



COMMENCEMENT 2022



The Courier

Appleton East's Student Newspaper



SENIORS

The past few years have gone by both fast and slow. As a class we have grown a lot. I am extremely hopeful for our generation and I know we will all go on to do amazing things. As a group, we've already experienced a lot. COVID was a trying time for all of us in many different ways. We all learned how appreciative we are of the small things in life, like spending time with friends and the opportunity to learn in person at school. We endured this struggle as a group and have each come out stronger because of it.

I have soaked up every second of my time at Appleton East, and I know I will regard the last four years as some of the best of my life. I will have many lifelong memories here including football games, basketball games, choir, the cacophony of the halls, and the trash fire of freshman year. I know that when I look back on the memories I have of high school I will never fail to smile.

I want to thank each and every person who has gotten each of us here. Thank you to our parents, our families, our friends, staff, and teachers. I want to especially thank each and every member of my class. Each of you have made my experience here nothing short of wonderful. Although it's bittersweet, every adventure must come to an end. Thank you, East, for providing the best adventure.

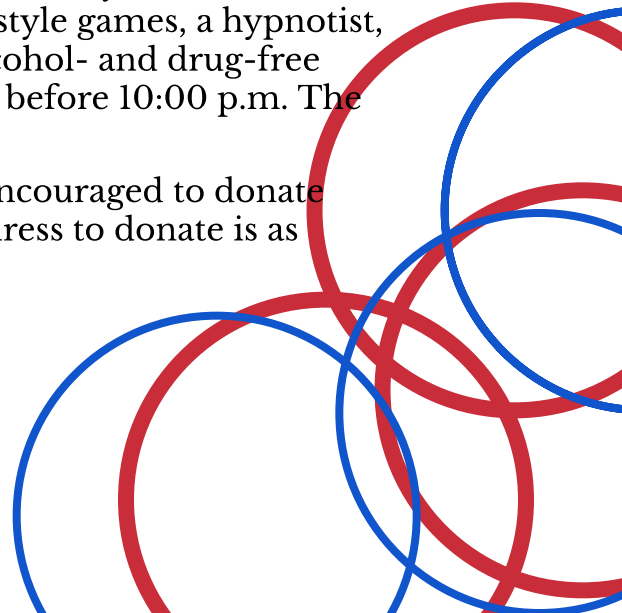
Kiersten Mott

GRADUATION!

Graduation for Appleton East's Class of 2022 will take place at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 25 at Pickett Field. The ceremony will include music from the Easterners and speeches from senior speakers Tatum Grambow and Tatum Moderson.

A graduation party at Appleton East will immediately follow the ceremony. There will be food, drinks, casino-style games, a hypnotist, a cash cube, music, and dancing. This is an alcohol- and drug-free event. Enter through the Schaefer Street door before 10:00 p.m. The party ends at 1:00 a.m.

All graduates are invited! Senior parents are encouraged to donate twenty dollars to offset the costs. The link address to donate is as follows: <https://bit.ly/3pWLXhF>



JUNIORS

As the 2021-2022 school year comes to an end, it is important to reminisce about all of the events that took place this year. From the school plays to participating in special events, dances to eventually going into a mask optional school system. Entering back into normalcy, the 2021-2022 school year is one to remember. While the Juniors spent their time, in what is known as the most difficult year of high school, they have made it through diligently. Spending many revising, and stressing for the ACT it all comes to a screeching halt, as we prepare for graduation. And just weeks ago, the many AP exams were tested, and the students who dedicated time to these rigorous courses, will soon find out if they have received college credit. The Junior class, looking forward to their futures, has applied for high school classes for what will be the last time. Many of the seniors will be greatly missed by all of the juniors who have befriended them. The lives of students, often are reflected upon school. Friends, activities, and even hobbies are often derived from classes and opportunities provided through school. Many lessons were learned, such as building both work ethic, and new things about new people. Overall the 2021-2022 school year for juniors was a memorable experience, with lessons taught, that will live with the students of the Junior class their entire lives.

Hailey Bay

SOPHOMORES

This year saw a lot of changes: from online and almost failing to coming back to in-person school and feeling behind. Some of you may not be familiar with this feeling and some may not. Seeing how surreal these last two years have been, no one can blame us for feeling bewildered. We went from watching our screens in the comfort of our homes to back to the wonders of high school. Our introverts were possibly more at ease when we were at home. Staying home can help make anxiety easier to deal with; it sometimes grows when coming to in-person school. On the other hand, our extroverts struggled with not being able to talk to others in person on a daily basis. Our freshmen year was supposed to be our first year here, but in reality our sophomore year was. We went from learning with masks, and now we don't even have to wear them if we choose not to. Seeing our teachers' faces and our peers, sometimes it's not always what you think, but they're all beautiful.

