

## ***Hairspray* Senior and Principal Bios**

**Ariona Beninato** (Motormouth Kid/Makeup & Hair Manager) is a senior and has been involved with the NHS Drama Club's productions as a member of the Makeup & Hair crew for the last four years. In addition to Drama, Ariona is also involved with Student Council, Leadership, Glass Ceiling, Peer Mediation, and the PASS Program. After graduation, she plans to study Fashion Merchandising at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

**Olivia Biss** (Velma Von Tussle) is a sophomore and is appearing in her first NHS musical production. She has previously performed in the last two murder mysteries, appearing as Mrs. White in *Clue*. She is a member of Leadership and enjoys playing the guitar and dancing. After high school, Olivia plans to study Biology and work towards becoming a Veterinarian. She would also like to travel to the country to see national monuments.

**Antony Boddie** (Motormouth Kid) is a senior and is appearing on stage in his first Nordonian musical. He appeared in the chorus for *Clue* this past fall, and has worked on the Makeup crew for the last two years. Antony is also a member of Show Choir, Choir, and Teen Institute. He enjoys singing, playing the guitar and the piano, and is a member of a dance crew with Dillon Mucha. Antony is not sure of his future after high school just yet. He will either attend barber school, Tiffin University, or Columbus State.

**Josh Bodziony** (Link Larkin) is a senior this year and is performing in his fourth musical at Nordonian. He most notably appeared as LeFou in last year's *Beauty and the Beast*. He also appeared as a detective in *Clue* this past fall. Outside of Drama, Josh currently serves as the Treasurer of National Honor Society and is also in his fourth term as a class officer for the class of 2012. He is a member of Choir and is a three year Varsity Letterman in Soccer. After high school, Josh plans to pursue a BFA in Musical Theatre at Kent State University, and minor in Sign Language. He enjoys beat boxing and would be happy to drop you a beat any time you need one. Josh would like to personally send a huge thank you to Miss Sawyer, Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Czekaj, and Mr. Szaller, for everything they have done and for giving him the chance to shine. It means more than you know! This has been a bittersweet ending to his musical endeavors here at NHS.

**Veronica Boone** (Dynamite) is a senior and is appearing in her second Nordonian musical after performing as a Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast*. She is a member of National Honor Society, and has taken vocal lessons at the Aurora School of Music for three years. She loves performing! She is currently starting an R&B Jazz band. Veronica plans to attend either The University of Chicago or Princeton to major in Business Technology and Business of Music. She plans to one day be the CEO of Boone Enterprises LLC.

**Britney Bowers** (Prudy Pingleton) is a senior appearing in her fourth NHS musical having previously been on stage in *Kiss Me Kate*, *Seussical*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. Britney is also an active member of Teen Institute and National Honor Society. She has taken voice lessons for five years and is currently working at Best Buy. She will attend The University of Cincinnati this fall to study Nursing.

**Tatiana Brown** (Motormouth Kid/Make Up Crew) is appearing in her first Drama Club production. She is a senior and is excited to be a part of *Hairspray*. She is a member of Leadership and ran track for the Knights her sophomore and junior years. Tatiana will be attending Cleveland State University to study Early Childhood Development. She plans to eventually run her own day care.

**Rachel Buchleitner** (Ensemble) is a senior who is appearing on stage for the first time after having been a member of the stage crew for the last two years. She has been the Seeker of the Ravenclaw Quidditch team for the last 16 ½ years, is a craft maker extraordinaire, and a member of the retreat team at her church. She enjoys watching paint dry, long walks to the fridge, and playing solitaire in the dark. Rachel plans to attend The University of Disney at Disney World. Her hobbies include breeding My Little Ponies, following Mr. Simmons around and waiting for him to do a hair toss, being better than everyone by just a little bit, and eating Reese's Cups. Oh, and Biology too.

