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# Senior Celebrity Match-

Ajit and Kumail Nanjiani



Bryant and Michael Jordan



Bryce and Young Prince



Jared and Aaron Rodgers



Abbey and Blair Waldorf



AJ and Ed Sheeran



Colin and Logan Paul



Owen and Christ Pratt



Cameron and Joseph Gordon



James and Will Turner



Bennett and Eric Church



Sean and JFK



# Senior Quotes

## **“Saturdays are for the boys”- Jared strickler**

“High School Musical is pretty unrealistic” - Tatum S

“Senioritis is a disease with only one cure: graduation” - Rachel C

“My high school experience was just a bunch of ‘it seemed like a good idea at the time’ moments”- Bennett T

“Opinions are like mixtapes; i don't want to hear yours”- Madi M

“All pizzas can be personal pizzas if you try hard enough”- Josh M

“Life is like long snapping, you gotta throw it back and hope for the best”- Blake

“In a world full of Marilyn's, be a Jackie”- Daphnee Harmon

“Experience other cultures and adventure outside your comfort zone”- Ethan A

“Keep your heels, head, and standards high”- Morgan W

“Stay true to yourself, no person is worth changing for”- Haley G

“We made it”- Colin J

“Your love makes me strong, your hate makes me unstoppable” Kyle R

“I spent 18,720 hours of my life listening to someone talk so i could get a piece of paper and a handshake”- AJ A

“All ends are beginnings”- Hayden P

**“People Googled these quotes just like they Googled their way through high school”- Neil R**

“Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited; imagination encircles the world” - Albert Einstein -Olivia T

“Be different don't ride everyone else's wave” Bryant G

“School is whack”- Ajit V

“None of my assignments are done, but I sure am” - Lauren B

“The time is always right to do what is right”- MLK - Elyssa L

“A prosperous life is never without a few risks” -Emily S

“Whatever you do in this life, it's not legendary unless your friends are there to see it”-Neil Patrick Harris- Damon Grim



# Where Seniors are going to college





# Where Seniors want to live after college



## Senior's Most Memorable HS moments

"The three state championships that I won with some of the greatest guys I've ever met"- Ryan J

" When the basketball team went to state"- Everyone

"Friday food days with the Lang Gang"- Miss Thorburn's entire 3rd period AP Lang Class

"Festival of Champions my Freshman year"- Colton H

"Watching Logan score in overtime to beat Clyde in my Junior year football season"- Owen M

"Becoming an aunt" Addie F

"Growing with my class of 2018 because twelve years is a long time to be together and I will forever miss everyone!" - Bryce S

"Going to a Post Malone concert" - Aden N

"Playing in the playoffs for football and qualifying for state in wrestling"- AJ A

"Senior girls dance!" -Grace H

"Being crowned prom queen" Allie S

"My time playing Max in The Sound of Music" - Justus B

"Long days spent in various departments of our music programs" - Elyssa L

"Just hanging out and playing sports with my best friends" - Cameron K

"Skiing in Holiday Valley with Friends"- Neil R

"Going to lunch with all my friends and feeling like I belonged"- Brittani

"Winning districts in baseball 2 years in a row"-Jared S



# Top 10 TV shows Lexington's Seniors Would Recommend

10. Game of Thrones
9. Chuck
8. Grey's Anatomy
7. Dexter
6. Arrested Development
5. How I Met Your Mother
4. Parks and Rec
3. That 70's Show
2. Friends
1. The Office

## Top 6 TV 2017-2018 Movies

6. A Quiet Place
5. Super Trooper
4. The Greatest Showman
3. Star Wars: The Last Jedi
2. Black Panther
1. Avengers Infinity War

## Top 5 Majors

- nursing or pre-med
- marketing
- business/finance
- political science
- education

## Central or Western?

**Western 36 votes**

**Central 28 Votes**

**Neither 27 votes**

**Both 3 votes**

# The Land of Oz

In each of the last several issues an individual was highlighted for their special talents. The idea for this page was too many students have these hidden talents that no one really notices. The sports they excel at aren't varsity sports or their style of music doesn't fit into our music department. Sadly, the reason these student's talents were hidden is because they don't believe in themselves. They lack the self-confidence to stand up in front of an audience and say "here I am." I can't say that I blame them. It is tough to be a kid. Everything a person does has the potential to be a meme. The hidden assassins of social media are waiting to strike at anything.

