

### To 2023 Ramblers and seniors,

Good-bye and good luck to you all! We hope that you have had a memorable year!

You will find some pictures reflecting major events this year and a little artistry besides. We only wish we had room for more.

We hope you like this special issue and that you will leave a note for a friend on the Sign Off pages provided. Enjoy!



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Cover photo: A sparkling and magical Invitation to the Prom, created by Ms. Christina Atkinson, librarian and Senior Class Advisor. (Photo by Talisha Crawford, junior.)

Right: Senior Justin Barsh in action. (Photo by Toryon Love, senior.)

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#### **Seniors Celebrate as Graduation Nears**

By Journei Cole

The Class of 2023 closed out their senior year with fun, friendship and, of course, food!

The first senior activity took place on Feb. 24, when we took a trip to Amped Up Action Park, Go-Karting and Axe Throwing in Town and Country.

Once we got there, we saw that Amped Up lived up to its name with everything from lazer tag, to an arcade, obstacle course, axe throwing, and bumper cars. We had a couple of hours to have fun, ate pizza for lunch and then headed back to the school.

On the first night of Spring Break, we had the lock-in at Edison's Entertainment Complex in Edwardsville, IL. Edison had an arcade, laser tag and bowling. Along with the fun, there was food including a variety of drinks pepperoni, sausage or cheese pizzas, and frozen treats. Music was blasting while some enjoyed the whole night wide awake, while others preferred to sleep.

Then in April, we had Prom. You can see those pictures in the spread inside this magazine. In May, we had signing day, took Cap and Gown pics and went to the Senior Luncheon and learned who twe chose as Superlative Seniors, as you will see in the next spread!

We finished out the year with graduation. Hope it was meaningful and memorable for all.

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## Introducing Super Seniors

By LaTia Taylor

It is tradition that at the Senior Luncheon, outstanding seniors are recognized for their academics, their talents and their achievements. This year's luncheon I can sum up in one word: elegant.

We celebrated scholars who earned chords to wear as part their regalia. Cum Laude is Latin for "with distinction"; Magna Cum Laude means with high distinction and Summa Cum Laude with highest distinction."

In addition, students were recognized with other academic awards and achievements., including National Honors Society, DECA and more.

Another tradition we celebrate is Senior Superlatives. Each year seniors vote to choose those students among their classmates who they say are at the top of their game.

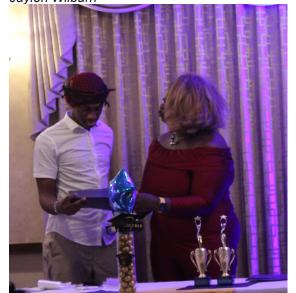
Categories for this year range from Most Likely to Succeed to Most Likely to be Late to Graduation.

All of these awards were handed out at the Senior Luncheon May 10, 2023. Below is the list of these outstanding seniors, proving that they are serious, successful, sometimes silly and always superlative!

#### Most Likely to Succeed

Precious Barry

Jaylen Wilburn



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Best Dressed
Mikeim Bethany
Mikeia Bethany

Most Photogenic

Jocelyn Johnson

Erick Underwood

Life of the Party
A'Nyla Coleman
Damon "Cornbread
Most Opinionated



Photos by LaTia Taylor and Lady Mariposa

## in the Class of 2023



Deshawn Chillis Teanna Hoye

## Most Athletic Justin Barsh Alondria Smith

Most Likely to be Late to Graduation Dajah Keely

Me'Shon Reed

#### Best Personality

Jazzy Collins Cymia Cole

**Cutest Couple** 





Jareese Howard & Alondria Smith

#### Best of Friends

Dajah Keely & Jayla Higgins

#### **Best Bromance**

Jazzy Collins & Nylan Williams





















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Where: Chase Park Plaza























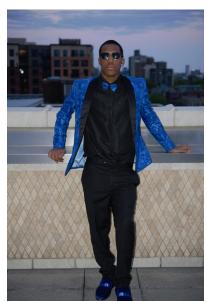




































# Life after High School

By Phillip Guest, MacHai Daughrity and Jalen Byrant

There is talent and skill hidden all around Riverview Gardens High School. One way to discover this hidden talent is to find out the occupations and plans seniors have after they graduate.

We interviewed students to see what they wanted to pursue out of high school and their options showed the diversity of interests and extensive talents and plans ranging from college to community college to trade school to work to more. Here are some of the students and their plans.



**Mhiles Benmon** 

and carpentry.

Benmon's plan after

high school is to apply

to go into construction

"I'm going straight into

already have got a job."

Benmon was a student

at North Tdech in addi-

tion to RGHS. He will

the field," he said. "I

Gaines

Gaines shared his plan of going to barber school. He says he will go through barber school, which typically is an 8-to-12-month program. Once he completes the training, he plans on becoming a mobile barber.



