

**Senior Special Edition!**

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Graduating Class of 2013

From the Superintendent's Desk

By: Wes Owens

Seldom does a Superintendent have the opportunity to work with a group of outstanding students like the 2013 Sherman High Senior Class. Watching you grow over the past 6 years has been very rewarding for me. You have all contributed to the continued excellence in academics, activities, athletics, and community service here at Sherman Jr./Sr. High School. Your collective commitment and loyalty to your school, classmates, family, and community has been outstanding and you have a special place in my heart and

the hearts of every staff member here at Sherman Jr./Sr. High School.

I also want to express my sincere gratitude to all the parents and guardians of this senior class. Your enthusiastic support and encouragement of your student has been tremendous. It is this positive presence that plays such a vital part in enabling our students to be successful. Thank you for raising such terrific people—you should be very proud!

Class of 2013...as you participate in the various

graduation celebrations on June 1st please remember to thank those people who helped you achieve this great milestone and never forget where you are from. Be proud of the fact that you are from the beautiful rolling hills and wheat fields of Sherman County, Oregon. I promise you that twenty years from now you will be proud of the fact that you graduated from Sherman High School!

To Alex, Audrey, Brian, Brooklyn, Coby, Daryn, Devyn, Dillan, Hannah, Isaac, Jason, Maddie, Nick, Riley, Samantha, Shae, Shaun, Shelby, and Zach—I strongly encourage you to challenge yourself to be the very best, continue learning every day of your lives, seek ways to contribute to your community's common good, cherish family and friends, have fun, laugh a lot, celebrate joyous moments, and finally...DREAM BIG CLASS OF 2013!



Lessons Learned from High School (and After)

By: Miss Ross

1. High school is only four years of your life; don't live in the past. There is nothing more annoying, post-graduation, than to have friends reminisce about the "Best days of [my] life..." or ask, "Do you remember when", only to dredge up some memory of us being stupid. No, I don't "remember when" and, just because it was important at the time, more life changing events and memories have replaced the memories of idiotic things I did seventeen years ago. Unlike some of my friends, who, unfortunately, really *did* have the "best days of their life" in high school, I moved on. Each day is a gift and to live in the past is pointless; you will spend a lot more time out of high school than in high school. Remember that life moves forward and you will miss so much ahead by always looking back. Memories are good, but if you think the best is behind you, think again.
2. The things we thought really mattered, really don't. Having the latest greatest technological gadget or the most expensive shoes one can find at Freddy's mean nothing. Technology breaks or becomes outdated and shoes wear out. And, this about this, who is really going to care in the long run about the clothes you wear? In fact, give it time and your kids will look through your yearbook and laugh at the crazy things you wore and the way you fixed your hair. What really matters are the friendships we developed, the memories we made, and the ability to take what we learned and apply that to our future. Oh, and my senior shirt that I thought was so important—it's buried somewhere in my garage with a couple of holes in it.
3. Take chances and don't be so afraid that you aren't willing to try. The first time I had to drive across country (2,000 miles) by myself, I freaked. I was so terrified that, in a panic, I called my Dad and told him I would sell my car and then fly to Kentucky. He firmly told me I had to drive the distance. He put it in perspective—hadn't I already logged more than 2,000 miles in the city, which was a much more dangerous place to drive than in the open countryside? I reasoned that he was right and started my trip the next day. Was I scared? Of course! Did I blow a tire? Of course! Did I panic? Maybe just a little. Did I arrive safe and sound? Yes! What did I learn? I learned that I could drive across the country by myself and that if I could do that, I could do anything. Will we always succeed when trying something new? No. But, how often do we learn more from our unsuccessful attempts at something than our successes on first tries?
4. Don't rest on your laurels. We all (or, at least, most of us) have accomplishments in our lives. Maybe it's being the academic all-star or the track star or getting a High School diploma, which seemed almost impossible. Each piece of paper or award that you receive is an accomplishment and should be celebrated, but don't rest on the fact that you got x, y, or z award. Instead, set new goals and strive for greater accomplishments. Remember, in high school, high school awards are great, but in college, telling your roommate about all the awards you received in high school becomes, quite simply, annoying. Who is really going to care that you were the outstanding student of the month four times in three years? Instead, quietly remind yourself of your accomplishments—it's great for self-esteem—and then focus on the next goal that you have set. Celebrate each accomplishment and each moment that is of note, but never decide that you have achieved enough to simply rest on what you have already done. The joy of life often comes through the challenges we face and summarily conquer.

