



# The Pirate Speaks

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Correction: February 2012 issue,  
article The Multasker. Kevin  
Frazier moved here from St.Martin.

To the staff,

Being a writer I find it easy to express myself with words, but this is by far the hardest thing I've had to write. I never imagined how much I would enjoy newspaper staff, and that I would become the editor in only my second year. There is so much I have learned and will take with me on my journey to new things. I am so happy I got the chance to work with such amazing people. The girls this year really made being editor a breeze. I'll miss all the silly moments, the parties, and even our girl talk at the lunch table. I think I truly stepped out of my comfort zone this year, and I'm very grateful that Mrs. Carter gave me the chance to do so. It's always hard to say goodbye to people that you care so deeply about so I want to leave my staff with something my mom once shared with me. "I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish enough "Hello's" to get you through the final "Good-bye." - Bob Perks

-Love,  
Ayanna Bloom



Photography is not something I decided to do, it's just something I sort of fell into. Berenice Abbot, a famous photographer of the 1930s, once said, "Photography can never grow up if it imitates some other medium. It has to walk alone; it has to be itself." This quote reminds me of myself when I first held a camera. I spent most of my high school life leaning on other people, being a follower, not wanting to walk away from the crowd. When I joined the staff my junior year, I learned to walk on my own. Holding a camera close to me, I felt invincible. How do you ever expect to be known, if you are always hiding behind someone else's shadow?

The girls this year on the staff really showed me what true friendship is. Not standing behind or in front of them, but beside them, holding their hand as they too come out of their shell. This isn't goodbye, but thank you. Thank you, The Pirate Speaks Staff, for allowing me to be myself.

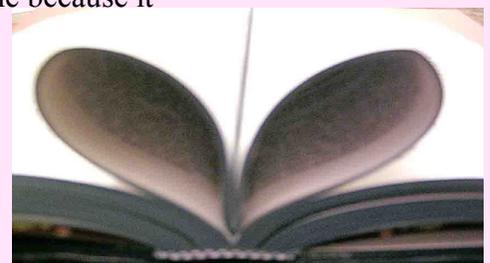
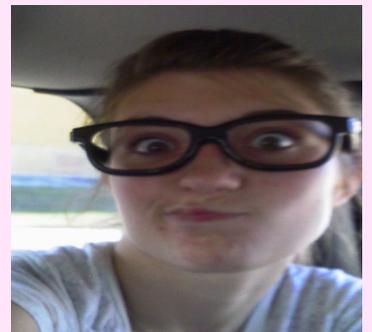
Amanda Rogers

Anyone who knows me knows that I'm a very emotional person. In Kindergarten, I was dubbed "Smiles-a-lot;" in seventh grade, I was "laughing box," and during senior year, I have been known to cry. I cried when I realized that I was a senior and that I would be leaving my friends pretty soon; I cried at the senior pep rally, and I am well aware that I will be crying during Graduation.

During my years at Pearl High School, I have been blessed with the ability to be in a lot of different organizations and have met some very amazing people who have changed my life and made this experience so meaningful. As I look back on my time at Pearl High School, I have come to realize that even now, what we have learned from kindergarten up until the day that we receive our diplomas and throw our caps in the air remains true. Dr. Seuss said, "Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened."

