

people ideas

It's all about the people. While other parts of the yearbook focus on classes, events and sports, the portrait section is an all-inclusive endeavor. A reference tool, it serves as a directory for all students who attended your school.

It's also an incredible opportunity to showcase those students. Here are 200-plus ideas to feature your student body. The yearbook is, after all, about the people.

PROFILES

Profiles check several boxes—the human interest angle, unusual or unknown stories, storytelling in multiple formats. Consider in-depth features, mini-stories, Q&As and hearty quotes to share profiles in the best way.

- Students with businesses
- Seniors joining the military
- Unusual names
- Outdoor sports & activities
 - Horseback riding
 - Skateboarding
 - Motocross
 - Cycling
 - Frisbee golf
 - Sand volleyball
 - Ice skating
- Creative pursuits
 - Knitting/crochet
 - Drawing/painting
 - Writing (journals, books)
 - Fashion design (clothes, shoes, accessories)
 - Music
 - Video (YouTube channels, TikTok sensations)
- Travel
- Volunteering
- Things you don't know about [name]...

FACULTY & STAFF

Don't limit your coverage to just the students. Faculty and staff have great stories to share too.

- High school experiences
 - Alumni senior pictures
 - Principal's office stories
 - Lettermen jackets, class rings
- Married teachers
- Classroom decor
 - Wall art, decorations
 - Desk tchotchkes
 - Coffee mugs
- Familiar faculty sayings
- Teacher & pet selfies
- Hobbies
- Favorite dishes to cook
- Jobs before teaching
- Books & movies
 - Favorites
 - Book vs movie
 - English teachers' favorite literature classics
 - Coaches' favorite sports books, memoirs or films
- Quote prompts
 - Best homework excuses
 - Funniest, best moment
 - Best part of teaching
 - What have you learned in 5/10/20 years of teaching?

CLASSES & CLUBS

When space is limited, the people section is an ideal place to squeeze in more academic and organization coverage. In a pandemic yearbook, it might be easier to cover clubs and classes in smaller chunks.

- Club presidents
 - Why they love their club
 - How it's changed this year
 - How they managed changes, participation
- Club meetings via Zoom
- In-person club activities
- Club profiles
- Club T-shirts
- Holiday gatherings Secret Santa, cookie decorating, Valentine bags/boxes and exchanges
- Academic coverage
 - Studying
 - Note-taking
 - Procrastinating
 - Literature books read
 - Cool projects
 - Student artwork
 - Electives
 - Remote vs in-person
 - AP vs college credit
 - Advisory or aide periods

we've got that **senior feeling**

"DAWGS OFF THE LEASH."

"IMPRESSED I DIDN'T DROP OUT."

"I WANT TO GO HOME."

"I'M JUST TRYING TO GRADUATE."

"This off period has saved my life."

"OBTAIN THE GRAIN."

"What am I doing here?"

"SHOULD'VE DROPPED THIS CLASS."

Vista Ridge High School, 2020

between the DOTS

Bulet journal craze begins new ways of studying, planning in school

SONIC showcase

Students show variety in their Sonic drink choices

"I just can't stop drinking the blue drink from Sonic. It was very blue and stunk my tongue so there was giff flavor there."

"The strawberry lemons in the boys but the ponds slushier and easy gross."

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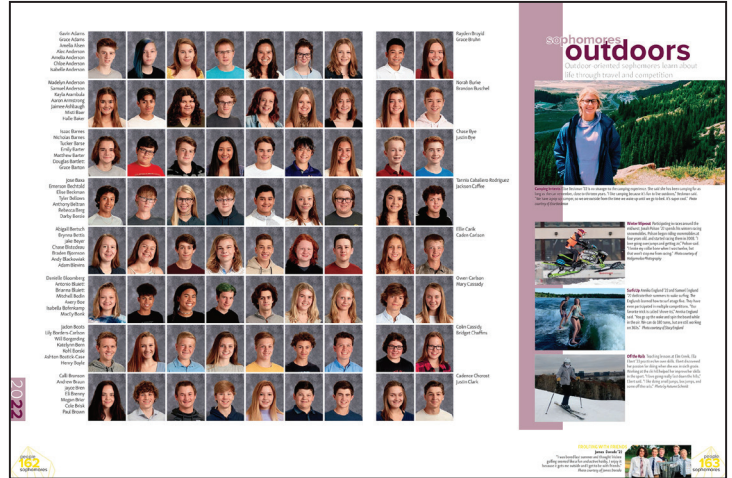
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McNeil High School, 2020



Little Rock Central High School, 2020



Buffalo High School, 2020

COVID-RELATED

The pandemic has impacted all aspects of our lives. Consider including coverage in the people section.