We got to experience homecoming in person, it was nice to see everyone not having to deal with the worries of school to just hang out and have fun. For all of us this was our first homecoming. I went and I had a blast! Although it might not have been what we expected, it was great.

There have been many many changes within this year but for the most part everything has worked out. We are together, and that's what counts. Is high school what you thought it would be? Is it better or worse than you expected? What are things you can change to make it better?

Lorelei Graf

FRESHMEN

It's honestly been a pretty good year. As they've always said, things could always be worse. The mask mandate was lifted and we're actually physically in school. Let's be real for a minute: the last couple of years have been awkward and strange. We just got away from going to every class in pajamas. I don't even know if anybody brushed their hair, not that it matters since everyone kept their cameras off anyone. We witnessed the first pep rally in two years.

Remember Day One? We all gathered on the football field and met our homeroom teachers. It was a nice day, the sun was shining and the fake grass was all crunchy. We all had our backpacks up in the stands, and we saw people we hadn't seen in almost three years. There was a group cheer, and Link Crew showed us around the school. We all ran through our classes twice and played a big game of Capture the Flag. It was a nice day, except a bunch of people's schedules were all messed up.

Remember the halfway point? The end of Semester One? Teachers said, every day, "Make sure you have all you're work in on (DATE) because we won't be accepting it after that!" It felt like we'd only been here for a short period of time, but I was honestly already ready to leave. Then our schedules were rearranged. The students who had health had freshman physical education, and vic e-versa. Some kids, like me, got lucky and only changed a class or two. Other kids, however, got entirely new schedules. We were separated from our friends and our routines, but we all got back into the swing of things and adapted.

Looking back, it's not a huge surprise that we all changed a lot over that almost two year period of pseudo-middle school. We were all away from each other for a really long time! After all, so much has changed. Remember not wearing a mask to school for most of the year? Seeing the bottoms of people's faces, now that brings back memories.

I can say, with more confidence than Odysseus taking on the Cyclops, that I've had a really fun freshman year. I can also say that, in all honesty, and I mean every word, I'm pretty glad that freshman year is almost over. Thanks for sticking with it, everybody. See you next year and onto a new day.

Liliana Monson

The Journey Continues...

During the years of COVID-19, extracurriculars slowed down, but now in 2022, they are back in action and thriving. Looking forward, let's hope the underclassmen at Appleton East continue to thrive without masks and enjoy their activities for the rest of their high school career. To the seniors, we hope you've enjoyed your time at Appleton East and are ready for the real world. You are on a roller coaster journey, with ups and downs, to discover who you are and your passion and live your best life. We wish you the best success in life, and here is some advice: always smile; it is ok to cry; it is ok to not have all the answers; work hard and then play hard; choose kindness; love yourself and others; and live your best life.

Dejlaim Thao

SIGN SAYS

Everybody's Welcome to American Sign Language Club!

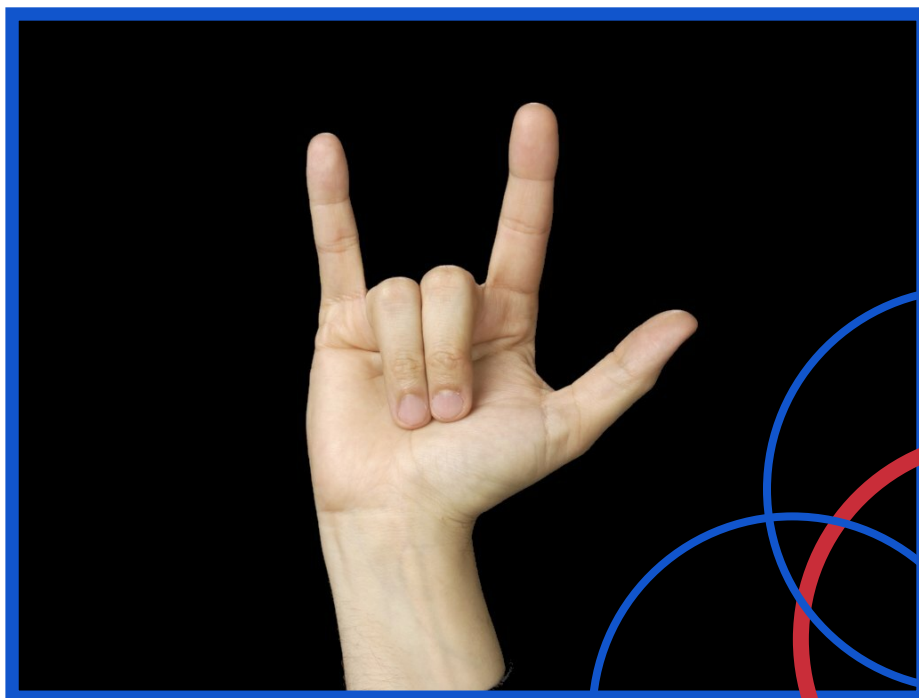
You may have seen numerous signs up around the school advertising American Sign Language club, a new club founded by three East students this semester. Guess what club members do? Learn signs from ASL!

