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If you were to hop on any one of Sidney City Schools' social media platforms - Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook - you would come across photos of students with the #IAMSCS and a little peek into their life. SHS Annual Staff has assisted in capturing some of these photos and stories. Check out @sidneyschools for more!



When asked what she loves most about Sidney City Schools, senior Kaitlin Koewler dove right into talking about her teachers.

"I love the teachers I've had while I've grown up in Sidney. Mrs. Nuss was my favorite teacher in 3rd and

5th grade. She was always so fun and had a positive attitude no matter what. Mrs. Meiners was my English teacher in 7th grade and I liked her because she made every class enjoyable

and was easy to understand and learn from. I joined yearbook my sophomore year with Ms. Davis now Mrs. Taylor. My best friend Hannah and I walked into her classroom and asked if she would allow us to join yearbook even though the deadline to apply had past. Mrs. Taylor looked at us and asked, 'Can I trust you?' and we laughed and said 'OF COURSE!' I have been in yearbook ever since then and it's brought me close to other students at SHS I never thought I would be close with. I've also learned to enjoy watching sports I never thought I would like. I think everyone in the Jacket Pack can agree that I have the loudest scream at football games! By the end of the game, my voice is always gone. I can't believe this time next year I won't be in Sidney. I'm looking forward to the next chapter in my life but I'll always have Sidney in my heart."



When asked if he wanted to discuss football or his mom first, Braydon Dean replied, "My mom always comes first. She is the reason why I have a hard work ethic. When I was younger I saw her working 3 jobs at one time, and still took care of 4 kids, and even more of my family members sometimes. Football and my mom have always kept me on the right path." Braydon's mom, Sara Dean, emphasizes the importance of Braydon and all of her son's education. She wants Braydon to go to college, and hopes he can get a scholarship to play football. Braydon explained that football has been an outlet for expression for him over the past 4 years. He plays defensive end for the Yellow Jackets, and is the overall team captain and defensive line captain. Braydon's younger brother, Bryon, is a sophomore and also plays on the football team. "Bryon and I push each other and make each other go harder. We give each other confidence. He has been through everything with me. Having him right there with me makes me happy...I wish I had another year to play with my brother."



"I used to get in trouble when I was younger for stealing the bars of soap in my house and carving them! I was always drawing. My sisters were in college when I was younger, and I would draw pictures for them. My mom would mail the drawings to my sisters, and they would keep every single one of them. They thought I was the weirdest child ever, but my mom said she knew by the time I was five that I would be an artist when I was older."

Kelly Walker's first full-time teaching job was at Northwood in 2004 when it was a 4th and 5th grade building. Kelly has been teaching art at the high school since 2007.

"My favorite part of teaching is getting kids to believe in themselves, not just as artists, but getting them to be able to try something new, and not feel negatively about it. I tell them I want them to fail, and it takes the stigma of failing out of their heads. Once they realize failing is okay, they eventually are willing to try new things. I like to use humor and sarcasm to get my students to open up to me. I want them to feel comfortable in my classroom and be able to talk to me. I had a strict home growing up and art was my outlet for expression. Ardiss Luce was one of my art teachers in high school, and she let me work on any projects I wanted. She was all about freedom of expression. I was always so comfortable talking to her. I fully credit Ardiss for the teacher I am today."