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PLS/NU High Student Profile

The student body of PLS/NU High represents a cross section of the population of the Cedar Valley community. PLS/NU High enrolls students in programs from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve and includes children as young as six weeks of age in the UNI Child Development Center. The 2007-08 enrollment in grades prek-12 was 370 students, with an additional 125 students in the UNI Child Development Center.
Year in Review...

Class 1A State Basketball Champions

Class 1A State Golf Champions
Ben Peterson--Class 1A State Golf Individual Runner-Up

David Nielsen--Class 1A 1600m State Champion
David Nielsen--Class 1A 3200 State Runner-Up

Boys Golf NICL East Conference Champions

Boys Basketball NICL East Co-Conference Champions

Boys Baseball NICL East Conference Runner-Ups

Brent Denning---NICL East Baseball Coach of the Year

David Nielsen and Shannon McKenna--State Cross Country Participants

David Nielsen, Shannon McKenna, LaSandra Vaughn, and Morgan Granger--State Track Participants

Ellie Tallakson--State Tennis Singles Participant

Travis Ellerbroek and Nick Ellerbroek--All State Basketball

Jay Miller--All State Football

David Nielsen--All State Cross Country and Track

Jazz Band State Participants

State Character Award

Rachel Hanson--All State Speech Performer

Elizabeth Brumm and Amy Kischer-Browne--All State Choir

Jyothi Dhanwada, Raquel Williams--All State Orchestra, Josh Eisen, Alternate

Thomas Creeden--All State Jazz Band

Cyber Defense Team Champions
Class of 2008

Back in the day...
Northern University High
Future Predictions for the Class of 2008...

Most likely to reduce
cara O'Brien

Became Famous

Took over the world

Blow out a thumb

Be a contestant on Flavor of Love

Most likely to skip the ten
year reunion

Become next American Idol and die of laughter

Be a sit-on host on The View

Become a teacher at PLS/NU and stay in Cedar Falls

Invent the next big thing

Be a contestant on Flavor of Love

Be on Big Brother

Suffer a Wi injury

Become a country music singer

Graduate early

Become a contestant on Flavor of Love

Blow out a thumb

Be on Big Brother

Suffer a Wi injury

Become a country music singer

Be on the Bachelor
The most likely to...
Jordan Bachman
Favorite Memory - Building my Entertainment Center.
Future Plans - Take a semester off to figure out what to do next.

Savannah Boehmler
Favorite Memory - Meeting my best friend, Lisa Gansen.
Future Plans - Attend Hawkeye Community College to get my RN then go to Upper Iowa University to get my BSN.

Michael Bowman
Favorite Memory - The football game in Tripoli when a girl offered me some candies.
Future Plans - Attend Hawkeye Community College.

Elizabeth Brumm
Favorite Memory - Cheering at state basketball where NU just happened to become the champions.
Future Plans - Attend Mount Mercy College.

Ian Campbell
Favorite Memory - The stuff incident during football. Mrs. Couch’s Physics class Tedders all the way!
Future Plans - Attend Hawkeye Community College, then transfer to UNI to complete my learning experience.
Kristina Cook

Favorite Memory - Amy and the treadmill incident.
Future Plans - To attend Loyola in New Orleans and study pre-medicine (major in biology).

Michael Cornett

Favorite Memory - The football passing league trip to St. Cloud, MN the summer before senior year. Getting to do whatever I wanted in Spanish class and getting kicked out with Joe a lot.
Future Plans - To pursue studies in law enforcement at Kirkwood Community College.

Nick Ellerbroek

Favorite Memory - Winning the state championship in basketball.
Future Plans - Attend the University of Iowa.

Mackenzie Cowden

Favorite Memory - Getting the chance to know a lot of nice people.
Future Plans - Attend UNI to double major in Textiles & Apparel and Theatre.

Travis Ellerbroek

Favorite Memory - Winning the state championship in basketball.
Future Plans - Attend the University of Iowa.

Samantha Felts

Favorite Memory - Driving down to state with Alex and making fun of John on the way down.
Future Plans - Hawkeye for two years to receive my Gen. Ed. credits, then transfer to UNI for my teaching degree.

Class Officers: President: Elizabeth Brumm, Vice President: Erica Jensen, Secretary/Treasurer: Kristina Cook, Student Representatives: Kaylee Williams and Jordan Bachman.
Cassandra Giller

Favorite Memory - Meeting new people and having fun being a cheerleader. Cheering at Boys State Basketball.
Future Plans - Attend Hawkeye Community College.

Brittany Johnson

Favorite Memory - The man at the window during the Freshman Class trip but cheering at State was by far the BEST.
Future Plans - Attend ISU for a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Physical Education.

Danielle Gaspie

Favorite Memory - Being in the Greenroom before the opening of the Clone People and being with my friends.
Future Plans - Attend Hawkeye Community College for Gen. Ed. credits.

Erica Jensen

Favorite Memory - Laughing and being separated from Kaylee during classes, getting first place in the tennis conference - both single and doubles with my champ partner Megan Hills (tagio).
Future Plans - Attend ISU to major in Engineering or Biology and to study abroad. ~Live life~

Corey Holmes

Future Plans - Attend Clark Atlanta University to play football and major in Psychology. After that I plan to go to Law School and become a lawyer.

RaeVonn Kearn

Favorite Memory - The Freshman Class Trip all Mrs. Wagoner's classes, being Football manager Junior year, being a Football superfan during Senior year, cheering with the Dog Pound, and CHEERING AS WE BECAME STATE CHAMPS.
Future Plans - Attend Wartburg and major in Chemistry and Spanish to become a Pharmacist.
Amelia Kisher-Browne

Favorite Memory - Being on the speech team, falling off the treadmill, jumping out of the bathroom window, and paint fighting with LaSandra during set crew.

Future Plans - Attend Wartburg College and major in Vocal Performance.

Emily Lane

Favorite Memory - Cross Country senior year and Mrs. Couch's Church chats.

Future Plans - Boston University to major in Middle Eastern Studies and participate in NROTC program.

Cassandra Longnecker

Favorite Memory - 1st and 2nd hour with Elser.

Future Plans - Go to Florida for college then go to Australia.

Tiffani McCombs

Favorite Memory - STATE BBALL (DogPound), Sitting in the Senior lounge and discussing old TV shows! McKown's study hall during sophomore year, and football season.

Future Plans - Attend UNI.

Andy McClain

Future Plans - Working and going to school in the future.

Joseph McKenna

Favorite Memory - Many high school memories with my friends. Winning the State Championship in Basketball and everything about football.

Future Plans - Attend Wartburg to play football and major in Communication Arts.
Shannon McKenna

Favorite Memory - State Basketball Cheerleading, breaking school 3000 and 1500 meter records in track, treadmill experience, the French trip, and 9th grade world history Chinese video.

Future Plans - Attend Amherst to study international studies and political science.

Jay Miller

Favorite Memory - Tech Ed. 8th grade year with Ms. Miller. Most memorable quote "Eyes on the copy and begin." As well as duck calls, Kazaa, and Typing Master scandals.

Future Plans - Attend Coe College and major in Business Administration while playing football.

Caleb Olson

Future Plans - Move to Florida

Francisco Mota

Favorite Memory - Coming out to my friends and everyone else, they were all so wonderfully accepting.

Future Plans - Attend UNI.

David Nielsen

Favorite Memory - Making it to State Cross Country my freshman year and my trip to France junior year.

Future Plans - Go to a four-year college or university in Iowa to study exercise science or athletic training and hopefully run cross country and track.

