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Meet Your 2020 Valedictorian & Salutatorian!

Hannah Rosenberger named class of 2020 valedictorian

Get to know the amazing person behind the title.

Katie Scaggs '20
Assistant Editor

In addition to being excellent academically, Rosenberger is very talented in many other areas of her life, such as newspaper, art, and dance.

Rosenberger is known as a friend to many on Villa's campus. Almost everyone knows her trademark Quizlet username – Swiftybookworm13 – but she is not only known for her Quizlets, which can reach up to 613 terms; she is also known for her kindness and creativity.

Reflecting on how Villa has prepared her for life after graduation, Rosenberger said "I'm definitely more confident, I was the shyest little fourteen year old. Being able to speak in public more or voice my mind in a presentation or in group setting is definitely something that I've learned from Villa... I have no doubt that I'm going to be able to handle whatever my college professors throw my way."

Rosenberger has put together a very impressive resume from her time in high school. Her activities include Newspaper Ed-

itor-in-Chief, Festival Editor-in-Chief, Yearbook Writing Staff, National Spanish Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, and Quill and Scroll Writing Honor Society President. She also finds the time to volunteer at Cuddle my Kids in her (very limited) spare time.

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Hannah Rosenberger // Lifetouch

Julie Satterthwaite named salutatorian of senior class

Get to know Villa's outstanding salutatorian.

Carina Rose '21
Assistant Editor

Satterthwaite has enjoyed her time at Villa but is looking forward to the future. She is very excited to continue her academic career at Boston College where she will continue to have a full schedule. "I am going to be a biology major, potentially a global health minor... and I plan to be on the pre-med track," Satterthwaite said.

She is not sure what kind of medicine she would like to practice yet, but she is leaning toward pediatric to adolescent medicine.

Although Satterthwaite is looking to the future, she will never forget her experiences that she had in high school. "I think the people that I've met and the experiences I've had are what made me love coming to Villa every day," Satterthwaite said. "The best thing Villa gave me is my best friends."

She feels that Villa has prepared her for just about anything.

"I think Villa has made me stronger...in my convictions," Satterthwaite said.

She feels ready to share her opinions in the real world. "I think that is really important for anyone but especially for young women."

There is only one thing that Villa did not prepare her for: Boys! Satterthwaite jokes, "It didn't prepare me to be in a class with boys... so that will be interesting."

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Julie Satterthwaite // Lifetouch

Coronavirus impacts every grade level

Students share how their high school milestones were affected and reflect on their gratitude toward Villa.

Anna Nunag '20, Mary Cate Doughty '23
Reporter, Contributor

Students give insight on what it means to have missed out on the most eventful months of the school year.

It was Thursday, March 12 when the Villa community was told they had to clean out their lockers and take home anything they did not want to get ruined. What was presumed to be an early spring break and a temporary school cleaning turned into the transition of the rest of the school year online as well as the cancellation of many end of year traditions at every grade level. Whether a student was a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior, the year certainly concluded much differently than each had anticipated.

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Celebrating Beauty • Seniors enjoy Villa's campus on a spring night while participating in a drive-by. // Catie Mannato '20

Leaving a legacy: A tribute to the editors

Editors-in-Chief Hannah Rosenberger, Alivia Orvieto, and Raquel Lacusky have shaped The Villa Voice into the award winning newspaper that it is today.

Madeline Ladd '21, Devyn Stek '23
Assistant Editor, Reporter

From winning multiple Columbia Silver Awards, to placing third in the Yale Daily News competition, there have always been three Villa girls behind the scenes: Rosenberger '20, Orvieto '20, and Lacusky '20.

Since 2018, "The Dream Team" has moulded The Villa Voice into the successful publication it is today. These girls go beyond their awards and accomplishments and demonstrate

the qualities necessary to run an award-winning paper.

Newspaper moderator Laurie Scaggs '91 reflects on her time spent with the EIC's since the very beginning when they were learning the basics of how to publish a paper.

"The most memorable moment was when I sat in the back of the classroom during a September staff training session," Scaggs '91 says. "I had the pleasure of watching three empowered, strong, and confident young women teach un-

derclassman interviewing techniques and the basics of journalism. The amount of pride I had for each of them and how far we had all come literally put tears in my eyes."

These three girls have established a solid foundation for years to come and their hard work will not be forgotten.

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Yale Daily News • Raquel Lacusky '20, Alivia Orvieto '20 and Hannah Rosenberger '20 pose with their award from the YDN. // Jessica Mullen

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Principal Reflects

Principal Sister Regina Ryan, IHM reflects on this past school year and how COVID-19 has affected the last months of it.

Amelia Erb '22, Emma Herrick '23
Reporters

As the 2019-2020 school year draws to an end (in a rather unconventional way), Sister Regina Ryan offered her thoughts and opinions on the past year, which has been full of new events, positive changes, and unfortunate obstacles.

"One of the nicest changes I saw was in the attitude of the student body," Ryan said. "We had such positive leadership from the student council, and that was contagious."

Ryan also found the year to be successful because of new changes and ideas put into action, specifically the Breakfast Club and the uniform rules being expanded to include any blue outerwear.

Ryan's favorite part of the school year was the celebration of Advent. "I think [my favorite part was] the whole Christmas season because so many people brought so much creativity to the season. The student council did fun things, and the musicians brought so many things for everyone to celebrate," Ryan said.

