

Senior Showcase for October

A lot can happen during four years of high school. Some painful, some joyous. Some exhausting: some exhilarating. But always memorable. Over the course of this school year we are going to highlight some of the amazing individuals who make up our senior class and share a bit about their journeys to the graduation stage this May.

Brenna Marchuk



Our first senior showcase of this year is Brenna Marchuk. Brenna was a logical choice for our first article in this series for a number of reasons. First, Brenna has deep Delta High School roots. Brenna's grandparents, Walter and Cheryl Marchuk are lifelong Delta residents and DHS Alumni. Walter graduated from DHS in 1974, and Cheryl graduated the next spring in 1975. Brenna's mother, Hanni, is also a DHS grad (Class of 1998) and continues to support the Huskies. Currently, she serves as the DHS Booster Club treasurer and volunteers countless hours to the organization and school.

For her part, Brenna has shown drive and dedication these past four years and it has paid off with her litany of accomplishments. Brenna has lettered in varsity volleyball for four years and will finish her fourth varsity track and field season this spring. Three times she has qualified for the state competition in the triple jump and for the last two years she has placed first in both the triple and long jump at the regional meet.

Last year, Brenna was one of twenty students who volunteered to take a pair of co-sponsored UAF English courses taught by Ms. Turnbull.

"It helped give me an idea of how college works," she said recently. And now this year, Brenna has continued to work toward her college goals. In conjunction with UAF's eCampus, and supported by Partners for Progress, Delta High School is now offering over one hundred 100-level and 200-level courses. Brenna has chosen four additional college courses, several of which tie in directly with her chosen major.

At first Brenna was skeptical about the new courses because she was not planning to attend UAF next year. However, true to form, Brenna took it upon herself to research her chosen school, Washington State University, contact them and found they would accept all of the courses she took at UAF.

Currently, Brenna is enrolled in History of World Art and Intro to Psychology. She took Mr. Schmidt's Psychology class last year and wanted to pursue it at the next level. "I'm planning to major in Criminology and Criminal Justice at WSU," Brenna said, "and the intro to psychology class is part of my major. Next semester I can take Criminology."

Brenna's high school plans extend beyond just getting into a school and starting college: "I'm hoping that the extra credits I earn here at DHS will help me be able to study abroad for one semester in college without getting behind in credits."

Brenna will leave DHS this spring and head to WSU next fall where she was recently accepted. When she does, she will start school with 18 college credits already completed. That's nearly a semester and a half. It just goes to show that there is a lot more going on at your local high school than meets the eye. Come out and support Brenna and the volleyball team October 18 as they take on Elelson. Then come back October 29th to cheer on Brenna and the other senior volleyball players at our Senior Salute versus Hutchison.