Social media assassins are creating a generation that wants to hide behind the curtain instead of standing out on stage.



When I was little, I was so afraid of the Wizard of Oz. That movie had a wicked witch, a tornado, flying monkeys and a walking and talking scare crow. As a child I just saw the characters and not the message of the movie. The main characters; Dorothy, the cowardly lion, the tin man and the scare

crow endured so much to make it to Oz. They traversed the obstacles with hope of getting a heart, a brain, some courage and a trip home. When they finally were in the presence of the great and powerful Oz he didn't give them a darn thing. Don't be too mad at Oz there was nothing to give the weary travelers. The lion already had all the courage he needed to roar, the scare crow was already plenty smart and the tin man had the biggest heart. One of my favorite songs is *Tin Man* by America. The chorus has the lyric Oz never gave nothing to the Tin Man that he didn't already have. If you can get past the double negative it has a powerful message.

This issue I am highlighting the entire graduating class. Each of you have all you need to be successful. Just let it out. I was so impressed with the courage of the performers at the talent show. I was shocked at some of the performances because I never would have guessed that some of you would stand up on stage. I have watched the class of 2018 show great generosity to the community. You have donated your time, food and money to help others. Your overall academic performance has been extraordinary as witnessed at the awards ceremony. Whatever you want to do after graduation, you can! Remember, wherever you go in life, there's no place like home. Good Speed and be well.



# PROM 2018

Prom figures greatly in culture and is a major event among us high school students. There are many proms that take place all over the country, and have different styles, and traditions. Word around the halls though, was LHS's prom was a hit this year.

Many from our school rolled into prom in a groups of just girls or all boys, their own date for a romantic night, or a big group of friends. The usual agenda for most people on prom night are pictures, dinner, and off to the dance! It seems like a popular place for dinner not only this year but in the past years have been, Westbrook Country Club, Landoll's Mohican Castle, and Skyway East. Many groups made their way to Columbus for a nice dinner! Sage told us her group decided to eat at Landoll's. "I always look forward to a nice dinner before school dances. The food was great where we ate and it was a bonus because the venue was beautiful for pictures" Sage told us.

Prom has always been a big deal for girls. The formal long dresses, hair and nail appointments, and of course finding the right date is always a necessity. "I love getting ready and dressed up for prom. It's so fun to just get pampered and all pretty even if it's for just a night" Jillian said. Finding the perfect dress can be a job. A lot of girls have spent as much as \$700 on a dress! When it comes to a suit or a tux though, looking sharp is a must. Check out the photo of Bennett in his red white, and blue rocking it at his senior prom. Also, Jarret and his buds in the all black.



"I wouldn't have wanted my senior prom to go any other way. I was with all of my best friends" Matt told us. The murmurs around the halls were about how much fun the dance was. Sometimes school dances get bad reps and are, "lame". Mason gave us a little insight about the dance to fill us in. "Prom next year will definitely be hard to top this year.. I couldn't have asked for a better first prom. Everybody was dancing and making the most out of it. I'm not sure if it was because the junior and senior class are close and it made it that much better, but I honestly has a blast." That was a popular response we got from a lot of people. "Coming to a different school's

prom made me a little nervous although I have friends that go to here. But, Lex prom was definitely a 12/10." Maddie told us who attends Ontario. "Going to prom as an underclassmen had me excited, but I didn't know I was going to

have as much fun as I did. It definitely has me excited for next year" Anthony shares with Lexington Concord. The senior boys and girls even gave us a sneak peak of their performances for the senior talent show.