Ben Peterson

Future Plans - Attend Wartburg College and play golf for Wartburg.
Alayna Rasmussen

Favorite Memory - Traveling with the varsity basketball team and winning State. Visiting France was an awesome time too; but I'll never forget all the great Malta and Couch quotes.

Future Plans - Attend ISU to major in Engineering.

Tristan Schofield

Favorite Memory - Homecoming Senior year, State Basketball Championship '08 and HAL with Mr. Elser.

Future Plans - Attend UNI.

Sriya Subramani

Favorite Memory - Freshman trip to Wisconsin Dells; state basketball senior year with the DogPound; 10th grade study hall with McKowen.

Future Plans - Attend a 4-year University.

John Schroeder

Favorite Memory - All the "Church Chats with Mrs. Couch, State Basketball in 2008 and going to Chile.

Future Plans - Attend UNI for Pre-Vet then to Vet School at ISU.

Emma Piehl

Favorite Memory - State basketball in 2008 and my trip to France junior year where we got David Nielsen to buy flowers for Madame Zwanziger.

Future Plans - Attend Missouri Western State University.

Te (Tony) Tan

Favorite Memory - There are many nice people and interesting activities in our school.

Future Plans - Attend UNI.
Katie Thompson

Favorite Memory - Going on the trip to St. Petersburg, Russia.

Future Plans - Working and attending Hawkeye.

Abbye Van Cleave

Favorite Memory - Staying in Des Moines for state.

Future Plans - Going to Hawkeye and then UNI.

LaSandra Vaughn

Favorite Memory - Jumping out of the bathroom window, paint fighting with Amy, going to State Basketball and State Track, and the crazy moments hanging out with friends.

Future Plans - Attend Hawkeye Community College to become a Veterinarian Assistant.

Katie Thompson

Favorite Memory - Going on the trip to St. Petersburg, Russia.

Future Plans - Working and attending Hawkeye.

Kaylee Williams

Favorite Memory - Throwing a tennis ball at Mr. Kettner's window in the middle of the night and going to All-State Festival.

Future Plans - Attend Washington College and get a degree in English while relishing the fact that I never have to do H.A.L. again/ lie about doing H.A.L again.

Tommy Woods

Favorite Memory - Yearbook class my junior year was awesome. We had the Dream Team and of course Mrs. Dykstra is great! I also enjoyed many memories while completing two winning seasons in football my junior and senior year. Also, winning state in basketball and the Dog Pound.

Future Plans - Attend Iowa to major in Business.

Alexandria Weichers

Favorite Memory - Having a good time or on stage during all of the school plays and freshman year cheerleading.

Future Plans - Attend UNI and major in Communication with a minor in Spanish.
Reflections

The expectations and goals that were set by the Senior Class of 2008 were large and may have seemed unattainable at the time. However, in the end, they were reached with great success. From plays to sports, music and prom, our class helped raise the bar for years to come. - Emma Pohl and Alex Weichert

It seems like it was just yesterday when we started our senior year at NU High. The school year was off to a great start! Not only were we seniors, but we were the heartbeat of NU High. Football came to an end and then basketball started up and we became State Champs. As the year went on, there were lots of questions for the seniors about where we were going to go to school. I applied to my school of choice, Clark Atlanta University, on November 17 and did not hear back that I was accepted until January 30. After that senioritis set in, and as the months passed I found I had to get down to business as school would be out two weeks sooner than the younger kids. The hard part had not come yet, though. That would take place on the final day when I would have to say goodbye to all of my close friends. That day finally came on May 14, 2008 - Corey Holmes

Speaking about the present, as you can imagine, is a difficult thing to do. It is, by definition, the time we can truly hold in our hands; it is a tangible, malleable substance. Unlike the past, whose forged moments are only retrievable within our hearts and minds, the present is ours to create. Similarly, the future, too, is just as unattainable. It’s basically as elusive as an exit ramp on a foggy interstate... (Excerpt from graduation speech) - Kaylee Williams

Finally, our senior year had arrived. This year has marked the culmination of our high school journey. I think that this was the year that our class became the closest. We made so many great memories, and enjoyed our last year of high school. This has been a very bittersweet year. All of us making note of the numerous last times. The last basketball season ended by reaching the ultimate goal as a number of the senior boys were playing crucial roles in taking the state 4A championship title; with of course help from our trusty cheering section founded by Jimmy, the Dog Pound. - Elizabeth Brumm
Good times
Great friends...

Many wonderful memories of
PLS/NU High!!
Betcha' can't do it like we did it... Class of 2008
NU High Wins the 1A State Championship Friday March 7, 2008

(Feb. 19): Castro Resigns as President of Cuba. Permanently steps down after 49 years in power.

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(October 31, Caribbean): 107 people died during Tropical Storm Noel.


Four Art Masterpieces Stolen (Feb. 10): Three men wearing ski masks Stoll four pieces of artwork from the Zurich Museum in one of the largest art robberies in history. In broad daylight, the robbers took a Cezanne, a Degas, a van Gogh, and a Monet, with a combined worth of $163 million.

(January 22, 2008): Heath Ledger died
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Third Grade  
~ Mrs. Guenther's Class

Highlights – Sharing dinosaur dioramas with Unit II – Growing amaryllus flower bulbs for science observation – Going to the Hearst Center to see the original art of Sleepy Hollow by Gary Kelly – Having a Mexican fiesta with breaking a pinata – Preparing a report and display on each student’s cultural heritage – Attending the Gallagher Bluedorn for two presentations – Taking two field trips to the UNI Museum – Writing persuasive letters to President Bush to pass laws to protect the environment – Performing a presentation on Cesar Chavez for the elementary citizenship assembly – Performing a skit about the Civil Rights Movement to the fifth grade class – Writing letters to a school in Virginia to participate in the Great American Mail Race – Working with math college students from Dr. Nelson’s class – Having Dr. Cai share new books with the class each week – Having a bubble festival in May.

Fourth Grade  
~ Mrs. Lockhart’s Class

Highlights – The fourth grade traveled across the country this year in social studies. We had a “Midwest Cafe” at the end of our Midwest unit where we were able to eat several foods that either originated in the Midwest or are grown in this area. Literature was a lot of fun as well. The favorite unit for the class was on the author Roald Dahl. We read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and many of his other books. The best part of the unit was celebrating our Roald Dahl Day! We cooked fun foods that were mentioned in his books and dressed up as our favorite character from one of his books. In December, the students were part of a service learning project. We adopted a family through the Salvation Army and brought in toys, clothing and games for the family. The students also brought in money that we used to purchase a nice Christmas meal for the family. Planning a meal and budgeting their money was a real learning experience for the students. They learned the true meaning of giving and caring through this project.
Fifth Grade
~ Mr. Asmus' Class

Highlights - For the second year in a row, the 5th grade class had Mr. Asmus as their teacher. During the year the 5th grades participated in a number of exciting activities including: Making a paper tower as tall as our classroom, learning about fractions and decimals, having a school wide Caucasus and primary, learning about our government, learning about percentages and taxes by traveling to the mall and figuring out price total BEFORE the cash register gave us the answer, and our page reading book challenge. During the last three months of the year the students were challenged to read 50,000 pages and believe it or not---they accomplished it! By reaching each goal the students got a chance to eat KING size candy bars, make root beer floats, going on a bike ride to George Wyth Park, and spending an entire school day at Adventure Land! Mr. Asmus wants all the 5th grade students to know just how lucky he feels to work with each and everyone of you and how much he will miss you!