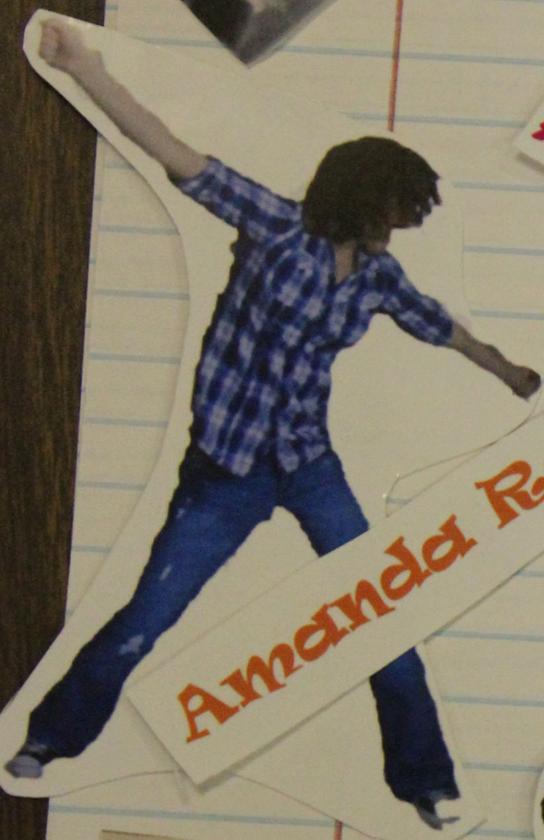
-Juliet Ferrell

*Love*  
*1 Corinthians 13*

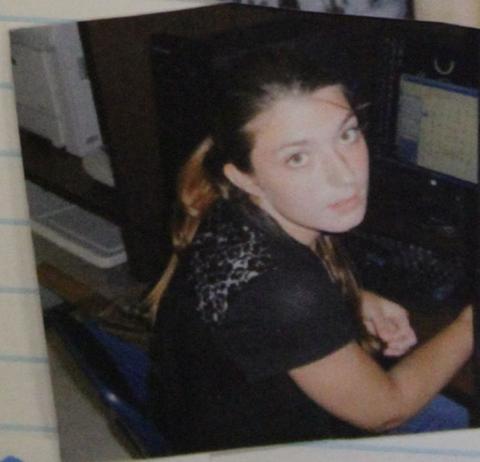




*Ayanna Bloom*



*Amanda Rogers*



*Juliet Ferrell*



The Senior Cadets of the Pearl High School NJROTC unit have planned their future. Here are a list of the students and their future plans after High School.



# Pearl High School NJROTC

- \*Josh Zebert: USM
- \*Zekia Lewis: United States Navy
- \*Juliet Ferrell: Mississippi College
- \*Dilan Sanchez: Hinds Community College
- \*Jacob Lamb: Army National Guard
- \*Shalanton Jones: Hinds Community College or USM
- \*Hunter Reddick: Hinds Community College
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Juliet Ferrell

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to class of 2012!



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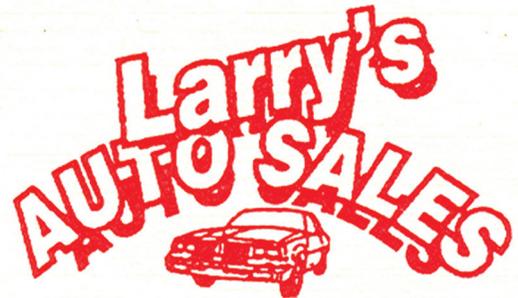
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# Twymond Howard

In ten years I will be hopefully playing for the NBA

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## Polls

Where do you see Twymond in 10 years?



Emily Denton, 11  
"NBA"

Olivia Ruffin, 12  
"On tv, getting bookoo of money, super rich and playing ball".



John Adames, 10  
"Playing with the Miami Heat!"



## About Me:

Senior Twymond Howard says his biggest fear is heights, but you can best believe there are no fears when he steps on the court. With his mom as his biggest supporter and a little music to get him pumped up before the game, Twymond always tries to play his best. Twymond is originally from Grenada, California, but has been living in Pearl for 6 years. He has been playing basketball since 6th grade and hopes in ten years he will be playing for the NBA. Twymond signed with UTEP (the University of Texas at El Paso) and plans to major in coaching. Wonder what this basketball fanatic's favorite team is? He said his favorite team is OKC (Oklahoma City Thunder), and if he could play with any NBA player it would be Kobe, who he thinks is the best. When asked what his hobbies were, he said, "Playing basketball and chilling with my brothers. I guess you can consider those my hobbies." Out of all the things in high school you know what Twymond will miss most? No not basketball, but his friends.

## Basic Information:

**Birthday:** September 24, 1992  
**Hometown:** Grenada, California  
**Special talents:** Basketball  
**Hobbies:** Playing basketball and chilling with my brothers  
**Future Goals:** attend UTEP and major in coaching

## Major

## Accomplishments:

Signing with UTEP!!!



Photo provided by Lauren Bicker

# Lauren Bicker

10 years from now I should be a pediatric specialist working at a hospital like St.Judes, and I will be married .

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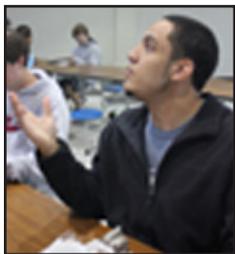
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## Polls

Where do you see Lauren in 10 years?