Immediately after the holiday season, students experienced Emmaus for the first time—a change from the usual J-Term. Several days full of service and learning, Emmaus was an event that was included in Ryan's favorite time of the year.

There also have been (and there will continue to be) many unexpected changes to beloved Villa events this year; however, many traditions still took place, such as Carol and Ring, which Ryan described as "absolutely beautiful."

Ryan is also disappointed at the fact that traditions like Senior Sing and Daisy Chain will not be taking place in the same way they usually do this year.

"It hurts when I see pictures of it—not to be able to plan it to be when we want and how we want," Ryan said. "With that being said, we are really working to replicate as much as we can virtually and time it so that it can be a community event."

Ryan feels the positive attitudes of the students and the atmosphere within Villa was heightened this year.

"The attitude and communal spirit took on a whole new level this year," Ryan said. "I think it was maybe a new atmosphere. And I really appreciate it and am so sorry to have it cut short the way it was. But, I will say, that same leadership and that same positivity is all over Virtual Villa. That's so evident."

Ryan described how the many student council activities and challenges to stay connected are her favorite part of Virtual Villa.

"My favorite part is seeing all the crazy stuff you people come up with. You're so creative," Ryan said. She found these ways of staying connected within the school community, specifically citing TikToks (Yes, she knows about TikTok!)

Her least favorite part, on the other hand, is quite simply the fact that nobody can be at school. "That's really what I miss: the people. Villa is the people, and they're not here," Ryan said.

Ryan has made priorities when it comes to making decisions about COVID-19 preparation and response.

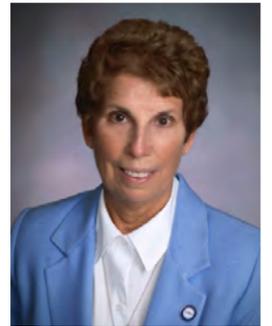
"All of our decisions are always what is best for our community, what is best for our students, in terms of their mental health, their physical health, their academic well-being, their emotional and spiritual [well-being]." Ryan said.

She believes the teachers have been crucial in keeping classes as normal as possible. "I know our teachers have done a tremendous job keeping our curriculum going," Ryan said. Even during Virtual Villa, classes continue to be running on a schedule and have not been moved to pass/fail like so many other schools.

Ryan is saddened at the fact that the Class of 2020 will not return to campus for the rest of the school year, but their response has impressed her.

"I am very grateful for what [the seniors] showed, and I think they are the best of a Villa education and the Villa community. I can't be more proud of them or grateful to them," Ryan said.

Ryan believes the most important thing for students to remember is "that they're not alone in this. I was reading and praying with something today in Jeremiah, and God says 'Remember, I know the plans I have for you,'" Ryan said. "Those plans won't happen unless you walk through this, and you will come out better."



Sister Regina Ryan//Lifetouch

CORONAVIRUS IMPACT CONTINUED FROM PG. 1

Freshmen

Starting at the bottom of the totem poll, school cancellation for the freshman class means missing out on the opportunity for class bonding activities. The most anticipated event was the Freshman Disney Trip, which has been postponed until next year.

"I was really disappointed when I found out it was going to be postponed," Anna Bagley '23 said. "I was really looking forward to spending time with my friends."

Bagley, like many freshmen, also was excited for her first season of high school spring sports, which have been officially cancelled by the PIAA.

"I was hoping to get to know my teammates more," Bagley said. "I was hoping to get to really improve my running."

Since the day they arrived on campus, end of year traditions such as Sorella Day, the Spring Pep Rally, and Daisy Chain have remained a mystery to the freshman class. These spring events have been either canceled or become virtual. "I think I'll appreciate the traditions more when they happen next year," Bagley said.



Thanksgiving Celebration• One of the Villa celebrations that freshmen did enjoy this year is a Thanksgiving photobooth//IDK

Sophomores

This spring, the sophomore class was looking forward to their second year of spring sports, being the oldest at spring formal, sweet sixteens, and the Sophomore Sleepover, all of which have been cancelled.

For Clara Meehan '22, the Sophomore Sleepover was one of the many things she was looking forward to about this spring. "When I realized that we would not be going back to school, it was one of the first things I thought of," Meehan stated. "I was looking forward to the sleepover and hanging out with the whole grade. I remember hearing about the past sleepover[s] and all the fun events that happened, so I was super pumped for it."

In addition to their sleepover, the sophomores are going to miss the Spring Formal dance. "I was also looking forward to being the oldest at spring formal this year and dressing up one more time before junior year," Meehan stated.

For Meehan, the hardest part about the end of the regular school year is her canceled lacrosse season and not being able to spend time with the seniors.

"I was very close with a lot of the seniors, and I am devastated that I cannot walk on the path with them again," Meehan stated.

Sweet sixteens, though not a school affiliated tradition, are a prominent part of sophomore year.

"We've missed out on the celebrations a little bit. I'm not sure anyone specifically had to cancel their sweet sixteens but it definitely took away the option for anyone with spring birthdays," Morgan Kelly '22 said.

Juniors

The junior class was in the thick of what is known to be one of the most stressful years of high school. Spring is the time of year that research papers are due, SATs are taken, and college visits are done.

The beginning of the college process through taking standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT is a prominent part of junior year. Due to the inability for these in-person events to take place, all spring SAT and ACT tests have been canceled, and the juniors can expect their college process to be anything but conventional.

