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That Trojan Spirit

At the Greater Nanticoke Area High School, Homecoming is a time when the student body comes together as one to show its school pride and spirit. It is a time of enthusiasm and excitement.

Over the years, Homecoming has grown to include an entire week of festivities. Students at each grade level participate in spirit week, a bonfire, and a pep rally. The

week's events culminate on Homecoming night, when the Homecoming Queen is crowned, Friday at the football game.

Homecoming at GNA exemplifies "That Trojan Spirit," which can be heard echoing in the chants of the student body and felt in the hearts and minds of Trojans and Trojanettes both past and present. "That Trojan Spirit"

combines excellence both in and out of the classroom. It combines service to one's school as well as service to the community. There is no better example of "That Trojan Spirit" than the 2013 GNA Homecoming Court.



“My fondest memories as a student at GNA include sporting events, attending the prom and semi-formal, and interacting with the wonderful faculty.”

-Mary Mash

The 2013 GNA Homecoming Queen



Getting to know Mary Mash

Mary Rebecca Mash, a senior at GNA, is the daughter of Ken and Christine Mash. Mary is the secretary of the senior class, secretary of the National Honor Society, and is a member of the Student Council and chorus. She has been a member of the Science Olympiad Team for four years and represented Nanticoke High School at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science during her junior year.

Mary is passionate about ballet and loves playing the piano. “Growing up, I started doing ballet at age five and still do it to this day. I have also been playing piano for about eight years.” After high school, Mary plans to go to college and is considering majoring in Speech Therapy.

Mary credits her many successes in both school and in life to her mother. “She has

taught me morals, values, and has always encouraged me to strive for excellence.”

As a GNA student, Mary’s fondest memories include: “going to sporting events with friends, attending the prom and semi-formal, and interacting with the wonderful faculty.”

Congratulations to Mary Rebecca Mash, 2013 GNA Homecoming Queen!



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“My fondest memories as a student at GNA are the many social events including the pep rallies, dances, and bonfires.”

-Lindsey Wasilewski

Getting to know Lindsey Wasilewski

Lindsey Wasilewski, a senior at GNA is the daughter of Barry and Carla Wasilewski. After graduating, Lindsey plans to enroll at Misericordia where she would like to study medical imaging. Her long-term goal is to become a radiation therapist.

Lindsey is passionate about saving abused animals and absolutely loves to dance. “I have been dancing since the age of four,” Lindsey says. She also enjoys cheerlead-

ing. “I have been involved with cheerleading for nine years.”

Lindsey’s hero in life is her pap pap : “he battled lung cancer for many years and he never gave up. He beat it many times but it just kept coming back. I miss him everyday.”

Lindsey’s fondest memories as a student at GNA are the many social events including all the pep rallies, dances, and bonfires.

When asked what the greatest part about living in NEPA was, Lindsey replied “the scenery in the fall and how everyone is pretty close. Everyone knows each other pretty well.”

Lindsey’s motto is “family over everything. I love my family.”

Congratulations Lindsey Wasilewski!



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-Jessica Saraka*

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Getting to know Jessica Saraka

Jessica Lynn Saraka is a senior at GNA and is the daughter of David and Amy Saraka. After graduation, Jessica hopes to continue her education and aspires to be a Dental Hygienist.

Jessica believes that involvement in her school and community are important. She actively supports all GNA sports and activities and enjoys making t-shirts, banners, and post-

ers for the events. Outside of school, Jessica works as an activities aide at Guardian Elder Care Center.

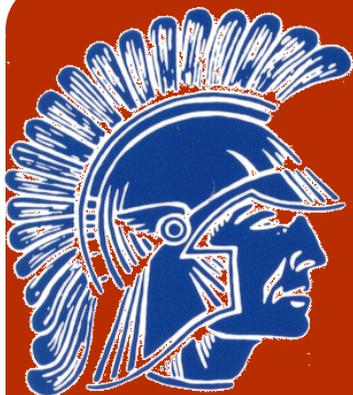
“I am very outgoing and I love the wilderness,” says Jessica. “I like to go fishing, hiking, and four-wheeling. I love animals of all kinds.”

When asked what her fondest memories of GNA were she stated: “spending time with my fellow class-

mates at school functions and all the teachers because they care about their students.”

Jessica attributes her successes to her parents who instilled in her a strong work ethic.

Congratulations to Jessica Lynn Saraka!



"My fondest memories as a student at GNA include buying chocolate from Mrs. Harbaugh, picking on Mr. Collins, and supporting the football team."

-Breanna Middleton

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Getting to know Breanna Middleton

Breanna Michelle Middleton, a senior at GNA, is the daughter of Joseph and Shannon Bieble. Upon graduation, Breanna plans on attending college where she will major in Athletic Training. She also would like to serve her country by joining the United States Air Force.

Some of her passions in life are maintaining good health and reaching out to those in need. Breanna is very involved in her school and community where she participates in cheerleading, marching band, track and field, chorus, Student Council, Upward Bound, and Girl Scouts.

According to Breanna, the most influential person in her life is her grandma. "When she was alive, no one ever had something bad to say about her just as she never had anything bad to say about others. I aspire to follow in her footsteps."

Some of Breanna's fondest memories as a student at GNA are: "buying chocolate from Mrs. Harbaugh, picking on Mr. Collins, and last but not least supporting the football team at every game since ninth grade."

Breanna attributes many of her accomplishments to Kaitlyn Grey, who has been her best

friend since kindergarten. "I don't think I would be the person I am today if we never met." When Breanna isn't occupied with schoolwork, extra-curricular activities, or her part-time job, she enjoys going to the gym, shopping, and listening to music.

Congratulations to Breanna Middleton!



*"My fondest memories as a student at GNA are the chicken nugget days."
-Taylor Briggs*

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Getting to know Taylor Briggs

Taylor Holly Briggs, daughter of Bob and Karen Briggs, is a senior at GNA.

In school, Taylor has involved herself in many activities. She is a member of the National Honor Society and plays volleyball and softball for the Trojanettes.

After graduation, Taylor plans to attain her undergraduate degree from Penn State and then enroll at

Temple University for Dental school.

Taylor loves her family, and says that she is mostly influenced by her mother. "She always goes above and beyond for everyone and she always steers me in the right direction."

Taylor says that her fondest memories as a student at GNA are the chicken nugget days. Her passions

include going to the beach and shopping.

Congratulations to Taylor Briggs!



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