“Doing surgery on my brain.”  
Ben Hodges, 12

“CEO of a big company.”  
Brooke Castle, 12



“Probably still in school because she’s going to be a doctor.”  
Brittany Collins, 12

## About Me:

Lauren Bicker is a Pearl High School senior with big dreams and the drive to accomplish them. She is a very involved Pearl Pirate; she is a member of the award-winning Pearl Pirate band where she plays the French horn and is a member of the color guard and winter guard. Lauren is on the student council. She also participates in multiple clubs, such as, Beta Club, Key Club, NAHS, Super Scholars, and Mu Alpha Theta.

“Pearl High School has changed me by teaching me hard-work, time management, and has prepared me to be successful.” Lauren’s biggest high school accomplishment so far has been winning the marching band state championship in 2009 and 2011. Her goal for her senior year is to become valedictorian. “I want to be a doctor, so I know I have to be the very best I can be so that I am able to get into medical school.”

Someone who has been very influential to Lauren is Mrs. Kim LaFontaine, her tenth grade English teacher, “She taught me how to discover what you’re passionate about and to always work hard to reach those goals.”

After she graduates, Lauren wants to do the pre-med program at Ole Miss, and then continue on to medical school to accomplish her dream of becoming a pediatric physician. Lauren Bicker is a Pearl High School senior with big dreams and the drive to accomplish them.

## Basic Information:

**Birthday:** June 5, 1994

**Hometown:** Pearl, Mississippi

**Special talents:** Playing the piano, singing

**Hobbies:** Band, color guard, writing music, playing piano

**Future Goals:** Become a doctor abroad



**Hunter Davis:** Those who have succeeded at anything and don't mention luck are kidding themselves". – Larry King

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**About Me:** \_\_\_\_\_

"The 2011-2012 Star Student is... Hunter Davis." These words, announcing that Hunter Davis's achievements not only on the soccer field but also in the classroom, proved that hard work really does "pay off." Although his high school career is almost over, Hunter is not done working hard. Hunter when asked what his future goals were, he said that he wants to become a successful pharmacist and strive to have a good family. After Hunter graduates, he plans to attend the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) and will major in Pharmacy because "Ole Miss has one of the best pharmacy schools in the area."

Hunter chose to explore the field of Pharmacy because he has always liked helping people. Hunter said, "(Medicine) is kind of like a puzzle; you have to find the right balance."

Hunter's family has inspired him to do better in the classroom. "My granddad," Hunter recalls, "did not really have much money, but he worked hard all of his life and he became a self-made entrepreneur."

Being named the Star Student and a member of the Hall of Fame, Hunter was excited. He even commented saying, "I've left my mark on Pearl High School."

Hunter said that if he could go back and redo his high school experience, he would "procrastinate less and apply myself more." Therefore, his advice for upcoming freshman and other students at Pearl High School is "Try not to procrastinate. It will bite you in the butt."

This all goes to show that no matter whether a person is the Star Student or the star basketball player, hard work can help anyone succeed.

**Basic Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birthday:** March 9, 1994

**Special talents:** Playing guitar

**Hobbies:** soccer, church, hanging out with friends

**Future Goals:** *to become a successful pharmacist.*

**Closing Statements:** ***Hotty Toddy!!!***

**Recent Activity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hunter:** (March 22, 2012) "Medicine is kind of like a puzzle. You have to find the right balance."

Polls

Where do you see Hunter in 10 years?



Joycelyn Davis (12)

"Working on a farm or playing soccer."

Bridgette Douglas (12)

"An extremely successful pharmacist with great looks, wealth and beautiful teeth."



Amber Russell (12)

"Whatever he does, he is going to be successful; he's very determined."





**Taylor L. Smith:** Take your time, don't live too fast, troubles will come but they will pass. Cherish your high school memories because they flash by; you blink your eyes and they're gone.

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**About Me:**

I grew up in Pearl, MS, and have attended school as well as lived here my whole life. I started playing soccer when I was three, I stayed in and the U10 year was my breakthrough year. I started playing select soccer and I wanted to play on the Lady Pirates High School Team because I had watched my sister play. I am lucky enough to have been on the team since my 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. My years at Pearl High School have been full of other activities besides soccer. I am on Mayor's Youth Council and have been a class beauty each year. My senior year has flown by and it is kind of sad but also exciting because I am starting a new chapter in my life. My favorite thing about being a PHS Senior is because you know what's going on and you can help others and that it is just a laid back, fun year. I will miss pep rallies, Friday night football, and starting for the PHS soccer team the most when I leave. I am attending Pearl River Community College in the fall because they had a winning season, are a competitive team, and offered me a full scholarship. Two teachers have inspired me the most here at PHS; Mrs. Lee taught me how to be a better person and Mrs. Worrell taught me school is important and that if you don't study you don't pass.