"A lot of colleges are responding to the cancellation of the SATs by making the class of 2021 admissions test optional. The SAT has been very apologetic about it," Sirianni said.

Sirianni, like many juniors, has been deprived of the opportunity to take the SAT this spring in order to improve upon the standardized tests taken during the beginning of the school year. "I have one SAT and one ACT but I would like to get another one because I want to see if I can at least improve," Sirianni said.

Not only from an educational standpoint, but from a social standpoint, the juniors will experience many of their high school milestones in a unique way.

The Villa tradition Daisy Chain is a ceremony in anticipation of the junior class being the next leaders of the school. The famous Daisy Chain class picture for the class of 2021 will now take place on the first day of school in August. "Daisy Chain is a day where our sisterhood is truly shown," Melissa Wray '21 said. "I'm sad we won't have our seniors this year but I'm thankful we'll still get to celebrate together in the upcoming school year."

Seniors

Most bittersweet of all: the senior class is choosing to make the best out of the most unfortunate situation. Through their prom video, the faculty "thank you" video, and organized parking lot meet up, they have made it very clear that they are crushed to not be able to see their last months of high school through. "I did not want to think that March 12 was my last day of school, but I think I knew deep down that it was," Giuliana Romeo '20 said.

One of the many lasts of high school that the seniors missed out on are spring sports and spring concerts. The spring show "Chicago" would have been Villa's first full-length musical production. "I was looking forward to my last performance with all the girls. Many of the girls in the production of "Chicago" were also in Mr. Cucinella's theater class, so we had all grown really close," Romeo said. "For us seniors, it was really sad to realize we wouldn't perform together one last time. We had ended our performance careers at Villa without even knowing it."

Not only did many seniors miss out on their goodbye to their spring sport and music careers, they will also fail to experience their much anticipated goodbye to the school community at Senior Sing. This event in particular has been something the Villa administration has worked to still give the senior class. It is set to take place virtually on May 27. "Senior Sing is a beautiful goodbye to Villa," Romeo said. "Sure, our final Villa ceremony is graduation, but Senior Sing is the last time we are all gathered together as a school."

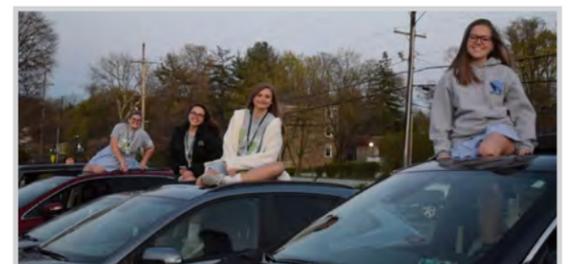
Lastly, every high school career's last rite of passage, graduation, will also be unprecedented for the Class of 2020.

"The hardest senior tradition I feel I missed out on was graduation," Romeo said.

May 28 was the original date of the graduation ceremony, and due to the circumstances, this event will take place virtually and will include a final drive-by on the Villa campus. There is also a date set in each summer month to have an in-person graduation

ceremony once large gatherings are possible.

"Although our graduation won't exactly commence as planned, Sister Regina and the administration have worked so hard for us to be celebrated," Romeo said. "I'm so grateful that they still plan to have an in-person ceremony during the summer; many schools don't have this option."



A Final Night Together• After learning school would be closed for the year, many seniors drove to Villa to celebrate the years they had together//Caroline Spitz '20

Being an essential worker through COVID-19

Wayne DiCicco and Jennifer Walsh '91 describe their experiences as essential workers continuing to work through the pandemic.

Julie Satterthwaite '20, Vatsala Arora '20
Assistant Editor, Reporter

Wayne DiCicco, father of Olivia DiCicco '20, is a mailman, and Jennifer Walsh, a Villa alumna who graduated in 1991, is a certified emergency nurse and certified pediatric emergency nurse.

Due to the pandemic, DiCicco has noticed a few changes to his routine. He said, "I don't see as many people. Especially with the weather changing — kids would come to the mailbox to get the mail; [there is] none of that anymore."

In addition to his mail route, there have been some changes at the mail office. DiCicco said, "Just this week it became mandatory to wear masks to work. Also, for the front window where people come with their packages and send them out, they put up a big plexiglass that slides up to protect the clerk that is sitting there."

Despite not seeing many people out on the job, there have been some surprises for DiCicco as he delivers the mail.

"One house gave me chocolate Easter bunnies and some Peeps right before Easter. Another house, on the side of the mailbox, there was a big thank you mailman sign. Another person had a little table that said, 'I know we get a lot of packages, help yourself,' and there were snacks there," DiCicco said.

Walsh '91 has noticed that her life has changed both professionally and personally through the pandemic.

She stated, "On a personal level, I am challenged with having [my] kids and husband at home ... Often my house is pretty loud and animated, which doesn't help when I am trying to sleep during the day — I work night shift. Professionally, I have been working additional hours because [of] our process at work, screening and triaging patients."

Things are also not business as usual for Walsh at the hospital.

"We are all wearing surgical scrubs, hats, different types of masks at all times, and other protective layers to minimize exposure to the germs that cause COVID-19," Walsh stated.

Even though as a nurse Walsh has always been an essential worker, there are many added difficulties due to the current situation.

Walsh stated, "What I'm finding difficult during this pandemic is the added pressure of doing everything the right way because one break in protocol increases risk of exposure to the illness."

As another layer to the situation, Walsh explains that she feels for her children.