Sixth Grade

6th Grade Teachers: Senora Blanco, Mr. Brown, Ms. DuChene, Mr. Elser, Mr. Grau, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Henriksen, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Vanderwall, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Cole
Seventh Grade

7th Grade Teachers: Senora Blanco, Dr. Beharka, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cole, Ms. DuChene, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Dykstra, Mr. Elser, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Hawbaker, Mr. Nielsen, Ms. Koch, Mrs. McCumber, Mrs. Swanson, Ms. Tiffany, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Zwanziger

Eighth Grade

8th Grade Teachers: Mrs. Balong, Mr. Brown, Dr. Beharka, Mrs. Bigler, Mrs. Christiason, Ms. Cole, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Dykstra, Mr. Elser, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Hawbaker, Mrs. Henriksen, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Knivsland, Ms. Koch, Mrs. McCumber, Mrs. Swanson, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Wilkinson, Dr. Zwanziger
As new students to NU, we were surprised at how great our freshman year was here. It was a lot of fun!

~ Jenn Weaver and Jordan Thomas
Freshman Class

"We be STATE Champs!!" ~Alex Q, Andrew S, & Joe W
Memories of our 9th grade year: Mr. Spurr's earth science class, freshmen retreat, sports, and state basketball!
Class Officers: President: Eddie Diemer, Vice President: Josh Eisen, Secretary/Treasurer: Irene Hochgraf-Cameron, Student Representatives: Jalen Bergman, Johnny Hines, Ta’Mone Williams.

Students not listed in Lifetouch photos: Andy Helstun and Aaron Jones.
This year we all found out a lot about each other, whether it was growing stronger as a class or as individuals. We’re that much closer to our shining moment on stage as the graduating class of 2010. Good job sophomores. Keep It Up!

~ Meagan
When asked to describe her class, Rhyanne thought of this quote:
"Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow'."

~ Mary Anne Radmacher
James Kapanka remembers a time in Mrs. Tagtow's class when he said, "Man Mrs. Tagtow, I ain't doin' homework because we goin' to STATE!!!
Eddie had one thing to say about his sophomore year of high school and that was... STATE CHAMPS!!!!!!
Junior Class

Marissa Baskerville
Erik Basom
Deana Brown
Deshawn Bullock
Bailey Carlisle
Caroline Cherizola

Erica Cornett
Thomas Creedon
Brad Denning
Michael Fremont
Lisa Gansen

Leandra Gute
Megan Hardy
Megan Hills
Elizabeth Hoffman
Vijay Iyengar
Kendall Jackson

Ashleigh Jensen
Jordan Lankford
Nicole Lopez Perez
Jared Luchtenburg
William Maletta
Paul Mauer

Elizabeth Schultz
Ryan Scoular
Nate Smith
Catherine Stone
Ellie Tallakson
Margot Taylor

Devon Turner
Wrenna Walsh
Class Officers: President: Marissa Baskerville, Vice President: Ashleigh Jensen, Secretary/Treasurer: Wrenna Walsh, Student Representatives: Ellie Tallakson, Paul Mauer, Megan Hardy.
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Paul Elser
Nicole Geopfert
Mary Grey

Mary Guenther
Becky Hawbaker
Leasha Henriksen
Sheri Hoffman
Cory Johnson
Terry Ketter
Denny Ketter
Rick Knivsland
Karl Koch

Amy Lockhart
Jim Maltas
Shelley McCumber
Kim Miller
Curt Nielsen
Dave Smith
Lori Smith
Aaron Spurr

Jim Stichter
Mary Stichter
Jody Stone
Clare Struck
Michelle Swanson
Jolene Tagtow
Denise Tallakson
Mary Tiffany
Rick Vanderwall

Not pictured:
Dorothy Burt, Evelyn Ledtje,
Nikki Wilkenson, Karen Williams.
Some highlights...

of the NU High Curriculum in 2007-08

Mrs. Doyle:
Spanish IV completed a multi-step project/study of the "Desaparacidos" the Disappeared Ones of Chile and Argentina.

Mrs. Zwanziger:
- France Exchange
- National French Contest
- Iowa Oral French Contest
- Visiting Lyon, France
- French 1 Filmfest

Mrs. Couch:
The 'How to Change a Flat Tire'
Powerpoint/video that my physics students did.

Mrs. Wagener:
- Research Paper
- Multigene Paper
- Problem-Solution Essay
- Writing Process Paper

Dr. Stone:
We studied autonated and unautonated fats by mocking soy candles in chemistry.

Mrs. Henriksen:
- Creating a business
- Employability Friday
- Inventing Products
- Creating Commercials
- Mock interviews

Mr. Brown:
The multi-discipline unit featuring "Pirates of the Caribbean" with performance of music from all three movies coordinated with pirate dress, performances in character, and a synchronized Power Point of scenes from the film.

Mrs. Dykstra:
- Co-teaching advanced photography, photo editing, retouching, photo collages, special effects, and photojournalism with Mr. Spurr.
- Teaching the yearbook students design, photography, sales and fundraising.

Mr. Weiker:
- Decades Study Project Groups
- Family History Scrapbook
- Letters from Vietnam
- Supreme Court Case of the Day
- Search and Seizure: Legal and Illegal
- Bail Hearing
- Plea Bargaining Simulation
- The Contaminated Jury
- Death Penalty Debate
- Prison Field Trip
- The Know Your Constitution Test
- First Amendment Cases
- First Amendment Web Quest
- Immigration Ethics
- Affirmative Action Hiring Simulation
- Election Simulation
- Presidential Web Quest
- Legislation Simulation

Mr. Colb:
- Student Council
- Student Food Drive
- Peer Helpers
- Life Skills
- Scholarship Finalists

Mrs. Hawbaker and Mrs. Wilkinson:
- Helping students to develop their skills, master content from all of their classes, and stay eligible.
- Assisting with career and post-secondary education planning.
- Unlocking hidden potential, appreciating everyone's talents.
- Developing self-advocacy and self-management.
Chillín' in Chile
- Jordan Lankford

Chile was a great experience. The people, the food, and the places were all amazing. I would recommend that anyone who gets the opportunity, to go.
- Marissa Baskerville

The first thing I heard when I got to Chile was "I am your sister" when my host family came to pick me up. It just shows how accepting and friendly they are. The whole time we were always being included and taken everywhere like we were a part of the families.
- Lisa Gansen

This experience was more than I could ever asked for. Going there and getting to meet new people and making long lasting friendships was amazing. The people are so friendly and caring that it make you want to do it again in a heartbeat.
- Nicole Lopez
Left to Right: Libby Schultz, Ryan Scoular, Dr. Zwanziger, Michael Fremont, Megan Hardy

"Two weeks go very fast! This trip has been an amazing experience! We've seen the Eiffel Tower, Sacre Coeur, the Centre Pompidou, the Chateau Vaux le Vicomte, Versailles, Marie Antoinette's gardens, everything you could think of! I also got to see Julie - it was awesome! It will be sad to leave but I'm looking forward to my big bathroom."

-Libby

"Two weeks are gone it seems. I miss home a little but if possible I'd like to stay longer. The best thing I did here would probably be going up the Eiffel Tower or going to the WW2 Museum. If it's possible I will return to Paris in my future."

-Michael

"France was fun and I am going to miss it so much. Thank you Mme 3 for this wonderful opportunity. I love you Mme."

-Ryan

"As our trip comes to an end, I realize what a short time we've had here and how much more we have to see in the world. I have lived where Princess Diana died, I have touched what Renoir painted, and I have danced under the Eiffel Tower. Au revoir, la France!"