**Polls**

Where do you see Taylor in 10 years?

Caitlyn Scott 11<sup>th</sup>



As a professional soccer player married to Tyler Watts with seven children

Morgan Thurman 11<sup>th</sup>



As a "runway model"

Jordan Collins 12<sup>th</sup>



Livin' on lockdown with good ol' Curtis

**Basic Information:**

Birthday: December 14, 1994

Hometown: Pearl, MS

Special talents: Soccer

Hobbies: Basketball, Soccer, Shopping, Workout

Future Goals: major in business and work in Pharmaceutical Sales.

**Maior Accomplishments:**

PHS best defensive player, MS All Star, Select and Olympic Development team player, Starter for Lady Pirates since 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Full Scholarship to Pearl River Community, 2011-2012 Most Beautiful. Freshman Class President

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UTAPMAN

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Adame

Michael Frith

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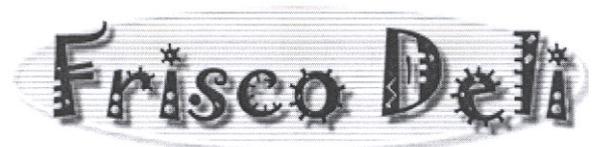
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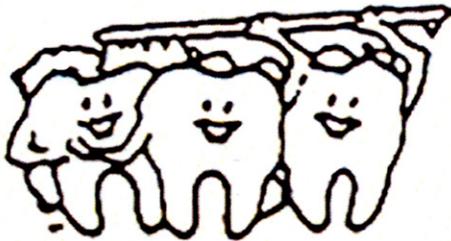
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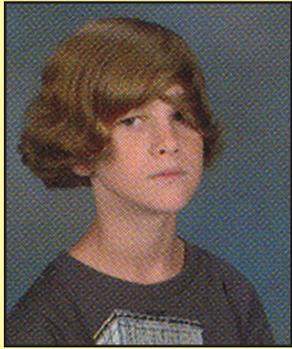
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# Remember Me Always...



**Khadija Curtis**

Then, I was shy; I was not as loud and outspoken. Now, I'm more outgoing and dress up more.



**Michael Friley**

Then, I was shorter, I had longer hair and was very sporadic. Now, I'm much quieter.



**Katie Regions**

Then, I was really shy and quiet. Now, I'm more loud and talkative.

~  
*Another chapter  
in the book  
Can't go back but  
you can look  
And there we are  
on every page  
Memories I'll  
always save* -Hannah Montana

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2011-2012*

*Pirate Speaks Staff*

*You have been a wonderful staff!*

*Sheri Carter, Adviser*

# DREAMERS

By *Amanda Rogers*

What do you daydream about while in class?



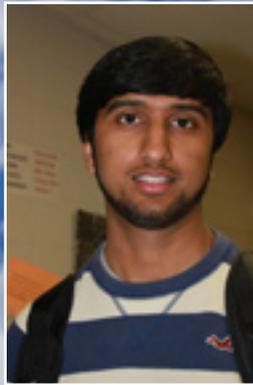
“Graduation” -  
Kimberly Naylor



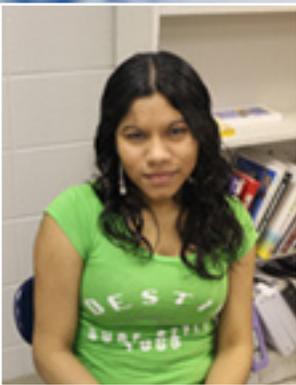
“Me Sleeping” -  
Antonio Dishman



“Getting out for  
senior leave and  
eating” - Leslie  
Stuart



“What’s gonna be  
on the next test”  
- Muhammed  
Shabbir



“What I’ll be  
doing during  
the weekend” -  
Gabby Zuniga



“My Hamster  
Farm” - Tolar  
Robinson



“College” - Alex  
Harrison



# SENIOR BABIES

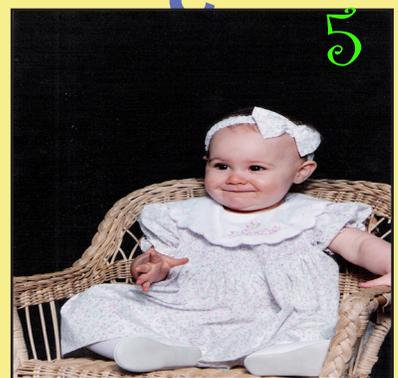
CAN YOU GUESS WHO THESE SENIOR BABIES ARE?



