



## TEACHER FEATURE

### Lisa Wozniak

By: Caleb Reiss and Mariya Streck

Mrs. Wozniak has been teaching here at SCC for three full years and is in her fourth year currently. She teaches many classes; family living is her favorite, because it's about relationships with people. She loves to see students understanding and taking in what she teaches them. She also loves when they apply it to their own life.

She hasn't always wanted to be a teacher; she went to school to be an OB nurse and then switched majors and schools and got her teaching degree at UNI. Her first year was exciting, fun, and eye opening for her. She learned to enjoy high school kids and how to run a classroom. She loves the compassion and drive that students have.

From experience from her first year, her advice to new teachers would be to start every day in a posi-

tive way and remember that "we are all in this together," also, "don't sweat the small stuff." Her favorite memory is on the last day of school, when she asks her students if they want a hug or handshake. Most of them give her a hug.

Ten years ago, Mrs. Wozniak thought she wouldn't be a teacher, because she was a stay-at-home mom. The kids here at SCC are really happy that she is here. If she wasn't doing this, she would want to be working in a group home with troubled teens to help them through life. What she is, is a kind-hearted person, and you can tell that teaching was the right place for her.

### Mark Schaefer

By: Cody Schumacher and Brendan Henkleman

Mr. Schaefer has been teaching for thirty-two wonderful years, and his favorite topic to teach is the skeletal system in anatomy, as well as eyes. God-

ly people who set a good example are people who inspire Mr. Schaefer; he likes people who stand up for the weak and who can't stand up for themselves.

Mr. Schaefer didn't always want to teach; in fact, he had no clue what he wanted to do. His senior year, he went out for baseball to give him more time to think and figure out what he wanted to do, but still he had no luck, so he worked for two years as a cook. After two years, he became the head chef, but he had an epiphany and knew he didn't want to do this for the rest of his life. He knew he loved coaching and definitely wanted more than two weeks of vacation, so teaching it was, but what was he going to teach? He knew coaches usually teach PE, so he didn't want to do that. He really enjoyed biology, so that's what he chose.

His most exciting memory was when he took the Southern Cal volleyball

### Upcoming Events . . .

- DUE TO THE TIMING OF RECEIVING THIS WEEK'S NEWSPAPER, PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR ON-LINE FOR THE MOST RECENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS.
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team to state tournament in 1997; it was very exciting. Mr. Schaefer's first year of teaching was horrible; he can't believe he even made it through. He was like a kid who didn't want to go to school. One kid even slashed his tires and busted the windshield on his car.

According to Mr. Schaefer, the best thing about students is the success of them going to college and coming back to thank him. It's very rewarding, and he is so glad they are well prepared for college and are doing well.

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### **Katie Decker**

By: Anastasia Sackfield

Katie Decker, of Rockwell City, is a senior at South Central Calhoun. She has been very involved throughout high school. Katie is a soloist in the jazz band and was captain of the cross country team. She is the current president of NHS, vice president of the student council, and treasurer for both the rotary interact club and the FFA. Katie's favorite high school memory was last year

when the Jazz Band won the state championship when no one believed in them.

Some of Katie's favorite pastimes include playing the piano, shooting guns, and going on adventures with her dog, Snickers. She loves outdoor adventures. Her biggest pet peeves are unmotivated people and slow walkers. If a TV show was made about her life, it would be called *Messing up with Katie*, as she makes frequent mistakes while cooking and baking.

When asked what she will miss most about high school, Katie said she will miss playing in jazz band and raging about various subjects with Mr. Plumber. Her advice to underclassmen is to not get lazy in their schoolwork and activities, and go the extra mile; it's never crowded. Katie has been chosen to work as a senate page at the state capitol next semester. Next fall, she will be attending Iowa State University to major in Agriculture Communications



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### **Jaden Nesbitt**

By: Brendan Henkleman and Cody Schumacher

Jaden Nesbitt is very involved in his community and school, he has many friends and is loved by everyone, and he is always joyful and spreading love throughout the hallways.

In high school, Jaden has participated in football, track and field, wrestling,

vocal, NHS, individual speech, and group speech. Jaden's plans after high school are to attend Morningside College for business and study abroad in Spain. In addition to Spain, he would like to travel across Europe someday. His best high school memories include shenanigans with his friends, and that's also what he will miss the most. He is most looking

forward to having freedom.

When asked where he sees himself in ten years, he said, "we'll see where we're at in four years." His favorite pastimes are playing *Battlefield*, coyote hunting, and biking. Jaden's advice to underclassmen is to work hard now so you can go to college free later. Jaden was selected by his peers to be student council president this year. Best wishes!