"What you have become is the price you paid to get what you used to want."

-Mignon McLaughlin



Madison Belshe

Best memories at SJSHS:

My best memory at SJSHS was pulling the fire alarm. I was scared at first because I was sent to Mr. Somnis's office, but then I got to pull the alarm.

Plans for the future:

Going to Oregon State University to study Food Science and Technology/Agriculture Business Management.

Quote:

"Life moves pretty fast, and if you don't stop and look around, you could miss it."



Zachary Blaylock

Best memories at SJSHS:

All of my one on one talks with Owens and Somnis...haha

Plans for the future:

Farm, and live the good life.

Quote:

"Life is like a jar of Jalapenos, what you do today might burn you tomorrow."



Riley Brown



Best memories at SJSHS:

Getting spray tans with Andrew Olsen.

Plans for the future:

Start a business, make a ton of money, lose it all, then come back to Sherman to work on the farm.

Quote:

"I'm sorry Grandpa, I'm a gangster."

-Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson



Shaun Casper

Best memories at SJSHS:

My best memory was probably homecoming, freshmen year. It was kind of my first big thing that I did in high school and it set the tone for the rest of my four years.

Plans for the future:

I plan to go to Art Institute in Portland and get into their four year Game Art and Design, and get a degree in game graphic design.

Quote:

"You say I can't do it? Watch me."

-Shaun Casper



Samantha Coons

Best memories at SJSHS:

Everyday in Chemistry, especially when Shaun said his glasses were bendable and he bent them and they snapped in half.

Plans for the future:

Attend Western Oregon and study Nursing.

Quote:

“Just do it.”

-Nike



Jason Earl

Best memories at SJSHS:

Getting smeared across the football field as a Freshmen, standing up, and still giggling like a happy baby. Good times.

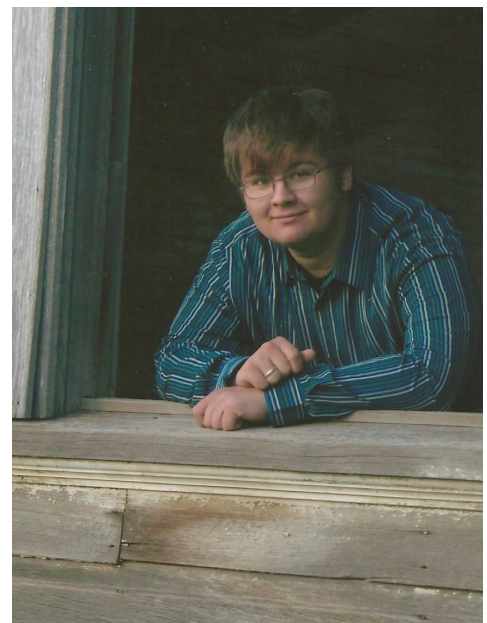
Plans for the future:

Studying Pastoral Ministry at Multnomah University.

Quote:

“That was AWESOME!”

-Kyle Blagg





Hannah Hays

Best memories at SJSHS:

1. Graduation
2. Being prom queen and king with the most important guy in my life, Devyn Roberts.
3. Days when I laughed every class period.

Plans for the future:

Attend Western Oregon University, for Nursing in the fall.



Quote:

"No."

-Rosa Parks

Coby Horton

Best memories at SJSHS:

Being a part of the Academic Decathlon Team.

Quote:

"Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!"

-Dr. Seuss

Plans for the future:

Hope to attend Southern Oregon University for Business Management.



Best memories at SJSHS:

My favorite memories are: singing loudly on the bus to away games for basketball which annoyed the boys, and reading *The Crucible*, my Junior Year playing characters that were American and our accents were Irish.



Audrey Kaseberg

Plans for the future:

Go to college at Western Oregon University, and study Psychology.

Quote:

"I myself am made entirely of flaws, stitched together with good intentions."

-Augusten Burroughs



Shelby Kaseberg

Best memories at SJSHS:

1. Black eye freshmen year in basketball.
2. Junior year Prom Live Band.
3. Homecoming every year.

Plans for the future:

Attend Central Oregon Community College for the Vet Technician Program in Bend, OR.

Quote:

"Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."

-Christian D. Larson



Daryn McDermid



Best memories at SJSHS:

Watching the Homecoming volleyball games between classes.

