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LETTER

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Editor



Dear Readers,

I'm beyond thankful for every person, opportunity, and blessing in my life. Although I've lost ones dear to me, watched friends drift away, and seen horrors occur throughout America this past year, I've held onto the hope and love I have for this world. I choose to see the beauty in everything I can.

Last month I auditioned for the second lead in the musical, but I didn't receive the part, because I was chosen to be the female lead instead. Normally I would've been ecstatic after hearing the news, but I was incredibly distressed. I didn't audition for the lead part in the first place, because I didn't think I had the pipes for the vocal range it called for. I was terrified that I couldn't make the role the best it could be.

After long weeks of worrying, working, and rehearsing, I performed it for two full crowds with my amazing cast, and we received monumental applause. In the end, I was so proud of all that we accomplished, and it has shown me how thankful I truly am to be apart of a community as great as this one. A community that's filled with encouragement, support, and most importantly, love.

When I asked you all to participate in the Pretty Smart Election, you were all so eager to help out. I was so excited that my idea played out so well, and that you were all so happy to put your voice into action. I knew many of you were upset over the presidential election, so I thought that this would be a way to slightly brighten your moods.

This world is filled to the brim with fear at the moment, but I know that love wins over all. As Lin Manuel Miranda has declared many times before, "love is love is love is love." I choose to believe that it will hold this country, community, and world together. I hope you choose to believe it too.

You are all brilliant, bold, and beautiful. Now go out and show the world what you can do.

So much love,

Brenna

Meet the nominations

Out of all the numerous nominations, these brilliant, bold, and beautiful girls were chosen to be featured in the pages of Pretty Smart.

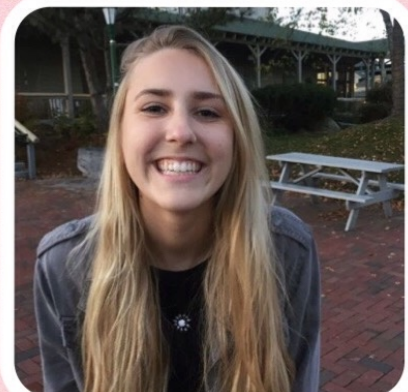


Megan Ames is a junior at Foxcroft Academy who enjoys writing poetry. She was nominated by Bernise Bartlett.

Bernise Bartlett is a senior at Foxcroft Academy who loves playing soccer. She was nominated by Megan Ames.



Olivia Webber is a junior at Dexter High School who is an incredible member of Seeds of Peace. She was nominated by Kaitlyn Webber.





Maci is a senior at Foxcroft Academy who loves chocolate and black labradors. She was nominated by Crystal Macomber.

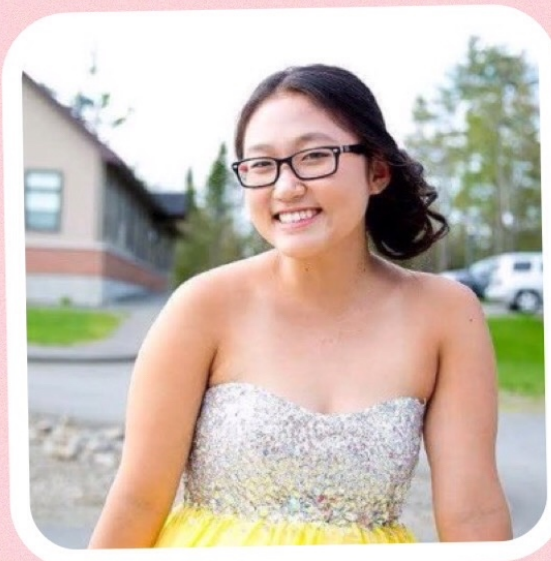
Abigail Simpson is a senior at Foxcroft Academy who is a star basketball and soccer player. She was nominated by Hayley Grant.



Jewel Anderson is a junior at Foxcroft Academy who adores her baby brother. She was nominated by Camille Bozzelli.



Sue Kim is a junior boarding student at Foxcroft Academy who loves being a part of Key Club. She was nominated by Erika Chadbourne.



THRIFTING

MACI POULIN GIVES US A SNEAK PEEK
AT HER THRIFTY AND COZY OUTFITS.