**Amanda Bugenske** (Ensemble) is a senior and is currently working in the community while she attends high school. This is her second appearance in an NHS musical. She enjoyed her first experience in theatre last year as an animated object in *Beauty and the Beast*. Amanda enjoys spending time with family and friends boating, tubing, snow skiing, and snowmobiling. Amanda's passion is musicals, which she attends every chance she gets in Cleveland's and Akron's theatre districts.

**Carey Carter** (Motormouth Kid/Make Up Crew) is a senior and is appearing in her first musical at NHS. She loves to sing and dance and has appeared on stage before. She held a leading role in her fourth grade musical. When not in rehearsal, she is a cheerleader, which she had been doing for nine years. After graduation, Carey plans to attend Ohio University to major in Business.

**Joey Cogan** (Corny Collins) is a senior making his fourth appearance on stage at Nordonian. He notably performed in *Seussical* as The Cat in the Hat and as Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*. Joey also appeared in a production of *The Nutcracker* at The Ohio Conservatory of Ballet. He is a member of Student Council and Leadership and is also a competitive dancer. Joey is planning to attend Kent State University to major in Electronic Media Production. He would like to thank his parents for never failing to believe in him and for always being a constant source of support. Thank you to Miss Sawyer for giving him the best years of his life and to Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Czekaj, Leah, and Sean for everything they have taught him. He would also like to thank Center Stage.

**Jason Conrad** (Wilbur Turnblad) is in the twelfth grade and is performing in his fourth NHS musical. He is best known for his portrayal of Cogsworth in last year's *Beauty and the Beast*. Jason is currently serving as the President of Drama Club and Student Council and is also a member of Leadership and National Honor Society. This fall, he will attend The University of Cincinnati where he will major in Criminal Justice. In his spare time, Jason enjoys being the Black Swan, celebrates his back to back victories in the 74<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Hunger Games, and continues to maintain his panda farm in Beijing. He would like to thank Sawyer for the support, and Simmons, Czekaj, Sean, Leah, & Lester for everything!

**Megan Fuqua** (Backstage Crew) is a rookie to the musicals, this is her first year working on crew. She enjoys driving, people watching, and yelling out the window at people. Megan will be attending The University of Akron after graduation to study Education.

**TKeyah Grier** (Motormouth Kid/Makeup & Hair Manager) is making her NHS stage debut this year in *Hairspray*. She has previously been a member of the Makeup & Hair crew for three years, serving as manager for two. She plays Volleyball and Basketball, and runs Track for Nordonia. TKeyah is also involved with National Honor Society, Leadership, and Yearbook. This fall, she will attend The University of Cincinnati where she will study Health Sciences and Spanish. She also plans to play club volleyball.

**Jason Howie** (Harriman F. Spritzer) is a senior and is performing in his second Nordonia musical production. Last year he played Monsieur D'Arque in *Beauty and the Beast*. He also took on the role of Mr. Green in *Clue* this past fall. He has been a member of both the Symphonic and Show Choirs for the last three years. Jason plays the drums and has taken voice lessons from Julie Pickering for about a year. He will attend either Kent State University or Tiffin University after high school to study Music.

**Emma Hurst** (Stage Manager) has worked as a member of the Backstage Crew for the last four years with this being her first year as crew manager. Long walks in the park with Holly, Jess, and Megan, long drives to nowhere, singing in the car, and watching the grass grow are some of her favorite pastimes. Emma is also an avid stargazer. She will pursue a career in Early Childhood Education at Kent State University this fall.

**Travis Johnson** (Seaweed J Stubbs) is a senior and is appearing in his first Drama Club musical production. He is a two year member of Show Choir and has been on the Bowling team for three years. He likes dancing for fun and singing. After graduation, Travis will attend Tiffin University to study Business Management.