ASL is a language used by people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or mute (unable to speak). It consists mostly of previously agreed-upon hand signals, although some signs are created by individuals. You probably have seen ASL interpreters at large gatherings. There is a sign for many, many words in English. There is a sign language alphabet, which enables communication when the exact sign for a word is not known. There are also numbers.

Signs for words vary by region, just like in spoken English. For example, a “bathroom” is called a “loo” in Great Britain, so, if a deaf person travels to another region of the United States, it may be hard to understand signs there. There is also a different sign language in different countries. British sign language is different from ASL, which is like French being different from English.

So far, club members have learned letters, numbers, emotions, and school signs in the coziness of Ms. Sartori’s classroom on Tuesday SSTs. It would be cool to write this article in ASL, but that would take too much space!

Clara Shober



THEATER:

Spotlight on East's Seniors

The Patriot Players' first year back in the Stanley Ore Auditorium, after the theater went dark due to COVID, featured two unforgettable shows: *The Wizard of Oz* and *12 Angry Jurors*. Each production showcased the immeasurable talent of East's cast and crew in many unique ways. Countless hours of hard work brought these stories to life.

The theater is a place for storytelling, and as East draws the curtains on the school year, it is especially important to place one last spotlight on the stories of the senior Patriot Players: Aura Alumbaugh, Tatum Grambow, Holden Iversen, Tatum Moderson, Charlie Pingel, Blair Vandehey, Jazmine Dimond, Madison Heule, Allison Huettl, Anibelle Starzewski, and Max Wheeler. They poured their hearts out on and off stage, touching audiences with their passionate performances and work behind the scenes; East's theater program would not be what it is today without them. Thank you, seniors!

Lila Bornemann

SIGN UP & SING!

Many people might be surprised to learn that only 10 incoming freshman boys signed up for Patriot Bass choir next year, but understanding why this is the case is not hard. Outside of Patriot Bass, other choirs have also shrunk in terms of the number of students; this can be contributed to the pandemic. The virtual school year was difficult for some students in regular classes, and for choir it would have a significant impact on the experience associated with it.

Creating a cohesive, unified song through virtual rehearsals proved to be extremely challenging, and in-person concerts weren't an option. For nearly a year, until choir returned in person, singing in groups was considered a high-risk activity. According to Mr. Van Sickle, choir director, "Many students didn't get the 'buzz' that comes with a typical year of choir." Choir (and music in general) provides students an opportunity to perform with their classmates and share many experiences, but in the virtual learning situations, it wasn't the same.

It's not a secret that students' grades were hit hard from the pandemic, and many still need to make up credits. Students do not have the opportunity to take choir or other elective classes this year simply because they can not fit it into their schedule. Luckily, this situation is improving, as grades have been steadily increased since in-person learning resumed.

The entire East community would benefit if more students took music classes. Mr. Van Sickle explained, "Involvement in the arts is contagious!" In a typical year, the buzz of choir is infectious, and as the pandemic slows to an end more and more, there will be a growing need for art to collectively heal people through band, orchestra, choir, and theater.

Fletcher Meyer

SEASONS' END

Wow! We did it, Patriots! We made it through another school year. What a crazy year it has been, but it still was not as surreal as 2020-21. Last fall, the big question was "Will Masks be Optional?" Restrictions lingered until March for East student-athletes.