WE



Tuesday

Let your inner basic girl shine with these snugly Uggs boots. Bonus points if they're from a local thrift store.

Monday

Jump into Monday with casual joggers and a light weight sweatshirt. Chic and cheap!

Wednesday

Light jeans and a cream sweater paired together are timeless.



THROUGH THE WEEK

Thursday



It's almost Friday.
Slip on some boots and
get to work.
You look like a boss.

Friday

Flannel Friday! It's a cozy way to
end the week. Slip on an old
button up and stay motivated..



ALL ABOUT



**THE DRHS JUNIOR GIVES US
INSIGHT ON SEEDS OF PEACE,
GLOBAL DISCUSSIONS, AND
HONORS CLASSES.**

Olivia

What was your experience at Seeds of Peace like?

My experience was honestly life changing. The world is so amazing outside of Dexter, Maine. I met so many beautiful people there, some who I know I will stay in contact with forever. It taught me how to deal with others opinions, how to love everyone, and so many other things. I will cherish my memories at Seeds forever and I'm so lucky and blessed I was given that opportunity.

Why do you choose to take honors classes?

I chose to take honors classes because I wanted a challenge. Ever since I was little, I was a quick learner and academics just came easily to me. Honors classes as a junior are very challenging, but I like challenges and learning new things.

Why should other students take honors classes?

Others should take honors because first of all, it looks great on report cards for colleges. The classes give you a big push to help you become a better learner. There may be a lot of work, but in the end it's so worth it.

What is Global Discussions like?

Global Discussions is a club of about 15 people at Dexter who discuss just about anything. We discuss issues all around the world or even issues in Dexter. If someone travels to a different country we discuss their experience and compare and contrast. This past halloween we had a halloween party for our International students at Dexter and just this Friday we had an International food night. The club is very informative and really opens up your eyes to issues you may have ignored.

What are your future goals?

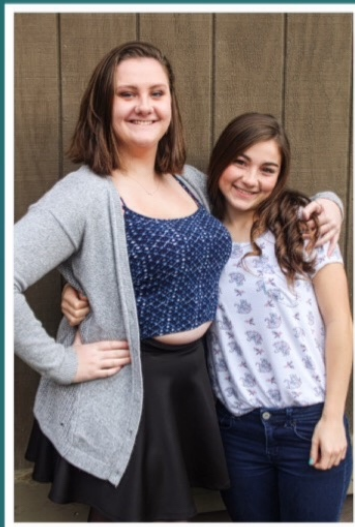
I've had the same future goals from ever since I can remember. I want to go to college right after high school, i'm not quite sure where yet but college is definitely in the picture. I want to go to college to become a nurse, I love the medical field and also just being around people all the time. I want to move somewhere like Hampden or Cape Elizabeth. Traveling somewhere like Greece or Italy has always been a dream of mine, but for now all eyes are set on getting through high school and college to one day become a nurse.

TAG! YOU'RE NOMINATED

MEGAN NOMINATED BERNISE



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EACH OTHER



Megan

BERNISE NOMINATED MEGAN

Bernise

What fairytale do you relate to the most and why?

I believe I am Alice. My imagination runs wild. It's psychedelic and twisted, kind of like my mind. As I grow older, I have realized that Alice in Wonderland is my favorite fairytale. It's intriguing and aesthetically pleasing.

What's the one thing you regret not doing in your life?

One thing I regret is not being more confident with myself from a younger age. It's something I'm insecure about. All my other friends are so much more outgoing than I am. Being confident is something I struggle with.

What would you consider to be the most beautiful place in the world?

The city the most beautiful place in the world to me, or at least one of the most beautiful places. So much goes on. It's chaos. The architecture—St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC comes to mind. There are such a large spectrum of beliefs, thoughts, and people crowded in one place—so many stories no one has heard before.

What is the most important memory you have and why?

This one was difficult to answer. I have so many memories that are beyond words: traveling, concerts, being so overjoyed that I feel like I'm floating. I'm going to choose concerts, though. I've always felt confident and overjoyed when I'm around people I know I'll never see again. I have been to 12 so far, my favorite being when I went to go see the 1975 in May. I remember the colors being vibrant and being with some of my closest friends.

What's the one thing you're most proud of about yourself?