-Megan
Student Council


The NHS Student Council hosted the Sadie Hawkins Dance, coordinated the Student Hunger Drive this fall, and conducted a “Grin-n-Greet” campaign in the spring. — Ms. Cole

Student council was a really good group of people, and I think that what we did really helped our school! — Ana Tallakson
Front Row (l-r): Kristina Cook, Shannon McKenna, Sarah Prophet, Mason Walsh, Tad Klenske, Katie Thompson, Megan Hardy, Amy Kischer-Browne, Kaylee Williams, Joni Griffith, Margot Taylor, Leandra Gute, Raquel Williams, Rachel Hanson, Jordan Thomas, Sarah Dietz, Alyssa Kilbourn.

**Speech**

**Individual**

**Storytelling:**
- Went to State
  - Jordan Thomas

**Literary Program:**
- Went to State
  - Jordan Thomas
  - Amy Kischer-Browne

**Poetry:**
- Went to State
  - Amy Kischer-Browne

**Group**

**Acting:**
- Allstate Performer
  - Rachel Hanson
- Went to State
  - Megan Hardy
  - Kaylee Williams
  - Danielle Glaspie
- Districts Competitor
  - Sarah Dietz

"I was really excited and honored that I got chosen to perform at All-State!"
- Rachel Hanson

**Improvisation:**
- Went to State
  - Sarah Prophet
  - Raquel Williams
  - Joni Griffith
  - Rachel Hanson

**District Competitors**
- Tad Klenske
- Katie Thompson

**Reader's Theatre:**
- Went to State/Non-performing All-State
  "Big Mary"
  Coached by Dave & Linda Schachterle
  - Kaylee Williams
  - Amy Kischer-Browne
  - Megan Hardy
  - Tad Klenske
  - Joni Griffith
  - Jordan Thomas
  - Rachel Hanson
  - Leandra Gute
  - Margot Taylor

"Beijing Big Mac"
- Sarah Prophet
- Mason Walsh

"The First Fireworks"
- Sarah Dietz
- Alyssa Kilbourn

**Acting:**
- Went to State
  "Physco"
  - Shannon McKenna
  - Kristina Cook

"Physco"
- Shannon McKenna

"Beijing Big Mac"
- Sarah Prophet
- Mason Walsh

"The First Fireworks"
- Sarah Dietz
- Alyssa Kilbourn
My first semester at NU was a whirlwind, and I loved it! I am really looking forward to this year and what our ensembles will accomplish; there are so many opportunities for us this year and the students make it happen.

~ Mr. Grau

All-State Recognition:
Elizabeth Brumm
Amy Kischer-Browne
Orchestra in the 2007-2008 school year was great! It was filled with many successes & honors, from students playing in All-State and honors orchestras to the high school orchestra receiving a Division I rating at Large Group Contest. I feel honored & privileged to haveworked with such great students and supportive colleagues during my first year at NUHS/PLS.

~ Mrs. Grey

All-State Recognition:
Jyothi Dhanwada
Raquel Williams
Josh Eisen, Alternate
My first year as the director of bands at NMHS/PLS was filled with great experiences thanks to the work and dedication of the students! I have enjoyed working with all these great people and only expect great things in the future!

~ Mr. Brown

All-State Recognition:
Thomas Creeden
"Phyllis, this is totally impossible!"
Ellie (Phyllis) addresses her audience
Will never liked having his hair styled.

"Hmmm, maybe if they don't learn their lines, I'll get a bigger part." - Shannon
He never could keep a straight face.

"Do so, and you are dead my dear."
"I'm ready for my close-up."
"Is this where I come in?"

Reading about the Darjeeling Diamond again...
es Kaylee know something about the drinks that the others don't know??

We always knew he had a wild side.

sweet young love.

"My Hands are up!"

How do you like this profile of my beard?

ho's line is it, Keith?

Keith does love a free facial.

Jordan doesn't like that much make-up.

"What's their line?"

What's in the coffee!!

NU High's Production of Play On!

This year's NU High fall production was Play On!, a comedy by Rick Abbot about a small group of performers who attempt to put on a show written by the stubborn, free-spirited (and uniquely dressed) playwright, Phyllis Montague (Ellie Tallakson).

The moment the curtain rolled back for the opening of the first act, our NU High performers had the audience in an uproar, whether through Phyllis Montagues notorious yooohooo! coming from the back of the house, or that unforgottably awkward love-scene between Violet Imby (Megan Hardy) and Billy Carewe (Keith Hanson). The play was met with rave reviews and spluttering giggles.

Several freshman made their debut performance in 2007s Play On!, including Jordan Thomas (as "Smitty" and Doris) and Mason Walsh (as Saul Watson and Dr. Rex Forbes). These freshmen lit up the stage with their own stylized acting skills and an impressive, brazen resolve to tackle that monster of all high school extra-curricular activities: theatre. The seniors in Play On!, including Danielle Glaspie (Aggie Manville), Kaylee Williams (Polly Benish and Lady Margaret) and Shannon McKenna (Louise Peary) will also be sorely missed.

From guffawing to gasping, pants-wetting to rosy-faced embarrassment, this year's fall play was surely a show not to be missed!

~ by Kaylee Williams
We had so much fun becoming "children" again for this production. Who knew that Dr. Countryman would build such large boxes?!? Seriously, we couldn't have asked for a more cooperative and talented cast and crew for "Snoopy, the musical." It was a delight to work with Mr. Grau for the first time, too. He really got those voices in optimal condition. My favorite memory of rehearsal was the night that Mr. Grau and Mr. Penning stood in for Charlie Brown and Peppermint Patty during "Poor Sweet Baby." I don't think I have ever laughed so hard! — Mrs. Tagtow

Front Row l-r: Morgan Granger, Ellie Tallakson, Paul Mauer, Tad Klenkske, Emma Plehl, John Schroeder, Wrenna Walsh, Ashleigh Jensen. Back row: Dr. Countryman, Mrs. Tagtow, Mr. Grau, Josh Eisen, Maddie Backstrom, Karen Engels, Ana Tallakson, Bailey Carlisle, Joni Griffith, Rachel Hanson, CeCe Hawbaker, Elizabeth Swanson, Dani Jo Glaspie, Kyle Wiebers, Jordan Thomas, Megan Hardy, Carissa Stout (Accompanist, Alyssa Kilbourn).

Joni (Snoopy) perched atop her doghouse.

Kyle (Woodstock) never lets anything ruffle his feathers.

Leandra puts on Jordan's make-up very carefully!

Linus defends his choice of stripes over the classic zigzag.

Patty laments, "You know what I don't understand, Chuck? I don't understand love, do you Chuck?"

Tad (Linus) and his "emotional tornequet."
Performing in *Snoopy*, the spring play.

When I first heard that the musical we were doing was *Snoopy*, my first reaction was, "What!?" It sounded like something that would be cheesy and awful to be in! I can tell you I was so glad that I decided to audition! It was my first time being in a production here, and certainly won't be the last! It was so much fun working with the other students and teachers. We are really lucky to have great musical directors in all areas - music, theater and dance! We worked really hard for the final two nights when we performed. Some people say that you work and work up to show night, and then suddenly it's gone!! I disagree with that, after your last show, you're left with much more than you started with, in memories and experience!

~ Joni Griffith
(Snoopy)
Front Row (l-r): Kaylee Williams, Sryia Subramani, RaeVonn Kearns, Elizabeth Brumm, Shannon McKenna, Erica Jensen. Second Row: Alayna Rasmussen, Catherine Stone, Ellie Tallakson, Wrenna Walsh, Nicole Lopez-Perez, Tristan Schofield, Emily Lane, Mr. Stichter. Back Row: John Schroeder, Marissa Baskerville, Bailey Carlisle, Elizabeth Hoffman, Jay Miller, Leandra Gute, Megan Hardy, Francisco Mota, David Nielsen.

