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“My dad didn’t join, but he would tell me it’s something he wishes he always did for the benefits and making him a better person,” said Cole.

Graduating high school opens up a lot of possibilities for students. Many will be moving away for long periods of time whether that’s for college or for work. One of the questions in the poll asked seniors if they planned on living in Durant at some point in their adult life

Twenty-one of the seniors responded no.

Addison Zindel and Josh Peel were two students who checked that response.

“I feel there are limited opportunities in Durant,” said Zindel. “I want to be able to have as many experiences as I can.”

Peel left the door open for a possible return.

“I want to get out, travel, and explore my options. Maybe one day I’ll come back to the area,” said Peel.

Both seniors are interested in broadening their horizons and possibly moving out of Iowa altogether.

“I would like to move to a big city such as Chicago or somewhere on the East

Coast,” said Zindel.

Peel said, “I’ve been thinking Florida, temporarily, Walcott, or anywhere that I like.”

Just because they want to move away doesn’t mean they don’t love their hometown dearly.

“I like Durant just as it is,” said Peel. Zindel agreed.

“I think Durant is an amazing town, and I feel very lucky to have grown up in this community,” said Zindel.

Mariah Alpen has loved growing up in a small town and was one of 14 seniors who checked yes to living in Durant.

“I love that everyone knows everybody, and I’ve also considered possibly working at my family business in the future,” said Alpen, who will also be attending Kirkwood Community College this coming fall where she will be studying business.

The town’s environment is what makes Alpen so keen on returning after college.

”I think it’s special how close everyone is,” she said. “We support small businesses and many other aspects that persuade people to come to Durant.”





Enjoy the next chapter!
Congratulations, Cadey!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Royce and Leiton





Race,
We are so proud of you and excited for what is to come in your future. We love you!!
Mom, Bill, Arley, & Datcher





Congratulations, Lauren Rose!
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Leo, Lucas, & Logan





Jada,
Through hard work, you’ve reached this height. Dream big, shine bright—take flight. Proud of you and love you to the moon and back!
Mom, Dad & B.A.M.



Congratulations, Emma!
May your future be filled with joy, success and endless possibilities!
Dad, Mom, Brady, and Ally



Alivia,
You are capable of achieving anything you set your mind to. Dream big, choose kindness, and always believe in yourself. The world is waiting for you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Aaron & Aubrey





High school may be over, but life’s lessons are yet to be learned. Go capture your goals and dreams.
Congratulations, Dylan Nikolas!





Son,
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments!! You are a kind, generous, young man. We have been blessed to watch you grow and are looking forward to your next journey!
Congratulations!!
Mom & Dad



Congratulations, Freddy!
Dream big, work hard, and never stop pushing yourself to be the best you can be. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom & Dad





From when you were little to this very day, you continue giving us reasons to hold our heads up in pride. Congratulations on your achievement, Kiddo!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Allison & Morgan





You did it. We are very proud of you.
Mom and Dad





Congrats, Brady. We are so proud of you! Can’t wait to see where life takes you!!
Love,
Mom and Dad



From baby steps to big dreams, look at you now! We’re so proud of you and can’t wait to see where life takes you.
Love,
Dad & Ash



Congratulations, ladybug!
You have always made us so proud, and this next chapter will be no exception. Keep being you, Mariah Lee!
XOXO,
Mom, Dad & the sisters



Rilynn,
Thank you for bringing us along on your journey! You always make us smile, whether it’s a crazy faces you make, the silly sayings, or your sassiness! We can’t wait for your next adventure! Good luck and we love you!



As you begin your next chapter, believe in yourself, keep chasing your dreams, and never stop moving forward. You are loyal, committed, and beautiful inside and out. What a ride this has been. Thanks for taking us on it with you. Your future is bright!
We love you,
Mom and Dad