What I'm definitely most proud of is my recovery. I'm very hesitant to go into detail, because it's personal, but my recovery from self harm and mental illness. Both of these I have dealt with since I was 12, and I'm now 16.

What are two things you love about yourself?

I think for my physical appearance I love my eyes with or without makeup. They're kind of pretty. Personality-wise, I think I love that I care a lot about others. It doesn't matter who someone is, if they're having a bad day, I'll try to cheer them up. I guess you could say that I'm caring and compassionate.

Who do you look up to the most, and what qualities do you love about that person?

Probably Mr. Maines. He's always such a positive person, always smiling. Nothing ever brings him down. I hope one day that I could have such a continuous happy/positive look on life. Mr. Ayala as well; they're both such joyful people to be around.

Where do you hope to be in five years?

Hopefully starting another year of college, earning my bachelors degree in animal science. Maybe I'll finally have a nice boyfriend.

If you were stranded on an island—you could bring five people along and five things—who and what would you bring?

You(Megan), Katherine, Riley, Chandler, and Kendra—but she'd probably kill me for getting he stranded on an island.

For the five things: endless supply of hot pockets, a German Shepard(for protection and dogs are just awesome), Harry Potter book collection, pool floats or surf boards(gotta have fun), and a soda machine. Priorities.

Name three things on your bucket list?

-Travel the world, explore cities, forests, jungles, and beaches. Eating all different kinds of food and meeting new people

-Go snorkeling with manatees in Crystal River, Florida. They're sea cows! So cute!

-Attend a huge outdoor concert(bigger than Ed Sheeran).

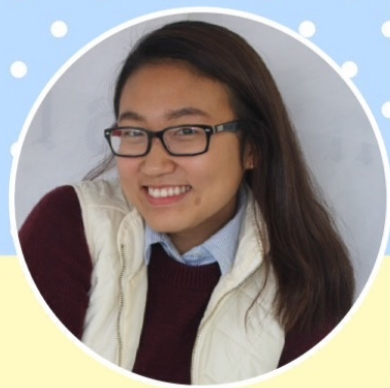
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These three ladies

embody Pretty Smart's mission statement perfectly.

They're equally brilliant, bold, and beautiful, but they're all so different. That's what's so amazing to me. There are so many unique and extraordinary people in this world, and learning others differences is the most fascinating experience. I loved getting the chance to learn about these impeccable cover girls, and I'm so ready for you to know more about them. Their qualities with amaze, inspire, and empower you, and I'm excited to see your reactions. So get to reading!

She will deny it any chance she can get, but it's a fact that Sue Kim is breathtakingly brilliant. She makes the entire FA community sparkle. Her determination in charity and academics, empathy for friends, and her radiant smile make everyone she meets fall in love with her. She's not just adorable—she's bold, brave, and ridiculously kind. Sue is kicking butt at school with the best weapon possible; kindness.

SUE





Questions & Answers

WHY DO YOU THINK YOU'RE BRILLIANT?

Honestly I don't think I am brilliant. But in everything I do, I try to do my best. I try to get used to the new things I do in my life. I've found out that if I do keep trying new things I wouldn't normally do, then I will get used to it and maybe I will like it.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL?

I like that the teachers are so helpful and they will do anything to help you succeed. Since English is my second language, it is hard for me to understand the courses, but I love how there's so many teachers who are willing to help me. I also love the fact that I can get out of school so early!! My Korean school stayed until 6pm! FA is always willing to help boarding students try new sports.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GO TO A MAINE SCHOOL?

I didn't choose to go to a Maine school, but an agency suggested a Maine school to my parents and I. Since my parents wanted me to go to colleges in USA, they thought that it would be easier for me to finish my high school career, then go to college. Also, my agency told me it is a good idea to go to a Maine school, because they have small populations, and it would be easier for me to get use to schools and learn more English. I have never regretted going to school in Maine, ever since I got to learn more about Maine and how it feels like living in a small town.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO STAY AT FA?

I chose to stay at FA, because I really liked the campus and the dorms. I also wanted to experience what it feels like to live at the dorms and to have dorm parents around me. Also, if I stay at FA, it will be easier for me to do more things that I want to do, since I will be around in town! The most important reason for why I chose to stay at FA is that I loved the school system. We have option to choose our courses and be able to talk with our counselors about our future.

HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT MOVING TO A COMPLETELY NEW PLACE FOR TEN MONTHS WITHOUT KNOWING ANYONE?

It is definitely hard for me to move to a completely new place for 10 months without knowing anyone, but I got pretty used to it. Before I come here, I was pretty scared about everything, since I didn't really know English or anything about the school system. Then I went to FA's summer camp for new boarding students, and I started meeting up with new students. It was and is hard for me to move without my parents, but I know that it will be worth it later on in my life. I am really thankful for my parents, because they sent me here to learn more.

HOW HARD WAS IT TO LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

Learning a new language is probably the hardest thing you can do in your life. Especially if you are not used to learning languages. But my parents always tried to teach me English, so I learned it by the time I was like 5. I heard and wrote English when I was younger, so that probably helped me a lot. At first, it was really hard for me to make communications with other people at school. I was so scared about making conversation with students, because I didn't want them to make fun of me. But once I learned more about talking with other people, I started liking it a lot more and my English has improved as well.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF GOING IN THE FUTURE?

I am honestly not sure yet, but I won't really rush what I will be or what I will be going off to do. I am thinking about making my major Early Childhood Education. I love kids and I would like to teach them English when they are young. But I can't see myself hanging out with kids all the time.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE IN THE WORLD AND WHY?

My favorite place would be in my house in Korea, because I never really have chances to be at my house, since I am a boarding student. So sometimes I miss being at my own house, eating foods with my parents, and watching tv. It is hard not being at home all the time, and that is the reason why I am looking forward to go back to my house during Christmas break and summer vacation. Also my room is the coziest room ever in Korea, and I would like to just watch tv in my room all day!

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL TO NEXT?

If I get the chance to travel somewhere, then I would like to travel around Europe, since I have a lot of friends around Europe. Also my bestest friends are from Italy, so I would like to go visit them.



Abigail

Abigail apologizes for nothing. Not for who she is, what she loves, or who she loves. She's purely and truly who she wants to be. It's so rare to come across someone as special and extraordinary as Abby. She's bold, gorgeous, and smarter than she'll ever fully realize. Her heart is bigger than the sky, and her love stretches farther than anyone's understanding. Abigail is proving that you don't have to be one thing—you can be a million wrapped into one.



Why do you think you are you bold?

You do you Boo. I think I am bold, because I'm my own person and I strive to have that independence. I try to own everything I do!

What inspires you?

My brothers are my inspiration. They have both put themselves in the lives that they want to have. Noah is in the Army and Abe is going to college and then going into the army. Everyday they are doing new and amazing things, and I look up to them for that. They are my heroes.

How did you get into makeup?

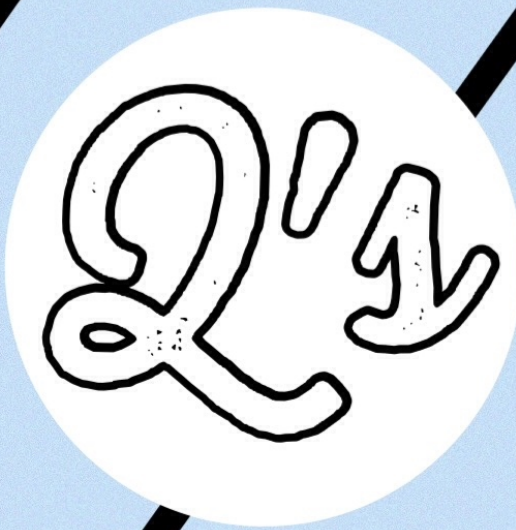
I actually didn't start wearing makeup until I was a freshman, and I really had no idea what I was doing. But seeing others with really good makeup wanted me to do the same, so I went out and bought a bunch of really good makeup, and kind of created my own look.

How do you stay motivated?

I stay motivated by having competition. I love the thrill of trying to be the best, and even when I don't succeed, I know that I had fun along the way and it ends up benefitting me.

What is your plan for after high school?

My plan for after high school is going to school to become a pediatric nurse.



Why are sports important to you?

Sports are important to me, because they help me stay active. They also keep me busy and on track with school, and give me a good sense of time management.

How has basketball helped you?

Basketball has helped me through high school, because it helped me make friends as a freshman. I've finally found something that I love.