After prom at the bowling alley was also a great time. A huge thanks to the school for providing free food, prizes, and fun. As you all can see, prom was definitely a hot subject these past few weeks. It was definitely a great way for the 2018 and 2019 junior and senior class to come together this spring. What a great way to end this year.

Lexington basketball started their historic tournament run on February 28th against the twelfth seed, Galion. After a 23 point victory over Galion and a 13 point win over Clyde, the Minutemen became sectional champions. Although, this is not unusual and everyone knew it wasn't over yet. Lexington then faced off with Vermillion, who was the favorite first seed. Lexington held an early lead but Vermillion was not going down that easy. The Sailors came back in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough, Lexington won 46 to 43. The district final matchup was nothing new, Lexington and Sandusky have faced off many times before. This year, Lexington came out on top with an 11 point defeat and became district champions. While this was a huge win, every basketball fan in the village of Lexington knew that the Minutemen were in for a long and difficult battle in the next game.

Wauseon was the number 1 ranked team in the state, and we had yet to face this type of competition in division II. The arena was full of red and white fans, but the number of fans do not determine the outcome. Purple Haze knew it was time to get loud and get our team going, and so we did. With every "here we go minutemen", "let's go lex", and "overrated" cheer, we felt Wauseon's lead start to get worse and worse. Wauseon led for almost the entire game, but Lexington grabbed the lead with 3:06 left in the game. The purple and gold put up 26 points in the fourth quarter alone! Lex went on to win 52-46.

## Lexington's Historic Tournament Run

After stunning the state of Ohio and knocking off the one seed, Lexington was faced with a new challenge. Bay Village had their own Cinderella story by knocking off Beechcroft, the number 2 ranked team in the state, in the regional semi-final. Two underdogs colliding for a chance to the

Schott sounds like a must-see game, and oh boy it was. At the half, Lexington was 9/21 in field goals with 11 defensive rebounds against Bay's 8. While the stats were mostly close, the turnover ratio set the teams apart. Lex had 7 turnovers at the half while Bay Village committed 0. Entering the second half, the Minutemen came out with a fire. As the game went back and forth, Lexington finally took the lead at the end of the third, thanks to Nick. Lex quickly extended the lead by 7 with less than 4 minutes to go. The excitement didn't last though, Bay Village went on a 6-0 run to make it 57-56. With 30 seconds left, the score was 63-61 Lexington, and Bay Village had possession. With a quick And-1, Bay takes the lead 64-63. Mason then took the ball down the court and passed to Josh; with an elbow jumper, Josh takes back the lead to make it 65-64. With 7.6 seconds left, Bay got it down the floor and got off two shots but neither of them fell. Purple Haze has never been so loud; throats were sore and voices were lost, but it was all worth it. The final score was 65-64 and the purple and gold would go on to the state tournament for the first time since 1991 when we took home the championship.

On March 23rd, Lexington played Akron Saint Vincent Saint Mary's, the 9th ranked team in the state. We fought hard, but the Irish would take this one and go on to become state champions. The guys fought hard and made the whole village proud. This was an unforgettable season. We can't wait to be back next year.



As we patiently wait for spring to grace our small town other cultures are having their own celebrations to bring in the tidings of growth and warmth. Some traditions date back thousands of years while others are somewhat new.

#### Switzerland- Sechselauten

Every year a celebration of winter's end is done by burning a snowman on a stake once the first flowers begin to bloom. The snowman's downfall is a popular tradition dates back to the 16th century. The snowman can often times be stuffed with explosives.

#### India- Holi

In a celebration of the victory of good over bad, the festival takes place in late February or early March. To usher the season of spring, people have bonfires and parties the night before Holi. The next day, people gather on the streets for a massive color fight. The carefree holiday offers a chance to connect with others and to let go of hardships.



