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Our 2023 Seniors are back for their final season at Valeo Academy and you don't want to miss it! These legends have been great leaders who have inspired many of their peers and teachers. Over the course of their years at our school they have accomplished so much and created many memories. This final Valeo-flix season is by far the Seniors' best season yet!



My List



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## 12. The One Where They Graduate

AC, Roman, AJ, Avery, Marco, and Ashley move their tassels to the left after receiving their diploma.



# V SERIES

## SENIOR COLUMNS



### Andrew Cleghorn

I love playing volleyball. I want to be a farmer when I get older. I love playing and painting Warhammer 40k. My hair would naturally spike up into a mohawk, and as a kid I would wear snow boots during the summer.

Favorite Verse: Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! (Ezekiel 37:4)"



### Roman Dickow

I am a boss at Battlefront. I know the release date of every movie. I have a mean cat. I have 4 siblings. I played baseball for 3 years.

Favorite Verse: For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. (Exodus 12:7)



# V SERIES

# SENIOR COLUMNS



## Andrew Jackson

I'm really good at playing Geometry Dash. I wear barefoot shoes and love being outdoors. I just got a titanium plate put in my hand. I collect nice watches.

**Favorite Verse:** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”(Joshua 1:9)



## Avery LaVoie

I have a fish named Lucki. My favorite food is grilled cheese. I like building lego cars. I hate puzzles! My favorite place in the world is my grandma's house.

**Favorite Verse:** “Now, even though I am free from obligations to others, I joyfully make myself a servant to all in order to win as many converts as possible.” (1 Corinthians 9:19)

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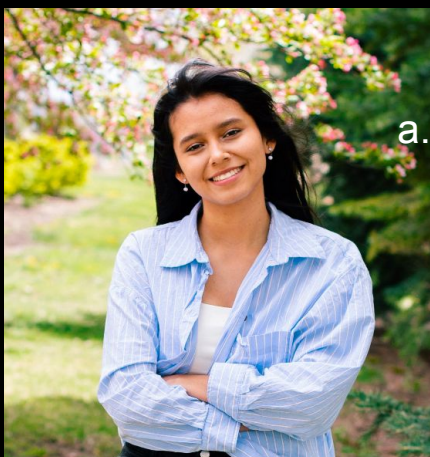
## SENIOR COLUMNS



### Marco Rodriguez

I have my food vendor's license and food handlers license. I know how to braid hair. I know how to do an oil change. I love cheese curds! I've watched three t.v. series all in one day.

Favorite Verse: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)



### Ashley Vega

a. I have a puppy named Belly. I sleep with my eyes halfway open. I'm the queen of Super Mario Bros Wii. I dressed up as a bride for Halloween in kindergarten.

Favorite Verse: "Be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead." (1 Peter 1:6)

# WHAT DO OUR SENIORS LISTEN TO?

## Andrew Cleghorn



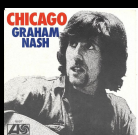
Lady Writer  
Dire Straits

## Roman Dickow



Paradise  
Coldplay

## Andrew Jackson



Chicago  
Graham Nash

## Avery LaVoie



Self Control  
Frank Ocean

## Marco Rodriguez



Fly Me to the Moon  
Frank Sinatra

## Ashley Vega



You're On Your Own, Kid  
Taylor Swift

# GUESS THE SENIOR BASED ON THEIR BABY PICTURE!



ANDREW CLEGHORN  
ROMAN DICKOW  
ANDREW JACKSON  
AVERY LAVOIE  
MARCO RODRIGUEZ  
ASHLEY VEGA

# SENIOR CONFESSIONS



"I would take long naps during study hall whenever I was super tired." -Andrew Cleghorn



"I used to lie to my parents about being sick to skip out on school in my earlier high school years."  
-Andrew Jackson

"A confession I have is that I never read the whole book, *Middlemarch*." -Roman Dickow



"Throughout my junior and senior year of high school I would go home and nap during lunch." -Avery LaVoie

"I've never finished a lecture for a Dr. Grant."  
-Marco Rodriguez





# WHAT DID OUR SENIORS INSPIRE YOU TO DO?



"The seniors inspire me to work harder because they were at my point once and now they're at a higher level, so I think they helped me keep a dream to be a senior." - Amy Dominguez, 7th Grade

"The seniors inspired me to be more mature and own up to my mistakes and to get my work done." -Ben Carnes, 8th Grade



"The seniors inspired me to be a leader." Vanessa Mims, 9th Grade



"The seniors inspired me to talk to more people and make relationships with other people." Sarah Aguilar, 10th Grade



# SENIORS THANK A TEACHER

Dear Mr. Lapping,

I want to thank you for teaching me this year in class. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Thank you for your patience with technology and your willingness to try new things. You consistently made us laugh throughout the year and you showed me what a good teacher is. Thank you for showing me the importance of adding fun to every math problem. Math has always been a challenge for me, and I honestly would not have made it without you. Your teaching style helped me learn and apply my learning on math problems.