The Patriots were able to do some remarkable things on the court, on the mat, and on the field this year. The community of athletes at Appleton East High School have all experienced tremendous success this year, even if the record might suggest otherwise. The football and soccer teams had valuable seasons to learn what it is to be a teammate, a person, and an athlete. It was a year of learning and leading and mentoring the next athletes so East can succeed in the future.

Indoor sports (volleyball, wrestling, basketball, swimming, and hockey) all had amazing seasons as well. For them it was not only progress on the court, mat, ice, or in the pool, it was growth in learning. This entire year for sports was one of the best years to explore the sport, the people, and ourselves. We may not have had the best year record-wise, but we sure showed heart. We were relentless and never gave up at striving for our best.

Our golf, baseball, softball, lacrosse, and tennis teams enjoyed fantastic seasons not only in terms of learning, but also in the rankings and stats. We cannot forget about our athletes in track and field and cross country. Two of the most weather-dependent sports in the world persevered and scored fantastic finishes despite the constantly crummy weather we get experience in Wisconsin.

Finally let's give a huge congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams this year. The girls had their best year in a long time, nearly bringing home the Gold Ball from the State Tournament. It seemed like all of East cheered on our girls at the Resch. The boys team took home the title of regional champions.

Overall, all of our teams had great seasons. Even though we may not ended up ranked no.1, we still showed the FVA and Wisconsin our Patriot Pride and hunger for greatness. Thank you to our seniors for their amazing commitment over the years. We wish them all the best in their future, whether or not it involves sports. Congrats, Patriots, on your incredible year.

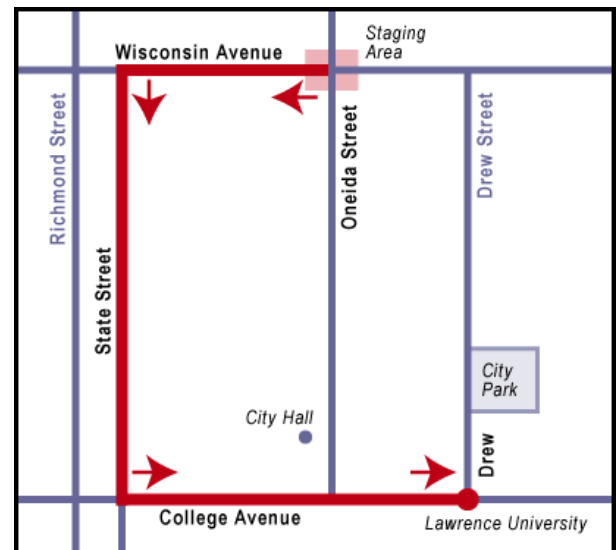
Parker Davis

PATRIOTS MARCH

Come celebrate the 71st Appleton Flag Day Parade on Saturday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m. with the Patriot Marching Band.

Since 1950, Appleton has celebrated Flag Day by uniting to respect the red, white, and blue. Appleton East's skilled marching band will be a part of the parade, so please come out and support them. This year's Flag Day Parade will honor and spotlight the United States Air Force.

If this event sounds like something you would like to attend, more detailed information is available at appleton.org/visitors/appleton-parades/flag-day-parade



Heather Meyer

BEND

Librarian Fine with Retirement

Mrs. Bend will shelve her final library book and turn the page to begin the next chapter of her life. Our beloved Appleton East LMC specialist is retiring from a long career in education, which includes the last twenty-two years at Appleton East. Mrs. Bend fondly recalls her time with the Patriots: "I worked with great people. I laughed, smiled, and learned every day. I will miss my East colleagues for sure."

Mrs. Bend is grateful for the enjoyment and fulfillment from her work as the librarian at Appleton East. She interacts with students from all grade levels and all different walks of life. "I've loved working with teenagers--it's an age of learning, pushing boundaries, asking big questions. I've been able to spend my days among books and found joy in encouraging reading. I've had a rewarding career." One memorable experience that holds a special place in Mrs. Bend's memory is planning and preparing Appleton East's 50th anniversary five years ago. Being able to experience and educate herself on the history of the school led to a further understanding and appreciation for its presence. Mrs. Bend enjoyed partaking in Patriotfest, a get-together for East alumni, staff, students, parents, and community members to celebrate past, present, and future Patriots.

