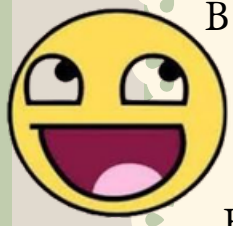
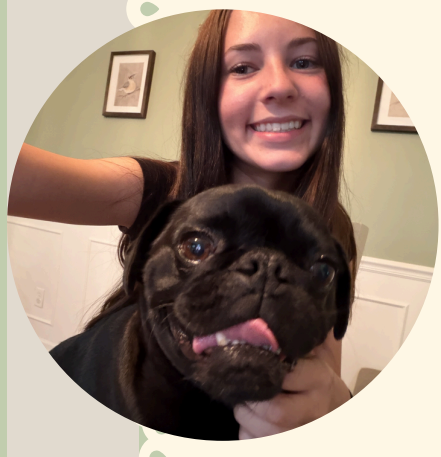
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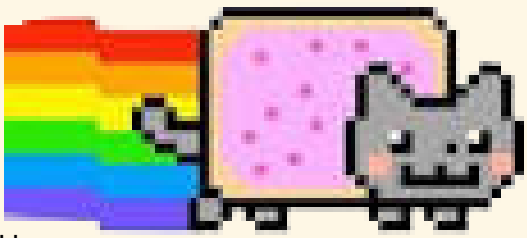
EMMA COSTIEN IS A 15-YEAR-OLD SOPHOMORE HERE AT DEFIANCE. SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM AND HAS PLAYED SOCCER SINCE SHE WAS 4. HER FAVORITE SUBJECT IS ENGLISH, AND SHE LOVES READING AND WRITING. EMMA LOVES TO WATCH MOVIES, SOME OF HER FAVORITES BEING (500) DAYS OF SUMMER AND THE OUTSIDERS. SHE ALSO LOVES LISTENING TO MUSIC. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, SHE WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL THE WORLD. SOME PLACES SHE WOULD LIKE TO GO ARE OREGON, TEXAS, AND MAINE. EMMA HAS BEEN TO MANY STATES, HER FAVORITES BEING MASSACHUSETTS, NEW YORK, AND WISCONSIN. SHE ISN'T SURE ABOUT HER FUTURE CAREER, BUT SHE IS THINKING ABOUT PALEONTOLOGY OR MARKETING. ONE THING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT EMMA IS THAT SHE LOVES TO WATCH STREAMERS LIKE CASEOH AND JOE BART. EMMA LOVES GOING TO CHURCH AND SEEING HER FRIENDS THERE. THE THING SHE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS CHRISTMAS BREAK.





SELFIE TAKEN BY EMMA WITH HER DOG RUFFLES

BY EMMA CONSTIEN





PREGAME PHOTO TAKEN BY JERRY LATTA

Aislynn Troyer

Aislynn Troyer is a sophomore at Defiance High School. She's gone to Defiance ever since elementary school. An academic accomplishment that she has achieved is being on the honor roll. She is on the volleyball and basketball teams. A few of her hobbies include hanging out with friends, driving around, spending time at the lake, playing Roblox, and spending time with family. Aislynn has 4 siblings: three sisters and one brother.



Aislynn serving in volleyball

Photo Credits: Jerry Latta



Her and her friends at hoco

picture credit: Aislynns mom

Her favorite spot to eat in town is Taco Bell. Her go-to order is a grilled cheese burrito, nacho fries, and a Baja Blast. Outside of Defiance, she likes to eat at Chick-fil-A. Aislynn's favorite season is fall because she can wear hoodies, sit by the campfire, and go through haunted corn mazes. Her favorite subject is math because she is good at it. Her least favorite is history because she finds it boring and confusing.

Author: Aislynn Troyer

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Savannah Urivez



Savannah posing for volleyball picture day
Photo creds: Rod Brown

Meet Savannah! She is currently a senior at Defiance High School. She is number 5 on the varsity volleyball team. Her inspiration is her older sister Jasmyn, who never gives up. She has four siblings: Javin, Jasmyn, Cameron, and Santiago. She has one dog, a mini labradoodle named Jasper. Her favorite color is wine red or baby blue.



Savannah taking a picture at senior sunrise
Photo creds: Rylee Leal

Her favorite dining food spot would be Yamato, the chicken hibachi dinner. And her favorite out-of-town spot would have to be Chick-fil-A. Most people do not know that Savannah loves to read. She is most looking forward to her senior year of volleyball and graduating. A major pet peeve of hers is people chewing loudly. Her favorite season is spring, and summer is just around the corner.

Aaliyah Shawver

Aaliyah Shawver is a 17-year-old Senior at Defiance High School. She lives with my Grandma, Grandpa, and cousin Noah. She plays softball and loves to spend time with her teammates. Her favorite subject is ceramics because she gets to talk with her friends and make projects. Her favorite color is pink because it's a cute and soft color. The TV show she will always rewatch is Gossip Girl.



Photo taken by Peyton Mseis at the Nap vs Defi 2026 football game.

Her favorite place to eat in town is either Yamato or El Mezcal. While her favorite place out of town is Chick-fil-A. Aaliyah's favorite season of the year is summer; she enjoys summer because her birthday is in July. Her favorite holiday is the 4th of July because it's right after her birthday, celebrating America and fireworks. This year she is looking forward to graduating and prom! After high school, her plans are to attend college.

Photo taken by Natalie Ordway at Aaliyah's Junior Homecoming.



Makaylah Gomez

Meet Makaylah Gomez. She is 17 years old and a Senior here at DHS. She is a part of Student Boosters and Softball. Makaylah works at Firestone as a Hostess, and when she turns 18, she is going to be a server there. After high school, she isn't exactly sure what she wants to do, but she does want to attend college. Her favorite class is Webpage with Mr. Lehman because it is a chill class and it is fun. In Makaylah's free time, she likes to hang out with her friends and go on walks at the reservoir because it is peaceful there. Her favorite food spot out of town is Chick-fil-A. In town, she loves to go to Taco Bell. Makaylah loves the Fall because of the colors and the weather, but she also loves the Summer because she can hang out with her friends all the time, and she loves to tan and swim. This year, Makaylah is most looking forward to the last high school memories she is going to make with friends. She can't wait to go to Homecoming and Prom because she loves to get dressed up and take pictures with her friends.