"I am also struggling with the knowledge that my own kids are struggling with this 'new normal,' and I am not fully present for them because my mind is often full of anxiety about my job or concern for my patients and coworkers."

One random act of kindness can go a long way. When Walsh stopped at the grocery store early in the pandemic, a woman in front of her paid for her groceries. Her neighbors have also dropped off meals and treats for her family.

Walsh asks that we continue to be kind to one another.

She stated, "Practice random acts of kindness to others. Be kind! I find it very inspiring to see how much innovation has come out of this crisis."

For non-essential workers, Walsh has a simple phrase we can all follow: "Be patient! Be careful; go slow."

DiCicco has similar advice for non-essential workers.

He said, "Just stay home; that's the only way it's going to get better. Do what the CDC says. Whatever is going to help you is going to help me."

Both DiCicco and Walsh have shown just how essential the essential workers are. We owe them a debt of gratitude for keeping us safe and for keeping our lives going.

"I'm grateful that people have a renewed sense of what nurses, doctors, respiratory therapists, all essential workers actually do to support our communities; of how vital the farmers, teachers, manufacturers, truck drivers, etc. are to our communities. Appreciate people for their contributions," Walsh stated.



Lia Ritchie '21

Celebrities crushing corona-boredom

The world as we know it has fallen into a total stand-still (thanks to a certain virus), and the entertainment industry is no exception—but this hasn't stopped celebrities from providing enjoyable distractions at home.

Olivia DiCicco '20, Cecilia Oberkircher '20
Assistant Editor, Reporter

With COVID-19 sweeping the country, people are seeing restrictions rising, social distancing forcing us six feet apart, and orders to stay at home. This has led many things we take for granted to change in astronomical ways, one of these being the entertainment industry. Hollywood, music studios, even radio shows (if you remember those!) have felt the brunt of COVID-19. But rather than sulk, these entertainers have come up with creative ways to reach their audiences.

Taking advantage of platforms such as YouTube or Instagram, posting pre-recorded videos or live streaming—it's nice to see familiar faces on the TV or computer screen and especially interesting to get a glimpse into their lives in quarantine.

A prime example of a celebrity trying to keep us entertained and spread some positivity is John Krasinski. Krasinski, most notably known for his role of Jim Halpert on "The Office," has graduated from acting to talk-show host of his original YouTube production, "Some Good News," abbreviated "SGN."

"SGN" features not only feel-good stories to warm hearts during this terrible pandemic but also artwork from Krasinski's daughters, guest appearances of other famous actors (such as "The Office" co-stars Steve Carrell and Rainn Wilson), and segments dedicated to honoring healthcare workers on the front-line. He even hosted a virtual prom and played as DJ for any seniors who were missing out on this important high school milestone.

Even seasoned talk-show hosts have restructured their format to feature at-home interviews. Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel, Seth Myers, and just about any other big name you can think of now film from their comfortable couches, beanbags, or even backyards (in the case of Bill Maher, whose show also features a dramatic walk into the sunset as a closing shot).

The weekly installations of "Saturday Night Live" have also become "Saturday Night Sort-Of Live," with pre-recorded but never before seen sketches of the actors at home or on green screens. Notably, Pete Davidson has been showing off quarantining with his parents and hiding in their basement.

Virtual concerts have also made their way on to television. "Disney Family Sing-along" helped lift the spirits of people who could belt "We're All in This Together" with the "High School Musical" cast, as well as other Disney hits. Many celebrities, including Paul McCartney, Elton John, Stevie Wonder, Lady Gaga, and Taylor Swift, also participated in the "One World: Together at Home" concert to join in solidarity and raise funds for the COVID-19 relief effort.

Beyond television, Instagram has also gotten a fair share of traction from

quarantining celebrities. Many musical artists, such as Coldplay, P!nk, and John Legend, have live streamed makeshift concerts for their fans as stadiums around the world remain empty. Some artists have even moved beyond music: Lizzo hosted a meditation session and Lil Nas X virtually fed Doritos to his viewers on a livestream.

Instagram mini-shows or installations have also been popular. "Queer Eye" star Antoni Porowski, known for his culinary expertise on the show, has created a production centered around cooking tips and tricks that is cheekily dubbed "Quar-Eye." Sir Patrick Stewart has been working his way through Shakespeare's 154 sonnets with his daily installations of "Sonnet A Day." (Not as cleverly named as Antoni's, but we appreciate him the same!)

While these times are tough and certainly out of the ordinary, there are plenty of celebrities that are doing their best to bring us back up. Celebrities are helping people join together, a significant feat in this unprecedented time. Take comfort in these odd but still enjoyable forms of entertainment and hope that we can return to normalcy soon.

DID YOU TRY SOMETHING NEW DURING QUARANTINE?



Olivia DiCicco '20

THE VILLA VOICE

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The Villa Voice is a student-run publication created to inform the Villa Maria community with truthful and relevant information. We strive to give students a safe outlet for their opinions and accurately represent the student body of Villa Maria.

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In regard to her favorite part about being a student at Villa, Rosenberger said, "My favorite part about Villa is all the people; I can't say it enough. Going from being in a place where I knew a grand total of one person to now when my whole class is my favorite group of 116 people that there could possibly be is just a testament to how awesome everyone is and how great Villa is for bringing us all together."