"Take time to get to know students and colleagues," Mrs. Bend tells new teachers and staff. "Become an advisor or coach--you get to know students on a different level. Some of my favorite memories are of Literary Club, book clubs, and during my time as advisor for the televised announcements." Mrs. Bend hopes every faculty member finds the opportunity to fully experience and enjoy working in the Appleton Area School District. She urges students to keep reading, get involved in clubs and activities, and be kind. The legacy of Mrs. Bend is her keen talent and skill for always motivating students to read and write and making everyone feel seen and heard.

After retiring, Mrs. Bend plans on reading and writing, of course! She and her husband plan on traveling across the globe. Israel, Ireland, and many national parks are potential destinations for their future travels. She also plans on gardening, including growing plants and wildflowers that provide friendly places for all of earth's birds and creatures. Mrs. Bend also plans on spending time with her son, a college student whom she loves proudly supports in all his endeavors.

Mrs. Bend will be greatly missed by all of the Appleton East staff and students. She will always be welcome at the school, but everyone is happy for her and looks forward to what she may do next. As she turns the page from Appleton East to start a new chapter in her life, Mrs. Bend will always be the incredible librarian, teacher, and friend to all at East.



Hailey Bay

HERRMANN

Retires from East Family Reunion

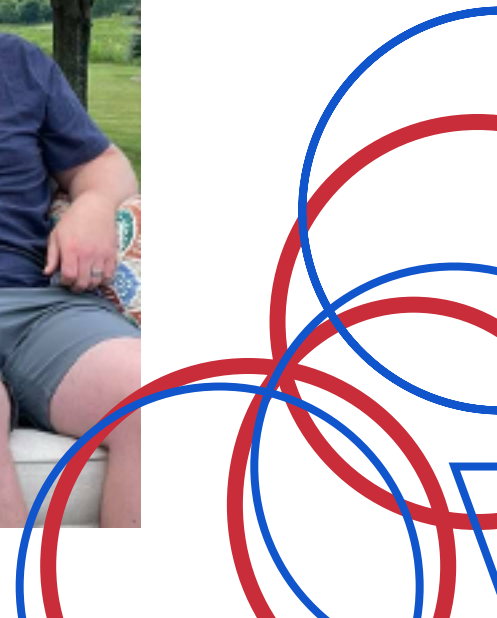
Being a Patriot takes great dedication, tenacity, and responsibility. One retiring educator learned these traits as a student at Appleton East and then returned to his alma mater to teach them. Mr. Herrmann is one of four Appleton East retirees for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Herrmann is both an Appleton East alumnus and staff member at our school. He is proud to have provided a safe space for students and athletes to work hard and strive for excellence. Educators and coaches bear a great responsibility to ensure all individuals are able to enjoy and find success. Whether lending a helping hand or creating a positive environment, Mr. Herrmann was always there to help. He positively describes his time working at Appleton East as “a dream come true,” recounting the excellent memories that he has made here. “No one experience stands out but it was truly special to be able to work with one of my two sons and my daughter-in-law during my time here.”

Having been a student, coach, and educator at Appleton East, Mr. Herrmann has a few wise words of advice for incoming teachers and students. To the students of Appleton East High School, he frankly says, “Go To Class.” To new teachers, Mr. Herrmann encourages patience, resilience, and faith: “It truly is a great profession! Hang in there!”

The legacy Mr. Herrmann leaves behind at Appleton East is how he made a difference in both the students' lives and the lives of his fellow Appleton East staff members. After Mr. Herrmann retires, he hopes to travel, exercise, and just relax with his wife, who also retires this year. Mr. Herrmann hands off the baton and begins his next race in retirement, and he will be greatly missed by the Appleton East community.

Hailey Bay



MURPHY

Looks Ahead to Healthy Retirement

"My time at East would best be described as a home away from home," says Mrs. Murphy, a 2022 Appleton East retiree. "I love the staff and students at East, the activities, the history, the opportunities and overall vibe." Mrs. Murphy's many students and fellow staff members will miss her dearly, as she embarks on the next chapter of her life.

Mrs. Murphy has enjoyed many great moments and memories during her time spent as a health teacher. One of her most memorable experiences was being able to travel to Europe with students. She vividly remembers her voyage to Wales, Ireland, and England. "The trip was fantastic, especially the group of young people who I traveled with - it was a great chance to see the world together."

