



The Eagle's Wing

Keota Jr./Sr. High School Student Newspaper



A Last Farewell for Seniors...

Emily Baetsle

Dear Emily,

Congratulations on your graduation! Words really can't express how proud we are of you. You have achieved so many goals that you were told you would not be able to achieve. You are so passionate and determined in what you have your mind set to and that will make you successful. We wish you the best luck as you pursue your education at Kirkwood.

Dad only asks for the garage door remote back! :)
Love, Mom, Dad and Eric

Kayla Baker

Dear Kayla,

Don't blink is your ring tone on my phone for you and it's amazing how true that song is. One day I was telling you that the bugs you wanted as pets had to stay outside, and that was every one you could catch, and the next day I'm writing this letter.

Throughout your childhood you amazed and taught me how such a little girl could make such a big difference. All your birthdays and Christmas you would ask for simple stuff, a doughnut, a cactus, and then give what I would have spent to someone that did not have what you did. As a child you had such a big heart and as a grown young lady you still do. At times wanting to help out everyone did get you into some trouble. I remember parent teacher conferences in grade school where the only thing the teacher wanted you to change was stopping talking and stay in your seat. She stated that Kayla likes to help out everyone else after she is done with her assignments, but that does not help the others learn what they need to know if Kayla does it for them.

I remember how embarrassed you were when I would walk you, your sister, and friends to school and did the butterfly dance or the Friday dance. At times I believed you wanted to run and hide. I would tell you that it builds character. Look at the person you are now. Wow! What an amazing young lady you turned out to be.

Whatever path you decide Kayla, I know it will be helping someone. You have such a big heart when it comes to others and at times I think you need to stop and give a little of that to yourself. Be proud of what you have done, you deserve it. I just want to let you know how proud Jeff and I are of you. We love you so much!
Love you,
Mom

Brittany Baumert

Dear Brittany,

I can't believe you are graduating! I know, at times, we didn't think this day would ever come. We've always told you that you can do anything if you try hard enough, because you are smart. Just try your hardest and you can do it. It's the things that you work for that make life worth it. We hope you have a good time at college and a great life! Always want the best for you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Derek Berg

Dear Derek,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation. We are proud of the determined and independent young man you have become. We have enjoyed watching you achieve many accomplishments from working on the farm to being part of the State basketball team. We look forward to many more. Keep up the hard work and you are sure to make your dreams a reality. Thank you for filling our house with your music and remember we are always here for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Craig, Brian

Kolton Greiner

Dear Kolton,

It has been such a joy watching you grow into a fine young man! We have always been amazed by your enthusiasm, determination, and positive outlook and impressed with your leadership, work ethic, commitment, and desire to achieve your goals.

Congratulations on your many accomplishments in school and extracurricular activities! We are very proud of you, not only for all of your accomplishments, but also because of how you conduct yourself with such integrity and your dedication to teammates and school.

We have thoroughly enjoyed following you in your athletic, speech, FFA, and 4-H events. You have enriched our lives with so many wonderful memories and we thank you for sharing them with us!

As you enter the next phase of your life, may you continue to follow your basketball motto, "A Desire* A Dream* A Vision." Best of luck as you continue to achieve your desires, goals and dreams for the future! We look forward to seeing where your vision leads you. You have made us proud for many reasons, but most of all because you are a good and kind person! We love you and will always be here for you. Good luck at Iowa State!

Love always,
Dad, Mom, Keaton, and Kalen

Cara Hahn

Hey, Hey, Hey Cara,

The day you were born was a great joy to our family! Our little "poochie" loved playing with horses, reading books, playing with kittens, camping, and boating. As you grew up you had many different interests you participated in fully. You do a great job on school work, keep it up at college!!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Luke Lyle

Dear Luke,

We are so proud of you for reaching this milestone of high school graduation. It seems hard to believe it has been nearly 19 years since God blessed us with your birth.

While we write this with reflection on the countless wonderful memories, it is with excitement that we envision your future. God has great plans for you, just keep trusting in him.

