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A Closer Look at CHS's 2022-2023 Valedictorian

By: Grace Kelley

Laiken Wolfenbarger is this year's valedictorian for Carter High School! Laiken has worked extremely hard for this and has been very dedicated towards this goal. How did Laiken know she wanted this? She says, "I watched my brother have the honor to be Carter's valedictorian in 2016, and it definitely was something I strived for out of sibling competition along with the goal to make him and my parents proud!" With a long-term commitment there must have been some bumps in the road on this jour-

ney. Laiken was asked if she had any troubles, and she responded with, "There were definitely times that I struggled with a hard class or an assignment for a class. I struggled on days I had personal issues or even lack of motivation." It takes a lot of hard work and commitment to go for valedictorian. Did Laiken have any support? She says, "I've always had positive support, but I don't always recognize the support. Due to me always working academically and being exhausted when I had time, I feel that I did not always treat my

friends as I should have or spent the time I wanted to with them. They are the main reason I am where I am, along with incredible mentors. I couldn't be more grateful." Laiken has put blood, sweat, and tears into this and has done an amazing job! With all her hard work and focus, it paid off!



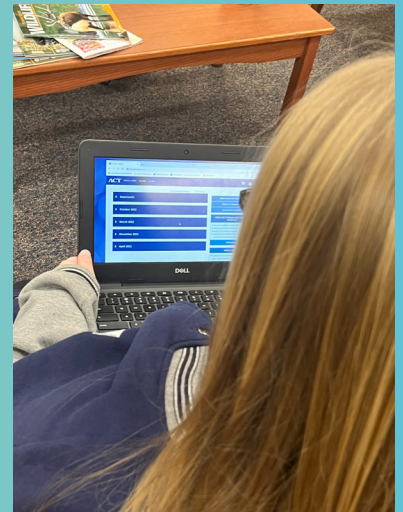
Opinion: The ACT - An Inadequate, Unfair, and Unrealistic Exam

By: Laiken Wolfenbarger

Desks are meticulously placed in a bare classroom. Students occupy them, heads in their hands and pencils continuously moving in a circular motion. A clock ticks softly behind them; multiple faces peer back at it. This is the ACT, a test designed to "showcase what students have learned." Yet, it only displays a small portion of the student's intelligence, possibly shattering dreams and eliminating future opportunities from some. To start, the ACT only tests on minimum subjects. The test includes English, Math, Reading, and Science, with an optional writing portion. The students are given a certain amount of time to read the context of the questions and answer them all in time. Many complain about this feature. "It is a speed test. It does not test your general

intelligence at all," Senior Madison Brown begins. "It also is not fair due to the fact that different schools focus on and require different subjects." For example, other states and districts require more credits in other subjects that take away from possible time to study and better prepare for the ACT. This dives into another complaint seniors at Carter have with the ACT. "There are only limited times each month and year to take it if you are unsatisfied with your current score," senior Belle Gibson comments. While some may believe that the ACT allows students to demonstrate their full potential aside from grades, others do not see it the same way. Senior Kaylie Richards closes, "I understand it has always been used, but I have had to spend hundreds of dollars and hours to get my ACT high enough to be

recognized for scholarships and my top colleges; perhaps, there is a better way to measure intelligence."



Above: Senior Kaylie Richards looks over her ACT scores to make sure they are adequate.

Senior Kaydence Hancock Reflects On High School Experiences

By: Rebecca Lavender

Kaydence Hancock is one of the kindest students here at Carter High School. She has a love for education, adventure, and pizza. Kaydence is eighteen years old and works at Cruze Farm Pizza Barn, which takes up most of her time outside of school. Cruze Farm's motto is "work hard, and love harder," which is something she lives by in her day to day life. She is also one of the cleanliest people I have ever known, and has a deep hatred for germs. Kaydence has a lot to share about her additional love and memories for school. When questioned which class Kaydence loves, she declared, "Peer tutoring, definitely. My heart feels deeply inclined to show love and compassion to everyone. Mrs. Foust's class sure had a thing or two to teach me about love, too." Kaydence is always wanting to improve herself for the better. She has so much love and respect for everyone around her, and wants to grow. "My best memory from Carter High School

was peer tutoring with Becca," she says. Kaydence has a deep love for the CDC class, which stands for Comprehensive Development Classroom. There are two classes, one of them being taught by Mrs. Foust and the other class being taught by Mrs. Grubb, in which students can peer tutor and help not only the students but also the teachers. Kaydence was asked what she sees when it comes to Carter High School and what CHS represents to her, and she stated, "I could be cheesy and say 'love' or 'community,' but when it comes to CHS, I recognize it for our staff most of all. Throughout my years of high school here at Carter, the staff has always managed to show me the compassion and understanding that most of the students couldn't." Giant shout out for the staff of Carter; you are recognized. Kaydence has a giant heart for everyone and everything. One last piece of advice Kaydence would like to share is, "Be your own biggest fan, and self-advocate for yourself."

As always, she is a giant advocate for spreading love and positivity.



Above: Kaydence Hancock, standing her ground for better care for students

Getting to Know Rachel Myers

By: Sami Provenza

Mrs. Myers is a teacher here at Carter High School. She teaches English. Currently she is teaching English 1 CP and English 3 CP. Mrs. Myers is a wonderful teacher. Myers wants the best for her students and always helps them out. She was also the coach for volleyball for a while. She stopped coaching because she wanted to go back to school. While Myers is a wonderful teacher and coach, she is also a mother. She has 5 kids: 3 girls and 2 boys. She had twin boys and triplet girls. Mrs. Myers and her husband have been together over 10 years. Outside of school she likes to read and hang out with her kids. Myers is a genuine person and cares about her students. Myers is a great coach, teacher and mother.



Above: Mrs. Myers, the volleyball coach.

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