

Alumni advice to current seniors

By Annie Bambang

To commemorate the start of a beautiful ending for the 2018 seniors, this special BLU63 session began with a song — High School Musical 3's "We're all in this together."

Hosted in the Falcon's Nest by science teacher and golf coach **Andrew Sebold**, this was a Q&A between Perry's Class of 2017 and the Class of 2018. Several Perry alumni now in college answered questions from this year's seniors headed for higher education this fall.

"What is the hardest thing about college so far?" senior **Nick Travis** asked.

Payton Jeffers, of Indiana University, replied, "Definitely being lonely and scared. At IU, it's a big campus; you're scared of change, and I personally had to knock on the dorm rooms around me to know new people."

Adrian Daeger, a Butler University student, added: "Once the excitement is over, there comes the shock because

you're alone, and you've never been alone. I was really homesick first semester but now I want to go back."

Other college students gave advice about meeting new people.

Brian Carpenter said, "Don't be afraid to try two or three different friend groups."

"The way to 'try' friend groups is to join clubs at the beginning of school," said **Lauren McCart**.

"Just have patience, put yourself in situations you want to be in with people you want to be around."

Next, senior **Max Sandefer** asked: "Does college life become a routine?"

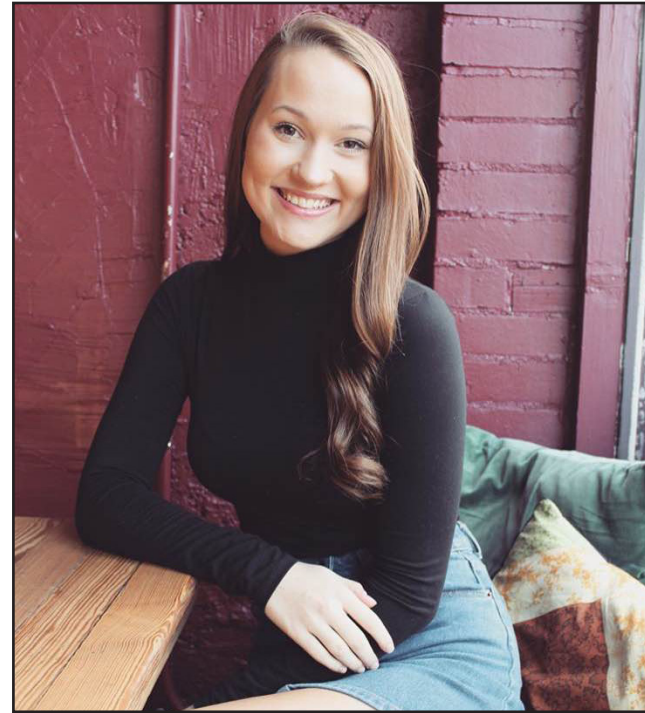
It does, agreed the college panel, and it's often a stressful routine.

Olivia Kavanaugh, who goes to Indiana University, said, "Yes, you can get caught up in projects and assignments but don't be afraid to take time for yourself so you're not burned out."

Mikayla Clark, freshman at Purdue, added, "Homework saves people. When you're doing those big assignments and your professor gives you something small for participation, do it for yourself for those extra points."

Erika Shellenberger said, "I went to class, had to practice golf, and did my homework. Homework is essential to understand the class. You need to invest time outside of the class room to really understand the course. But I still have time to socialize with my friends, it's not all work."

A list of other pieces of advice for your future included, "Honors classes in college is not like honors classes in high school. Even taking two could jeopardize your academic performance." In unison they all said, "You will forget to eat." Rayne included, "Your standard of food definitely drops so be prepared for that."



Senior Adrian Daeger poses for a picture in the Thirsty Scholar coffee shop, where she spends her free time when not in classes at Butler University. (Photo by Adrian Daeger.)

Senior citizens salute senior class

By Fabian Contrarez

With the traffic and all the rush people live in these days, a group of senior citizens enjoy the view they have on the porch of their retirement home, reflecting on the life they have lived.

With the Perry seniors preparing to walk across the stage in their proper cap and gowns at graduation and advance to another phase of their lives, the senior citizens think back to when they were in high school themselves, and they have some words of advice for the generation they are handing the torch to.

With her purple sweatshirt as the air move her hair and with sunglasses, senior citizen **Doris Ebbeler** is asked if she remember something from when she graduated from high school, which left her laughing loudly. A few moments go by of this cheerful laughing until she finally said, "I graduated from high school in 1948."

Ebbeler says that the key to becoming a better citizen and more successful overall is to simply have manners. According to the 88 year old, being polite is the real key to a brighter

future, even something as simple as saying 'please' and 'thank you.' She also recommends for those who are planning on attending college to have a job on campus, explaining that the extra money will open up a lot of doors for students.

Ebbeler further explains how her own two grandchildren are now attending college, and the way they found their current jobs was by visiting a local job fair, which she highly recommends. But, overall, the best way to succeed according to the senior citizen, is to be kind.

"Just stay out of trouble, be nice, and you'll be a good citizen," says Ebbeler.

She then turned to her friend **James Crewes**, born in 1931, and asked him what he thought about his time in high school, but he was so filled with laughter to answer. He claimed that students should now try their best to slow down and take advantage of every opportunity they have.

"Kids today lose two days on Friday and Saturday, and they can lose a third one on Sunday," Crewes laughs.



While resting on the porch of her nursing home, senior citizen Doris Ebbeler thinks back to all the high school memories she made in 1948. (Photo by Fabian Contrarez Rodriguez.)