When asked about who the most influential person was for Rosenberger at Villa, she immediately said, "Mrs. Scaggs because of all of the opportunities and things that I've gotten through newspaper have just been so amazing. I've gotten to grow so much as a person and as a leader under everything that I've learned from her, and she's just such a fun person to be around. She's always there for us, which is nice to have when you're stressed out."

As for the best studying strategy, Rosenberger relies on making herself study guides, which vary in format. She said, "Depending on the class sometimes that's me making a giant Quizlet with 450 terms... and sometimes that means I use Notability and I'll make more of a graphic organizer where I just stick all of the information so that it's in one place."

Rosenberger has taken a total of 9 AP (Advanced Placement) classes throughout high school, including AP World History, AP Calculus AB, AP Language and Composition, AP U.S. History, AP Art Major, AP Spanish, AP Literature and Composition, AP Psych, and AP Statistics.

When asked for a piece of advice to underclassmen, Rosenberger said, "Academically, the farther in advance you can get stuff done or at least started the better... In regard to non-academic things, don't be afraid to get involved in something that interests you even if none of your friends are doing it; sometimes that's how you'll meet new people or that's how you'll discover something new that you're really passionate about."

For her future plans, Rosenberger plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall, where she will continue her passion for writing by studying journalism.

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SATTERTHWAITE, CONTINUED FROM PG. 1

Outside of the classroom, she has been involved in many things. She is a member of four honors societies, National Honor Society of which she is the president, Math Honors Society, French Honors Society, and Quill and Scroll Honors Society. Satterthwaite is an Assistant Editor of The Villa Voice, is involved in chorus, and takes piano lessons. She also has played soccer all four years and says her memories of Voccer are some of her favorites.

Inside the classroom, she has taken nine AP classes: World History, Biology, Physics I, US History, Language and Composition, Calculus AB, Statistics, Chemistry, and Government. "I think [taking AP classes] was worth it in the sense that I got to really push myself," she said.

The most important part was finding the balance. Satterthwaite said, "I wanted to take as many as I could while doing the best that I could."

Satterthwaite also emphasizes balance in her advice to lowerclassmen. "You have to find the balance between 'Yes, this does matter' and 'Yes, not everything matters,'" she said.

She recommends doing your best in every aspect of school but not stressing over every little thing. "Go to bed," Satterthwaite says.

She also wants people to learn to build themselves and other people up rather than constantly comparing one another. "Life is easier when you tell someone they did a great job," she said. "You can't not smile when you are giving someone else a compliment and making someone else feel better."

A positive attitude is Satterthwaite's trademark. Even when it comes to salutorian, which could become very competitive, she was supportive of everyone and approached it with the mindset of "if [I] get it, cool. If not, congrats to whoever does because they are all so deserving."

Satterthwaite has enjoyed her time at Villa and has a final message for her grade. "We were always supporting each other. I just want to thank them for supporting me and cheering me on," she said. "Everyone in our grade is so amazing, and I hope that they know how amazing I think that they are. I just love every single one of them."

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Student council boosts connection between students

The student council works hard to create interactive and fun activities for both the students and teachers to keep the student body engaged during quarantine.

Anna Heppelmann '21, Maddy George '21
Assistant Editor, Reporter

Student Council President Maggie Powers '20 understands this is a difficult time for both teachers and students, and the student council and she have aimed to boost morale with various fun activities online.

Powers said, "We wanted to make a lot of it social-media oriented because I feel like a lot of people are on their phones a lot more now, and so we thought [about] incorporating that into our submissions."

The student council team utilized Instagram, as many people have posted challenges on their stories but have also aimed to keep people who don't use Instagram in the loop as well.

She said, "We came up with ideas ourselves and then we had [ideas] we have seen online, and some of them are super cringe, like the art recreation, but they're funny if you make them funny."

The student council has received great feedback from the submissions challenges on social media. The team particularly enjoyed the TikTok challenge where students and teachers

create TikTok submissions with their families.

She said, "I think the TikTok challenge was our best one because we got a lot of submissions in. We're getting a lot of good feedback and the teachers are happy to see all the kids' faces again [because] they're having just as hard a time as students, and I think it's nice for everyone to see face to face how everyone's doing."

"I really just love the TikToks, they're so funny. I cracked up at all of them. The Google Folders I like because everyone has access to them, so you can check in on them all the time and see who's submitting them, so I think those are fun. I really like when the teachers participate because sometimes we forget that they're real people too."

Powers has created a "Tuesdays with Maggie" session where she sends out a weekly email sharing what habits are helping her during this time. The student council thought this would be a great idea to inspire students during the final push of the year.

Powers said, "This is a tough time for everyone, so it's hard for people to get into good habits and I think everyone is out of whack

with this weird new normal, so I'm just going to try to give some advice on what I've been doing in quarantine. It's a little more personal about what I've been going through, and I'm trying to make everyone connect to that. It's on a more real level of what we're doing on student council."

Powers is grateful for the students and teachers who have kept a positive attitude and participated in the events.

She said, "Just knowing that everything is not the way it was supposed to be; it is sad and disappointing, but it's nice that we get to at least try to have some of those events online. We love our school, so that's the reason why we do it."

The student council has enforced the idea that we're all in this together even if people don't feel their best during this time when we aren't physically together in school.

Powers said, "We're trying to remind everybody of all the reasons why we love Villa and

why we love our school and sisterhood. We're trying to boost morale and remind everyone what Villa is all about through the good times and the bad, and I think it puts what we say into practice. We always say we are always together in school as our theme for this year, and when it feels like you're apart, it's good that we can keep that motto alive."