"Membership in the Alpha Chapter of the National Honor Society is earned through demonstration of the four ideals held in high esteem by the society: Character, Leadership, Service & Scholarship."
"In Peer Helpers we learned more leadership skills, and it was fun to go to the meetings!"

-Sarah Dietz
Meetings - Designing page layouts - Taking pictures - Photo-editing - Writing stories - Fundraising: Advisory Pizza Sales, Swimming Parties, concessions at the UNI-Dome and McLeod Center - selling ads to sponsors.

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Andy McClain
Ben Peterson
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Tristan Schofield
Libby Schultz
Ryan Scoular
Catherine Stone
LaSandra Vaughn
Sports

Sports Highlights of 2007-08

Class 1A State Basketball Champions
Class 1A State Golf Champions
Ben Peterson--Class 1A State Golf Individual Runner-Up
David Nielsen--Class 1A 1600m State Champion
David Nielsen--Class 1A 3200 State Runner-Up
Boys Golf NICL East Conference Champions
Boys Basketball NICL East Co-Conference Champions
Boys Baseball NICL East Conference Runner-Ups
Brent Denning---NICL East Baseball Coach of the Year
David Nielsen and Shannon McKenna-State Cross Country Participants
David Nielsen, Shannon McKenna, LaSandia Vaughn, and Morgan Granger--State Track Participants
Ellie Tallakson State Tennis Singles Participant
Travis Ellerbroek and Nick Ellerbrock--All State Basketball
Jay Miller---All State Football
David Nielsen---All State Cross Country and Track
Homecoming Court:
Corey Holmes
Mike Cottet
Joseph McKenna
David Nielsen
Michael Bowman
Tiffani McCombs
Erica Jensen
Elizabeth Brumm
Kaylee Williams
Shannon McKenna

Favorite Celebrity Day
The race is on...
The Game

So give a cheer for the Varsity...

Touchdown by Brad Denning!

The Lineup

Panthers 48
Lions 0

Down 2 To Go 11 Ball on 50

0:59

McKenna 9
"A season to remember." ~ Deshaun Bullock


A Season to remember

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Panther Football

NU vs. North Tama 0 to 07
NU vs. Olin 48 to 0
NU vs. Central City 29 to 27
NU vs. GMG 26 to 07
NU vs. Midland 20 to 06
NU vs. Postville 35 to 21
NU vs. Lisbon 17 to 22
NU vs. Springville 35 to 21
NU vs. Don Bosco 07 to 20
Football Cheerleading

We had a really fun season because there were a lot of new girls out which was a good start to the year. We all had a great time cheering at football games and supporting our team through an exciting season.” - Cara Harrington
Girls Cross Country

"Cruising past the competition."

Front Row (l-r): Biz Brumm '08, Kaylee Williams '08, Emily Lane '08, Erica Jensen '08, Shannon McKenna '08. Middle Row: Raquel Williams '11, Leah Joslyn '11, Joni Griffith '11. Back Row: Coach Henriksen, Jyothi Dhanwada '11, Christine McKenna '12, Coach Duchene. Not Pictured: Libby Schultz

"I thought this year was a really productive season. We had a good team and in the end everyone was happy with how they ran. I enjoyed spending time with my teammates and the girls team really became close and spent a lot of time together outside of practice and the meets. Overall, it was a really positive experience."

- Leah Joslyn '11

Jyothi '11, Joni '11, and Raquel '11 doing grass drills to warm up.

Erica Jensen '08, Shannon McKenna '08, Libby Schultz '09, Kaylee Williams '08, and Biz Brumm '08 walking the course.

Joni Griffith '11 running her best.

Christine McKenna '12 keeping pace in the MS race.

Joni Griffith '11, and Raquel Williams '11 preparing for their race.

Raquel Williams '11, Joni Griffith '11, and Shannon McKenna '08 at the Cross Country banquet.

Congratulations to Shannon McKenna '08 for placing 3rd at Districts and 21st at State!
Boys Cross Country

"They can hide, but they can't run from us."

Congratulations to David Nielsen '08 for winning Districts and finishing 3rd at State!
Basketball Cheerleading


This was the best season ever because we all worked hard and enjoyed cheering the boys on to WIN state! Go Panthers!
~ Brittany Johnson

Who Rocks the HOUSE?!
Front Row (l-r): Jalen Barnes, Tanner Cooke, Brad Denning, Kyle Denning, Eddie Diemer, Nick Ellerbroek, Travis Ellerbroek, Domonique Fagan, Christian Ford, Jamil Forehand, J. Keith Hanson, Johnny Hines, Corey Holmes, Jawanza Holmes, James Kapanka, Andrew Leonard, Joe McKenna, Jay Miller, Terry Nielsen, Ta' Mone Williams. Not pictured: Aaron Jones
NU Captures IA Title
First Time in Lab School's history!

GO PANTHERS!
"It was a very fulfilling season this year. We grew closer as a team and can't wait for great things to come in the next couple of years. Beating A-P was one of the best highlights of the season for me."

~ Nicole Lopez
Spring 2008, The Special Season...

It all started back in March of 2008, at the NU High Spring Kick-off, when head golf coach Lee Weber stood up and said a few brief words: "This will be the best golf team ever"; and he was right.

The 2008 golf season started off rough for the NU High Panthers because of all the cancellations and weather delays, but that did not stop the team from achieving what no one thought they could. Breaking records came on a day-to-day basis for the varsity squad, whether it was team records or blazing individual records, this team got them all.

The team did very well through the regular season and carried that momentum into the post season as they won their sectional by nearly 20 strokes. At districts, the Panthers faced tough competition which included last year's state champions, Mason City Newman. However, the Panthers battled through and ended up right where they wanted to be, the state tournament.

Not only is the course tough at the state meet, this year the weather decided it wanted to play too. Both days the players faced furious winds and brutal conditions, but somehow managed to play through it all. Ben Peterson was later quoted saying, "We were more prepared for this weather than any other team due to our terrific coaching and we knew we could do great things with the wind playing as it did."

Two days had passed at the state tournament when everyone huddled around the scoreboard to try and figure out who was in the lead. Coach Weber said all year long it was going to be a special season and he never let any of the players forget that. It was that day, May 24, 2008, that special day when the NU Golf Team and Coach Weber won the state golf championship. It was the first NU team in history to win the championship and everyone will always remember that year as "The Special Season."

- Thomas Creeden

Coach Weber finds the only refuge from the cold and the wind at the State Tournament.
Boys Soccer

Girls Soccer

Boys Track

"We had a pretty good season and I think we're going to have a good team in the future. We're faster than everyone, and were more athletic."

-Dominque Fagan


David Nielsen
Class 1A 1600m
State Champion

David Nielsen
Class 1A 3200m
State Runner-Up
Girls Track

"This year was by far one of my best years as an NU High runner. We ran our fastest times, improved greatly, and gave other teams a reason to be afraid of us. Through our hard work, compassion, drive, and the love we had for each other, and just the sport alone, we were able to qualify for the Drake Relays & State Competition this year - and not many teams, let alone people, get that opportunity. I couldn't have asked for more from a team and I wouldn't change a thing about it. It is surely something I will miss about NU High."

~ LaSandra Vaughn

State Qualifiers:

Shannon McKenna (3000m) (1500m)

LaSandra Vaughn (Long Jump)

Morgan Granger (110m Hurdles)
Tennis Season

"The 2007-2008 season was another strong year for the NU High boys tennis team. We finished the year with an overall meet record of 6-3. It was the 5th straight year the team has finished with a winning record. After back to back conference championships in 2006-2007, we finished with a strong 3rd place at the district meet.