**Rachael Karlozi** (Tracy Turnblad) is making her fifth appearance in a Nordonia musical. She has appeared in *Grease*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Seussical*, and *Beauty and the Beast* in which she played the role of Mrs. Potts. She is a member of National Honor Society, International Thespian Society, and enjoys volunteering at her church. She would like to thank Mr. Simmons for being such a supportive force in her pursuit of knowledge in Whale Studies. She is thrilled to be pursuing her doctorate in Orca Linguistics. A little known secret, Rachael is actually the real life inspiration for the recent silver screen blockbuster, *Big Miracle*. She will be attending Kent State University to study Fashion Merchandising.

**Emilee Kempke** (Principal) is a senior appearing in her second show after having been a Who in *Seussical*. She has also been a member of the stage crew for two years, most memorably serving as the scenic painter of awesomeness with last year's trees. Emilee is the Keeper for the Ravenclaw Quidditch Team and spends a lot of her time pining over British actors. Emilee is Mr. Simmons's hero, a role which she takes very seriously. She will be attending Clown College with the hopes of finding her soul mate. If that doesn't work out she will resort to her backup of attending Bowling Green to study Biology which she hopes will lead to a career as a Forensic Pathologist.

**Bri Lewis** (Ensemble) is in the twelfth grade and is appearing in her fourth consecutive musical production at NHS. She has previously appeared in *Kiss Me Kate* as a Lady of the Court, as a Tiger in *Seussical*, and in *Beauty and the Beast* as the enchanted Measuring Spoons. Bri has also been a member of the Summit Choral Society for nine years and the Summit Touring Choir for four. She plans to attend John Carroll University this fall to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education.

**Nicole Lungaro** (Brenda) is making her Nordonia Drama debut this year in *Hairspray*. She transferred to Nordonia this year from Trinity High School where she participated in several sports, including Soccer, Track, and Cheerleading. She enjoys singing and dancing for fun! Nicole will be attending The University of Akron this fall in their Pre Veterinary program.

**Kevin McMichael** (Edna Turnblad) is in the tenth grade and is already performing in his third musical production at NHS. He has previously appeared in *Seussical* as a Cadet and *Beauty and the Beast* as a waiter, the Book Seller, and the Young Prince. He also appeared as Professor Plum in last fall's *Clue*. Kevin is an active member of Student Council, Teen Institute, Peer Mediation, and Leadership Council. He has been taking voice lessons from Mrs. Workman for two years and is involved with his church youth group. After high school, Kevin plans to continue his involvement with the arts, although he is unclear at this time as to what that will be.

**Cheyenne Montesano** (Ensemble) is a senior and is performing in her fourth Nordonia show having already been in *Kiss Me Kate*, *Seussical*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. In addition to Drama, Cheyenne is involved with Date Knight and Academic Challenge. She likes spending time with her family and reading. She can always be seen with a book in her hand. Cheyenne plans to attend college for Dental Hygiene.

**Layla Morris** (Little Inez) is a freshman this year appearing in her first Nordonia production. She has previously performed in a production of *Porgy and Bess*. She is involved with numerous activities including Golf, Track, Show Choir, and Band. Layla considers herself a hard working girl who loves adventure and socializing. She hopes to attend Ohio State University after high school to study Pre Law.

**Alex Nolen** (Mr. Pinky) is a senior and this is his fourth performance in a NHS musical. He has been in *Kiss Me Kate*, *Seussical*, and last year's *Beauty and the Beast*. Outside of Drama, Alex enjoys juggling, yo-yoing, and playing DDR. He currently works at the Macedonia Recreation Center. Alex plans to attend Tri C for a year and then Kent State University. He is unsure of what he wants to study at this time.

**Jess Phillippi** (Backstage Crew) is a newcomer to NHS musicals. She is a senior and is working on her first show as a member of the Backstage Crew. She loves long walks in the park, drives to nowhere, people watching, and singing in the car with Holly, Emma, and Megan. Jess was a member of the Nordonia Soccer Team until her sports career was halted by injury number 72,564,951,394. She plans to attend The University of Akron to study Biology.

