



BAND Zoe Wolter

Band Director Jim Miller recommends Zoe as Performer of the Month for many reasons. In addition to playing the French Horn in Wind Symphony and making All-State last year, she is the senior Drum Major. Her responsibilities are many, not the least of which is conducting the marching band at football games and competitions. "Zoe is a tremendous leader in the band program," says Miller. "She is looked up to by her peers as someone they can trust and by her directors as someone who gets things done -most often before we even think to

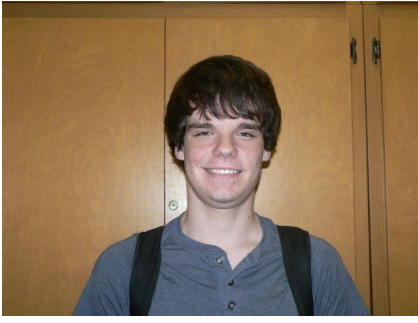
ask. She leads by example every day and is highly regarded by all of us!"

In addition to her involvement in band, Zoe is also a Performing Arts Technician, Show Choir Techie and member of Kiva and Adastru. Outside of school, she is a Girl Scout, involved at church, and volunteers at the Indian Creek Nature Center. "I enjoy watching films, playing board games and being outside. Most people don't know I own over 25 pairs of shoes," she adds.

Zoe has countless wonderful memories in band over the years, too many to choose just one. "Band Camp, Marching Band competitions, Band bus rides, making All-State last year, our IBA performance... etc. Band people are the best!!" she proclaims.

After graduation this spring, she plans on attending a four-year college and studying technical theater, film studies, environmental studies, "or something completely different." Zoe's family includes parents Brad and Margaret, and siblings Cecelia and Elijah, along with a repertoire of reptiles and other animals throughout her home.

Her advice to up-and-coming students in the performing arts is, "Trust your directors. They know what they're doing. Also, get involved in the music you're playing. It's much more enjoyable that way."



DRAMA

Cameron Jones

Kara Sulzer, Assistant Director of Drama says Cameron has certainly started off the school year on the right foot. "Since day one, he been punctual, prepared, positive, coachable, and has really brought his character, Seymour Krelborn, to life in Little Shop of Horrors. He is definitely the quiet leader in the cast."

Cameron, a junior, started as a wannabe jock at WHS, but is now quite active in the performing arts. Along with drama, he is a member of Concert Choir, Momentum and Madrigal Singers. In his spare time, he enjoys reading and Minecraft. Family members include parents Denise Moen and David Jones, and sisters Katy and Lindsey.

"All the hilarity that happens backstage and downstairs," is what Cameron indicates as his favorite memory of the Drama Department. He enjoys theater so much that he hopes to one day become a high school English teacher and direct plays and musicals himself.

His advice to younger performers is to believe in themselves. "Confidence is key. If you believe in yourself, so will other people."



CHOIR Hannah Lodge

"Hannah is tremendously dedicated and a leader in the soprano section," praises Choir Director Peter Westphalen. Hannah is involved in Concert Choir, Madrigal and Momentum. She will be auditioning for the Iowa All-State Chorus next month and played the lead role of Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors.

In addition to her involvement in choir, Hannah is also a member of the Color Guard, Wind Symphony, Adastra, Speech, Playtime Poppy and is the Drama Club President. When time allows outside of these activities, she stays active at church in the choir,

hand bell choir and youth group. "I also enjoy hanging out with my goofy friends and reading, especially Harry Potter," shares Hannah. "When I was little, I loved all the villains in Disney movies instead of the princesses because they were more interesting."

One of her favorite memories in choir happened last year at Christmas time. "All of the 'newbies' in Mads were singing at a nursing home and decided to sing our most difficult song, Deck the Halls, and we sang it really well," says Hannah. "We sounded even better than we did when we sang it with everyone. We felt really good about our performance, the old people loved it, and we had tons of fun because Mads Christmas is the best!"

Plans after graduation include obtaining a major in Social Studies Education, minor in Theater, and singing in choir at a 4-year college or university in the Midwest. Hannah's parents are Kevin and Lana Lodge and her sister Sarah is a freshman at WHS.

Hannah's advice to younger performers comes straight from the heart. "Do what you love, sing your heart out, and believe in yourself and your talent. Everyone has something that makes them shine."