Jay finished his NU High career with a combined singles and doubles record of 90-22. Nate Smith earned all-conference honors while compiling an 8-1 singles record and going undefeated in doubles play. Paul Mauer earned his third letter and continues to make great strides in his game. The 2008 squad was joined by new commuters Brad & Kyle Denning. Kyle put together a 7-2 singles record with a 3rd place finish at conference meet & together with Brad took home a third place finish in the #2 doubles at the conference.

The team looks strong for the 2008-2009 season despite the loss of Jay, Michael, Tony, to graduation all of whom will be missed."

- Coach Brett Froyen
Girls Tennis
Summer 2008


Quotes

"This year was my first year of HS tennis & it was so much fun. I didn't know what to expect but it turned out to be an awesome experience. I'm so glad to be part of the team!"
- Bailey Carlisle

"Tennis was awesome! We had a lot of young talent this year and we've grown a lot as a team. Going to state was a great experience & I can't wait until next year!"
- Ellie Tallakson

"Our team had a lot of good times & it was a good experience as a freshman playing in all different sports."
- Savannah Campbell

"Tennis was great! I really improved & I can't wait for next year!"
- Haley Burbridge

"I was injured most of the year but I got to play and 4 fit a game and it was sweet!"
- Maddie Backstrom

"We had a very good tennis season last year. Everyone worked hard and it was great seeing Ellie go to state."
- Ana Tallakson

"Tennis was awesome. Doubles was really funny."
- Molly Anderson

Ellie Tallakson
State Tennis Singles Participant
Platinum PROM 2008
The Senior Class

The Junior Class

The Prom Court

Tristan Schofield, Michael Cornett, Joseph McKenna, Shannon McKenna, David Nielsen, Kaylee Williams, Jan Campbell, and Erica Jensen.

Prom 2008
King & Queen
Joseph McKenna & Katie Thompson
Dr. Jeffrey Cornett

"You will be the first graduating class that will have the opportunity to take part in a presidential election that will probably have as contestants the oldest candidate to run for office, versus either an African American or woman as candidate. Many of you took part in the Iowa caucuses for the first time-your graduation year is one, as this presidential race illustrates, where our country has made some meaningful strides in challenges to ageism, racism, and gender discrimination. Of course, the continuance and improvement of social justice is part of your challenge as adults. You must continue to fight for precious human rights and democratic principles, many of which you have learned about as a First Amendment School."

"Seniors, Congratulations for the ending of your high school, and best wishes for your new beginning that starts right now. Go forth and continue the spirit of care and excellence, service to your community, and Panther Pride. And I now know Class of 2008, what your text will say about you - Class of 2008-YOU ROCK!"

Sriya Subramani and Shannon McKenna

"Testing our newfound independence will not be easy; on the contrary it may be terrifying. We will each have to live with the choices that we make, so it is crucial that we make the right ones. But how will we know if the choices we make are the right ones? The easiest thing that we can do is look deep inside ourselves and listen to our hearts. If you follow your heart and do what you believe is right, your choice will always be the right one. Regardless of what happens, life will always go on, and you must remember that you are simply along for the ride. Enjoy your triumphs and perceive every obstacle as a challenge that is calling you to fight. Remember that your future belongs solely to you, and it is up to you to plant the seeds that will foster your dreams. Most importantly, remember to never compromise your beliefs and always have faith in yourself and your decisions because if you dont, who will?"

Kaylee Williams

"Speaking about the present, as you can imagine, is a difficult thing to do. It is, by definition, the only time we can truly hold in our hands; it is a tangible, malleable substance. Unlike the past, whose forgone moments are only retrievable within our hearts and minds, the present is ours to create. Similarly, the future, too, is just as unattainable. Its basically as evasive as an exit ramp on a foggy interstate. The point, then, is that while the future may seem enticing, and whether the past brings tears to your eyes, stimulates your gag reflex, or both, the present is all that you are ever guaranteed in life. So, as you step out into the world and begin the next chapter of your lives, open your eyes. Live the moment. Find your blue-jay."

"We've all done a lot of growing together these past few years, but now it is time for us to divide and conquer. I want every one of you to live up to your potential and remember all of the experiences that have contributed so much to who we are today and who we will become tomorrow. To paraphrase the words of, none other than Rick Coleman, Go out and make every day count."

Elizabeth Brumm

"I think that we all have done the most growing up over the past four years. We have worked so hard to get where we are now, and we are all starting to see a glimpse of who we could become. Our high school years here at NU have impacted all of our lives in many different ways, and everyone's outstanding potential is becoming ever more evident. ...We've all done a lot of growing together these past few years, but now it is time for us to divide and conquer. I want every one of you to live up to your potential and remember all of the experiences that have contributed so much to who we are today and who we will become tomorrow. To paraphrase the words of, none other than Rick Coleman, "Go out and make every day count."
"Don't let anyone else take the measure of your worth & capabilities. Always stand proud in who you are!" ~ Margaret Spelling
Finished Third in Cal-Lattimer Tournament

Tiffani McCombs
First Team All Metro & Second Team All District Player

Catherine Stone
Honorable Mention All Metro & All District

Meagan Schneider
Honorable Mention All Metro


Softball Season

"This season the softball team showed great improvement throughout the year and although the rapid growth of the team was not shown in the win/loss column, the girls continued to work hard and have fun all summer. Our only senior, Tiffani McCombs, was a consummate leader both on and off the field. She did an outstanding job on the field earning post season honors for her excellence. She did a fantastic job keeping the team together and her attitude and abilities will sorely be missed next year. However, this is a very young team and with continued hard work there could be great things ahead of them in the upcoming summers."

— Coach Tyler Struck

"This softball season went really well. We didn't win as many games as we hoped to, but when it comes down to it winning is only so much. As the season went on, we progressed and we started coming together as a team, from cheering each other on during games to singing on the buses to tournaments, we were a family. And personally, I don't think any amount of wins can overcome that. It was a great season."

— Tiffani McCombs
1st Team All Conference
David Nielsen
Brad Denning
Tanner Cooke

2nd Team All Conference
Johnny Hines
Kyle Denning

Honorable Mention
Nate Smith

All District
David Nielsen
Brad Denning
Tanner Cooke

All Metro
David Nielsen
Brad Denning
Tanner Cooke

All State
David Nielsen
Brad Denning

Baseball Season
Season Record 21-9

Season highlights included tying the school record with 21 wins. David Nielsen broke the home run record and Brad Denning broke the hits record and rbi record.

As the coach of this team, I appreciated the leadership of our two seniors. Their efforts in practice paid off on the field by tying the school record for wins. My expectations for the team were exceeded. We realized we can still get better with the team we have coming up and are looking forward to showing it on the field next season.

– Coach Brent Denning
Senior Salutes

Michael Cornett
Michael. We feel truly blessed for every day that you have been in our lives. And, we are so very proud of the young man that you have become. May the future bring the happiness that you deserve.
Love, Mom and Dad

Corey Holmes
It was with many precious years ago, when you entered nursery-kindergarten at Price Lab School, with your mom as your teacher!! You were a great achiever, and ran like a "tackle" for sure to be first in the line. But as time would have it, you grew into a real gentleman with a big, loving heart that we'll forever cherish. Please keep your smile, maintain a positive attitude and strive to achieve in your endeavors to the greatest and best of your abilities!! We hope that you will remember all of the little children who thought it was "cool" to have that football player come read to them!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Chondraah, Jawanza, Balaar and all of your family and friends.

