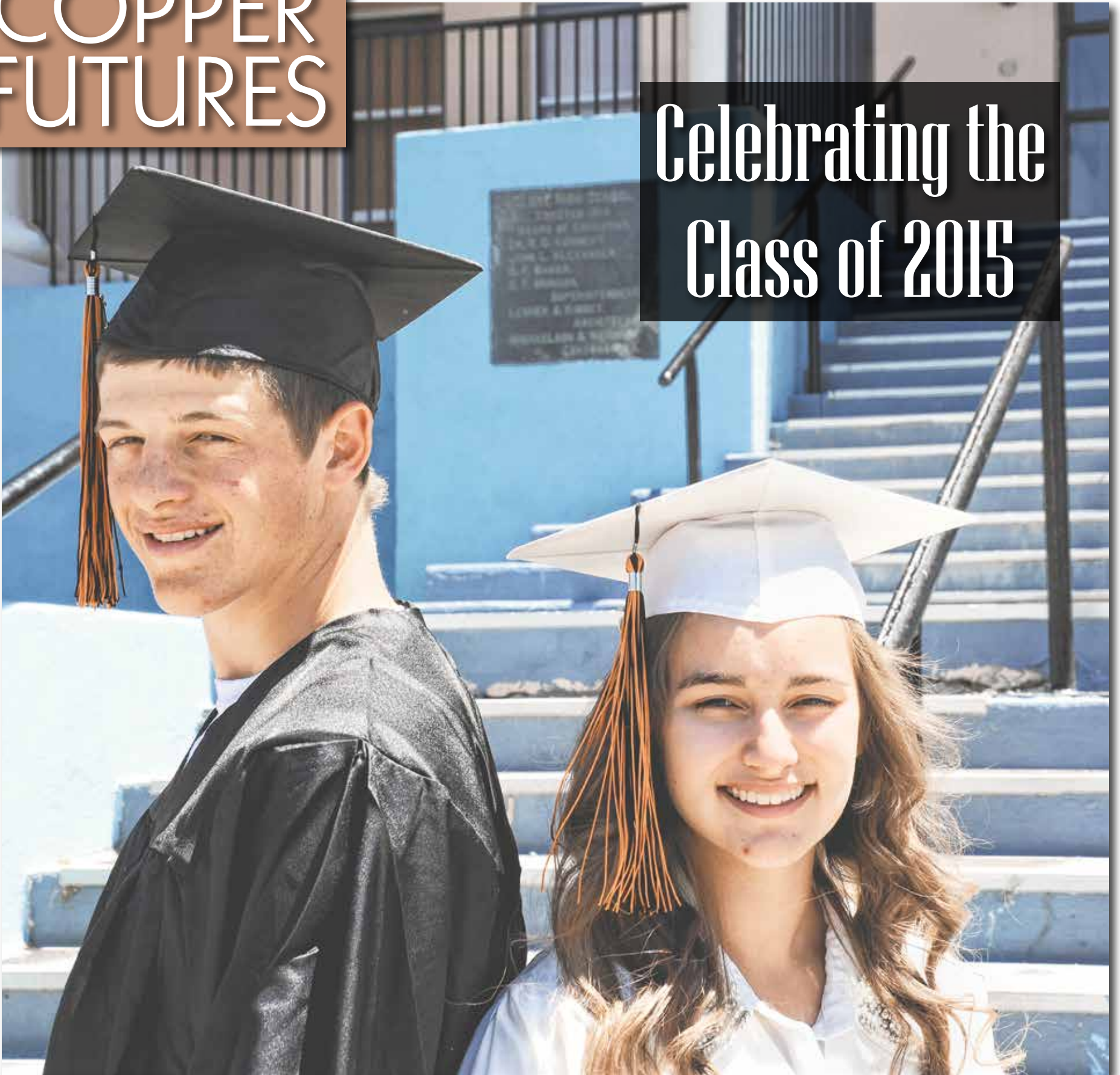


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Growing up before graduation