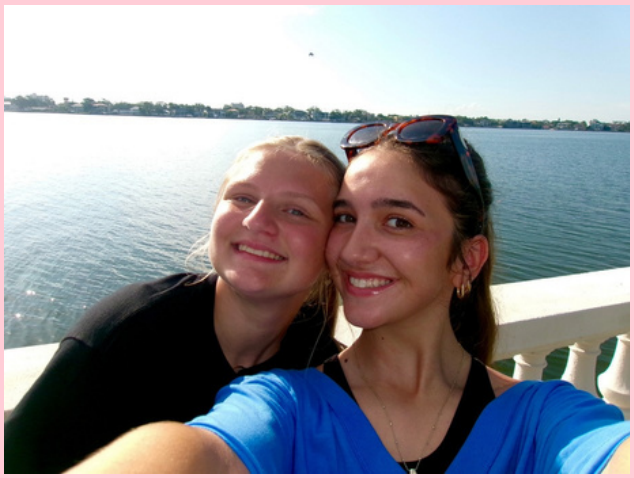
This is a picture of Makaylah on her first day of senior year that was taken by Emma Plotts



This is a picture of Makaylah and her friends at Starbucks and the photo was taking by and random lady outside.

ADDISON ROTH
Student Spotlight

Meet Addison Roth; she is in 11th grade here at Defiance High School. She is currently 16 years old. Addison is a two-sport athlete; she plays basketball and softball. Her favorite sports memory is making it to Regionals during softball with her best friends. Addison's favorite subject is math. She loves to work with numbers while solving problems and equations. Outside of school and sports, she works at Padrone's Pizza with her friends. Her favorite out-of-town food place is PDQ; she absolutely loves the waffle fries and spicy chicken sandwiches. Her biggest pet peeve is bad grammar; she never fails to correct people on their grammar mistakes. After high school, she plans to go to college to get a degree in Architecture or Architectural Engineering. Addison's dream school is Penn State; she loves the campus and community. Her favorite college softball team is Texas; she loves the Longhorns. Addison has two siblings: her brother Camden (23) and sister Lindsay (21). Her siblings are her biggest role models.



ADDISON (RIGHT) AND HER COUSIN KENDALL (LEFT) DOWNTOWN TAMPA, FLORIDA.
PHOTO CREDIT: ADDISON ROTH



ADDISON (RIGHT), HER SISTER LINDSAY (LEFT), AND HER BROTHER CAMDEN (MIDDLE) CELEBRATING THEIR MILESTONES.
PHOTO CREDIT: SHELLYALT

BY: ADDISON ROTH

Talisa Jackson







Hi guys, Talisa Jackson is in her senior year in high school. She would love to go to Owens Community College and transfer from there to the University of Toledo to be a pediatrician after high school. Talisa is working at Bob Evans as a server, and it's a pretty decent job. Her favorite part about Defiance High School is the relationships you make with the students and teachers. Her favorite color is purple, and her favorite seasons are fall and spring. Talisa's favorite spot to eat here in town is Buffalo Wild Wings, and out of town, it would have to be Chick-fil-A or Chili's. What she is looking forward to doing the most this year would have to be the walk-through because that day the seniors get to walk through the whole school and go to the elementary school as well, and we were the grade that didn't get our walk-through to the 6th grade. Some of Talisa's biggest pet peeves are someone telling her she's wrong when she is actually right, picking/choosing others over people (you should be kind to everyone, not just your friends), and lastly, telling her to do something instead of asking—it's just rude. Some advice I would give to the 8th graders this year would be to be yourself; don't change yourself for anybody. Be your authentic self; don't slack just because it's your first year in high school—everything matters. Talisa is currently trying to figure out if 11 years is worth going to school for, but what else is she really going to be doing besides working is the big question. Three core values she lives by would be to treat others how you want to be treated, respect your elders, and money isn't everything. The only hardship she thinks she would be facing with her career would have to be anatomy.

Student Spotlight
Emma Plotts

Meet Emma Plotts! She is a senior at Defiance High School. Currently, her favorite class is Web Page with Mr. Lehman. She enjoys how chill it is in there and the people in her class. Something Emma loves about her school is the friendships she has made. After high school, she plans on going to college for nursing, particularly to become an Ultrasound Tech. Her inspiration in life is to be as courageous as her mother. Outside of school, Emma enjoys going out of town, specifically to Fort Wayne with her friends. Hitting up the mall and getting food is always something she enjoys. Her favorite food spot there is Chick-fil-A. In town, her favorite fast food spot is Taco Bell. Some of Emma's biggest pet peeves are people chewing with their mouths open and scraping their teeth against a fork. Her favorite season is fall because of all the colors and scents.



Emma getting her picture taken when she was on vacation
Photo taken by Mak



Emma smiling for a photo
Photo taken by Emma

Prynn Hampton!

Prynn Hampton is a 15-year-old sophomore in high school. She loves to read in her free time; that's why her favorite class is ELA. One of Prynn's favorite authors is Rachel Reid. After high school, her plans are to attend Valparaiso University and study to become an elementary school teacher. She also wants to move to Valparaiso, Indiana, after high school. Her favorite color is light yellow. She also loves pink. Something many people do not know about her is that she goes to Destin, Florida, every year in the summer with her family. Her favorite season is fall because she loves the weather and has always loved Halloween. Prynn loves to go on walks, listen to music, watch movies, and hang out with her friends. Some of the movie genres Prynn loves are rom-com, horror, and thriller. This year, Prynn is looking forward to going to Homecoming and getting ready with her friends. Something Prynn wants to do in the future is to go to Paris and Los Angeles.

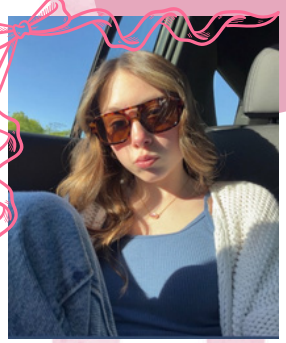




Photo Creds:Prynn Hampton

By:Prynn Hampton

Jack Heinze



Jack with the rest of the O-Line
-Photo from Curt Lydy

Jack Heinze is a senior at Defiance HS. He is currently 17 and will turn 18 on the 29th of September. His parents are Julie Heinze and Mark Heinze, and he has a sister (Katie) and a nephew (Colston). He currently plays football, and during the spring, he will be in track. He is hoping to go to college somewhere and further his education. His favorite class is Journalism and Current History. He is most looking forward to the rest of the football season and has hopes to make the playoffs. His favorite season of the year is fall because of football and the atmosphere of fall. His favorite food spot in town is Jersey Mike's, and his favorite out of town is Cane's.

