

## ***The Wedding Singer Senior & Principal Bios***

**Vaniesha Baynard** (Makeup Crew) is a senior and this is her first year working on the Makeup Crew. She is a four-year member of the Tennis Team and works at Dairy Queen. Vaniesha will be attending The University of South Carolina to major in International Studies.

**Diamond Beasley** (Makeup Crew) is a senior and this is her second year working on the Makeup Crew for the spring musicals. Diamond is also a member of the Track Team and Glass Ceiling.

**Amber Bills** (Linda/Ensemble) is a junior and this is her third appearance in a Nordonia musical, having previously been on stage in *Joseph* and as a Dynamite in *Hairspray*. She also played Mrs. Peacock in *Clue*. In addition to drama, Amber plays tennis and is a member of Synergy. In her spare time, she enjoys caring for Nessa and rising above it.

**Jeremy Davis** (Pit Orchestra) is a senior playing Bass Guitar in the pit orchestra for his fourth musical. He is a member of Jazz Band and takes Karate. Jeremy is often described as Obi-Wan Kenobi and he also has two thumbs. He likes long walks on the beach and sunsets.

**Charlene de Jesus** (Holly) is a junior this year and is appearing in her third musical on the Nordonia stage. She has previously appeared as Becky in *Hairspray* and as a Narrator in last year's *Joseph*. In addition to the musicals, she is also a member of Synergy and has taken piano lessons for the last seven years. Often described as "small, but terrible," Charlene enjoys singing, dancing, playing guitar, and being an expert sleeper.

**Lindsey Dunham** (Angie/Ensemble/Dance Captain) is a senior and this is her second appearance in a Nordonia musical having previously appeared in *Joseph* last year. She has appeared in the last two murder mysteries and has worked backstage in the past as well. Lindsey is a member of Teen Institute, Leadership, Key Club, 4H, and National Honor Society. She has also been horseback riding for the last ten years. Lindsey is a volunteer elf on the Polar Express, enjoys reading and watching The Big Bang Theory.

**Chris Fujikawa** (Robbie Hart) is a junior making this third appearance in a Nordonia musical. He has previously been seen as Mikey in *Hairspray* and Issachar in *Joseph*. He is also a member of National Honor Society and Alpha Leadership. Chris has played Soccer for 12 years and will serve as the captain for the varsity team this fall. He plays piano and takes voice lessons from Vicki Lester. After a series of successful roles in Paula Abdul's music videos, Chris decided he'd had enough and hopped in his Delorean time machine and headed for 2014. Having run out of plutonium, he is now stuck in the future and passes his time by performing with the Drama Club.

**Libby Gombert** (Assistant Backstage Manager) is a senior this year and is back again to work backstage for the musical. In addition to being a member of the Drama Club, she is also active with the Girl Scouts and the Summit Choral Society Children's Choir. Libby enjoys the internet, DIY activities, music, and is prone to having some rather peculiar dreams.

**Alex Ham** (Rosie/Ensemble) is a senior making her third appearance in a Nordonia show. She was also in *Hairspray* and *Joseph*. Outside of Nordonia, she has appeared in productions of *The Dastardly Dr. Devereaux*, *Godspell*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Alex is also a member of Band, Choir, Synergy, National Honor Society, and Leadership and Praise Team at her church. She loves arts and crafts, The Office, and has been to six countries. Alex will attend Otterbein University this fall to study Education.

**Alicia Johnson** (Makeup Crew) is a senior working on her third musical as a member of the Makeup Crew. She is a self described professional thrifter!

**Justin Keeney** (Ensemble) is a senior making his dramatic debut at Nordonia this year. He has played football for six years and has been on varsity for two. His senior year he was a right tackle and right guard on the line. He is also a member of National Honor Society and a youth group leader at Western Reserve Grace Church. Justin was talked into doing the musical by his girlfriend, Eliza, and they were cast to be married. He plans to continue his education this fall by attending either Baldwin Wallace or Kent State to major in Family Counseling with a minor in Criminal Justice.

**Anthony Letterle** (Backstage Crew/Sweet Jim) is a senior and is working on his first musical production here at Nordonia. He is a member of Teen Institute, National Honor Society, and Project Mosaic. Anthony is a talented musician. He is able to play the guitar, drums, trumpet, baritone, tuba, clarinet, and saxophone.

**Cal Ley** (Glen Guglia) is a junior and is appearing in his first musical at Nordonia. He is also a member of the Swimming and Diving teams and the Mr. Simmons Fan Club. Cal was born on the 286<sup>th</sup> day of the year, just like Sammy Hagar, Doc Rivers, and Sacha Baron Cohen. Cal loves taking vacations to visit his orangutan farms in Indonesia. He works as a lifeguard at the Macedonia Rec Center and part time as the Hulk's stunt double. Cal loves being a part of the drama club and cannot wait for next year!

**Asia Love** (Makeup Crew Manager) is a senior this year and is working on the Makeup Crew for her fourth musical production. This is her second year as Manager of the Makeup Crew. In addition to drama, Asia is involved with Teen Institute, Yearbook, Date Knights, Project Mosaic, Mock Trial, HPAC, and Glass Ceiling. Asia loves going on Pinterest and makeup sites to look up new ideas and trends and she also likes taking photos of unique things.