**Lauren Pike** (Lou Ann) is in the twelfth grade and this marks her fourth appearance in a Nordonia musical production. She has previously been seen in *Kiss Me Kate*, *Seussical* as a Purple Bird Girl, and as a napkin and the door mat in *Beauty and the Beast*. Lauren has been taking Opera and Mexican Folk Tap Dance lessons for several years. She loves all things sweat pants. She loves wearing, shopping for, and sleeping in sweat pants. Lauren plans to pursue a career in modeling sweat pants, but if that falls through, she will attend Kent State University to major in Psychology.

**Holly Rastatter** (Assistant Stage Manager) is continuing the illustrious Rastatter Family Drama tradition and has been a member of the Backstage Crew for four years. Now that she will be graduating, Holly plans on taking a cross country road trip on her Harley Davidson, visiting every state at least once. Getting to Hawaii may pose a problem, but she is hard at work on a solution. She loves walks on the beach and road trips with Emma, Megan, and Jess. Holly is a huge Cleveland sports fan and hopes one day to work for the Cleveland Browns. She will be attending The University of Akron this fall to study Sports Management.

**Caitlyn Rice** (Dynamite/Makeup & Hair Crew) is a senior and has been working on shows either on stage or behind the scenes since her freshman year. She is a very busy person. In addition to being awesome in Drama, Caitlyn is also involved with Colorguard, Winterguard, Band, and Dance. In her spare time, she loves just hanging out with friends. This fall, Caitlyn will be attending The University of Dayton where she will study Biology and Pre Med.

**Jamie Snyder** (Matron) is a senior working on her fourth production at Nordonia. She worked backstage for *Kiss Me Kate*, and on stage in *Seussical* as a Who, and in *Beauty and the Beast* as a townspeople and a wolf. In addition to being on stage, Jamie also serves in the much coveted role of 'mashed potato provider' to Mrs. Czekaj and Mr. Simmons, a role that they very much appreciate. They do not know how they will get their mashed potato fix in the future now that she is graduating. Jamie has played softball in the summer for six years. Jamie will be attending Bowling Green State University where she will study History and Photography.

**Sarah Stokar** (Backstage Crew) is in the twelfth grade and has been a member of the Backstage Crew for four years. She has loved every minute spent backstage and is going to miss everyone she had had the pleasure to know. In addition to working on the musicals, Sarah is also a member of the Book Club and volunteers at a local animal shelter. This fall, Sarah will attend either Ohio State University or Baldwin-Wallace to major in Biology with a minor in Psychology.

**Sara Vollmer** (Amber Von Tussle) is a senior and is making her first appearance in a Nordonia Drama Club musical production. She was a three year member of Show Choir and has been cheerleading since the eighth grade for both Basketball and Football. She has been competitively dancing at Center Stage Dance Studio for fifteen years. Sara is also a member of National Honor Society, Leadership, Yearbook, and Glass Ceiling. Sara will be attending Ohio State University this fall but is still undecided on what to study.

**Marrianna White** (Motormouth Maybelle) is a senior and is making her Nordonia Drama debut in the role of Motormouth Maybelle. She has ran track for the Knights for four years, ran Cross Country this year, and has also played Basketball for two years. Marrianna was a two year member of Show Choir as well as a member of Cleveland's own Singing Angels. Marrianna will be attending either John Carroll or Mount Union University to study Psychology and will also run track.

**Jenna Wodecki** (Penny Pingleton) is a senior appearing in her third musical production at NHS. She was a Pink Bird Girl in *Seussical* and a lovely dancing napkin in *Beauty and the Beast*. She is a dancer at The Vibe Dance Studio and has studied Ballet, Tap, Lyrical, and Hip Hop. Jenna was a member of Show Choir for three years. She is currently locked in a never-ending battle to the death with Mr. Simmons. Neither of them remember how or why it began, but they are both convinced that they will be the one to end it. She loves photography and playing the guitar. Jenna will be attending Ohio University to study Speech Pathology and Audiology.