By **Andrea Justice**
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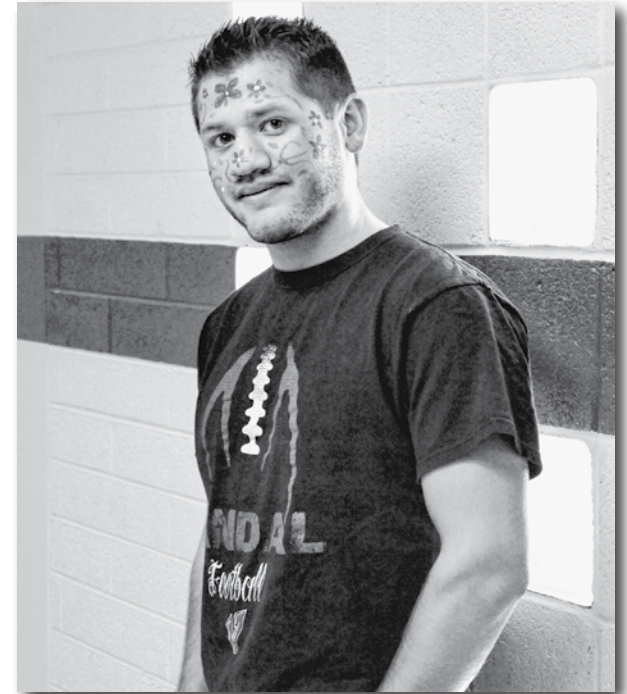
For Miami Senior Trae Valencia life is full of obstacles, it just depends on how people handle them and move forward. Growing up faster than his classmates, Trae has faced several real world problems before graduation. His maturity is an obvious factor in what shapes his ideals and goals for the future.

"This year has been pretty tough," said Trae. "My girlfriend and I had to live on our own and make our own way." Due to circumstances, Trae and his girlfriend found themselves looking for apartments and learning how to support themselves and others while finishing their senior year. "We both had to get jobs," said Trae. "I work at Fry's and she works at Little Caesars." So while most seniors are busy worrying about college applications and last chances for fun in high school, Trae found himself worrying about bills and putting food on the table. "My girlfriend's brother has children and he couldn't take care of them, so we took them in," said Trae. "The oldest is 16 and there are two little ones but they went back to the

Valley to live with the oldest brother." Honest, helpful, and grounded, Trae may have had to grow up faster than his classmates but it's those challenges that have inspired Trae to create the life he wants for him and his future bride.

"My plan for after high school is to go to the Army," said Trae. "I signed up last summer and I ship out on June 15." While he is in the Army, Trae's girlfriend plans to stay in Globe and attend Gila Community College. "She wants to get a nursing degree," said Trae. "I am a bit nervous about leaving to the Army, but I'm more worried about how much I will miss my girlfriend. We've been together for almost three years now." Trae plans to do his 20 years in the Army and when he gets out, his goal is to get a nice steady job. He also plans to get married and have a family of his own. "I think she said she wants three kids," Trae joked.

For this Miami senior life's responsibilities may have hit a little too soon but handling them with maturity has made his future goals seem easy to obtain. "My life's been pretty hard," said Trae. "It's been tough but I just keep pushing."



This photo was taken on Miami's Senior Slave Day, which explains the flowers painted on senior Trae Valencia's face. This senior has had to grow up faster than his peers and is looking forward to a career in the Army.
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Globe High seniors Tanner Barrick and Savanna Sharette have been neighbors and close friends since they were little. Tanner plans on studying biology and Savanna plans on becoming a nurse.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Kameron Tom
San Carlos High School

Name a favorite high school memory?

High school is full of adventures. I have many favorite memories: In sports, during homecoming, on field trips, at dances, and attending banquets. I will never forget the roller coaster I was on for four years.



Are there any obstacles you've had to overcome to achieve your goals?

There have always been obstacles in my path, but my determination and drive has always been able to conquer it. I do not cling to the fact of failure or falling short. I always want to prove to myself I am better than what I allow myself to be. If you have your mind set on a goal there is no way you'll lose.

Who or what inspire you to succeed?

My family inspires me the most to succeed. They have always been my rock, guidance, and push. Many times I have strayed away but they were always there to straighten me out. I want to be able to give back what they have given to me.

What are your plans for after high school?

My plans for my career after high school is to major in business accounting while playing college basketball at Chandler Gilbert Community College.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be an accountant at a large firm in Manhattan. I will be traveling the world, learning the different cultures of every race.