He loves the school spirit and loves the color blue. His favorite memory during HS is his junior year, October through December. One of his biggest pet peeves is having to repeat himself.



Jack and his QB
-Photo from Curt Lydy



BENTLEIGH BACHMAN

Meet Bentleigh! She is a junior here at Defiance. I asked Bentleigh what she is looking forward to this year, and she said that she's looking forward to homecoming and prom. I asked her what she loves about Defiance, and she said she loves how supportive all of the teachers are. Bentleigh's favorite color is purple. One hobby that she has gotten into is reading; she finds it very calming.



Author:Bentleigh Bachman

Bentleigh posing with her friend on vacation.

Photo creds: Bentleigh Bachman



Bentleigh posing with her mom at a wedding.

Photo creds: Bentleigh Bachman

One of her favorite authors is Freida McFadden. She said she really likes her books because of the plot twists they have. Bentleigh is a part of our DHSMB. She said she loves how everyone acts as one big family even if you don't know everyone. She has been in band since 5th grade and has enjoyed it since then. Bentleigh's goal after high school is to go to college for education and work with kids.

Teegan Jordan

Teegan Jordan is 17 years old and is a senior. He has four sisters and is the youngest among them, and he considers himself "the better sibling" than his sisters. Teegan also works for a landscaping company. In Teegan's spare time, he wrestles alligators for free. Before he can work, he has football practice every day, which usually lasts until 6 o'clock. Teegan's favorite subject is history because it's important. Teegan's role model is Tom Brady because he is determined and confident in his own abilities. Teegan's favorite food spot out of town is Campus Polley'eyes. Something you don't know about him is that he doesn't like the school Bosco sticks. Also, his favorite foods are pizza and steak. Another thing Teegan likes to do is fall asleep to Tom Brady highlights. Finally, the thing Teegan loves most about Defiance is the community.





Jaiden Killion

Jaiden Killion is a 16 year old sophomore. She plays football for Defiance High school. Her favorite school memory so far was winning against Napoleon and keeping the River Rock. After high school her goal is to become an auto mechanic and live in the state of Florida. Jaiden loves the new opportunities we get here at Defiance High school. Her favorite color is Royal blue, the school's color. Jaiden's favorite food spot in defiance would be Moncho's Lounge since they have really good wings. Her role model is Brooklyn Bailey because she motivates Jaiden to achieve her goals. What most people don't know about her is she enjoys watching the sunset on the beach. Her favorite season of the year is fall, when the nice weather is out and football games are going. Jaiden would like to travel to Italy to see the views and try the different food. She's looking forward to all the breaks this year.

Author: Jaiden Killion



Jaiden & Josh thinking of a pose to do. Photo taken by Molli McCarrier



Jaiden & Brooklyn posing for the picture. Phote taken by Brooklyn Bailey

Breckin Troyer







Breckin shooting a 3 pointer. Photo from Jerry Latta.

This is Breckin Troyer, a senior at Defiance High School. His favorite color is red. His favorite food spot outside of town is Cane's. After high school, he wants to go to college. His favorite food spot in town is either Kissner's or McDonald's. His favorite season of the year is fall because it’s right between summer and winter. His favorite holiday is Christmas. His favorite sport to watch is basketball. His favorite sport to play is golf. In his spare time, he likes to play video games. His least favorite subject in school is science.

IKE WEBB

IKE GOES TO SCHOOL AT DEFIANCE HIGH SCHOOL AND HE IS A SENIOR. HE HAS BEEN A DEFIANCE STUDENT SINCE THE 7TH GRADE. BEFORE HE CAME TO DEFIANCE, HE WENT TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL, WHERE HE RECEIVED AN EDUCATION IN RELIGION. HE HAS AN OLDER BROTHER, LUKE, AND A YOUNGER SISTER, ELIZA. HE IS ON THE DEFIANCE BASEBALL TEAM AND HE IS THE #1 PITCHER. LAST YEAR, HE WAS NAMED TO THE FIRST TEAM ALL-WBL AND HE WAS THE RUNNER-UP FOR WBL PLAYER OF THE YEAR. IN HIS FREE TIME, HE PARTICIPATES IN 4-H AND HE REALLY ENJOYS GOING TO OTHER FAIRS TO SHOW HIS ANIMALS. AT THE MOST RECENT SHOW HE ATTENDED, HE GOT 2ND PLACE. THIS YEAR, HE WENT TO THE STATE FAIR AND ALSO RECEIVED 2ND PLACE. HE ALSO HELPS OUT ON THE FAMILY FARM WHEN HE'S NOT PLAYING BASEBALL. HE HUNTS ON HIS FAMILY'S LAND WITH HIS BROTHER AND COUSIN. HE HOPES TO GO TO COLLEGE AND PLAY BASEBALL SOMEWHERE.

THIS IKE PITCHING AT BRYAN HIGH SCHOOL IN ACME STATE TOURNAMENT. - PHOTO CRED - KATE WEBB



IKE SHOWING HIS DAIRY FEEDER CALF LAST YEAR AT THE DEFIANCE COUNTY FAIR. - PHOTO CRED - KAYLEE ROLPH



Ruth Green

This is Ruth getting ready to hit

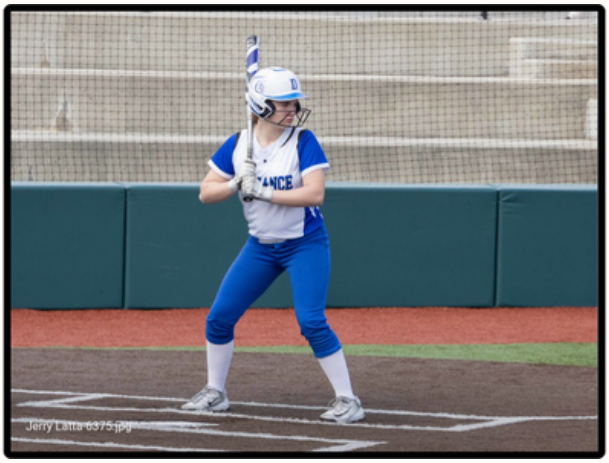


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This is Ruth going in for a hug on senior night



Photo Credits to Jerry Latta

Meet Ruth Green, she is 17 years old and a senior. She has one brother, two step-brothers, and one step-sister. Ruth plays softball and golf. She is unemployed, and in her free time, she plays with her cats at home. Her favorite class at school is gym because of her teacher, Mr. Swartz. After school, she plans to go to college and play softball. Someone who inspires her is her dad because he has always been there for her. One thing that she loves about Defiance High School is how much school spirit there is. Her favorite color is blue. Ruth's favorite food spot that is out of town is Culver's. One thing that people don't know about Ruth is that she got stitches when she was 7 years old. Her favorite season is fall.

