

Senior summer

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Marion High School has had lots of talented people come through. The school has had great teachers and most of all great students. But when high school is finished, people have a lot of options. One of those options is going to college. Now college can be a scary thing, but it is undoubtedly very impactful and filled with many things to do. So no one should be scared of college, but instead, be excited about college.

Even though most students know that college will inevitably arrive, it can still be a hectic time. The summer after graduating is the summer where some people figure out everything before they go off. It can be very stressful at times, but when it comes down to it, a lot of people will feel satisfied in the end. Lauren Swanger, '21, has been trying to make the adjustment from being a senior transferring to college. This

year she has been taking Kirkwood classes to better herself for college. She has been at Marion since kindergarten. She does both volleyball and track and loves both sports. "Yes, with this abnormal senior year, I am definitely looking forward to it," said Swanger. She is ready for college and plans on going with her twin brother. She can't wait to meet new people and try new things!

She's looking at St. Ambrose University, University of Iowa, and Coe College. She has planned on going for nursing, and she has been accepted into all of the colleges she applied to but plans on going to St. Ambrose University. "No, I can't pass up the in-state tuition, and I think it will be more convenient staying at home," said Swanger. She plans on staying in Iowa so she can be more close to her friends and family. Swanger isn't worried about college and has learned to take things smoothly or enjoy the last days of high school. "The biggest advice I could give underclassmen is to be

as involved as you can in high school because you never know how many friends or memories you can make," Swanger said.

Another senior that is about to go to college is Samuel Murphy. Samuel has been at Marion since 7th grade. He does track and soccer and has been doing sports in general since around the age of 10. He's not only amazing when it comes to academics but he is also great in both sports. He plans on going to college and isn't stressed about it at all. He has been looking at the college UNI and Concordia in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He does not plan on staying in Iowa. He wants to finish out living in Texas or California. "I'm not sure, my career choice is modeling and acting," Murphy said. He has some experience in both and he fully believes he would make a great fit for it. "It's life, all I can do is try my hardest and give it my all," Murphy said. He feels as if there is no need to stress as long as he does his best.

When it comes to high school, students should enjoy it to the fullest.

No matter how hard it gets everyone will get through it. The transition from high school to college can be hard but it's worth looking at the bright side of things. It should be exciting to meet new people and explore wonderful things, but also be prepared for all the debt most college students suffer from.



Packing for the next chapter of life is one stressful event seniors have to deal with during the summer.

A handy elective

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Marion high school offers a vast variety of elective classes to students such as Foods and Nutrition, Ceramics, Foreign Language, Graphic Design, and even Jewelry to name a few. Yet among those classes, Woodworking could quite possibly be the most versatile.

Taught by both Mr. Fleege and Mr. Lange, Woodworking 1 is an elective class that teaches students how to properly use the materials and tools accessible to them in the Woods room, along with how to precisely cut and measure materials correctly. During the course, students hand craft a step stool and cutting board by using numerous tools. These tools consist of a sander, table saw, band saw, rip saw, drill press, planer, jointer, orbital sander and most obviously wood. When using equipment, whether that be electric or handheld

students are required to follow safety precautions including wearing closed toe shoes, safety glasses/goggles, and a sanding mask if needed.

In the duration of his high school career, Seth Olsen, senior, has taken both Woodworking 1 and Construction Tech. According to him, Woodworking 1 is a class worth taking.

"Woodworking is a great class to work with your hands and to find your hobbies in. Nothing is better than turning 3 planks of wood into something that you could potentially use for the rest of your life," Olsen said.

For Olsen, making his own works of art is similar to how an artist feels when painting a portrait; although instead of painting a canvas, he cuts and shapes pieces of wood into a breathtaking work of craftsmanship. As of writing, Olsen is in the process of making an end table of which he plans to use in his home.

Similar to Olsen, Jarred Regennitter, sophomore, has also taken

Woodworking 1 along with Metalworking and ACE.

"Out of the projects I made while taking this class, I was most satisfied with the cutting board I made. Once it was finished I was very happy with my choices of wood and the layout of my final design as well," Regennitter said.

Other than in the classroom, knowledge gained from the woods room can help students discover what career path they might want to pursue in the future.

"I highly encourage people to go into the trades. I think that most people feel forced to go to college but really going into the trades might be a better fit for them," said Regennitter.

Woodworking, along with the many other related electives offered at Marion, provides students with valuable skills and knowledge that they'll carry with them for the rest of their lives. Those who learn these concepts henceforth have the



Rafe Comried, senior, makes a nightstand in Woodworking 3.

ability to utilize them in their career, their free time, or simply in a more advanced woodworking class. Having many diverse class options means that students have more paths for post high school and can become well-rounded and informed members of society.