Adrianna Hailey
Miami High School

Name a favorite high school memory?

My favorite memory was spending my senior spring break in Italy with the Travel Club.

Are there any obstacles you've had to overcome to achieve your goals?

There are always obstacles in everything you do. My goals were to achieve the best and do all I possibly could. One of the obstacles I faced was pushing myself to do my best and work my hardest. The other hardest obstacle was handling and moving forward from failure.

Who or what inspires you to succeed?

I have always been one of those kids that kept my nose to the books, but I cannot say one or a few individuals because all of my family was there to help or push me when I needed it. Then in my junior year part of my drive was the friendly competition for the top spot. There was also my boyfriend who always helped me.

What are your plans for after high school?

I plan on moving to Flagstaff and attending NAU to begin my psychology degree.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be living where my job takes me. I will have my psychology and law degrees and will be working at a law firm.



Cheyenne Case
San Carlos High School

Name a favorite high school memory?

My favorite high school memory was the night of my very last home high school volleyball game. I already knew I was going to cry because I never wanted it to end. So before the game all the seniors had to go in the hall and get ready to walk out onto the court for Senior Night and as soon as I got into the hall, I started to cry. Then Jo saw me and she started crying, and before you knew it everyone was crying.

Are there any obstacles you've had to overcome to achieve your goals?

There are always obstacles; some may seem impossible to overcome. Whenever I came up to an obstacle that I thought I couldn't overcome I would always think of the little girl that wanted her hair like mine. She was the big push that helped me overcome everything.

Who or what inspires you to succeed?

The little kids who look up to me inspire me to succeed. I want to show them that you can accomplish anything and you can go above and beyond what you're capable of doing.

What are your plans for after high school?

After high school I'm planning on attending ASU. I'll be attending the engineering school. So in about five or six years I'll have a degree in civil engineering.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be done (hopefully) with all the things I wanted to do growing up, like winning gold at the Olympics.



Angel Tarango
Globe High School

Name a favorite high school memory?

My favorite high school memory is when I was announced Battalion Commander. To me it proved that you do have what it takes to succeed and to not let your fears overcome your goals.

Are there any obstacles you've had to overcome to achieve your goals?

Yes, having to wake up at four in the morning everyday for school for the last four years. Also making sure my grades were good and maintained, while working two jobs. In the end though it was all worth it.

Who or what inspires you to succeed?

My inspirations are my younger brothers and sisters. They are the reason why I push myself to succeed. They motivate me to go above and beyond my limits.

What are your plans for after high school?

My plan for after high school is to attend either NAU or GCU. I plan to get a Masters degree in Science and serve in the United States Army.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be proudly serving in the United States Army. Protecting and serving my country, alongside distinguished men and women.



Becky Carnahan
Miami High School

Name a favorite high school memory?

My best high school memory is last year during the preschool graduation party. I had all of the preschool kids sign my yearbook.

Are there any obstacles you've had to overcome to achieve your goals?

The obstacle I had to overcome is that I'm in special education.

Who or what inspires you to succeed?

What inspires me to succeed is that for a long time I thought that I wasn't all that smart because I couldn't read but I decided it wouldn't hold me

back and define me.

What are your plans for after high school?

My plans for after high school are to go to Gila Community College and hopefully work as a one on one in the preschool.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I hope to be a preschool teacher, specializing in special education.



Clint Brown
Globe High School

Name a favorite high school memory?

My favorite memory is being on the robotics team when we made it to Nationals.

Are there any obstacles you've had to overcome to achieve your goals?

I've had to seek higher level classes through the community college.

Who or what inspires you to succeed?

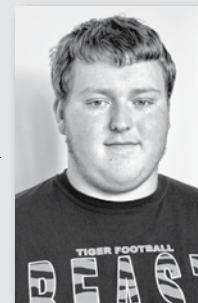
My mom inspires me.

What are your plans for after high school?

I plan to attend college for engineering.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be working in my chosen career and being involved in my community.



Miami senior optimistic about her bright future

By Andrea Justice
Copper Futures

Wearing a smile from ear to ear, it's easy to see just how warm, intelligent, and driven Ashlyn Earven is. Matched with a bubbly personality and an honest hard working sense of integrity, this Miami High School senior stands out in a crowd. Ashlyn is going places without limitations. She is focused on her future and won't let anything stand in the way of reaching her goals.