Written by Ruth Green

REYNAH VELASQUEZ

By: Reynah Velasquez

Reynah Velasquez is a 16-year-old sophomore this year at Defiance High School. Her birthday is September 11th, 2010. She has been going to Defiance City Schools her whole life. Sirenah Gomez, Noah Gomez, and Maddy Velasquez are her siblings. Her favorite color is blue, and her favorite animal is a blue jellyfish. Reynah enjoys playing Roblox, playing volleyball, listening to music, and painting. Although she did quit volleyball, she still likes it. Some of her pet peeves are when people chew loudly, chew with their mouths open, and don't clean up their mess. Fall and summer are Reynah's two favorite seasons. Fall is one of her favorites because of the weather. In the summer, she likes the freedom. Her favorite fast food place out of town is Chick-fil-A. Reynah's role model is her mom because she is a very hard worker.



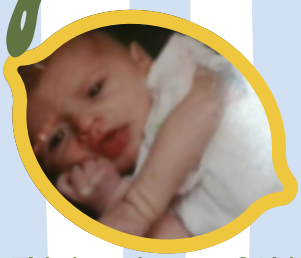
Reynah first football game of sophomore year with her friends. Creds: Addi Osborn



Reynah and her friends first hocoming. Creds: Reynahs mom

Abigail Hoffman

Abigail Hoffman is a 16-year-old sophomore at Defiance High School. She has 6 siblings: Kaelah, Kyle, Kaleena, Gracelynn, Ariyanna, and Jaxson. She enjoys reading, drawing, and writing poetry. Outside of school, you can find her watching "Dance Moms" or lost in a good book. Her favorite class is English because she loves to read and write. After high school, she plans to have a gap year to get her life together and then go to college to be an EMT. The person she looks up to most is her grandfather; she looks back on his life and tries to reflect that in hers. Her favorite color is purple, and her favorite food from home is her mom's burritos. Outside of home, she would go to Chick-fil-A. Something most people don't know about her is that she is on the school bowling team. Some of her pet peeves are people not being kind to others. She also wants everyone to know that no matter what you did yesterday or today, that is a thing of the past, and she wants you to know that "You Matter."



This is a picture of Abigail a few days after she was born
Photo Credits: Unknown



Abigail at a Church Youth confrence in Michigan
Photo credits: Step-mom



Abigail on family pictures
Photo Credits: Unknown

This is Abigail on a random day before school
Photo Credits: Abigail's Mom



This is Abigail in kidergarden on 50's day
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Abigail and her little sister Gracelynn in family pictures
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Kamryn Frederick

Kamryn taking a photo with her teamates Elliana and Ajalyn Gomez.

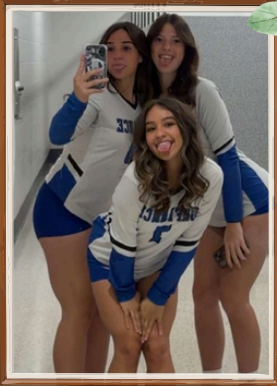


Photo Credit: Ajalyn Gomez

Kamryn Frederick is a 17-year-old senior at Defiance High School. She enjoys playing volleyball, which is how she spends most of her free time. Kamryn is a middle hitter and plays for both the school and a club team. After high school, she plans to go to college for four years to hopefully continue playing volleyball and to study radiology. Kamryn's favorite season is fall; she enjoys all of the changing leaf colors, the fall activities, and the seasonal treats and drinks. Her favorite places to eat in town are Buffalo Wild Wings, Yamato Steakhouse, and El Mez Cal. Out of town, she enjoys going to Olive Garden, Bibibop, and Raising Cane's.

Photo Credit: Brynn Edmund



Kamryn taking her senior photos.

One day, Kamryn would really like to travel the world and have as many new experiences as possible. The place she wants to visit the most is Italy, specifically Venice or Rome. Kamryn enjoys listening to music in her free time. Some of her favorite bands are Alice In Chains, Pearl Jam, and Foo Fighters. One thing Kamryn is looking forward to this year is her final homecoming and prom, as well as making her final senior memories of her high school career.

Written By: Kamryn Frederick on 9/8/26

Ava Mancera

Student Spotlight









Meet Junior Ava Mancera! Ava has one sibling who also attends Defiance High School. She is an active member of the basketball program and works at Phoenix Theatres in the Northtown Mall. Her favorite class is journalism because she finds it engaging, and her favorite school memory is sophomore homecoming. After graduation, Ava plans to attend college to pursue a career in nursing. She loves the school spirit at Defiance, and her personal favorites include the color pink, Olive Garden, and the summer season.

Elizhamarr Battle

By:Elizhamarr Battle

Elizhamarr Battle is a Sophmore at defiance and has gone here for 6 years now. Elizhamarr has been doing track since 8th grade but has been obsessed with it since 5th. His favorite color is Red, he loves the color because of the "tone of it." Elizhamarr's Favorite Fast food Place is Tacobell. He loves his first name but he mainly perfers "Marr Marr." Elizhamarr Has 9 Brothers and sisters. A special quote he mentions is "Everyone deserves to be treated the same no matter their skin color." He loves autmn because It starts on his Birthday which is September 22nd!