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Leading the School • The 2020 student council executives pose for their annual picture. // Marguerite Esmonde

Take it from us: senior advice

The vast seas of high school can be difficult to navigate, especially for underclassmen. Luckily, the seniors have been through it all. Before they embark on another new and exciting journey, a few senior girls have some important advice to share with their younger Villa sisters.

Ella Nugent '23, Jada Traynor '23
Reporters

Never take anything for granted. You never know when it will be your last day at Villa. Enjoy every moment you have and always know you can count on your Villa community.

"Get to know the people that you don't! Some of my best memories from senior year were hanging out with people I hadn't talked to the first three years. I think sometimes it's important to branch out and get to know new people."

"Be kind and get excited about not only yourself but others. High five on the path, be excited for each other, and be kind. It makes life so much better."

"You will be okay. No one is paying as much attention to you as you think. High school doesn't have to be the best time of your life, so don't worry if it isn't. Use the Counseling Department and talk to the teachers."

TRIBUTE TO THE EDITORS, CONTINUED FROM PG.1

Hannah Rosenberger

Rosenberger has been an integral part in the formation and continued success of the Villa Voice. Her dedication to the newspaper and passion for writing shines through her involvement in many school publications.

"Hannah is one of the most organized people that I have ever met," Scaggs says. "It was through this wonderful quality that Hannah kept everyone focused on the final deadline and the steps needed to get there. She is a beautiful writer and was always available to share her gift by helping others to learn and improve their writing techniques." Rosenberger plans to head down south next fall to study journalism at the University of North Carolina.



Hannah Rosenberger // Lifetouch

"Being a part of The Villa Voice has been such a formative experience for me. I've gotten to grow as a writer, as a leader, and as a journalist in a way that I definitely wouldn't have otherwise," Rosenberger said.

"Working with Raquel and Alivia as well has been extraordinary. They are two of the most dedicated and talented girls that I know, and having the opportunity to develop amazing editions alongside them has been an honor," Rosenberger said.

Alivia Orvieto

Orvieto has been a vital part of the newspaper team. She always shows enthusiasm for everything she does and has a positive outlook in the most stressful situations. Her smile brightens everyone's day as she encourages her peers to persevere through any situation.

"She has very strong networking skills and throughout many issues has connected The Villa Voice with our alumnae." Scaggs '91 said. "Alivia has demonstrated excellence in all that she puts her mind to. She has a meticulous eye for detail and an ability to complete multiple tasks despite deadline pressure."

Orvieto plans to attend Florida Atlantic University and play beach volleyball and study biology.



Alivia Orvieto // Lifetouch

"Hannah is probably the most hard working person I know... She is very talented in writing, editing, and layout, but her most outstanding trait is her humility and willingness to help people—she cares for the growth and success of others," Orvieto said.

"Raquel brings excitement and energy to the paper. She has a raw passion for journalism and is a natural," Orvieto said.

Raquel Lacusky

Lacusky has been an instrumental part of the Villa Voice since its beginning.

"Raquel has demonstrated her passion for journalism by taking the time to learn the rules of newspaper and always looking for opportunities to take classes," Scaggs said. "Her enthusiasm has always been felt by the staff with her approach to teach them the rules and specific techniques to look for angles with every article."

Lacusky will join the University of Florida's class of 2024 where she will study journalism.

Scaggs' words of advice to her "Dream Team" as they embark on their future plans are simple: "Write without fear. Edit without mercy." - Unknown. The impact of the EICs will transcend beyond their graduation, and their contributions to The Villa Voice will forever be part of the Villa Maria community. We all will miss you EICs!



Raquel Lacusky // Lifetouch

"Working with Hannah and Alivia on The Villa Voice has made my high school experience incredible. I am so thankful to have gotten to know two extremely hardworking girls with whom I share a passion," Lacusky said.

"I have learned so much from Hannah and Alivia's dedication and motivation. I will forever call them my newspaper sisters," Lacusky said.

Spring athletes stay strong despite pandemic

Wait, what? How can you sprint across a computer screen?

Allie Scaggs '22, Annie Shaw '22, Ella Curran '22 Reporters

Spring sports are a time of growth, learning, and breaking limits. Spring athletes were ready to face these challenges — but little did they know, they'd all be virtual.

For any athlete, the idea of missing a season is almost unbearable. This is especially true for seniors in the grand finale of their high school athletic careers. Many of these athletes had high hopes for their final year not just for the titles but for the memories as well.

In these difficult times, the class of 2020 has done nothing less than hold up their reputation of determination and school spirit. They have been coming up with new ways and ideas on how to keep our school united as a whole.

Senior track and field captain Anna Nunag '20 has been working extremely hard with her teammates to maintain team spirit and bonding under the current circumstances.

One of the things that Nunag is doing to help keep the team united is sending them various challenges and workouts. This allows them to grow stronger as athletes together as a team even if they are not physically together.

The track and field captains are also working hard to come up with fun ideas for the team to stay in touch. "Our captain group chat is always texting, talking about all the things we want to do sometime in June or July to have the team back together again," Nunag said.

Nunag thinks about all the good times she had with her teammates. "[We would always] find a way to laugh about anything," she said. Even when she is feeling downhearted, she will look back on these memories for years to come.