**Dylan Maholm** (Tech Crew Manager/Backstage Crew) is a senior and has been involved with the musicals for four years. He has worked backstage for three years and with the tech crew for two. Dylan is also active with Teen Institute, Youth Staff, Leadership Council, Key Club, and Yearbook.

**Susan Mantkowski** (Julia Sullivan) is a senior making her debut on the Nordonia stage this year in *The Wedding Singer*. Although she has never been on stage, she feels she is more than prepared for the challenge from her years of experience watching Disney movies. Susan is a member of Band, President of National Honor Society, plays Volleyball, and is the current Secretary of the Mr. Simmons Fan Club. In her spare time, she dabbles in Swahilian basket weaving and enjoys picking strawberries in the mountains of Germany. She also does a mean Regis Philbin impression.

**Jamie Marlow** (Ensemble/Dance Captain) is a senior appearing in her fifth musical on the Nordonia stage. She has previously performed in *Seussical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Hairspray*, and *Joseph*. Outside of drama, she is also involved in HPAC, BUDS, and is the Vice President of the Mr. Simmons Fan Club. Jamie has been dancing for ten years and taking voice lessons for the last five. Something unique about Jamie that people may not know is that she speaks fluent elephant. She can also say the alphabet backwards really fast. Jamie plans to attend Cleveland State to major in Nursing.

**Edward McDonald** (Pit Orchestra) is a senior and this is his fourth musical production. He appeared in *Beauty and the Beast* his freshmen year and this is his third year playing in the pit orchestra. Edward is a member of Band, Wind Ensemble, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, Akron Youth Orchestra, a Mozart Woodwind Octet, and a woodwind trio. He is planning to double major in Music Performance and International Studies at OU.

**Steve McFarland** (Sammy) is a senior and this is his third appearance in a Nordonia musical. He has also appeared as IQ in *Hairspray* and as Rueben in *Joseph*. Steve is also a member of Band, Wind Ensemble, National Honor Society, Neomed, Jazz Band, Choir, and is currently in his second term as President of the Mr. Simmons Fan Club. He has also played football for three years. Something unique you may not know about Steve is that he likes to collect things like coins and PEZ dispensers. Steve plans to attend The Ohio State University this fall to study Biochemistry with Pre-Med.

**Kevin McMichael** (George) is a senior making his fifth straight appearance in a Nordonia musical. He has appeared in *Seussical*, *Beauty and the Beast* as "that old guy who sold books", as Edna in *Hairspray*, and in last year's *Joseph* as "the random French dude". Off the stage, Kevin is also a member of Student Council, BUDS, and is the current Treasurer of the Mr. Simmons Fan Club, which he helped to create two years ago. Kevin's new line of kilts are now available in all Urban Outfitters. Be sure to get yours today!

**Alina McNeal** (Pit Orchestra) is a senior and is playing in the pit orchestra for her third musical. She plays the tenor saxophone. She is also a member of Marching Band, Solo and Ensemble, and the Anime Club. Alina likes to draw and is a fan of alternative rock.

**Alexandra Moe** (Ensemble) is a senior and this is her first time appearing in a Nordonia musical. She appeared as Daphne in *The Great High School Whodunnit* and also worked backstage for last year's production of *Joseph*. Alexandra is a member of HPAC, takes hip hop classes, and enjoys horseback riding. She has been dancing since the age of three. Alexandra will continue her education this fall at The Ohio State University.

**Kristina Rezek** (Backstage Manager) is a senior this year and this is her third year working backstage for Nordonia's musicals. Technically, she has been involved with theatre since a very young age as she would often make her stuffed animals put on plays. Kristina is actively involved with Teen Institute, Glass Ceiling, National Honor Society, Leadership, Key Club, and Pep Club. She is an avid beat boxer and her mom is her biggest fan!

**Raquel Rodriguez** (Makeup Crew) is a senior working on her second musical art Nordonia. This is her first year on Makeup Crew. She appeared on stage her freshman year in *Beauty and the Beast*. She really enjoys doing hair and is really excited to be working on the show this year! After high school, Raquel will be attending cosmetology school in Arizona.

**Alexis Short** (Makeup Crew) is a senior and this is her first year doing hair for the musical. She has been a member of the Volleyball Team for four years and works at McDonald's.

**Stephen Skerl** (Ensemble) is a senior this year appearing in his first musical production! He is a member of band and the tennis team. Stephen, who was born in Russia, describes himself as an active, sporadic person who likes attention. A fan of Peanut M&Ms, Stephen would like to one day be an actor so that he can continue to entertain the people of the world!

**Jada Taylor** (Costume Manager/Designer) is a senior and has been working on the costumes for Nordonia musicals for the last three years. She has also helped design for the murder mysteries and has worked as an intern for movies in the wardrobe department. Jada plays tennis and loves fashion. She can sew anything! Jada will be going to school this fall to study to become a costume designer.

**Rachel Thompson** (Pit Orchestra) is a senior and is playing in the pit orchestra for the fourth straight year. She is playing the Alto Saxophone this year. She is a member of Band and the Swimming Team. Something unique about Rachel is that she has small thumbs.