Trey Bibler



Photo cred: Andy Bibler

Photo cred: Shelly Z



This is Trey Bibler, a senior at Defiance High School. He is involved in basketball and track and field. His favorite sport to play is basketball. His biggest accomplishment on the court is never losing to Napoleon. A coach who has been a major inspiration to him is Coach Lehman. He has always been a huge help in teaching him how to improve and stay eager on the court. Outside of school, Trey's hobbies include hunting, hanging out with friends, and roofing. His biggest role model is his dad. He is always there when Trey needs him and has taught him everything he knows. Trey's favorite season is summer because he loves being outside and enjoying the sun. He has five sisters and one dog. This year, Trey is most excited about finally graduating.

Author:Trey Bibler

Rylee Wilson

This is Rylee Wilson; she's 15 and a sophomore. Her favorite color is sage green. It reminds her of nature, especially vines. Her favorite season is fall because of Halloween, and also the leaves are beautiful. Her “inspiration” would be her older sister. She is so hardworking; she graduated early and practically raised her and her siblings. She looks up to her more than anyone else, and she always supports her. Her favorite place to eat in Defiance would be El Mezcal. Though if talking about places out of town, she would choose a Mexican restaurant called Mi Rancho.

After school she plans to pursue doing nails and one day possibly have her own business. If everything goes as planned, she would be doing nails and her aunt would do hair. She plans to go to 4County so she can get her license without going to cosmetology school after she graduates.





Pictures taken by:
Rylee Wilson and Abbie Spangler

By:Rylee Wilson

Student Spotlight



This is Michael Guardiola. He is a senior at Defiance High School. I am 17 years old. My favorite food spot in Defiance is Pancake House. My favorite color is orange. My favorite class is gym class because I love to get my exercise in. My favorite season is winter. My favorite food spot out of town is Dave's Hot Chicken. My high school plan/goal is to go to a trade school or jump straight into the workforce. Something that most people don't know about me is that I love to play basketball. For football, I won a Super Bowl in 5th grade and received an achievement for it. My inspiration is my mother because she is a very strong and independent woman.

Michael Guardiola

Jayla Polanco!

Jayla is a senior at Defiance High School. She spends most of her time working at Tropical Smoothie or being part of the band. If she is not busy with those responsibilities, she is with friends or asleep. Many people do not know she is allergic to cats and dogs.



Most days You can catch her wearing some form of pink, as it is her favorite color. She loves shopping when she can. Her favorite place to eat in Defiance is Mavericks, but when she can go out, her top choice is Cane's. She enjoys art a lot, so her favorite class that she has taken is Ceramics. After high school, she plans on joining the workforce.



Student Spotlight

Lauren Walz

By Lauren Walz

Introducing this week's student spotlight: Lauren Walz! Lauren is a senior here at Defiance High School, and she is involved in cross country, National Honor Society, Hope Squad, and track. Outside of the school setting, she loves doing anything with her hands, from sewing to making colorful friendship bracelets. Lauren loves anything and everything with color, but her two favorite colors are pink and purple. She has three siblings: one brother, Luke, and two sisters, Erin and Sadie. She considers her siblings her best friends. Additionally, Lauren's favorite place to eat is El Mezcal because they have great customer service and the food is delicious. She typically orders a chicken quesadilla. Outside of Defiance, her favorite food spot is Raising Cane's. Their chicken and fries are top-tier. Lauren's favorite class is anatomy; she learns something new every day. In the future, Lauren plans to attend college to study health sciences. Lauren is looking forward to making the most of her senior year!



Lauren and her sisters at a football game.

REYNA Chavez



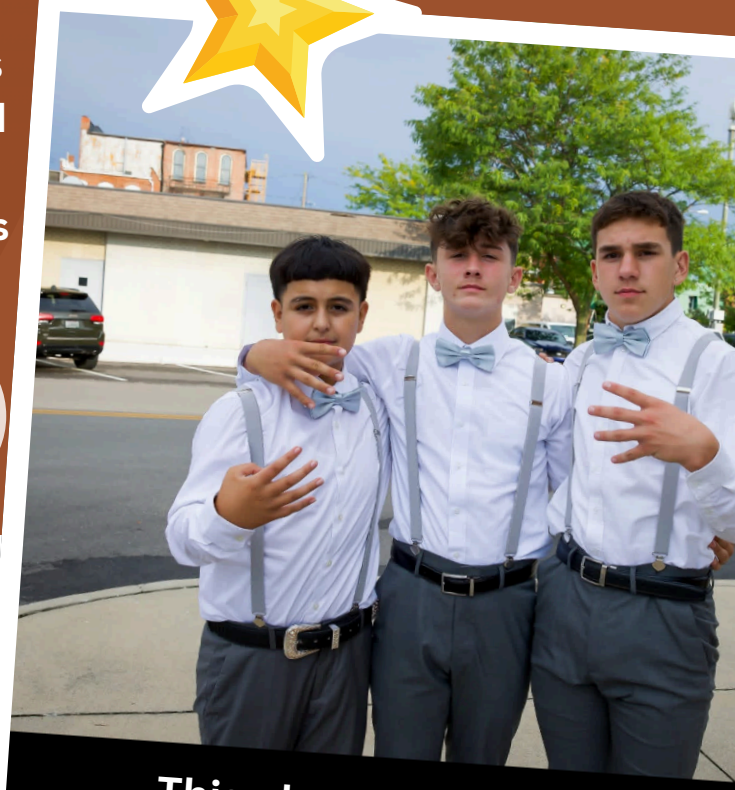


Meet Reyna! She has 7 siblings: 3 brothers and 4 sisters. She works at Jacob's Sweets & Eats. She also helps out in her dad's food truck when needed. Reyna's favorite class is ceramics because she enjoys being creative and socializing with her friends in that class. Her favorite school memory was the prom of 2026. Reyna's plans after high school are to go to college. Her inspiration is Bluey and Bingo because they are always happy and think positively. She always feels so welcomed by all her peers at Defiance High School. Her favorite colors are pink and yellow. Her favorite place to eat in Defiance is Taco Bell. She loves to eat at BJ's restaurant out of town. She's looking forward to getting good grades this year.

Author: Reyna Chavez

This is Alonso Fernandez. He is a senior at Defiance High School. Alonso is 17 years old, and his birthday is January 20th. Alonso likes to play basketball in his free time and eat a lot of snacks too. Alonso's favorite place to eat in Defiance is El Mézcal, and out of town, it is Storming Crab. Alonso's favorite season is fall; it's the best because it’s hoodie season, and that’s the best. Alonso is going to the Marines right after high school, and he is going into the infantry.