"I'm a person that makes my own path," said Ashlyn. "I am going to live the American dream and be successful in life." After graduation Ashlyn plans on continuing to work at Sonic until Aug. 19. "That's when school starts," said Ashlyn. She will be starting college at New Mexico State University, where she plans on majoring in wildlife biology. "Right now I'm taking fire science classes through CIVIT," said Ashlyn. "My mom is a fire fighter and it's something I've always seen myself doing." An interest in fire fighting and a love for animals makes wildlife biology a perfect career path for Ashlyn. "I like to work with animals so I'll be a fire fighter or a game and fish officer, or something like that," she added.

The stress of funding a college education has taken its toll on this senior just like every other senior focused on college and future careers. "I'm working on scholarships but I didn't get a jump on it until my senior year," said Ashlyn. "If I could go back I would have started earlier, but we'll see what happens." Her optimistic attitude and true confidence might just be all she needs to get her to the next level of her education. "It's been interesting

trying to juggle scholarship applications, sports, and school but I've somehow gotten by," said Ashlyn. "It's crazy because I never thought I'd end up being number 10 in my class."

Where does Ashlyn's confidence come from? To her being confident is second nature and it probably stems from participating in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and softball. "I like adrenaline," she laughed. "So playing sports was always an adrenaline rush." Ashlyn noted that during her sophomore year in softball one memory stands out above the rest. "We were in our first round of the state playoffs, the score was tied, and my coach hadn't batted me the whole game," she said. "So I looked up at my coach, Brittany Mata, and she told me that she had faith in me. I thought to myself if she has faith in me I should have faith in myself." Ashlyn ended up hitting a double and helping to win the game that took the Vandals to the second round in the state tournament.

Overcoming obstacles and continuing to push forward has shaped this young beauty into the person she has always pictured herself being. "My mom has been a single parent my whole life, and she has always been a major influence on me," said Ashlyn. "We may not have had everything we wanted but we've always had everything we needed."

Now as graduation edges closer, Ashlyn reflects on her time at Miami High. "I'm going to miss the pep rallies and sports and I'll definitely miss the Globe-Miami game because I love the rivalry," she said. "I'm excited to graduate but at the same time it's nerve racking. As soon as we graduate the real world hits."



Don't be fooled by the cheerleader uniform, this photo was taken on Miami's Senior Slave Day. Senior Ashlyn Earven was 'purchased' and made to wear the uniform and recite cheers to anyone that called her name. Ashlyn prefers playing volleyball, basketball, soccer, and softball. Andrea Justice | Copper Futures

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Aleia Herkenhoff

Globe High School

Name a favorite high school memory?

One of my favorite high school memories would be attending the centennial football game against Miami. It was such a great game and an exciting event to be apart of.

Are there any obstacles you've had to overcome to achieve your goals?

I've had to overcome getting my first C my junior year in Mrs. Hankin's college class. It was heartbreaking and it brought down my GPA.

Who or what inspires you to succeed?

My family inspires and motivates me to succeed.

What are your plans for after high school?

After high school I plan on attending the W.P. Carey School of Business at ASU in the fall.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will have graduated from ASU with a steady job and married to a smoking hot successful man.



Chris Blair

Miami High School

Name a favorite high school memory?

My favorite high school memory is probably when I heard I was chosen to be the trumpet section leader.

Are there any obstacles you've had to overcome to achieve your goals?

The extra classes I had to take to graduate were the biggest obstacles I had to overcome.

Who or what inspires you to succeed?

My mother has always been a big

inspiration to me.

What are your plans for after high school?

I plan on going to college in Flagstaff.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be breathing, hopefully. Just kidding, I really don't know where I will be.





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Globe senior takes hard work to the next

By **Andrea Justice**
Copper Futures

“You can never give up and never give in,” said Globe High School senior Mollimae Griffin. “You just have to work hard to get what you want.” For this passionate, caring and strong individual, life is what we make it. Sometimes life is an uphill battle and it takes perseverance and strength to follow through with defined goals.