With Endless Love,
Dad & Mom

Justin Hultman

Dear Justin,

It seems like just yesterday that you were riding in the semi playing your play station and keeping your own log book while we were going on the road. Soon you will be graduating and getting your own commercial driver's license. We have been and seen many places around the country. All the time we have spent on the road together over the years has been enjoyable and memorable. Mom and I are proud of the young man you have grown up to be.

Your accomplishments in school, sports, FFA and your projects (vehicles) around home show your ambition and work ethic. Continue working hard and all of your dreams can come true.

Even though you are taller than us now, you will always be our little buddy!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Mallory Ladehoff

Dear Mallory Jean,

The day you were born was one of the best days of our lives. We will always treasure the years when we were able to stay home and be a farming family. We have loved watching you grow from bruises and braces to ballet Pointe shoes and flamboyant costumes.

The next four years will be a great time in your life: study and learn everything you can. You should change your major a couple of times to make sure you earn a degree in an area that you love. You also need to have fun. So you need to join clubs, dance, exercise, and make lifelong friendships.

During the next four years our lives will be so quiet and boring. You'll have to come home every weekend. I guess we could compromise and settle for every other or when we really - really miss you. Remember, Mal Pal, you can always come home for the weekend when you miss us.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Buck, Shelby, Joe, Blake, and Jaycee Lee

Matthew Slaughter

Dear Matthew,

We are so proud of you for all of the things you have achieved throughout your years in school. It's so hard to believe that you are getting ready to graduate.

Your family wants to wish you the best of luck as you get ready to go to Northwest Community College to do linemen school.

Love
Mom, Dad
Brianna & Dakota

Katrina Weber

Dear Katrina, "Our little Mrs."

How the time has flown and we look towards your graduation with much pride in what you have accomplished, and to the individual you have become.

It just seems like yesterday when we brought you home from the hospital and the nurse said that you would be on a schedule that would not need us to cater to your every need. She was exactly right. You have been so independent and capable of making your way. This will be a characteristic that will drive you toward where you want to go. Continue to advocate for yourself and be all that you can be setting the bar high and striving towards your goals. There will be challenges and obstacles to overcome. Keep an open mind and know that it will work out.

We've enjoyed having you so close to home always, but know that your road is ready to be traveled and future to be explored. Our door is always open. Come in to take a rest, hold those dear to you close as you strive to be successful. Meet new people and make new friends in your journey. Treasure scratches and dents, but don't be afraid to strive for new. It is alright "to be standing in a line, but don't turn back because like a willow you will bend."

"A dream is something all your own which no one else can steal, a dream is something you can make come real".
Blue Skies Katrina-
Love, Mom, Dad, Sky, Kevin and Kenyon

Shane Gibson

Dear Shane,

Shane, I am proud of you and I love you. I wish you well as you start a new journey after graduation. Explore your interests, take your time making decisions, work hard, and you will flourish in life.

Love Mom



Bryanna Hammes

To Bryanna Hammes:

Being a mom is one of my greatest gifts from God.

You and I have seen upset, tears, joy.

In all of it I am very proud of you.

You have conquered some tough challenges, which you never gave up on.

More importantly, you are in God's hands, who will never give up on you.

I have tears as I set my baby girl free on her life Journey.

I have Joy knowing you will succeed, and become the woman God wants you to be.

Please remember your way home, and know I will always be here for you.

Love you always,
Mom

Shannon Kelley

GROWING UP

Princess and the Pea

The Little Engine that Could

Evaporate into Memories

Frosty Nights, Warm Covers

Popcorn Crunch and Giggles

Merry-Go-Round of Memories Vanish

Gentleness of Childhood

Released

Struggles with Brothers and Mother

Tapestries of Self Discovery

Woven

Pecks on Cheeks

Love Your Echoes'

Awash in Digital Noised

Transformation

Graduation

Womanhood Achieved

Your journey is just starting Shannon; one where you make all your dreams and goals come true. We are so proud of your accomplishments and your bright future. We love you.

Mom and Dad