## Spring Traditions

#### The Netherlands- Bloemencorso Bollenstreek

South Holland is known for an abundance of different flowers. That is why every spring Southern Holland hosts a 12-hour parade that travels from Noordwijk to Haarlem. The Flower Parade of Bollenstreek is the only parade that is constructed of hyacinths, tulips and daffodils.





# Unique Cultures around the World

## By Vipra

### The Apatanis of North India

In the isolated rain-forests of Arunachal Pradesh in Northeast India lies Ziro, the village and home of the Apatani people. Unlike the other tribes of India, the Apatanis are non-nomadic in nature. The most intriguing members of the tribe are the elder women of the tribe, they wear facial tattoos and large nose rings. The tradition dates back to pre-modern times when the women feared of being stolen.

### The Akha of Laos

The Akha are an indigenous hill tribe that lives in small villages in the mountains. The Akha society lacks a strict system of cast and is considered an egalitarian society. Akha homes are traditionally constructed of bamboo and logs. They can be built as “low houses” on the ground, and “high houses”, built on stilts. The semi-nomadic Akha do not have permanent village sites and do not build homes. Entrances to all Akha villages are fitted with a wooden gate dressed with elaborate carvings on both sides that depict imagery of men and women. The gate is known as a gate of spirit. Its function is to ward off evil spirits.



### The Shuar of Ecuador

The Shuar are an indigenous people of Ecuador that are also members of Amazonian tribes living near Marañón River. Shuar, in their language means “people”. Shuar generally do not believe in natural death. Any unexplained death was attributed to tsentsak, invisible darts. Shamans are people who possess and control tsentsak. Shaman can heal the victims of tsentsak as well as sent these attacks.





The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of musical notation on staves. The notation includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings such as 'sf' (sforzando), 'stacc.' (staccato), 'f' (forte), and 'sf' (sforzando). There are also some red markings, possibly a sharp sign and a number '4', visible at the bottom. The overall tone is warm and artistic, typical of a music-related document.

# Music Theory Class

By Sam

Lexington needs to start offering a music theory class for students to take. Many students involved in the music program would love to be able to take a class on music theory while still in high school. This could help prepare students who are considering going to college in a field that required them to take music theory classes.

Music theory is not a class that is unusual for high school students. There is an AP exam offered for students taking music theory in high school. One of the music teachers already employed by the school, Mr. Wilkins, has taught music theory at a school he has previously worked at. Mr. Wilkins already started a music theory club to teach music theory to students who want to learn.

There wouldn't even need to be a new room opened for the class to take place in. If it is only offered for one or two periods out of the day, the class can be taught in the band room. There are two periods that there are no classes in session in the band room, even with a teacher in the band office. This would be a great opportunity for students considering to go to college for a music related major or minor.

# ACT, AIR, SLO, Oh My!

It's that time of year, state and final testing! We can all agree the tests get out of hand especially with all of them. Taking the state tests, on top of the difficult ACT, can be draining. But packing on the end of the year SLO and final exams makes you feel like you're drowning in assessments and stress! Here are a few ways to be on top of all of our assessments and tips to get you through them and successfully from a student viewpoint.

The AIR and state tests are difficult. A lot of students come out of them either confident, or saying, "I knew nothing on that". It happens!! There aren't too many tips or shortcuts because unfortunately, we have to take them. What you can do is take your time, analyze the question, and answer it to the best of your ability. The test may feel like it drags on and on, especially if you're unsure of what's on it. The best way to knock this out is to skip and go on or search through the dusty corners of your brain, think back to the day your teacher was rambling on about the topic and answer it!

The ACT is a very difficult test, and also VERY important. Your score can also benefit you especially when it comes to getting into college or scholarship money. There are many tips and tricks to master your skills. The biggest difficulty when taking the ACT is the time. Managing your time is very important. Skipping and moving on is key but ALWAYS answer every single question. When it comes to the last five

minutes make sure you find a good stopping point and make sure everything is bubbled in. There is no penalty for guessing! When it comes to each portion of the test, there are many sources that offer help and test preparation. The school also offers an ACT boot camp and many students have said it has bumped their score up a few points. You can also watch sample videos and class seminars online, with teachers and tutors available.