DANCE

Marin Bredl

Dance Team Director Megan Witte says Marin is always present with a positive attitude and can't say enough great things about her. "She consistently strives to improve on her dance technique and skills. She gets along with everyone famously. Marin is an incredibly hard worker and has really proven to her coach and teammates that she is deserving to be a member of the dance team!!"

Besides being a member of the WHS Dance Team, Marin is also involved in ballet, Irish and modern dance outside of school. She has performed with the Russian

Nutcracker three times. "I have been taking ballet since I was 4 years old and have been on pointe for the past four years," says Marin. She also enjoys art, especially ceramics. Her parents are Greg and Lori and she has three older brothers, Matt, Joe and Sean.

Her favorite memory came last year when the team traveled to Des Moines for camp and stayed at the Adventureland Inn. "I enjoyed all of the bonding and having a free day to hang out at Adventureland with the team."

As of now, this sophomore plans to attend a four-year college and possibly study nursing. She suggests that younger dancers try their hardest and never give up. She states, "It really does pay off."



ORCHESTRA

Elizabeth Summers

"Elizabeth is a highly motivated co-president of the orchestra," commends Orchestra Director Natalie Brown. "She is also one of the busiest musicians at WHS. She has brought a positive outlook and team-building attitude to orchestra this school year!"

In addition to playing violin in the Symphony Orchestra, Elizabeth is active in Madrigals, Momentum, Interact, Adastral, Amnesty, Track, and is the Senior Class Treasurer.

Outside of school she enjoys playing the piano, singing, laughing at bad jokes, volunteering at

Mercy Hospital, making collages, and puffy painting. She adds, "I also enjoy running amok with Anna Noreuil and discussing Harry Potter with Liesel Kohn and Katharine Goodwin." In her free time she runs around her house rapping loudly, and some of the walls in her room are carpeted. Is that a coincidence? She also mentions, "My least favorite thing in the entire world is the dried milk/glue that comes off of the lids of milk jugs when first opened."

A golden memory she has is from back in 9th grade when she had a high fever but still performed, because she had a solo in Idylls of Pegasus. "Albeit mildly delirious, I made it through the entire 9th grade portion, and we were on the last song, a Wicked medley, when I just kind of became half-conscious, unable to cope with the extremely warm stage lights." Although she was practically swaying in her chair, she apparently finished the entire song without any mistakes, according to the people around her. "Looking back, I have hardly any recollection beyond trying to stay awake!" she says.

Keeping all of the above in mind Elizabeth advises younger performers to, "Take a breath every once in a while, you can't do everything. Take care to not burn yourself out on music. Learn to see criticism as a positive as opposed to a negative. Never, ever take yourself too seriously."

Elizabeth's family includes parents Melissa and Bill, step-mom Mary Claire, and brothers Mike, Tucker and Ty. She also has a cat named Cash Money. Once she graduates this spring, she plans to attend Colorado College as a Pre-med student, hoping to eventually become an anesthesiologist. During this time she would like to study abroad, possibly returning to France. Beyond that, she plans on becoming a "cat lady," and once retired, "open a coffee shop and read books for hours on end while listening to good jazz music."



TECHNICAL THEATER

Holly Christiansen

Technical Theater Director Bill Lammers was quite in awe of the way Holly handled her position as stage manager for Little Shop of Horrors and other tasks this fall. "Aside from the normal duties assigned to a stage manager, Holly was instrumental in getting our new directors -Mrs. Sulzer and Mr. Westphelan -acquainted with the theater space, the routine of a WHS production, and taking care of their production requests," he shares. "I was really proud of how Holly handled the extra duties, and was impressed by how the rest of the cast and crew respected her for the job she did."

Holly is also a member of the Color Guard and vice president of the Drama Club. Although she states she pretty much lives in the theater, she also likes to read and hang out with her friends. Since she is an "open book" most people already know everything about her. Well, maybe, except that she like to play with kids' toys and has a dinosaur named Jerry. Her family includes parents Aimee Lee and Dale Christiansen, older sister Katherine and younger brother Bryan.

Her favorite, albeit frightening, memory was when the power went out while hanging lights for Into the Woods. Holly admits, "It was a little scary how dark it was in the auditorium. I will also remember all the times I have set up for assemblies and stayed at set work until Karinne and I had to be literally kicked out by Lammers."

Since theater is her life, she plans to attend UNI and eventually teach and direct theater. She advises younger techies to not be afraid to be themselves. "Join in and people will accept you. Just try to have fun and don't overwhelm yourself."