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Editor-In-Chief's Reflection

By Madison Williams

High school has been anything but predictable. It's not like High School Musical where we all fall in love and dance into the sunset with our entire graduating class on a summer bon voyage. It's actually far from it, but, I guess life is like that too. You learn through experiencing the ups and downs of the daily battles and triumphs that this is not going as planned, and of course, the victories are sweeter than the losses, but it's the fall that motivates our direction once we've overcome our obstacles. One thing that I have learned, and want to leave with the classes graduating after me, is that only you can determine the outcome of your success. You are the captivator of your own mind. No opposition, competition or resistance can keep you from being a challenge or a force to be reckoned with. Success is in everyone, but it's how you choose to grab it that matters. These past four years have been a bittersweet roller coaster of good times, heartbreaks and laughing until tears are falling. It flew by, but time has had a way of preparing everyone for the next level of their journey. You only get one high school experience, so don't take a moment for granted. I'm excited to be leaving the Scuttlebutt in great hands next school year as it has been a fulfilling experience being a part of the 2018-2019 publication. We have brought the newspaper to a new level thanks to an awesome team and staff, so I know it's only going to get better from here on out. Good luck and Godspeed with your 2019-2020 school year! I'm out! Also, a special shout out to the one and only Mrs. Faccenda! We're going to miss you! Thanks for everything!

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2018 -2019 DMA Scuttlebutt Staff:

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Olivia Maichle
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Madison Williams
Horoscope/Recipe Editor/Writer - Ashley Barnett
Advice Editor - Madison Klosowski

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Sami Bennet -

Scuttlebutt, in my Junior year, opened my eyes to a whole new world of communication. I got to speak my truth while also informing the community of things going on. Not only was I able to make new friends, but I got the opportunity to learn more about how to communicate ideas and media. I feel lucky to have been part of this small family.

Augusta Conteh -

As my high school journey is ending, I would like to recall my time in Journalism. At first, I was nervous getting Feature Associate Editor. After a few tasks, I ended up loving it. I love making the Article List and helping people write their stories. My all time favorite was making the “Got Jokes” and “Stay Woke” sections. I wish I had joined in my junior year. We had some difficulties, but that is what something you have a passion for will do to you. It is hard to say goodbye to this Journalism class; you will be truly missed.

Peyton Dotson -

This year while being in Journalism I learned many things that made me a better investigator. Things like the way you should ask questions, the kinds of questions to ask, and how to change up the words to create something interesting for the readers. Working with Olivia Maichle on the student life section of the Scuttlebutt also gave us an insight into what the DMA students are doing. This year helped me get out of my shell, due to the fact that we had to interview a lot of people who I have never talked to before. This year has also taught me how important it is to be on time and to make deadlines.

Next year I want to work on being more productive with my time. I also want to be able to make my stories more entertaining for our readers. I want to also work on my grammar, and become better at fixing it. I hope to be able to meet many other cadets who I wouldn't have if it wasn't for journalism. The last thing I want to work on is being more involved with Journalism and the Porthole!

Ashley Barnett -

The Scuttlebutt for me was a great learning experience about how a business and newspaper company would work. I had no idea how hard working on a deadline really was until I joined the school newspaper. Having to write out the horoscopes and recipes helped me become more creative as well. You're really held to a high standard in the newspaper crew, you are graded for meeting the deadline, your production, and even quality control. I highly suggest you join the newspaper if you're a creative person and like to write, the best part of the newspaper in my opinion.

Olivia Maichle -

I am so happy that I got the opportunity to be in Journalism this year. Not only was the class a fun experience, but also a good learning experience. In Journalism I learned more ways to be a good writer and reporter. I also became more comfortable with talking to people by having to interview people for the Scuttlebutt. Peyton Dotson and I wrote reviews on movies, dances, pep rallies, and other things having to do with student life. I enjoyed doing this because I got to learn about and talk to people I never really talked to and also got to hear about some good shows to watch. I am so thankful I was on the Scuttlebutt, and I can't wait for next year!

Madison Klosowski -

I am Madison Klosowski and I am a junior who is in Journalism. I am in charge of the advice column in the Scuttlebutt. My experience being part of the Scuttlebutt has been very good. A normal day here in Journalism starts out by Mrs. Faccenda gathering us together to discuss news or important information. Then she sends us off to get our computers to begin our writings. The people in charge of the yearbook go to the back room with all the Apple computers to work on the spreads while the people in charge of the Scuttlebutt work up in the front. Teamwork definitely plays a huge role in being part of Journalism. It is impossible to get things done without teamwork. Those applying for Journalism should be ready to work hard everyday and have consideration for those who need silence to get their work done.

Annalissa Procope -

Hi! I am Annalissa Procope. I am an 11th grader who is part of Journalism, which is elective that any sophomore, junior, or senior can participate in if interested. The class consists of creating the school's yearbook or working on the Scuttlebutt. The Scuttlebutt is an easy way to get caught up on what's happening at DMA, including sports updates. It's a great way to put your name out there, and if you enjoy writing then it's a perfect elective for you. If you like designing, yearbook would be perfect for you. We design all the pages in the yearbook. It's hard work but it pays off in the end. I've enjoyed my experience this year as a News Editor for the Scuttlebutt. I enjoy how Journalism is an elective where everything is teamwork. Teamwork plays a huge role because in order to create the yearbook

and Scuttlebutt, we have multiple students who are willing to put in the hard work and hours in and out of class to accomplish their tasks. I am looking forward to being a part of Journalism next year as a senior.

Barbara Procope -

Hello! I'm Barbara Procope and I'm a junior here at DMA. This past year I've worked on the *Scuttlebutt* as Co-News Editor. It has been a great experience. I loved getting to find out the news around the school, and getting to report it to all of you. I especially enjoyed interviewing the cadets and getting to share their perspectives. In Journalism we certainly work hard. When we are not writing stories for the *Scuttlebutt*, we are helping the yearbook staff. I'm excited to announce that I will be moving on to Journalism II and taking the position of Photo Editor for the yearbook! My advice for the incoming staff would be to make Journalism fun by finding stories that interest you and writing them in an intriguing way that will grab your reader's attention. Overall, I am really glad that I chose Journalism as my elective!

Gabe Poad -

This is the first year I have participated in DMA's Journalism class. As a part of this class I was assigned to the Scuttlebutt, otherwise known as the newspaper. The biggest take away I have from this course is responsibility. In order to finish your articles, and finish them on time at that, you need to be responsible and use your time wisely in and out of school. If I could tell next year's scuttlebutt members one thing, it would be to use your time wisely and don't let yourself get behind.

Keith Jewell -

It's been an exciting experience in Journalism this year, and it came to an end far too quickly. It was my second year as a member of the Scuttlebutt staff for DMA, and this year I served as the Creative Managing Editor. I had a wonderful time this year, and am so glad that I decided to stick with the Scuttlebutt for another year. We had an amazing staff this year that I was happy to work with, and it was a great experience working with them. I loved working with a staff that was as excited about their product as I was. As someone who has worked on the Scuttlebutt since last year,

I am glad that the transition between staffs was done well, and am very happy with the direction the Scuttlebutt has been going this year, and it makes me excited to see what the future will bring. While nervous, I am also excited to be taking on the role of Editor-In-Chief of the Scuttlebutt next year, and I hope to live up to the high standards set by our past and current editors! A special thank you to the Scuttlebutt Staff and Mrs. Faccenda for such an amazing year, and a warm welcome to all the incoming Journalism members! It'll be tough, but I believe we can make next year's products the best ones yet!



***See you in
September!***