This senior baby is a member of the basketball team. His basketball number is # 11.



This senior baby is a member of Pearl Singers, Women's Chorus, and Chamber Singers. She has been a soloist in many musicals.



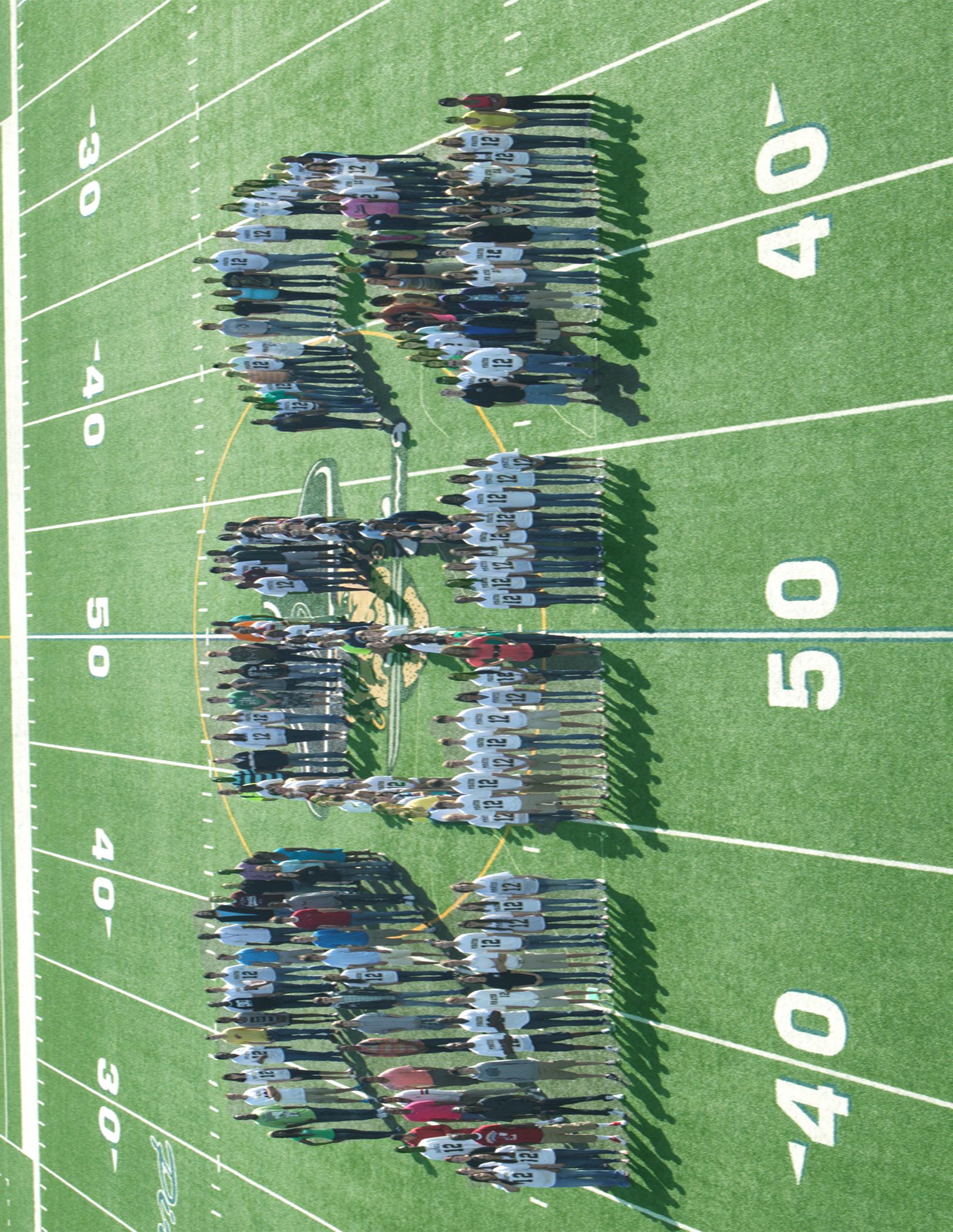
These three Pirate Babies are the senior babies of The Pirate Speaks.

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This senior baby is a member of the Award-Winning Pearl Pirate Band. He is a member of the Drumline.





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