Plans for the future:

I will attend Western Oregon University in the fall; American Sign Language studies will be my major and I will minor in Special Education.



Quote:

“When I’m sad, I stop being sad and be awesome instead.”

-Barney Stinson

Shae Morava



Best memories at SJSHS:

Playing sports, and pranking Brooklyn.

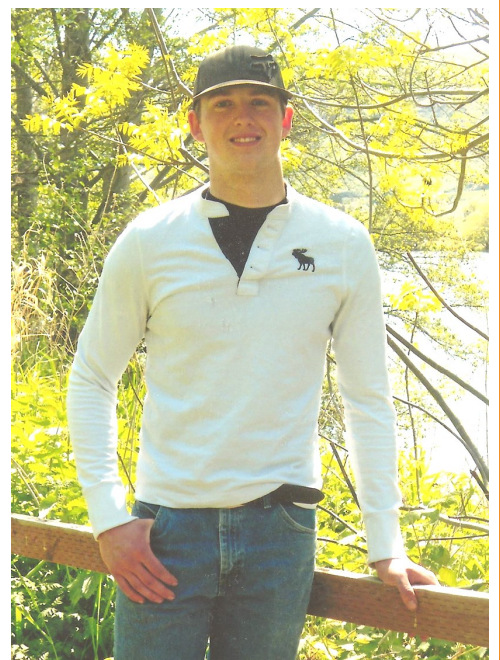
Plans for the future:

Work.

Quote:

“Shae what are you doing man?” -Mike Somnis

“I don’t know?” -Shae



Dillan Ortiz

Best memories at SJSHS:

Going to weights class with Riley and Shae trying to see what kinds of reactions we can get from Baptiste when we do dumb stuff.



Plans for the future:

Enlisting in the Navy for my first 4 years and getting certified as an Aviation Mechanic. After that I plan on transferring to the Marines and going in for EOD.



Quote:

"It's better to die on your feet than to live on your knees."

-Emiliano Zapata

Alex Riggs

Best memories at SJSHS:

Making my first basketball shot.

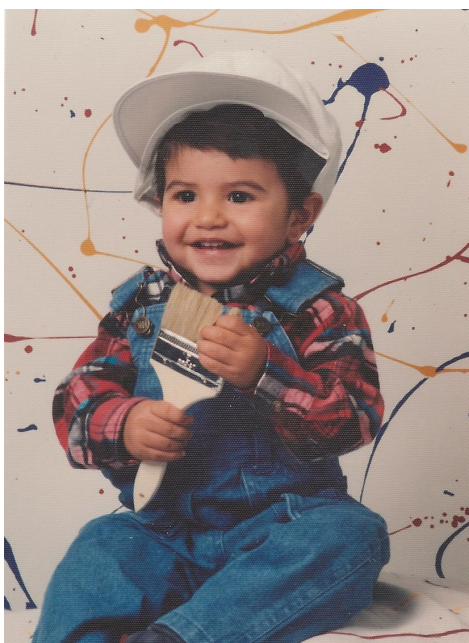
Plans for the future:

Get a degree in Programming at the Portland Arts Institute.

Quote:

"So long as there are men, there will be wars."

- Albert Einstein



Devyn Roberts



Best memories at SJSHS:

Some of my best memories would be growing up throughout high school with my close friends and dancing with Hannah Hays at prom as King and Queen.

Plans for the future:

I plan on attending OSU and majoring/minoring in both Computer Science and Music. After, I will move to New York City and own 34 cats.



Quote:

"I'm so hot."

-Paris Hilton

Brooklyn Sandquist



Best memories at SJSHS:

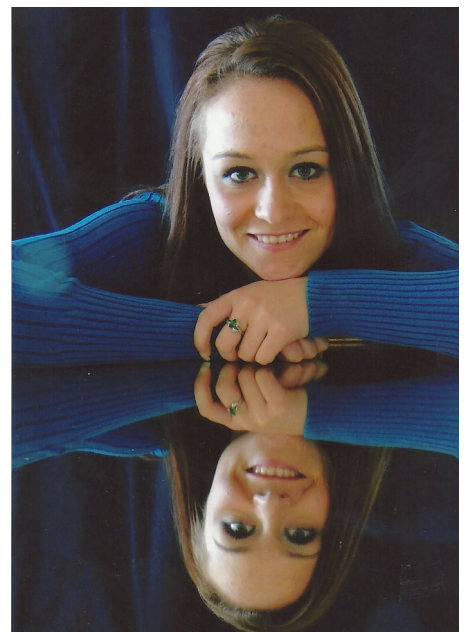
Earning All-State Honorable Mention in volleyball my senior year.