Mrs. Murphy has plenty of advice to share with her fellow faculty members and students before she leaves. For new teachers, she recommends getting involved with sports and clubs as invaluable ways to give back to East and become more involved with students. To students, Mrs. Murphy's main message is to try new things. She believes that putting yourself out there *and* being true to yourself are especially important skills for teenagers to learn. She mentions smartphone addiction with a touch of humor but also a real underlying fear that the internet will cause the students to miss out on important experiences and memories.

After Appleton East, Mrs. Murphy plans on escaping frozen Wisconsin winters. She and her husband plan on renting a home in sunny Arizona, with the intention of finally thawing from the cold. Mrs. Murphy also plans on spending time with her kids and supporting them in their chosen professions. She is excited for their futures. "Ian with his Master's in Sociology, Shane with his Doctorate in Pharmacy, Blair with his Doctorate in Law and Anna with her Bachelors in Public Relations. Looking forward to seeing what they do, and where they go!"

Mrs. Murphy looks forward to beginning her new adventure. She will be greatly missed by all of the staff and students at Appleton East, but everyone wishes her luck on what is to come. Her memories of traveling, and the legacies she leaves for both Appleton East students and staff will live with her long after she departs for sunny Arizona. Whether traveling, spending time with her family, or enjoying the sunshine, Mrs. Murphy will always have a home at Appleton East High School.

"I hope to be remembered as a person who was fun, fair, involved and honest," Mrs. Murphy says. "I also hope my students learned a thing or two from me, because I certainly learned a lot from them."

Hailey Bay



WANAMAKER

Experiments with Retirement

Mr. Wanamaker began his career in 1987-1988 as a substitute teacher at Appleton East. Though filling in for a respected teacher wasn't easy, Mr. Wanamaker began to grow as an educator himself by learning about his students. After being employed at West DePere High School for two years, Mr. Wanamaker was ecstatic when a science teaching position opening up at Appleton East. He returned and never left.

Mr. Wanamaker has enjoyed the overall community that Appleton East. He admires how all the teachers care about the students to an extensive degree. Wanamaker's work at Appleton East had been exactly what he had been wishing for. Especially after the trying times of COVID-19, Mr. Wanamaker cherishes his time at Appleton East and loves being able to collaborate with his colleagues and students. Though he has countless incredible memories, Mr. Wanamaker considers working with many amazing teachers as the highlight of his career.

Mr. Wanamaker offers sage advice to beginning teachers at Appleton East: "I would tell new teachers that you need to work extremely hard in your first years to learn how to teach well. Nobody is all that great in their first years, but if you keep track of what you do every day and constantly try to improve on it, you'll start to feel like you're competent after 3 - 5 years." To his students, Mr. Wanamaker would like to acknowledge the tremendous job they have done, putting in the work every day and showing up to class. He also stresses the importance of honoring all of their education and the opportunities available and not taking anything that they have learned for granted. Lastly, Mr. Wanamaker leaves a legacy as a role model to both the students and staff. Mr. Wanamaker provided a safe space for many people. He also hopes he helped inspired a few students to pursue science.

After retiring from Appleton East, Mr. Wanamaker plans on traveling around the world and seeing all that he can: Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and national parks, to name a few desired destinations. He will watch and support his daughter as she competes in the world rowing championships. Mr. Wanamaker would also like to try his hand at various artistic pursuits after Appleton East. Mr. Wanamaker plans on partaking in volunteer work to help his community.



Mr. Wanamaker will be greatly missed. Through his many years of education, Mr. Wanamaker positively impacted thousands of students both as a teacher and as a person. As Mr. Wanamaker starts his next chapter of his life, he will always be remembered at Appleton East as an excellent science teacher, who was always a source of strength, knowledge, and compassion for his many students and colleagues.