RaeVonn Kearns
We are so proud of you! You have grown into a beautiful, talented, loving and responsible young woman. You genuinely care about others and it shows. May God continue to bless you and enable you to make all your dreams come true.
We love you, Mom & Dad

Sammie Felts
Sammie, We have watched you grow from a wonderful child in to a fantastic woman. We can't wait to see what great things you do in the future.
**Tutor Tots 4 Life**
Love, You Family and Friends

Joseph McKenna
Congratulations!! You've done it and more! We are proud of you. There is a lot still ahead. When you focus on your dreams, they come true. We always wish the best for you; we love you. May the Lord keep you in His hand, and never close His fist too tight. May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past (wish blessings).
Love, Mom and Dad

Brittany Johnson
Congratulations on one of life's milestones. Let God's gifts shine as you travel on your journey.
We love you always!
Mom and Dad
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

~ Henry David Thoreau

Alexandria Welches

Do not follow where the path may lead, Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. – Ralph Waldo Emerson.

You have become the wonderful person we hoped and dreamed you would be when we first held you in our arms. Yet, we are excited for you because we know that you still have so many of your own hopes and dreams that you will pursue. We look forward to seeing which path you choose in your life’s journey. We are so very proud of you! Congratulations!!

Love Always, Dad and Mom.

Jay Miller

Jay, we have been so proud of you. Keep your drive and determination going.

We love you.
Dad, Mom, and Kory

Amelia Kisher-Browne

We know life won’t always be rainbows and smiles, but you’ve brought a lot of sunshine into our lives.

Dad & Mom

Shannon McKenna

Congratulations!!! Be proud of yourself and your many accomplishments - we are. And, always be the wonderful person you are. You work so hard, and you deserve so much - ...Maybe some magical wishes...

"May you always walk in sunshine;
May you never want for more;
And may Angels rest their wings right beside your door." (from and old Irish blessing)

With much love, Mom and Dad

Ben Peterson

Dear Ben, Here is a shot from spring break when you and I went Bonefishing. This fish cost me $60 because you won the bet for first fish, first bone fish and biggest bone fish. Funny how when you win the bet I have to pay, but when I win you borrow my money and then pay me with it. Some time when high school and college are over and you have a real job maybe I can start collecting some of my money back!

Love, Dad
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NU High Class of 2008
As the war in Iraq passes the four-year mark, tours of duty are lengthened and recruitment standards are relaxed.

To ease the mortgage crisis, the U.S. Senate passes legislation allowing homeowners with delinquent sub-prime mortgages to refinance into federally insured loans.

Several cities in the southeastern U.S. are mere months away from running out of water as drought conditions persist in the region.

Six men are trapped when a Utah coal mine collapses on August 6. Ten days later, the mine collapses again, killing three rescue workers. After four weeks the search ends.

The U.S. Postal Service issues a forever stamp featuring an image of the Liberty Bell. It will always be valid for first class postage on envelopes weighing one ounce or less.

During televised debates, Democratic and Republican presidential candidates answer tough questions submitted by voters via YouTube.

The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to former Vice President Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, represented by Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, for their efforts to call attention to global warming.
Schools across the nation are thoroughly disinfected—and some are even shut down—to quell outbreaks of staph infections, including antibiotic-resistant strains.

In Littleton, Colorado, construction is completed on the $1.5 million Columbine Memorial to the 13 victims of the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School.

In late October, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declares a state of emergency due to wildfires that burn more than half a million acres in southern California.

Dozens of tornadoes tear across Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky and Alabama on February 5, 2008, killing nearly 60 people.

American consumers lose their confidence in China's manufacturers when children's toys tainted with lead trigger widespread recalls.

The Nintendo "Wi-nomenon" sweeps the nation as the game console outplays the competition with sales of more than 13 million units.

Writers hit the picket lines and television production is halted for months when the Writers Guild of America goes on strike to protest compensation policies for new media such as iTunes downloads.

On August 1, a six-lane I-35W bridge stretching across the Mississippi River in Minneapolis collapses into the river during the height of the afternoon rush hour.
People around the world cast more than 100 million online votes to determine the New Seven Wonders of the World. The winning wonders are announced at a gala in Lisbon.

More than 150 of the world's leading music acts perform in concerts staged around the world for Live Earth, a star-studded event to draw attention to the global climate crisis.

The One Laptop Per Child Foundation launches a limited-time "Give One, Get One" program to spur donations of XO $100 laptops to children in developing nations.

Labour Party leader Gordon Brown succeeds Tony Blair as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

In December, Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto is assassinated following a political rally in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

The melting of the Arctic Sea ice spurs an international network of climate scientists to conclude that global warming is indisputable, and that human activity has been causing temperatures to rise since 1950.

Tropical cyclone Sidr is the deadliest storm to hit Bangladesh in a decade. It destroys thousands of homes, ruins crops and forces more than a million villagers to evacuate.
Sci-Tech

**U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson** is the first female commander at the International Space Station.

Black bears make headlines in Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico as park rangers and wilderness homeowners report raids on backpacks, tents, trash cans and even kitchens.


Crops are threatened when honeybee colonies in the U.S. and Europe suffer from Colony Collapse Disorder, losing up to 70 percent of their bees due to unknown causes.

Using mice, biologists develop a method to reprogram ordinary skin cells into all-purpose stem cells. This discovery is likely to have a positive impact on treatments for a number of diseases.

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In a medical experiment, salmonella germs take a ride on the space shuttle. When they return to Earth, the germs are far more lethal than their earthbound counterparts.

An excavation site in Argentina yields the fossilized remains of a previously unknown species of dinosaur, the Futalognkosaurus dukei, measuring more than 105 feet.
Social networking websites continue to surge in popularity. MySpace and Facebook remain dominant as the sites of choice for young people and inspire a host of innovative imitators.

Concerns about overweight dogs and cats hit the headlines. Veterinarians prescribe a regimen of fewer treats, more walks around the neighborhood and no people food.

The healthy growth trend for vitamin waters and other nutrient-boosted consumables continues with the introduction of specialized formulas for immunity, focus and more.

User-generated content grows more popular as network television shows, mainstream musical acts and wannabe media stars join amateur home moviemakers on YouTube. One of the most-watched videos of 2007 features a feline pianist.

Higher prices for coffee beans do not lessen the nation's craving for coffeehouses. Independents and chains alike continue to be popular with younger consumers.

Concerns over the environment and increasing energy costs create a growing consumer demand for energy-saving, long-lasting compact fluorescent light bulbs.

The Apple iPhone, with its revolutionary touch screen, packs mobile phone, camera, iPod, Web browser, email and IM capabilities into a sleek, portable package.
Cute and comfy baby doll jumper tops and dresses with button straps start as a summer trend and morph into fall fashion layered over close-fitting sweaters and matching tights.

The A-line silhouette comes to outerwear, as swingy trapeze coats become one of the year's most surprising fashion must-haves.

Fashion takes a look back to the 1980s with the return of leg warmers, worn as an accessory with short skirts or skinny jeans and fashionable ballet flats or moccasins.

Quilted Vera Bradley handbags and totes sweep college campuses, sororities and high school hallways from coast to coast.

The ubiquitous, slouchy suede Ugg boot is reinvented with cozy knitted uppers that keep toes toasty and add a soft, tweedy, textured look to fall and winter ensembles.

Guys sport patterned hoodies that are worn alone or layered under jackets and blazers for an edgy, urban look.

Stephon Marbury inspires a host of celebrities, including Sarah Jessica Parker and Venus Williams, to battle the high-priced fashion industry by creating their own affordable apparel.

Under Armor athletic apparel is a popular fashion choice for athletes both on and off the field.

The craze for oversized leather bags—in metallic shades of copper, silver and gold—inspires a trend for matching footwear in daytime and nighttime looks.
The music video game Rock Band is released for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. Players perform together in virtual bands, using peripherals to hit notes as they scroll onscreen.