The lacrosse team is also heartbroken by their season being cut short. "There was so much excitement and passion in this team, I know we would have done amazing things," said lacrosse

captain Hannah Young '20

Young explains how there is a running joke amongst the team about their season since they only played one game this year. "I like to joke and say we went undefeated, as we finished the season 1-0," Young said.

Young and the rest of the lacrosse team have been ensuring that the team stays together even though they can no longer share the field. "We have been keeping in touch with each other through group texts, Zooms, challenges, TikToks," said Young. "We even made a Villa chefs Instagram for all the food we create."

Young and all the seniors were deeply hurt when they had to leave Villa's field under these circumstances, but they will always remember the team's unmatched energy. "I am honored to say that I got to play for Villa lacrosse and wish the team all the best next year," said Young.

The softball team also experienced the loss of their season due to the coronavirus. "Our training and practices were going really well," said softball senior Jill Abel '20. "The team was so determined to fight and win every game. It was going to be a great season with so much dedication."

Abel and the other softball seniors were very sad about their lack of a season. "I was so excited for this team and to watch what we could have accomplished," said Abel.

The team has been keeping in shape despite the fact that they cannot practice with one another. "Our coach has sent some workouts for us to do over quarantine which have been really helpful," said Abel.

This positivity should be a message to us all. Even though this is a difficult time, we must all try to preserve and stay connected as a community just as these teams have under the guidance of their captains.



After the Finish Line • Members of the track team strike a pose after completing a practice. // Anna Nunag '20



All Smiles • Several members of the lacrosse team gather to pose for a selfie before practice. // Hannah Young '20



Cycling into the Season • The softball team enjoys a CycleBar class for their pre-season workout. // Emma Woodcock '21

Scaggs reaches hearts of many

Mrs. Laurie Scaggs '91 is a woman who wears many hats at Villa Maria Academy.

Raquel Lacusky '20, Alivia Orvieto '20, Hannah Rosenberger '20
Editors-in-Chief

As Villa Maria's Director of Student Experience Marketing, moderator of Reflections Yearbook, The Villa Voice, and Quill and Scroll, and a proud alumna and parent, Scaggs is beloved by everyone in the community.



Smile! Laurie Scaggs '91 poses for the camera as a child. // provided by Janice Hartwig

Scaggs' parents Janice and Lee Hartwig stated, "When Laurie was born, we felt that God sent her with a ray of sunshine. Her smile was contagious and everyone who met her would comment on her extraordinary disposition."

Scaggs attended Ursuline Academy in Wilmington, Delaware for grade school. Originally having doubts about transferring to Villa for high school, it was her parents who

encouraged her to attend, for which she ended up being very grateful.

"Laurie had an outstanding high school experience. Her innate happiness touched every aspect of her days at Villa," they said. "One area that really captured her interest at Villa was being president of S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving)."

She also became involved in the Malvern Theatre Society and volunteered at Camilla Hall and the Malvern Retreat House. Outside of school, she was a model for Bloomingdale's during her high school career before Elite Modeling Agency approached her during her senior year to take things to the next level.

"Like any teen, she was definitely flattered. "After walking the runway and answering many questions the interviewer [at a show] asked her the final question which was, 'Are you ready to go to New York and give up a college education?'" her parents stated. "Without hesitation, Laurie relayed that college was her priority."

Post-high school, she attended St. Joseph's University where she majored in Psychology and was a member of the Rowing team. After her freshman year, however, she decided to transfer to Widener University and finished her degree in Psychology.

Once she had graduated from Widener, Scaggs decided to enter the business world and began as a trainee at the MBNA America Bank. Within a few years, she had advanced to the position of Assistant Vice-President in Business Development.

"She was always ready to try something new and to do well in many capacities," her parents stated. "Her strong people skills,



Strike a Pose! Laurie Scaggs '91 as a teen. // provided by Janice Hartwig

her intelligence, her willingness to work as a team player no matter the activity has abetted her in all life's challenges."

While in this position in 1999, Scaggs met Mr. Dave Scaggs who would eventually become her husband.

"We were set up through mutual friends who thought we would be a good match since we were both tall," Mr. Scaggs stated. "We hit it off instantly but not because we were tall. We shared the same values and interests, and of course she was beautiful and still is."

The couple dated for a year before getting engaged, and they were married on June 2, 2001.

"Being married to Laurie is a blessing, and an adventure. I could not have asked for a more loving, kind, joyful, considerate person," Mr. Scaggs stated. "One of my favorite phrases that she says is 'Wouldn't that be fun!' and she says it a lot. When I hear that, I know there is an adventure around the corner."

Scaggs took some time off from working to raise their four children (Katie, Allie, Kevin, and Madison), but when there was a part time opening available at Villa Maria, she decided to apply and began working at her alma mater a short time later as a study hall and yearbook moderator. Now, she also has taken on the roles of Director of Student Experience Marketing, as well as the additional activities of The Villa Voice Reflections and Quill and Scroll.

"Her taking on the student experience initiative in the way she has [allowed us to] rework the campus as well as alter our marketing strategies," Principal Sister Regina Ryan, IHM stated. "Her contagious enthusiasm and ability to work with different entities has helped many valuable initiatives to take off."

Sister Kathleen Dunn, IHM, who taught Scaggs at Villa Maria during her senior year, finds that Scaggs' infectious enthusiasm makes her such an asset to the community.