Hailey Bay

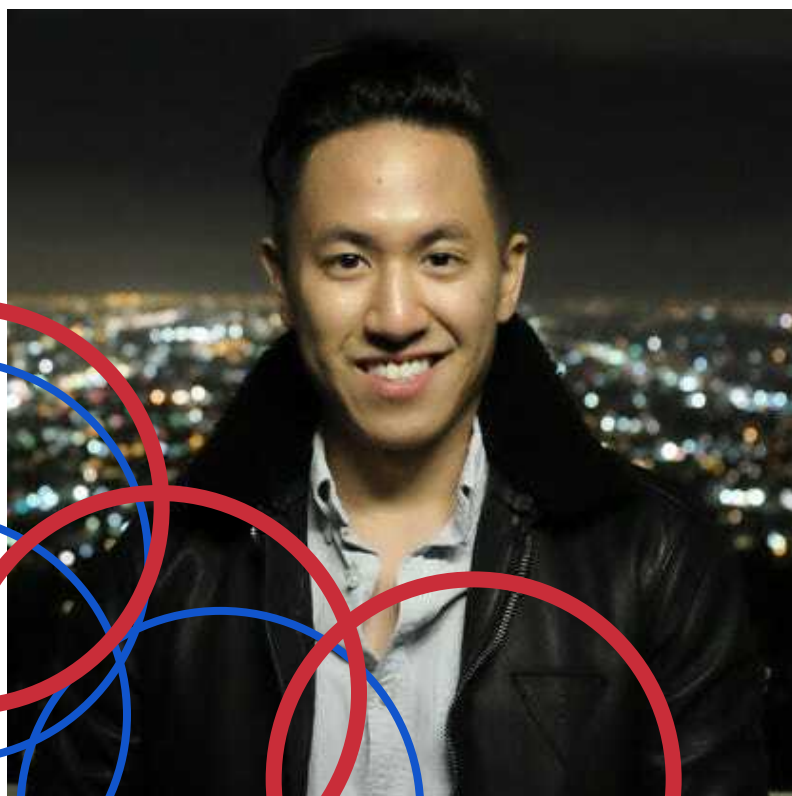
PATRIOT AWARD

Lester Chen Works Hard, Plays Hard

This year's Patriot Award winner, Lester Chen, is a true point of pride for Appleton East. The 2006 graduate forged a path into fields he has always truly loved: video games, eSports, and streaming. After rising through the ranks, Lester Chen is now the Global Head of Gaming Creators at YouTube. Lester Chen returned to his roots to April to accept the Patriot Award, which is given to distinguished Appleton East alumni.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Chen became a pioneer in eSports. He quickly established a huge presence on both the gaming industry and social media. Chen joined YouTube in 2015 and spread his influence worldwide. In 2018, Chen was named to Forbes Magazine's 30 under 30 list, a widespread acknowledgment of his successful, swift ascent.

Chen credits many influential people for his success. First of all, Chen thanks his mother for her love, patience, and guidance. One example of her great impact on Lester's life was when he was not admitted to the University of Wisconsin-Madison journalism school. Chen's mother gave him motivation to continue to work hard and to try again, and eventually he earned his way into journalism school. Another important influence in his life is his brother, Leon. Chen describes his brother with adoration and gratitude. "He taught me tough love and really forced me to learn things myself despite being in a position to make things easier for me (sharing his network, giving more detailed advice, financially helping me)." Chen's friends and family helped him reach monumental heights, and their belief in him taught him to believe in his dreams.



Looking back at his time at Appleton East, Lester Chen is filled with positive memories with friends, some he still associates with today. His time at Appleton East was filled with many activities, including *The Courier*. Chen says he found his voice through writing. Chen was close with many staff members, who made his time at Appleton East both memorable and beneficial. Overall he looks back on his time at East with adoration and great happiness.

Hailey Bay

CLASS of '22

Mireya	Aguilar	Salon Prof. Academy	Cosmetology
Ben	Babcock	UW-Stevens Point	Music Education
Blake	Berquist	FVTC	Undecided
Onorina	Bitá	Work	McDonald's
Cynthia	Bitashimwa	Cleveland State	Psychology and Criminology
Janice	Blanchette	UW-Oshkosh	Business
Lily	Brown	Lawrence University	Psychology
Carly	Burgess	UW-Madison	Finance/Accounting
Ian	Clementi	UW-Stevens Point	Wildlife Ecology and Management
Erica	Coffey	College	Law
Analís	Cordero	UW-Oshkosh	Business
Eli	DeWitt	Michigan Tech	Mathematics and Computer Science
Brooke	Dietzen	UW-La Crosse	Exercise and Sports Science
Ashley	Dietzer	Work	Bridges Child Enrichment Center
Mason	Falk	Gap Year	Digital Media
Ella	Flatum	UW-Platteville	Environmental Engineering
Brenna	Franzen	College	Criminal Justice
Alexandria	Geier	FVTC	Nursing
Davian	Gerdin	FVTC	Auto Technician
Selena	Gonzalez	FVTC	Criminal Justice
Tatum	Grambow	UW-Madison	Business Law
Cadyn	Granger	NDSU	Mechanical Engineering
Jacob	Grosskopf	Work	
Paris	Hall	FVTC	Business Management
Lily	Hansford	Oregon State	Business and Marketing
Ryan	Hanson	CO School of Mines	Mechanical Engineering/Aerospace
Nou	Her	Gap Year	Fashion
Kianna	Hernandez	FVTC	Medical Assistant