For Mollimae hard work has always been a significant part of growing up. “I

grew up on a ranch outside of Globe,” said Mollimae. “We had to get up early and make sure the animals were fed, and there were a lot of responsibilities other than worrying about yourself.” For this driven senior life on the ranch taught her how to be selfless and a hard worker. “You can’t quit until all the work is done,” said Mollimae. “Even if it’s Christmas you still have animals to feed and work to do.”

This Globe senior has a bright future and is grateful to the influences in her life that have pushed her to be independent and focused. “My mom went to college and got

a Master’s degree,” said Mollimae. “She was a major influence on me and always spent the time to work with me and read to me.” Education has always been a priority in Mollimae’s life. “My mom taught me at a young age that sometimes men get better jobs than women, so I would have to work hard to be financially independent,” she said. “That is my number one goal to be able to support myself and others.” Other people that have influenced Mollimae on her road to success are her grandparents, coaches, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Woolever, her FFA advisor.

As a member of FFA (Future Farmers of America), Mollimae had learned a great deal about leadership and preparing for the future. “FFA is the largest youth leadership program in the world,” she said. “It’s not all about vocational agriculture, it’s about getting ready for the future and making connections.” FFA teaches kids about agriculture and importance of knowing where food comes from. “There are also public speaking opportunities and it gives students a chance to get out in the world,” said Mollimae. “You don’t have to be a farmer to be in the FFA.”

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level, credits mother as a major influence

Next year Mollimae plans to attend Chandler Gilbert Community College

and then transfer to the University of Arizona to major in agricultural business.

“Someday I hope to own my own ranch,” she said. “I will have a good life with a family working with cattle and animals.” Taking a grounded approach to life and her future, Mollimae realizes that owning a ranch might not pay all the bills. “It’s kind of hard for a 17-year-old to know what exactly they are going to do because things always change,” she said. “Owning a ranch might not pay for all of the necessities of

life, so I really like the idea of owning my own business someday.”

Next year Mollimae plans to run for a state office position in the FFA. “I will spend my first year traveling around Arizona and other states being a leader for FFA members,” said Mollimae. “It’s a great opportunity to grow with FFA, meet people, and be an ambassador for Arizona and agricultural education.”



Globe High senior Mollimae Griffin knows about the benefits of working hard to reach her goals. Andrea Justice | Copper Futures



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TOP ATHLETES

Bryce Durbin

Globe High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

My favorite athletic memory was winning my first tournament. The feeling of being the best guy in your weight is unexplainable. It is the greatest feeling ever.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

It has taught me how to be disciplined and has taught me to never give up even if I hit rock bottom. I will still have the heart to come back.

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

Anthony Robles is my inspiration. He really makes me believe that anything is possible. He is a NCAA wrestling champion with only one leg. It is just amazing. He makes me think the sky is the limit.

What are your plans for after high school?

After high school my plans are to go to college and finish my nursing school and hopefully end up wrestling in college.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be a PA working somewhere in Florida.



Cedric Johnson

Miami High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

My favorite athletic memory was whenever I rushed for 357 yards and got five touchdowns on my birthday.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

Participating in sports has taught me to work with a team, to never give up on whatever I do in life, and whenever something goes bad to keep moving forward.

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

Russell Wilson is my favorite professional athlete. He never had a lot of attention on him and people said he was too small to play quarterback in the NFL. But he now has been in two Super Bowls. He won one and now he has the attention he deserves. So, he motivates me to do good at the sport I play and too never give up.

What are your plans for after high school?

I plan to go to college and play baseball and major in business management.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be playing professional baseball.



Jeremy Bahe

Globe High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

My favorite athletic memory was my sophomore year when I scored 24 points against San Carlos.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

Participating in sports has opened many doors for me. It has also given me a chance to work on my leadership and social skills.

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

My favorite professional athlete is Dwyane Wade. Darnell Belvado inspires and motivates me to be "shbuilt".

What are your plans for after high school?

I plan on attending college and possibly playing basketball.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be working a steady job and I will have my college degree.



Celine Marin

Miami High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

When my tennis team and I won the state championship my sophomore year.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

It gives you a good mind set and teaches you to never give up on whatever you want to achieve

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

I don't really have one, but I do have someone who inspires and motivates me. That fantastic person is my father. He always pushes me to make myself go to the limit of being my best and at the top of my game.

What are your plans for after high school?