"I recall the joy she felt about her coming to work here... Laurie was radiant and I thought, 'How fortunate Villa is to have her join our faculty,'" Dunn stated. "How blessed to have people like Laurie to remind that life has love and loveliness to give."

English teacher Mrs. Jessica Mullen has worked with Scaggs closely during the past few years as The Villa Voice's copy advisor.

"Laurie's love for all things Villa is genuine and remarkable," Mullen stated. "[She] has given, no pun intended, a voice to the students. She has given them a chance to showcase their talents and to discover passions within themselves."

Scaggs' caring nature makes her easy to work with and makes everyone feel like they're one of her own, including Design and Video Specialist Mr. Darren Polsz, who frequently works with her on marketing projects.

"Mrs. Scaggs is energetic, full of ideas, and she never stops... We really work well together as a collaborative team," he said.

As one of the editors of the yearbook, Erica Legaard '19 formed a special bond with Scaggs.

"Mrs. Scaggs is the heart and soul of yearbook and VMA publications. She has an incredible eye for potential and treats every single girl she works with like her own daughter," Legaard stated. "Mrs. Scaggs is so much more than a moderator – she's a mom, a friend, a confidant, and the life of every yearbook party!"

Scaggs' hard work does not end with the school day, as she is constantly thinking about ways to shine the light on Villa and the students at home.

"She'll stay up late working on the computer because she had an idea about how to promote the school, or she'll spend the weekend with some students at a journalism workshop," Mr. Scaggs stated. "It does not matter what she does, whether at home or at work, she always gives 110% and she does it with a smile."

As a student of the school herself and someone who sees Scaggs in action, Katie Scaggs '20 can attest to her mom's embodiment of the Villa spirit.

"She's kind of the role model of Villa spirit... She's always someone who wants to be around other people," she said. "I feel like she's just kind of someone that people look

up to, and people look to her for happiness."

Middle daughter Allie Scaggs '22 recognizes the impact of her mom's character at school and at home.

"She really is herself at school. She's always trying to help people and she's so selfless; that's one of her main traits, so she's always giving of herself for others' needs. And that shows a lot at school as it does at home," she stated.

Scaggs' impact on her community, both at school and home, cannot be understated.

"No matter what she does, it has to be special. No event is too small. From week-long birthday extravaganzas to fresh baked cookies on the first day of school, she makes everything important, and she does it with love and a smile," Mr. Scaggs stated.



Creating Opportunities • Mrs. Laurie Scaggs and The Villa Voice Staff enjoy their experience at the Yale Journalism Symposium in February 2020. // provided by Laurie Scaggs

A Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

In the fall of our sophomore year, another club was added to Villa's long list of extracurriculars: The Villa Voice. We began with the basics of the journalistic writing style, and in the span of a few short months, found ourselves in the roles of section leaders. None of us could have imagined, coming from such simple beginnings, some of the things that have happened since then: winning awards from Columbia and Yale Universities, interviewing interesting people like President Justice of Chester County Honorable Jacqueline Cody, tripling the size of our staff to develop The Villa Voice style, and, perhaps most absurd of all, attending an all-boys school for the day after a heated Instagram feud including one too many salads.

Being editors of The Villa Voice has taught us so much beyond just how to write an article. It might sound cliché, but we've learned hard work, independence, communication, perseverance, leadership skills, discipline, and most importantly, how to give a proper handshake. (Staff members, you know.) We've spent far too many mornings to count learning InDesign and figuring out the best ways to train our ever-growing staff.

For two out of the three of us (Hannah and Raquel), we discovered a passion for journalism that we will continue to explore in college and hope to turn into careers. A future path we never saw coming.

Our experience has been so much more than just printing papers. We have formed relationships with community mem-

bers, underclassmen, and reporters that we wouldn't have even known were it not for The Villa Voice. Not to mention the life-long bonds we have formed with each other that we will cherish forever.

To all of the faculty and staff, especially Sister Regina Ryan, Mrs. Jessica Mullen, Ms. Marguerite Esmonde, and Mr. Darren Polsz, thank you so much for your support and help over the years. We would not have been able to accomplish half of what we have without you; thank you for taking a chance on us!

To our readers, The Villa Voice thrives on your interest and feedback; thank you for taking the time to enjoy the results of many, many hours of hard work from our staff.

To our replacements, the future Editors-in-Chief, Maddie Ladd, Carina Rose, and Anna Heppelmann, we are so proud of all the hard work you have done thus far. Continue to discover and report the truth. We have high expectations for The Villa Voice, and trust that you will take good care of our baby. Never forget: write without fear, edit without mercy.

Mrs. Scaggs, no amount of words can sum up the gratitude the three of us share for all the opportunities with which you have blessed us. But more than the moderated meetings, field trips, and late night last minute edits, what we appreciate most is your smile. Whenever the feeling that we had bitten off more than we could chew started creeping in, you always looked to us with a face full of hope, repeatedly saying, "You guys got this." Although just words don't do it justice, thank you for everything.

Unfortunately, our time as EICs has come to an end. We hope that one day, we can come back, reminisce on our Villa Voice Days, and look with pride on what it has become. We will miss dearly our early mornings spent sitting side by side in Lab 311 pressing "control + z" one too many times. Saying goodbye is never easy, but we hope our legacy will live on in these pages.

Signing off,

Hannah, Alivia and Raquel



Raquel Lacusky '20, Alivia Orvieto '20 and Hannah Rosenberger '20 // Lifetouch