Plans for the future:

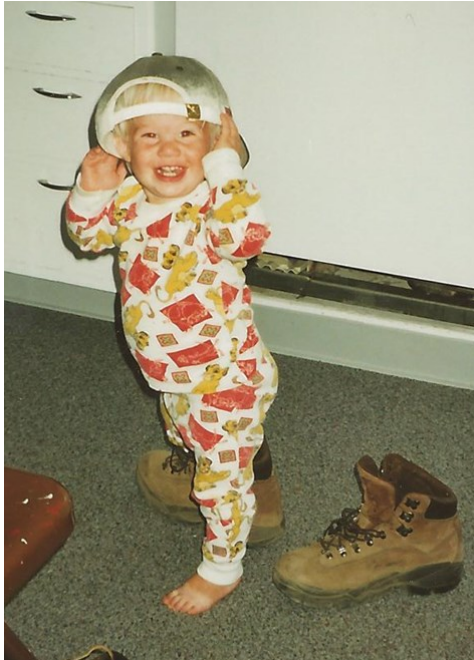
Attend Eastern Oregon University and major in Elementary Education and minor in Sports Medicine.

Quote:

"If you can't convince them, confuse them."



Brian Simantel



Best memories at SJSHS:

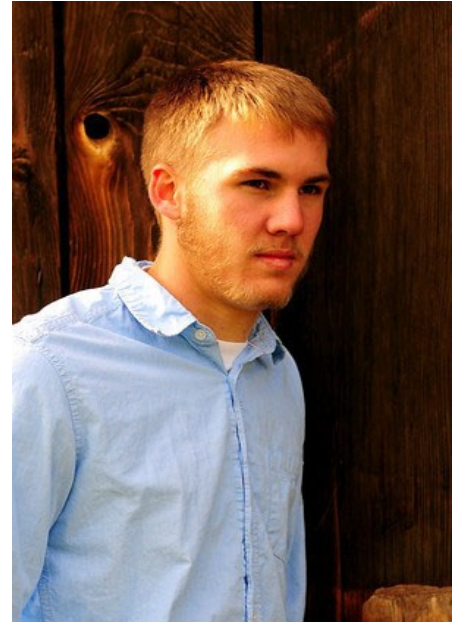
When Giggles answered a question very confidently, “Was it the tell tale heart?” and he couldn’t be more wrong. And Scot Stroud.

Plans for the future:

I plan on doing just a little bit better in life than everyone in my class. So I can come back for reunions and gloat.

Quote:

“There is a lot of good in this world Mr. Frodo, and it’s worth fighting for.”



Nick von Borstel

Best memories at SJSHS:

1. Hiding from Mr. G
2. Giggles telling Ms. Ross to “Shhhh”
3. Playing Football



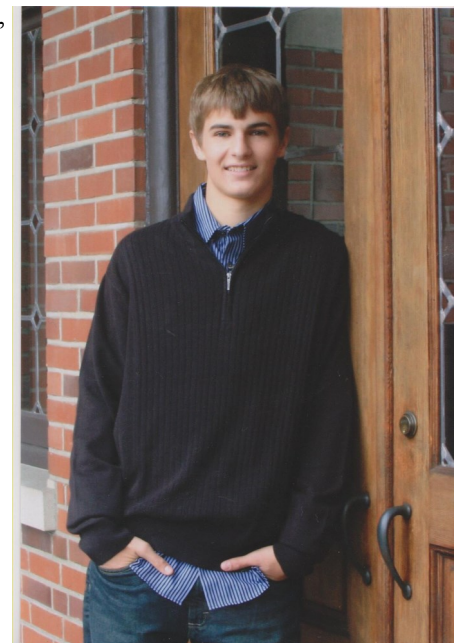
Plans for the future:

Attend Oregon State University and major in Mechanical Engineering. After college work as mechanical engineer developing aircraft. Maybe eventually return to help operate the family farm.

Quote:

“Life is tough, but it’s tougher when your stupid.”

-John Wayne



Senior Year Memories