Benmon

be working as a framer/ drywaller.

versity-Carbondale in animal, science, starting in the fall. Ultimately, she wants to be veteri-

LaTia Taylor Taylor will attend Southern Illinois Uni-

narian.



#### Tyrese Ellis

Ellis is going into the U.S. Navy. Ellis said his training in ROTC got this him on this path, and he is planning to make a career in miltiary.



#### **Desiree Thomas**

Thomas graduated at the end of first semester. In Jauary, she began her nursing program at St. Louis Community College at Floussiant Valley. She's on track to gradute from that program in May of 2026.



#### Railee Goins

Goins

**Precious Barry** 

Barry, who is graduat-

earned more than \$1

million in scholarships

Washington University

here in St. Louis in the

fall. She plans to study

journalism. She plans to

go into journalism and/

or politics, something

political science and

and will be attending

ing Summa Cum Laude,

In the fall, Goins will be attending Ozarks Technical Community College to study behavioral health. She is planning to become a therapist.



Barry

she has already made a name in.



#### Jaheim Felton

Felton is keeping it in the family when it comes to his future. He is going to join his father in his real estate business.

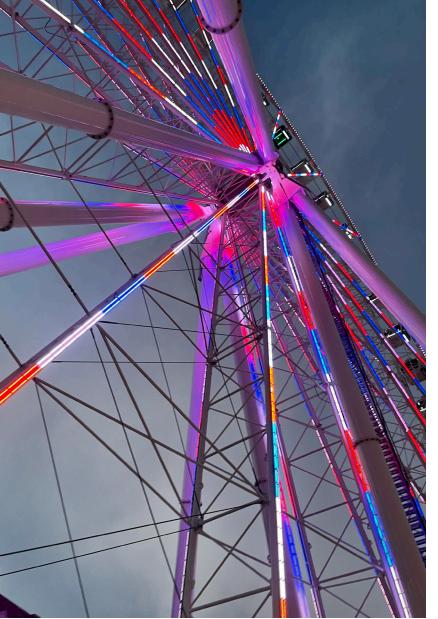


Felton

# Signing Off...

Please use these blank pages to capture memories from your friends. And while you are at it, sign a friend's copy as well, so they will have a special memory of you!!

# Thanks for the memes





## Angling for a shot

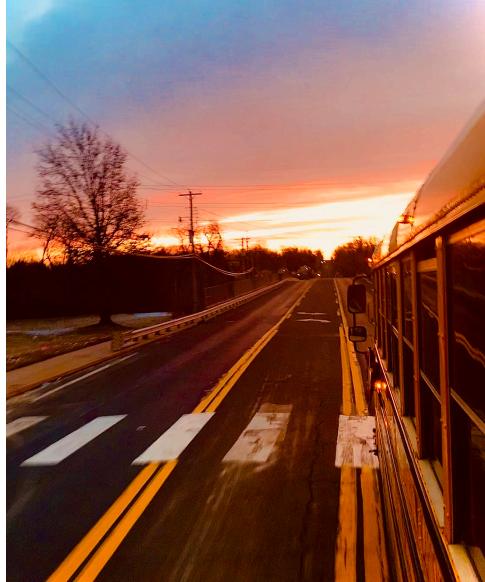
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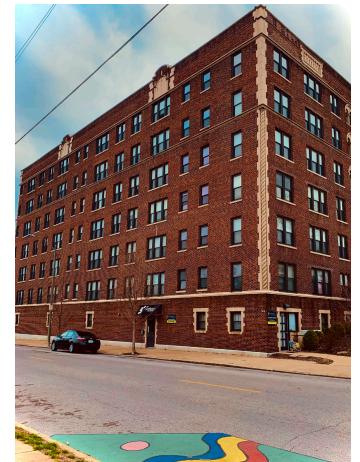
A while back a member of The Rambler staff told us to check out Senior Romeo White's photos.We did.

We found an exceptional eye. We showed his work to a fine art photographer who recognized his instinctive talents in design and composition, wish him well as he studies photography in college.

On the remaining pages, we offer you a glimpse into his artistry, along with Ebony Parker's fabulous Homecoming photo and a special farewell from Lady Mariposa!











Believe in your success, believe in your love, and most importantly: believe in you.

When you do so, ohhhhhhhh do ya' know.. HOW MUCH BETTER YOU WILL BE! With teachers, with the staff members, and you! Which is obviously the most important out of all of the things I just said.

You must be the light, you must be the star that still shines in night.

Head up, walk tall, don't be afraid to fall.

Keep it up
'N Riverview
won't seem so bad after all!

Enjoy your 2023-24 school year!

Hasta luego!

Lady Mariposa (on behalf of the Senior Ramblers)