SLO assessments and final exams are stressful considering they can actually affect your grade. Getting study guides thrown at you a few days before with a ton of information you learned the first month of school doesn't help either. Once you get your study guides, sit down with your notes and do them that day! Don't wait until the night before. Yes procrastinating can be such a tempting friend, but getting it done so you can study right away and take in all of the information will really help. You will see that in your grade. Also, study sessions and simply going to your teachers before school, or whenever is convenient, will benefit. That's is what you teacher is there for, it is their test, they may give you good pointers.

There are many tests to prepare for throughout the year. Whether it's the ASVAB, ACT, SAT, SLO, accuplacer, mid-terms, final exams, and etc. All of these tips will help. Take deep breaths, ask questions, and knock out your tests!!!



The start of Brazilian jiu-jitsu starts with one man name Helio Gracie. He first started with the old classic jiu-jitsu with his older brother Carlos Gracie. As he watched his brother practice classic jiu-jitsu he noticed that his brother was more athletic and stronger than his opponents. Helio developed a jiu-jitsu that allowed smaller competitors the ability to defeat stronger opponents. Helio's jiu-jitsu reduced using strength and energy and focused on technique. Helio called it Gracie jiu-jitsu or for Brazilian Jiu-jitsu. But as his new martial arts got bigger he made new enemies that thought their martial arts was superior and powerful. His new martial arts competed and defeated the biggest names in jiu-jitsu such as Antonio Portugal, Taro Miyake, Orlando Americo "Dudu" da Silva, Massagoichi, Erwin Klausner, Yukio Kato, and Valdomiro dos Santos Ferreira. After he proved his jiu-jitsu he opened his own dojo for other people to defend themselves.

## The History of Brazilian Jiu-jitsu

By: Curran



## The Sound of Music

By: Sam

The Lexington Drama Club's production of The Sound of Music was a fantastic representation of the tale of the Von Trapp family. The directors used the entire auditorium to their advantage with having cast members walk around through the aisles. The steps built to connect to the front of the stage was also another fantastic use of space where the cast members could go from the stage to where the audience is and interact with them. The scenes were very colorful and fun. They really transported the audience to where the play was taking place. The full orchestral pit was a fantastic addition compared to the previous productions. The pit really brought a more professional feel to the play. The cast chemistry was amazing. You could really feel the ties between the children and Maria as well as Mother Abbess the nuns and Maria. The blending of the cast members voices added a great effect to the production as well. All in all, this play was an amazing performance from everyone involved.



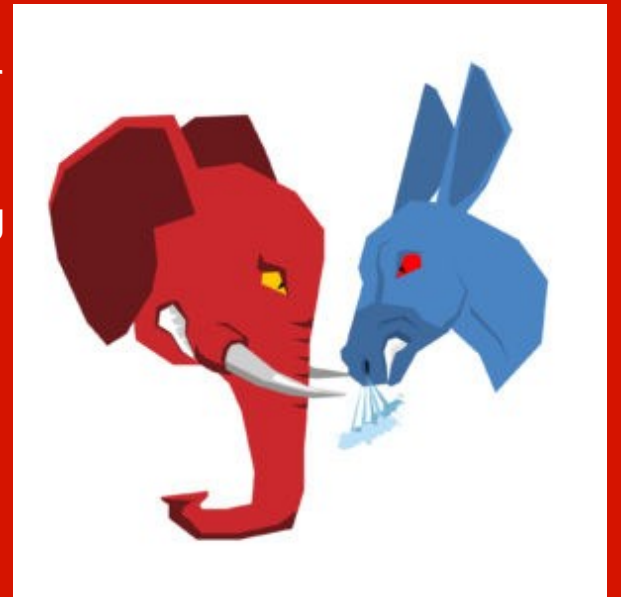
# Political Parties:

## Would Washington Approve?

### By Leah

Today's day in age is proven to be one of the most political and contended in United States history. With American's constantly taking sides, it's a wonder as to whether we as a country are losing our sense of democratic nationality.