What are the ups and downs of your height?

The ups: reaching things on the top shelf, seeing over large crowds, and having an advantage in sports.

The downs: being put in the back for every picture, being asked if I play basketball, and I don't go a day without someone asking me how tall I am.

How do you plan on inspiring others?

I plan on inspiring others by talking to myself and achieving my goals. Even though it's been hard along the way, I want to show people that what they go through doesn't define who they are.

What makes you happy?

Food makes me happy, but my friends and family make me even happier. They support me and are always there for me when I need them!





JEWEL

I met Jewel for the first time while we were riding the bus to school in the morning. It was her first day of high school, and she climbed onto the yellow limo with the most infectious smile I'd ever seen. I remember feeling her warmth and kindness. She brought instant happiness into my life, but she had no idea.

That's how most people perceive Jewel. She's this constant ray of sunshine who always knows how to make others feel radiant. Her smile, excitement, and joy makes everyone feel welcomed. Her infinite love for everyone makes her one of the most beautiful girls I know.



QUESTIONS

Why do you think you're beautiful?

Because I was born it.

Why do you love cheering?

I love it, because I like doing something new.

What was your favorite part of cheering?

Going up on to high school

Why do you like to sing?

Because I love music.

What are you planning to sing for the talent show?

I'm going to sing Me Too by Megan Trainor.

What keeps you so happy?

Eli, my baby brother, keeps me happy.

Why do you think you make others so happy?

Because I come into school with a happy face.

What are your plans for the future?

I would like to be a teacher and a cheerleader coach.

What is your favorite activity in school?

My favorite activity in school is PE.

Why do you love chorus so much?

I love chorus, because I want to become a better singer.



Jewel playing with her baby brother.



Jewel loves to read to Eli.



Jewel loves to express her passion for cheering.



Thankful *and* Thankless



Tick, tick, tick, ding.

My eyes break their stare from the events on the news and shift towards the oven roasted turkey being pulled out of the oven.

Cousins, grandparents, distant relatives—they're all gathered together in the living room. They're clutching their stomachs as laughter bubbles up inside of them, and smiles are on every single one of their faces. My grandmother is craving the glazed turkey with precision, and my mother is placing cutlery around the tables. We're all together, and everyone is happy.

I snuggle deep into the couch and reflect on all of my many monumental miracles. Starting Pretty Smart, Kode with Klossy, getting into Hamilton—I beam as the memories flash through my mind. I'm beyond blessed, and I'm so thankful for that, but this year has also been dark. I've lost really close friends, understandings, and myself. I lost who I was for quite a while, and while I found myself I learned that I destroyed some beautiful relationships in my life. Even through all of that, though, I have a million things to thank God for.

But as I shift towards the television, the news is a reminder that not everyone has this blessing that's been put before me. Millions of people around the world are without homes, without love, riddled with chronic illnesses, and estranged from loved ones. There are people who have nothing to be thankful for, and that cripples my soul.

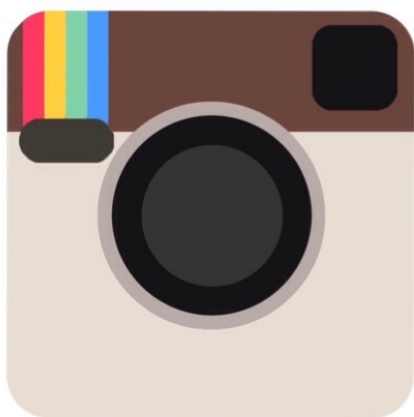
When I see friends from school working thanksgiving dinners for the community and bringing around dinners to families who can't afford to make their own, it makes my heart fully content. Even through the darkest times, there's always someone willing to show love and compassion. Charity brings everyone together on the holidays, whether your thankful or thankless.

"Everyone gather around the table," my Grammie announces throughout the rooms, grasping my entire family's attention. "We're going to think about what we're thankful for."

As I walk into the dining room, and grasp the hand of my closest relative, I think of all the things I could be thankless for. I could give in to the negativity, the hatred, the anxiety. I close my eyes, and I think of love. I imagine all of my accomplished dreams, my amazing friends, and my insane opportunities. I'm full of peace.

Although all situations are different, there is one constant through it all—love will prevail. I'm choosing to be thankful for that.

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