ALONSO FERNANDEZ



This photo was taken at Alonso’s sisters quinceñera- Alonso’s Mom



This photo was taken in Aldi’s when Alonso was a baby - Alonso’s dad

Author: Alonso Fernandez

Roberto Ramirez

Roberto is a senior at Defiance High School. After school, he is typically found hanging out with friends and family, and on Wednesdays he is at FCC church. His favorite school memory is DALC; while he was there, he met an amazing person named Sal. Roberto and Sal would talk every chance they got and never stopped until they had to get back to work.

Roberto's role model is not a person, but a brand named "Ksubi." This brand started in 1999, and at their first runway show, they did what nobody else had and released 200 rats into the crowd. This showed him that breaking social norms is acceptable and receives recognition.

Some of Roberto's pet peeves are when kids run to the school lunch (it's not going anywhere) and when anyone touches his backpack.

Roberto has dreams of being a designer and starting his own fashion brand. He wants to go to Hocking College to get away from Defiance. The brand he has high hopes for he wants to name "AC1D."

Roberto's favorite movie is "Friday," which also correlates with his love for '90s R&B and Rap. Some of his favorite artists are Juvenile, Crime Mob, Twista, Aaliyah, Eazy-E, Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Petey Pablo, Keyshia Cole, Alicia Keys, and Ashanti.



THIS SELFIE WAS TAKEN AT BELLA'S GRAD PARTY (TAKEN BY ROBERTO)



THIS SELFIE WAS TAKEN TO SHOW OFF ROBERTO'S TATTOO (TAKEN BY ROBERTO)



THIS SELFIE WAS TAKEN AT NIGHT (TAKEN BY ROBERTO)

MADE BY: ROBERTO RAMIREZ

Isaiah Hernandez

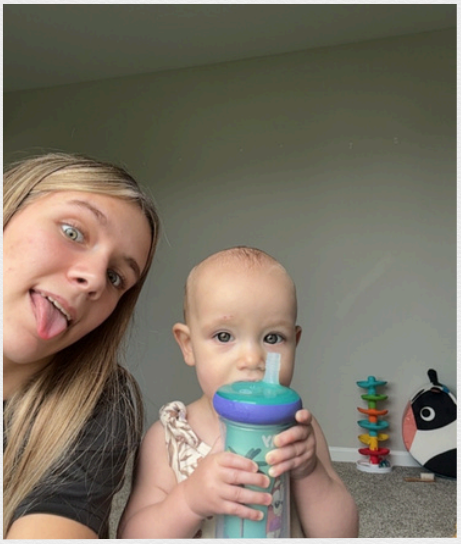
This is Isaiah Hernandez. He recently turned 17 in August and is a senior in high school. He is the youngest of three kids in the family. His brother and sister are both out of high school and are currently living their lives. His mom works here at the school as an aide for Mrs. Volkhert. His dad works at MEC (formerly DMP). He works at the Defiance Pancake House as a host. His favorite color is purple, and his favorite spot to eat in Defiance is La Jaliscience. His favorite place to eat outside of Defiance is Olive Garden. His favorite season of the year is winter because he loves seeing the snowfall outside and the white-covered ground and sky. He has a pet dog named Lady, who is 13 years old! She is a beagle-basset hound. Isaiah is looking forward to his senior year finally being over!





Isaiah at a quinceñera x2

Ellie Gerschutz



Ellie taking a picture with her niece.
Picture taken by: Ellie Gerschutz

Meet Ellie! She is a Junior at Defiance this year. This is her second year in Journalism. Ellie has six brothers and one sister. She is the middle child out of all seven of them. One of Ellie's favorite colors is pink. Her favorite class so far this year is Anatomy and Physiology! Her plans after high school are to go to college for Nursing. Ellie's favorite season is in between summer and fall. One thing that she is looking forward to is prom and homecoming.



Some achievements that she has are being on the honor roll for all of middle school and throughout her high school career so far. Some things that most people do not know about Ellie are that she loves to go to Disneyland. One of her biggest pet peeves is when someone asks her a question and the same person keeps asking the same one over and over. Her favorite food spot out of town is Texas Roadhouse. Some days after school, Ellie will either babysit her niece or hang out with some of her friends. Another thing that not everyone knows about her is that her favorite animal is an otter!

Made by: Ellie Gerschutz



Kat and Ellie taking a picture before the football game
Photo taken by: Unknown

Elliana Gomez

This is Elliana Gomez. She is a 17-year-old senior. Elliana will turn 18 at the beginning of December. She is the second oldest on her mom's side of the family and the second youngest on her dad's side. Elliana has a total of 8 siblings! She's also a dancer and a volleyball player. She's a setter in volleyball and does ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, and modern dance.



This is Elliana on her Spain Trip

Picture taken by Arianna Torres



This is Elliana on senior picture day

Picture taken by Kamryn Frederick

Her favorite season is fall! She loves the colors, outfits, and more! Elliana also LOVES Halloween. She loves going to haunted houses and watching scary movies. Elliana loves going to haunted houses with her friends and family because her best friend and sister hate scary things. It gives her a good laugh.

Meet T.J. Burruss; he is 16 years old and a junior at Defiance High School. His family members are Jeff, Katrina, Will, Mira, and Josh Horvath. Some extracurricular activities he participates in are football and track. T.J. works for his dad by cleaning houses for his clients who end up in a nursing home. After high school, T.J. plans to take classes for an associate's degree, and then when he turns 21, he will go to the police academy. His favorite class in school is math because he's good with numbers. T.J.'s favorite memory in school is beating Napoleon in football his sophomore year. His role model is Ike Webb because he works hard and he's blue-collar. What he really loves about Defiance High School is that there's so much school spirit. T.J.'s favorite food spot in Defiance is Bob Evans, and out of town, it's Popeyes. His favorite season of the year is summer, and what he's looking forward to in the school year is sports.



Photo from- Jeff Horvath



Photo from- Jerry Latta

Addilea Osborn

Addilea Osborn is a sophomore at Defiance High School. She has attended Defiance her whole life. She is on the volleyball and track team. Her favorite things to do in her free time are hanging out with friends, spending time at the lake, driving around, and playing volleyball. Addilea's favorite season is fall because it is the start of the volleyball season. Her least favorite is spring.