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Ariana	Hernandez	FVTC	Criminal Justice
Islea	Jenks	FVTC	Phlebotomy and Nursing
Avery	Johnson	UW-La Crosse	Physical Therapy
Kayla	Kerstner	UW-Oshkosh	Medical Imaging - Sonography
Grace	Kieffer-Rauen	Gap Year	Auto Mechanic Technology
Taylor	Kohl	UW-Oshkosh	Undecided
Aaron	Kollberg	UW-Madison	Engineering
Emily	LaChapell	Marquette	Health Sciences
Yongtha	Lee	Marines	
Phoenix	Light	Undecided	
Lawrence	Mahnke	Carroll College	Exercise Science
Noah	Meissner	UW-O at Fox Cities	Undecided
Stephanie	Mendoza	FVTC	Cosmetology
Michael	Michlig	UW-Eau Claire	Computer Science and Software Design
Tatum	Moderson	UW-Stevens Point	Psychology
Kiersten	Mott	UW-Madison	Undecided
Yulia	Moua	UW-Oshkosh	Business
Nicholas	Moua	FVTC	Software Development
Neveah	Mulder	UW-Oshkosh	Nursing
Evelyn	Muniz	North Central Univ.	Psychology
Katherin	Nava	San Antonio	Biology
Josue	Ntwari	Soccer	
Cassidy	O'Hagan	UW-La Crosse	Biology (Pre-Optometry)
Ashlyn	Olson	Undecided	
Tyler	Parks	UW-Eau Claire	Business
Dane	Patzlaff	UW-Oshkosh	Computer Science
Grace	Peterson	Gap Year	
Clint	Piccolo	FVTC	Undecided
Charlie	Pingel	UW-Madison	Marketing

CLASS of '22

Ivan	Quintana	Marines	
Allan	Ransom	UW-La Crosse	Undecided
Allison	Rehberg	NWTC	Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Clare	Rettler	Carthage College	Exercise/Sports Science
Megan	Rohloff	Gap Year	Fashion Design
Bailey	Schuh	UW-Oshkosh	Undecided
Brianna	Solis	UW-Oshkosh	Nursing
DJ	Steffen	FVTC	Computer IT and Cybersecurity
Katelyn	Steidl	UW-Stevens Point	Graphic Design
Sophia	Syring	UW-Oshkosh	Elementary Education
Dejlaim	Thao	UW-Whitewater	Business
Mai Ying	Thao	FVTC	
Carter	Thompson	UW-La Crosse	Undecided
Connor	Thompson	Loyola New Orleans	Mass Communications and Marketing
Mason	Thomson	NDSU	Mechanical Engineering
Kellysu	Thoune	UW-Oshkosh	Medical Technology
Aliyah	Vandenberg	UW-Oshkosh	Business
Kara	Vandeyacht	UW-Eau Claire	Social Work
Devon	Vang	Work	
Annabelle	Vansciver	FVTC	Early Childhood Education
Lauren	Wagner	FVTC	Nursing
Meghann	Weisbach	UW-La Crosse	Biology (Pre-Optometry)
Sami	Welker	St. Norbert	Elementary Education
Emily	Werth	UW-Stevens Point	Interior Architecture

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SUMMER:

Let the Music Play! And Get Away!

SPLASH!!! IT'S SUMMER TIMEEEE! We only have a few days left of school, and then it's time for warm weather, tans, and picnics. There are tons of things to do this summer besides staying inside and only playing video games. Trust me, I love my Xbox too. But the pool is *finally* open and I know a few of my peers are extremely excited. That's not the only thing. This is the summer when we should live it up because soon we have to start preparing for whatever is next in life. It's okay to not know exactly how everything is going to play out.

Go camping! It's one of the best ways to remind yourself of the beauty that the world has to offer. Whether you're traveling near or far, camping is a great way to reconnect with friends and family. I mean, you're not going to be seeing anyone else for the trip. If you and your family will be traveling, take some pictures. Cheesefest will be June 3-5, and Paperfest will be on July 14-17. Appleton's Mile of Music is back in August, and I am here for it! Hang with friends and family, or just shake your booty.

Heather Miller



Liliana Monson