- Cool face masks
- Favorite Zoom backgrounds
- Quarantine hair
- Personal coronavirus stories how it's impacted your life, survival stories, lost loved ones, vaccine stories
- Quote prompts
 - How has life changed?
 - What do you miss?
 - What's better now?
 - How do you destress?
 - New skill you've learned during the pandemic
 - Mask mishaps
 - Remote learning mishaps



QUOTE & PROMPT IDEAS (non-COVID ideas)

Feature multiple students by utilizing quote and question modules. Collect answers in the easiest way possible, whether it's in-person interviews, texts, social media, Google forms or another format. Consider adding color, theme graphics, mugs or cutouts for visual interest.

- Best memory this year
- Best school tradition
- Funniest moment
- Teacher who has influenced you the most
- Favorite class this year
- What class do you wish you could take again?
- Class you wish you took?
- You know you're a freshman/sophomore/junior/senior when...
- One word to describe this year
- How is high school different from middle school? (9th)
- What surprised you about high school? (9th)
- How have you changed since freshman year? (10th)
- Best part of being a sophomore? (10th)
- Driving disasters (11th)
- Hardest part of junior year? (11th)
- Advice you'd give your freshman self (12th)
- What will you miss about high school? (12th)
- Go-to place in the school
- High school in three emojis
- My life in three words
- Class you were surprised to like
- English book you secretly liked/loved
- Favorite read this year
- Favorite pastime this year
- What do you do when bored?
- Boring fact about you
- Best trend
- You're not embarrassed to admit...
- What are you afraid of?
- Guilty pleasure
- Something you're passionate about
- Something you say too much
- Movie you could watch over and over
- Favorite go-to snack
- Favorite comfort food
- Favorite cereal
- Favorite Girl Scout cookie
- Favorite Sonic drink
- Best sparkling water
- Song that puts you in a good mood
- Song you know all the words by heart
- If you were president, what would you do?
- Other than your phone, what's something you can't live without?
- Last text you sent
- In 10 years, I'll be...

COVERAGE IN 2021

WHAT'S SNACKIN'?
LOVE THEIR FAVORITE SNACK

NOT POSTERED

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU

BEST FRIENDS SHARE THEIR FAVORITE THING ABOUT EACH OTHER

FRESHMEN HIGHLIGHTS DELIGADO 135

Bridgeland High School, 2019

HOW HAVE YOU GROWN SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR?

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Hardin Valley Academy, 2019

ON THE WEEKEND

FUN and family

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Faculty & Staff Photos 105

Katy Junior High School, 2020

ALL ABOUT the Johnsons

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Ridgeview Middle School, 2019

there's an APP for that

2019

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Rouse High School, 2019

all in one

2019

Miami-Palmetto High School, 2019

people ideas

EVERGREEN TOPICS

Featured on our student life *handout*, these anytime ideas can be used smaller in people.

- **Trends**
 - Fashion & tech trends
 - Popular memes
 - Slang
- **Food & Drink**
 - Coffee
 - Sparkling water
 - Stainless steel water bottles
 - Favorite local restaurants
 - Popular dishes
 - Cafeteria choices
 - Best snacks
 - Pizza toppings
 - Favorite ice cream flavors
 - Favorite Sonic drinks
 - Girl Scout cookies
- **Cell phones**
 - Cracked screens
 - iPhone vs Android
 - Screen time
 - Funny text messages
 - Autocorrect goofs
 - Last text message
 - Last photo you took
 - Parent texting conversations
 - Favorite apps
 - Best game apps
 - Location sharing apps
 - Screen savers
 - Cell phone cases