Addilea and her firends at the football game
Photo credits: Tessa Siler



Addilea going for an attack
Photo credits: Jerry Latta

Addilea is most looking forward to the end of the school year. She has two siblings, Amiah and Braxton. Her favorite class is Art, and her least favorite is English. Her favorite food spot in town is Chipotle. Her favorite spot out of town is Chick-fil-A. Lastly, her favorite color is light blue.

Author: Addilea Osborn 9/9/26



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT





This is Brysan Elford. He is a Senior at Defiance High School. He turned 18 over the summer. Brysan currently works at Ridis Car Wash and Gas Station. His favorite food spots in town include Bdubs and Chipotle. His favorite out-of-town food spot is Dave's Hot Chicken. Brysan has 5 siblings, all of whom have graduated, making him the youngest. His favorite color is purple. Some of his favorite school memories are from his sophomore year, i.e., Brysan has said that his role model in life is his older brother, with whom he owns a business.

BRYSAN ELFORD

THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN WHEN BRYSAN WENT WITH HIS DAD TO WORK. - BRYSAN'S DAD



THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN AT NOAH SHANKS GOING AWAY PARTY - NOAHS SISTER



AUTHOR: BRYSAN ELFORD
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Demetrius Buckingham



Demetrius is the one on the right.

Demetrius JaVonte Buckingham is an 18-year-old who was born and raised in Defiance, Ohio. He recently turned 18 on the 26th of August! He lives with his three brothers. He has a 16-year-old brother named Tavion, and he also has two 6-year-old twin brothers named AJ and DJ. He lives with his mom and grandma.

He is known to do landscaping for and with his friends in his free time, and he also loves to play Rocket League. Apparently, he's GC in Rocket League. His favorite school memory is freshman JV football with his friends. He plans to either work in a factory or go to a prestigious Chinese college. His role model is his best friend Douglas Hattemer. He's always strived to be someone like him, but he'd never tell that, though. He is known to love both of the principals, with them both being some of his favorite people in the school. His favorite color is pink/red because of his mom. He's been spotted a lot at areas like Taco Bell and Panda Express, but he also enjoys hanging out with his friend Will at Texas Roadhouse.

This is Demetrius During Wrestling Season.



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PEYTON HELLE

Peyton is 17 years old and is a Senior this year. His family consists of his mom, Alicia; his dad, Ben; and his sister, Reese. Outside of school, he plays football and track; he is also in a church group. He works at the Defiance Pancake House and plans to attend college after school. His favorite color is orange and has been since he was a kid. His favorite food spot in Defiance is Buffalo Wild Wings. His favorite food spot out of town is Storming Crab. His favorite season of the year is fall because of the weather and sports. His favorite class is Web Page Management because of how fun it is. What he loves most about Defiance is seeing all of his friends every day. His role model is his dad because of how hard he works. After high school, he plans to attend college down south for engineering.



Peytons Football picture taken by Rod Brown



Peytons picture taken while he was on vacation





Mason Noirot's Spotlight

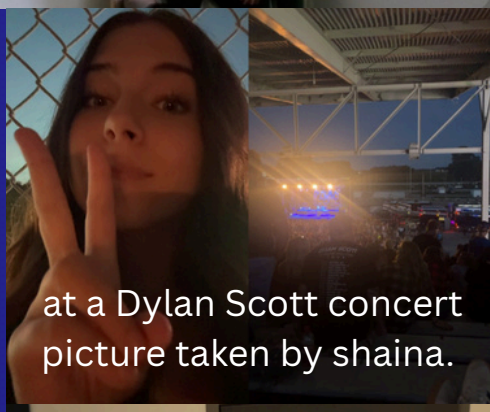
This is Mason Noirot. He is 17 years old and he is in the 11th grade. Mason is part of a 7-person family and he has 2 older brothers and 1 older sister, but he also has a twin sister. Mason plays 2 sports: he plays football and baseball. Mason's plans after high school are to try to go to college for sports, but if that doesn't work out for him, he has a plan to work for General Motors just like the rest of his family. Mason's favorite subject is history because he likes to learn about all the things that have happened before he was alive. Mason does not have many achievements so far, but he has perfect attendance and he also made 2nd team All-WBL for baseball. Mason's plans after high school are to go to college for sports, either for baseball or football. Mason's inspiration is probably his dad; he said his dad has helped him a lot throughout his life. His dad has always been a coach to him and has helped him with school and anything Mason needs at any point in time. Mason's favorite color is black; he said it goes with anything. Mason's favorite food place in Defiance is Chipotle; he said he loves getting the burrito. Mason said what he is looking forward to most this year is finishing his football season and also the baseball season coming up. Mason said his biggest pet peeve is when people try to be mean to him for no reason just because they think it is funny.

Shaina Elizabeth Rue

Shaina is 16 years old and she has 9 siblings. She has 6 sisters and 3 brothers: Caydence, Ariana, Parker, Bella, Brooklyn, Beckham, Mia, Micah, and Ivey. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite season is fall because she loves the way it is outside. Her favorite hobby is shopping because she loves buying things. When she graduates, she wants to move to the city, either New York City or Chicago. Her favorite place to eat is Texas Roadhouse or Chick-fil-A. Something most people don't know about her is that she is a natural blonde. Her pet peeves are when people yell or when they are bossy. Shaina's favorite movie is Coraline. Her favorite holidays are Christmas and Thanksgiving. She likes going to church with her family. Shaina's favorite part about school is when the bell rings to go home.



going to a football game picture taken by shaina



at a Dylan Scott concert picture taken by shaina.



on vacation picture taken by shaina

Made by, Shaina Rue

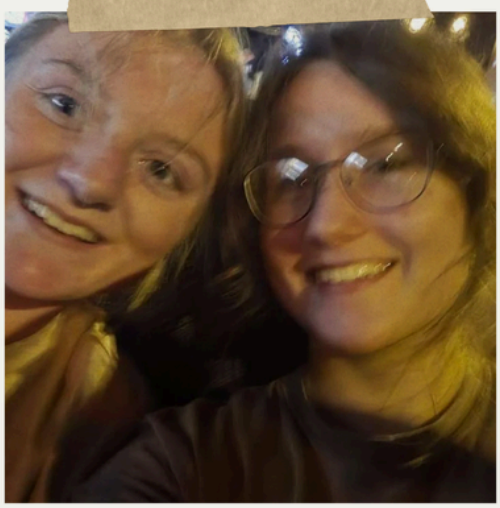
Kendal McClure

Made By: Kendal McClure

Meet Kendal McClure! Kendal is a senior who is eager for the school year to be over. Kendal is in track and band. Kendal's favorite school memory so far this year was painting her parking spot with her friend Rory. After high school, Kendal is planning to join the military.



