they need something,” principal Patrick Adams



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The class of 2019 will always be a part of the RHS family. Although they are moving forward in life, their memories will always be bittersweet.

said.

A school’s purpose is to teach and educate students, and help turn them into young smart adults. Roseville goes above and beyond to make sure that they do just that and more.

“I transferred to Roseville my sophomore year of high school from Chandler

Park Academy and I was a little susceptible about the big change, but I had heard so many great things about Roseville. I have an older sister that graduated three years prior to me switching. I guess most of my worry was about me not wanting to be an outcast. Once I got here I didn’t feel so much of that, in fact everyone was very warm and welcoming. It took me a while to fully open up, but I thank Roseville for treating me with warm hearts and helping me grow. I instantly was a part of the Roseville family when I walked through those doors the first day of sophomore year,” senior Briana More-

land Davis said.

“I have gone here all of my high school years. I had other high schools I wanted to go to, Dakota and Chippewa especially, but Roseville gave me the same opportunities. I’ve played sports all my years here and I wouldn’t take back a minute of it. This is my platform, this is what helped build me into the young man I am,” Keith Fortune II said. He went on to say Roseville motivated him and pushed him to more opportunities for when he graduates.

RHS makes sure that parents are often included in things as well. Most of the teachers are parents and they know how it feels to have a child in high school so it is a better connection between the students and teachers. “At Roseville everyone is accepted, and in my eyes the children here respect children of special needs better than I have ever seen in any school before. That means a lot to me and is something that I am very passionate about. I love that the students here are as welcoming as they are, as well as our staff here,” English teacher Susan Kosinski said.

RHS has a good reputation, and everyone wants that to continue. Not only are the students who attend a representation of RHS, but RHS is a representation of its students.

Seniors say goodbye to spring sports

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As seniors get ready to graduate and leave high school, they also have to say goodbye to the sport that they have grown to love. Seniors from girls’ soccer, track, baseball, and softball leave final words for their coaches, teammates, and the sports they love.



Ian Major, Baseball - “I am going to miss all of my teammates the most because they made baseball a lot more fun. Thank you to everyone that has helped me grow and better myself as a baseball player.”



Julyanna Favors, Softball - “I am going to miss cheering on the team and playing in general because I was out for almost the whole season. I do plan on playing softball in college. Thank you to my teammates for a good year and and for always keeping your head up.”



Gabby Waderlow, Soccer - “I am going to miss my teammates and all the good times we had. I’m going to miss Lauren Orlor because she has always been there for me and the team and being supportive.”



Jordan Hamilton, Cross Country - “I am going to miss the practices the most, they were really fun. I do plan on continuing cross country in college. To my teammates and coaches, thank you for everything and good luck in the future.”