- **Social media**
 - TikTok (*profiles, popularity, facts & figures*)
 - Snapchat streaks
 - Twitter tweets
 - Instagram filters
 - Selfies
 - Favorite social accounts
 - Time spent on social media
 - Social media etiquette
 - Memes describing your life
- **Music**
 - Playlists (*studying, exercising, breakups, relaxing*)
 - Playlist profiles
 - Favorite artists
 - Lyrics that define your life
 - Favorite streaming options
 - Music outside of school (*bands, piano & guitar players, songwriters*)
 - Guilty pleasure songs
- **Entertainment**
 - Favorite streaming service
 - Time streaming at school
 - Pluses of Disney+
 - Student YouTube channels
 - Favorite YouTube channels
 - Binge watching shows
 - Video games (*top 10, favorites*)
 - Book vs movie: which is better
 - Best new movies, TV shows

- **Class rings**
- **Letterman jackets**
- **Student jobs**
- **How students spend money**
- **Volunteering**
- **Pets**
 - Selfies with pets
 - #Caturday
 - Exotic pets
 - Additional time with pets
 - Pets hanging out during virtual classes
- **Fashion & Style**
 - What's on your wrist? (*scrunchies, bracelets, fitness watches*)
 - Socks (*cool styles, what it says about your personality*)
 - Shoes (*heels, sneakers, new kicks, cool colors*)
 - Hair styles & dye/coloring
 - Makeup (*trends, favorite looks, fake lashes*)
 - Nails (*polish, styles, designs*)
 - Stylish glasses
 - Cool sunglasses
 - Popular style trends & prices
 - Popular & favorite brands
 - Different fashion styles
 - Thrift shopping & secondhand buys
 - Designing/altering own clothes & shoes

- **Stickers & decals** laptops, flasks, StickerMule creations
- **Keychains** unique tchotchkes, background stories
- **School supplies**
- **Glow ups**
- **College choices**
- **Hobbies outside school**
- **Outdoor sports activities**
- **Health & Exercise**
 - Working out
 - Exercise apps
 - Step counters
 - Yoga
 - Meditation & staying calm
 - Ways to destress
 - Songs for stress, relaxation & exercising
 - Sleep deprivation
- **Family ties**
 - Siblings
 - Twins/triplets
 - Students with parents teaching at school
- **Names**
 - Students who share a popular first name
 - Students with same last name, but not related
 - Stories behind names
 - How to pronounce unusual names

ON POINT
Student Is First Accepted Into West Point In School History

Senior Ben Thorgan was selected for the United States Military Academy, also known as West Point, and was the first in his family to attend college.

"It is a great honor," said Thorgan. "They have made me get to go to the academy, and I really enjoyed the whole process and the way they accepted me."

Thorgan said he knew he wanted to attend West Point since his first visit to the academy.

"Ben didn't even know he had been accepted about 4 hours before he got the news," said Thorgan. "He was always been the one I wanted to go to."

Thorgan said he was the only student in his high school to be accepted into the academy.

"It is the culmination of everything that I have worked for throughout high school," said Thorgan. "When I have done and what I have accomplished is very rewarding for me."

The application process took about three months, with many interviews in that time.

"It was very difficult," said Thorgan. "I had to interview with several people."

Thorgan said he will be going to West Point in the fall.

"I'm excited and going to the academy would help me grow in every way."

"It will challenge me mentally, socially, academically and athletically," said Thorgan. "Going through the academy will help me become a better person."

Senior Education Teacher Jeremy Hesse also attended the academy and said that it was a great experience.

"I'm proud of Ben," said Hesse. "I don't know much about it, but I'm glad when I see him in his uniform."

Hesse also said that the application process was rigorous and that they only allow about 1,000 students per class.

"You have to have the grades, have the physical and get a certain score on the SAT," said Hesse. "You also have to get a recommendation and get a certain score on the SAT."

Thorgan said it was a relief when he got accepted, and especially when he heard that he had been accepted in the fall.

"I'm very happy that I'm accepted in the fall," said Thorgan.

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DO YOU EVEN SKATE?
riders share personality through board designs, passion for skating

The "Skateboard Revolution" started in the 1950s and 1960s, but it wasn't until the 1970s that it became a cultural phenomenon. Skateboarding is now a multi-billion dollar industry, and it has become a way of life for many people.

"I started skateboarding when I was 10," said Taylor Kelle. "It was a way to express myself and to have fun. I love the feeling of riding a skateboard down a ramp or through a park."

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