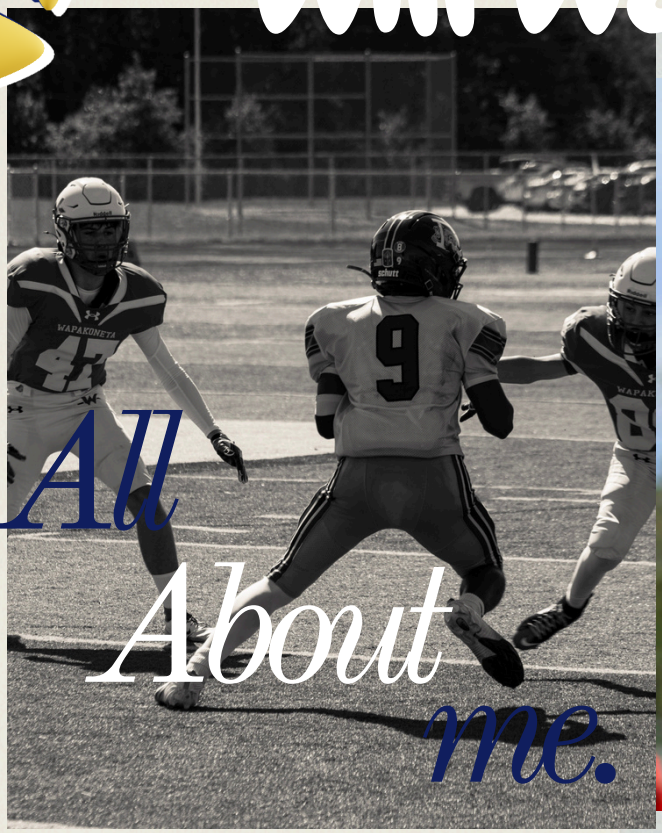
Picture taken by: Kendals cousin
Kendal (on left) at a Reds game with her mom



Picture taken by: Rory
Kendal (on left) in the car with Rory

Outside of school, Kendal works at Dairy Queen. Kendal enjoys going on walks, building LEGO sets, playing tennis with friends, and sometimes hanging out with friends. Kendal's favorite color is dark/forest green. Kendal's favorite season is fall because she loves watching the colors outside change and it cools down enough to wear a sweatshirt. A fun fact about Kendal that most might not know is that she has two snakes! One is named Viper and the other is named Midas.

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All About me.



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William Ware is a sophomore from Defiance High School. He enjoys playing sports and hanging out with friends. He is a 3.8 GPA average student who is also a two-sport athlete; he plays wide receiver for football and runs track. Not to mention, he went to state in his 8th grade year for long jump, and he also set the school record for long jump that year with a jump of 20 feet and 10 inches. His favorite events for track are long jump and the relays. His favorite foods are homemade supreme nachos, and his second favorite food is homemade fried chicken with no dipping sauce. His favorite season is fall because he loves the weather and decorating his room for fall. He enjoys going to haunted mazes, and the main one he is looking forward to this year is called Field of Fear. His second favorite season, which is right behind fall, is winter. He really enjoys the snow outside and the vibe December gives off. One of his favorite things to do is go ice skating. He enjoys designing and wearing the outfits he picks out, and he loves a good shoe rotation.

ISAIAH MONTEZ ALL ABOUT ME.

Isaiah Montez is a junior at Defiance High School. His nickname is Zae, and this is what all the people he is close to call him. He loves to play sports, specifically football and baseball. He also loves going to the gym in his free time and enjoys hanging out with his friends after sports practice. He is a 3.5 average student-athlete. His favorite season is fall; he loves the nice chilly weather, football games, and Halloween. His favorite color isn't one that's common; his favorite is gray. His favorite thing about school is seeing his friends.

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Jackson at senior sunrise

Author: Jackson Hornish



Jackson at baseball camp

MEET JACKSON HORNISH; HE IS A SENIOR AT DEFIANCE AND IS 17. JACKSON PLAYS BASEBALL AND IS A SECOND BASEMAN AND AN OUTFIELDER. ONE THING HE LIKES ABOUT DEFIANCE IS BEING WITH FRIENDS. HE PLANS ON GOING TO COLLEGE OR JOINING THE MILITARY. HIS FAVORITE MEMORY IN DEFIANCE HIGH SCHOOL IS HIS WHOLE FRESHMAN YEAR. IN DEFIANCE, HIS FAVORITE FOOD SPOT IS CHIPOTLE. JACKSON'S FAVORITE CLASS IS GYM CLASS BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE TO DO MUCH. THE BEST SPOT OUT OF TOWN TO EAT FOR JACKSON IS SONIC. ONE PET PEEVE FOR JACKSON IS PEOPLE CHEWING TOO LOUDLY RIGHT IN HIS EAR. JACKSON IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S BASEBALL SEASON. HIS FAVORITE SEASON IS WINTER BECAUSE OF THE SNOW. JACKSON'S FAVORITE COLOR IS BLUE.

Dallas Mendez

Dallas hitting a golf ball during his match



Dallas waiting for the pitch



Dallas Mendez is a Senior here at Defiance High School. Dallas is a part of the basketball, baseball, and golf teams here at DHS. When he's not in school or at practice, he is usually working or hanging out with friends. Some achievements he has received include All ACME Tournament, varsity letter winner in golf and baseball, and honor roll every year. His favorite color has to be blue. One thing most people don't know about him is that he has two colors in one eye. Something he looks forward to this year would have to be the Florida spring break trip. Dallas says his favorite school memory would have to be prom his junior year. One thing he loves about Defiance is the community and all the support he gets. Dallas plans to go to college after high school and continue to play baseball.

Written by:Dallas Mendez

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