When forging The United States of America, our Founding Fathers made sure that every citizen would have the freedom to speak their voice and opinion. It is clearly stated in the constitution, which built this nation, that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peacefully assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances". The beauty of America is that we are able to believe whatever we want to believe and have the freedom to speak and act on those beliefs. As well as hear and listen to others beliefs in order to understand and obtain new ways of thinking and resolving. But, what good is that freedom if no one listens to each other?



It seems that lately Americans are simply stating their opinions without any intent to consider anything else, and abusing said freedoms to purposefully diss opposing beliefs. America was designed to be a country based on the wishes of the country as a whole: democracy. The issue with political parties is that people tend to take one side or the other, leaving little room for negotiation. Even news networks are noticeably tipping to one side or the other. In fact, our founding fathers had little desire for political parties in the first place, stating that "factions could be a dangerous public interest". They wanted to hear the voices of the people individually, not in an antagonist opinion to the opposing party. Whether you agree or disagree, the important thing is that you understand the opposing argument and respect them. When certain parties are unwilling to look to the other side and grasp their reasoning, there is little hope for a nation to be as one. America is the country of freedoms because of its ability to bring together the minds of individuals into one governing body. President Lincoln once stated, "A house divided against itself cannot stand". If we don't start to not only understand what the conflicting party stands for, but also our own true beliefs; we might lose our freedoms to a petty party rivalry, therefore disbanding democracy altogether.



# Music Department Success at District Contest

All the music students at Lexington High participated in the OMEA (Ohio Music Educators Association) district contest adjudicated event. In this event, the different music ensembles from the school are rated on their performance from 1-5 (in Roman Numerals). The performance is based on the three songs prepared by the group which are judged by three adjudicators. Then, the group goes into a sight-reading room, where they sight-read a single piece and an adjudicator judges how well the piece is sight-read. These four ratings are then averaged to give the group their final rating. A V stands for a very poor performance indicating deficiencies in most of the essential factors and indicating that much careful attention should be given to the fundamentals of good performance. A IV rating stands for a poor performance showing many technical errors, poor musical conception, lack of interpretation, incomplete instrumentation, or lacking in any of the other essential qualities. A III means that it was an acceptable performance, but not outstanding; showing accomplishment and marked promise, but lacking one or more essential qualities. A

rating of II means that it was an unusual performance in many respects, but not worthy of the highest rating due to minor defects in performance, ineffective interpretation or improper instrumentation. The highest rating a performance can receive is a I. A rating of I is for an outstanding performance, with very few technical errors and exemplifying a truly musical expression. There are three classes performers can perform in. Class A is the toughest class and the adjudicators grade their performances the toughest. Musicians who perform in Class B are still graded tough, however the adjudicators do not expect a piece to be performed with as much precision as a Class A performer. Also, the music for Class B is easier than pieces in the Class A category. Class C is the easiest class, however do not think this makes it easy. Musicians in Class C still prepare their music pieces to perfection.

The high school Symphony Orchestra had their district contest performance on Friday February 23rd at Granville High School. The orchestra went

as Class B and received an overall rating of I. The Band and Choir district contest took place on Friday March 2nd and Saturday March 3rd at Ashland High School. The only one of the bands or choirs to perform on Friday March 2nd was the high school Symphonic Band. They performed in Class B and received a rating of I for overall performance. The Concert Band performed early in the morning on March 3rd in Class C and receiving an overall rating of I as well. Fire-N-Ice was the next group to perform, and the only group from Lexington to perform in Class A. Fire-N-Ice received a II for their overall rating. The last group to perform was the Women's Chorus.

They went as Class B and received a rating of III.

The music students put in so much hard work preparing for this for months. Great job to everyone who performed.