I plan on going to college and hopefully I will pursue in continuing to play tennis.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be out of college and by then pursuing what I want to do as a career, and hopefully even be married by then. As long as I accomplish my dream and goals, I will be satisfied.



Noah Gardea

Globe High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

My favorite memory was winning the Chandler tournament by beating Coolidge in the last game. It was a big achievement for us.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

Participating in sports has made me a team player and taught me how to work with my teammates.

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid is

my favorite athlete because he is such a legendary athlete.

What are your plans for after high school?

After high school I plan to attend college at EAC.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will have graduated from college and will be working as a physical therapist.



Nick Bowser

Miami High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

When I hit for the cycle against Hayden.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

It helped build character, and it showed me to never give up at what you believe in.

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

Ladainian Tomlinson. He inspires me to keep pushing and never quit.

What are your plans for after high

school?

I plan to attend barber school one year and then advance in my baseball career and study psychology.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be playing professional baseball and cutting professional hair at the same time, along with my degree in psychology.





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TOP ATHLETES

Aaron Gourdin Globe High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

I once ran a race barefoot over a rocky terrain. The race was two miles long.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

Participating in sports has taught me dedication and hard work.

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

My favorite professional athlete is Usain Bolt. Usain Bolt inspires me because of his extreme dedication and training.

What are your plans for after high school?

After high school I am going to serve a mission for my church and then attend college at NAU.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be the next Usain Bolt; a running legend.



Javier Curiel Miami High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

My favorite athletic memory would be winning the Miami Tennis Tournament my sophomore year.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

Participating in sports prepared me for my future by teaching me leadership, responsibility, and respect.

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

My favorite professional athlete is Kevin Durant because of the childhood he's had and what he has accomplished. My dad inspires and motivates me because of his life and how hard he had to work to get where he is now.

What are your plans for after high school?

My plans after high school are to go to the Army Reserves then to go to ACU to play tennis for two years then try to move my tennis game to U of A.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be in the top 100 of the world for tennis with my beautiful wife.



Jenika Garcia Globe High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

My favorite athletic memory was hitting a home run my senior year against San-Tan.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

Participating in sports has taught me how to work with other people to obtain one goal.

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

Gerardo Parra is my favorite professional athlete. My uncle and grandpa motivate me the most to be successful in softball.

What are your plans for after high school?

After high school I will be attending college for business.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be graduated from college and married.



Daisy Anaya Miami High School

Name a favorite athletic memory?

My favorite memory was from this basketball season when I got all-tourney in the Copper Cities Tournament.

How has participating in sports prepared you for the future?

Playing sports has taught me how to work as a team, and to never give up no matter how hard it gets. Also it has made me more self confident.

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Who inspires and motivates you?

My favorite professional athlete would be LA Clippers point guard Chris Paul. The people who inspire and motivate me would be my parents. They make me want to do my best and achieve all my goals.

What are your plans for after high school?

My plans after high school are to attend a community college this upcoming fall. From there I will transfer to a university and get my college degree.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be graduated from college. I will also be working my dream job and hopefully living in my own house.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Mariah Garcia San Carlos High School

Name a favorite high school memory?

My favorite high school memory would be my freshman year of homecoming. It was the first homecoming that I ever experienced and I had a blast.

Are there any obstacles you've had to overcome to achieve your goals?

I had to overcome so many obstacles throughout high school but my determination helped lead me to succeed. As a junior I became a teen mom. Juggling

both high school and starting off college as a mother was very difficult but with the support of my peers, family, and instructors I stayed focused. Along with being a teen mother, during my senior year I lost my older brother of 24 years in a car accident. It was the most difficult time in my life but I still pulled through and focused on my high school and college classes.

Who or what inspire you to succeed?

My son Riley inspires me to succeed. He's my little inspiration. I love him and want a successful life for the both of us.

What are your plans for after high school?

After high school I plan to continue taking college courses as a full-time student at the Gila Community College located here in San Carlos, while working part-time at Heritage in Globe as a CNA. After receiving an Associate's degree there

I will attend Grand Canyon University to receive my Bachelor's degree in nursing and will become a registered nurse.

Finish this statement, "In 10 years I will be..."

In 10 years I will be working in a hospital as an RN. I will be successful and happy.





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