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the seventh and final book in the enormously popular series, is released. Its first U.S. print run is a record-breaking 12 million copies.

Large-scale multiplayer online gaming gives rise to virtual worlds where players interact via avatars and the computer-generated environment is similar to the real world.

Beading makes a comeback as a way to relax and creatively spend time with friends.
NBC's Heroes continues the adventures of ordinary people with extraordinary powers and reveals more about the shadowy dealings of "The Company."

High School Musical 2 becomes the highest-rated cable broadcast in the nation's history when 17.2 million U.S. viewers tune in to the Disney Channel for its debut.

The NBC drama series Friday Night Lights, about a fictional high school football team, is taped documentary-style, without rehearsals, to give it a more authentic feeling.

On The CW, Blake Lively portrays socialite teen Serena van der Woodsen in Gossip Girl, a drama series that follows the lives of prep school students from New York's Upper East Side.

America Ferrera, who plays Betty Suarez on the popular ABC comedy-drama Ugly Betty, is the first Latina to win the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series.

ABC's Dancing with the Stars rules the ratings thanks to popular celebrity participants such as Sabrina Bryan of The Cheetah Girls.

Favorite TV Shows:
Shia LaBeouf portrays a teenager who is plunged into a high-tech battle between good and evil alien robots in Transformers, a live-action adaptation of the 1980s cartoon series.

Disney’s National Treasure: Book of Secrets nets the third-highest box-office total ever for a Christmas weekend release.

Atonement receives seven Golden Globe nominations, including lead acting nods for Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.

Disturbia, a surprise hit thriller about a bored teenager under house arrest who thinks his next-door neighbor may be a notorious serial killer, spends three weeks at the top of the box office.

The Great Debaters, based on the real-life victories of a black debate team in the 1930s, receives eight NAACP Image Award nominations.

Joel and Ethan Coen write and direct No Country for Old Men, a film adaptation of Cormac McCarthy’s bleak, moody modern western novel. The film receives eight Oscar nominations.
In *I Am Legend*, Will Smith is the last man alive in New York, after a man-made virus wipes out most of the world's population and turns the survivors into dangerous mutants.

Matt Damon reprises his role as amnesiac CIA assassin Jason Bourne for *The Bourne Ultimatum*, the third film in the Bourne trilogy based on Robert Ludlum's novels.

Starring Zac Efron, Amanda Bynes and newcomer Nikki Blonsky, *Hairspray* is a zany musical based on the Broadway smash hit.

After a 19-year hiatus, Harrison Ford returns as Steven Spielberg's adventurous archaeologist in *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.

Tim Burton directs and Johnny Depp stars as the title character in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, an adaptation of the hit Broadway musical.

Using a combination of live action and animation, *Enchanted* tells the story of Giselle, a fairy-tale character seeking a "happily ever after" ending in modern-day Manhattan.

**Best Picture Oscar Nominations**

- *Atonement*
- *Juno*
- *Michael Clayton*
- *No Country for Old Men*
- *There Will Be Blood*
British singer Amy Winehouse brings back the beehive and wins five Grammy awards for her work on Back To Black.

Canadian pop singer Feist enjoys soaring sales for her third solo album, The Reminder, after the single "1234" is featured in a commercial for the iPod nano.

Rihanna records her third album, Good Girl Gone Bad, featuring Jay-Z and Ne-Yo. She receives six Grammy nominations.

Malibu singer-songwriter Colbie Caillat rises to stardom from MySpace. Her song "Bubbly" garners more than 31 million plays and her CD goes platinum.

Fergie continues to place singles from her triple-platinum solo album, The Dutchess, on the Billboard charts.

Fall Out Boy headlines the Honda Civic tour, performs at Live Earth concerts and reaches the top of the charts with the release of their album Infinity on High.

Newcomer Sean Kingston tops the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 and Pop 100 with "Beautiful Girls," his first single from his self-titled debut album.
Carrie Underwood releases her double-platinum second album, Carnival Ride, and contributes the Oscar-nominated song "Ever Ever After" to the soundtrack for the movie Enchanted.


After facing off at the MTV Music Awards, rapper rivals Kanye West and 50 Cent release albums on September 11 and vie for top sales. Kanye's Graduation is the victor.

Hip-hop artist T-Pain releases his second album, Epiphany. The album receives four 2008 Grammy nominations and the Vibe 2007 Song of the Year Award.

Soulja Boy reaches the top of the Billboard Hot 100 with the single "Crank That (Soulja Boy)" and his distinctive, loose-limbed dance style becomes a nationwide craze.

Punk-pop princess Avril Lavigne releases her third album, The Best Damn Thing, featuring "Girlfriend," her first No.1 single on the Billboard Top 100.

Radiohead invites listeners and fans to pay whatever they want for a digital download of their highly acclaimed seventh album, In Rainbows. A "discbox" edition, with standard CD and vinyl LP, is released in January 2008.
Tiger Woods achieves his record 14th World Golf Championships win at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational and claims his 60th PGA Tour win at the BMW Championship.

Norwegian golfer Suzann Pettersen wins five LPGA events including her first major championship in a break out season.

Former Senator George Mitchell releases a list of Major League Baseball players, including seven MVPs and 31 All-Stars, under investigation for illegal use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.

The American League Champion Boston Red Sox defeat the National League Champion Colorado Rockies in a decisive four-game sweep to capture their second World Series title in four years.

The veteran San Antonio Spurs, led by Tim Duncan, beat the Cleveland Cavaliers and their young phenom, LeBron James, in a 4-0 sweep to win the 2007 NBA finals.

At X-Games 13, Ricky Carmichael wins the first MotoX Racing Circuit. Simon Tabron does back-to-back 900s in BMX Vert and Jake Brown survives a 40-foot fall.

The LSU Tigers pounce on Ohio State early on their way to a 38-24 victory. LSU is the first two-loss team to compete for and win the BCS National Championship.
California native Jimmie Johnson speeds to victory as the 2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion, defeating his Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon by 77 points.

Breit Favre of the Green Bay Packers surpasses Dan Marino's touchdown pass record with number 422. 2007 NFL MVP Tom Brady of the New England Patriots sets the single regular-season mark for touchdown passes with 50.

The Anaheim Ducks claim their first Stanley Cup, beating the Ottawa Senators in five games for the 2007 NHL championship.

Belgian Justine Henin defeats Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-3 to win her second U.S. Open title in New York.

Power hitters Barry Bonds, Frank Thomas, Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez, Craig Biggio and Jim Thome all achieve home run milestones in their Major League Baseball careers.
In January 2008, Academy Award-nominated actor Heath Ledger, 28, is found dead in his Lower Manhattan apartment from an accidental overdose of prescription medication.

In January 2008, the presidential race heats up among frontrunners Hillary Clinton, Mike Huckabee, John McCain and Barack Obama.

Entertainment Weekly names J.K. Rowling—author of the seven-volume, 4,100-page Harry Potter series of best-selling children's books—as its Entertainer of the Year.

Hearthrob Zac Efron, who came to fame with his performance in the first High School Musical, becomes an even bigger teen star with the release of High School Musical 2.

The Best of Both Worlds tour, starring Miley Cyrus as Hannah Montana, sells out in every city, prompting ticket lotteries, heartbroken fans and scalping scandals.

Multi-talented star Queen Latifah becomes the latest spokeswoman for Jenny Craig. Her message isn't about getting skinny, but about losing weight to reduce the risk of Type 2 diabetes.

As Izzie Stevens on ABC's Grey's Anatomy, Katherine Heigl is a small-screen star. As Anne Fletcher in the comedy 27 Dresses, she conquers the big screen as well.