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### **Kali Babcock**

By: Anastasia Sackfield

Kali Babcock's future plans are to go to Iowa State University, major in English and eventually become a teacher. Her ideal position is to teach middle school, but she's will take any position she can get.

Throughout high school, Kali has been very busy with volleyball, speech, soccer, softball, and spring play. With all of her activities, she still make time for what's important: family, friends, Netflix, and sleep. In her free time, she also likes hanging out with friends. With all she does

in high school, she is still looking forward to college, mostly to socialize.

One thing Kali would like to have done is to have a dinner with Aziz Ansari, Ron Swanson, and Bob Marley. Kali's advice to underclassmen is "don't mess with the upper-classman."



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### **Kjersti Olson**

By: Jordan Ludwig

Kjersti Olson is the daughter of John and Kim Olson. Kjersti is actively involved in numerous school activities such as vocal, band, flags, swing choir, Academic Decathlon, speech, and National Honor Society. In addition to this, Kjersti attends EPIC youth group in Rockwell City every Wednesday.

Kjersti is also an All-State first soprano; she auditioned and made it to the All-State choir this fall. Kjersti's favorite school extracurricular is swing choir. She claimed, "it's my chance to work with music and with other people who genuinely care about the music."

I asked Kjersti which three people she would like to have dinner with; she chose Emma Watson, Barack Obama, and

Lin-Manuel. Giving insight to her pics she explained, "I think they all have a deep respect, if not love for all human beings. I could learn a lot from them, especially as they are all from vastly different backgrounds."



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### **Ben Wozniak**

By: Keaton Hammen, Chase Mosbach, and Colten Mosbach

Ben Wozniak is a senior at SCC who has been involved in many activities throughout his high school career. Ben has participated in wrestling, football, golf, and is a member of the NHS. After high school, Ben plans on going

to college at DMACC in Ankeny to get a degree in construction.

Ben's favorite high school memory was prom 2016, and Ben is going to miss the smiling faces of his friends and teachers after he graduates, even though he is looking forward to living on his own after graduating. In ten years, Ben hopes to be married, have a house, and have

started a family.

If Ben could have dinner with any three people in the world, they would be his Aunt Julie, Trace Adkins, and Liam Neeson. Ben's favorite movie series is *Star Wars*.

Ben's advice to underclassmen is to be seen, but not heard. If a book was written about Ben's life, he would like it to be entitled *Woz Beniak, the Amish Electrician*.



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### **Jordan Feldhans**

By: Caleb Reiss and Mariya Streck

Jordan Feldhans wants to become a police officer after he graduates, and he wants to go to college at Iowa Central Fort Dodge. He would like to stay in Iowa and be a police officer here in a small town.

His dad, who is an officer, is the one who inspires him the most.

Jordan's best memory and favorite activity in high school is playing football. He will miss his fun and intriguing classes and teachers the most. He is looking forward to getting out of high school and

starting his career.

In his free time, he likes shooting guns at the gun range. Jordan's advice to younger students would be to try your hardest to succeed. It looks like Jordan is going to be very successful and do well in his future life. Good luck, Jordan



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### **Donna von Glan**

By: Anastasia Sackfield and Ryan Brown

As we enter the classroom of Ms. von Glan, she's being bombarded by questions from every corner of the room concerning derivatives, Rolle's theorem, and what will be on the upcoming calculus test. It may seem busy, but this is just a normal day in the position of Donna von Glan, known to some students as Ms. VG.

Since teaching at SCC since 1978, she has seen just about everything students throw at her, but every day she still manages to be surprised by the students. To fill her difficult and challenging role at the high school, Ms. VG went to Prescott College for four years and majored in math education with a minor in physical education. She said she always knew she wanted to be a math teacher, but she didn't think she'd be here for so long.

The most important part of the job to her is seeing the students every day and always being surprised. To many people, math may seem boring and routine, but according to Ms. VG,

she likes that there's always something new and exciting. More specifically, she likes teaching calculus because of the kids. While many people view calculus as impossible, difficult, and exasperating, Ms. VG enjoys the bright young minds she has the privilege to teach.

With almost forty years of teaching at the school under her belt, she has some advice for new and upcoming math teachers. She says, "always be flexible and don't be afraid to try new techniques." Due to her dedication, Ms. Von Glan may be one of the busiest teachers in the school, but she is also the most helpful and truly is a great math teacher.