Please know that everything you are doing is appreciated and it's making a difference in your students' lives.

Ashley Vega

Dear Mr. Knoerr,

Thank you for everything you've taught me throughout my journey during high school. You are a blessing to this school and everyone's favorite "raptor caller". You showed me what to look for when reading a poem and how to appreciate its beauty. You were the one who recommended *Dante's Inferno*, which at first I wouldn't have thought would become my favorite book, but it did. I'm gonna miss all your hilarious stories, and fun acting when you read. You were my brother's favorite teacher and will also be mine, but don't tell Mrs. Knoerr. You actually made me think through books, but I still think *Middlemarch* was okay and that's how it's gonna stay. To be honest, the only reason why I'll continue reading books is because of you. I hope in the future I'll see you from time to time so you can tell me about the latest video of a weird animal you found or if it's just some recommendations for books you think I would like.

Marco Rodriguez

# SENIORS THANK A TEACHER

I want to thank Mrs. Rodriguez and Mrs. Hernandez for being the best administrators. They always kept my best interest at hand and always were there for me whenever I needed them. Whenever I needed a shoulder to cry on or needed to decompress they always were there with open hearts full of grace and wisdom. I wouldn't be able to find this kind of relationships with my teachers anywhere else. I want to thank them for making school a safe space for me and being my in-school mothers. Even when I mess up or let my emotions get the best of me they are still there to pick me up. "Do you need a hug?" became the most comforting sentence coming from them. I am so grateful for all that they do for me, I don't know what I'm gonna do in college without them and my daily naps in the back of the office.

Avery LaVoie

Dear Mr. Steven Knoerr,

I don't have enough words to put together how you have changed my life. I believe it wasn't until this last year that I fully realized how special you are and how many moments that I now favor from your class that I didn't before. Your classes have always been a blast even when the assignments are hard. You always know how to make the funniest jokes at the right times during class. I've cherished the times you would randomly distract us with videos of otters and capybaras. You have honestly made my History and Literature class experiences like no other. I will never forget your lectures and long lessons. I can't find what I've learned from you anywhere else. I am truly grateful for my time with you. Thank you, Mr. Knoerr.

Sincerely,

Roman Dickow

# SENIORS THANK A TEACHER

Dear Mr. Lapping,

You were an awesome teacher, and the fact that that was your first time teaching an actual class is awesome, you killed it! I'm proud to be a part of your first class here. It was an adventure learning about you while also learning about sins, cos, and how to exponentiate logarithmic equations. I think teaching is definitely your thing and I hope younger classes will have you next year! I know I was not your best student, (I don't think I was anybody's best student) I had a blast and I hope you give that fun experience to other students. You are a very erudite teacher. Thank you. This message is MUY IMPORTANTE!!!!

Andrew Jackson

Dear Mr. Knoerr,

Thank you so much for being a teacher. You bring so much life to this school. You are incredibly smart and knowledgeable. You understand the truly important things in our lives, seeking the truth. You are a truth seeker and that is a very valuable trait to have, and I am privileged to have someone teach me the importance of truth. Thank you Mr. Knoerr for having a great sense of humor. Though sometimes we can take advantage of it, you always make us laugh and make sure we have a good time, while also making sure we learn and get work done.

Andrew Cleghorn



# SENIORS SAY “SAYONARA”

## WHAT SENIORS WILL MISS MOST ABOUT VALEO



I am going to miss my friends. I have been with these guys my entire life. It's going to be really weird and a bit tricky to make new friends. I am forever grateful for my core group of guys that have been with me through the easy and the hard times.



I'm going to miss showing up every day and spending it with my best friends, laughing, being obnoxiously silly, sitting in Mr. Knoerr's class and listening to him tell us weird facts about otters, and overall becoming equipped for what the real world is like from the guidance of some of the best teachers and leaders in my life. It has truly been a blessing and a prosperous journey.



I have a lot of fun memories and good friends that will for sure be missed, and I'm going to miss some teachers and all the times that I would take Cesar home from school and we would hang and blast music really loud.

# SENIORS SAY “SAYONARA”

## WHAT SENIORS WILL MISS MOST ABOUT VALEO



I am going to miss my classmates and the bond I created with my fellow seniors. I am also going to miss how my teachers really cared for me and would do whatever it took to help me succeed.



I'm going to miss the teachers and faculty because they were all the nicest people.



I am going to miss chapel chats with Mrs. Dickow.

# ADVICE COLUMNS

OUR STUDENTS SHARE TIPS WITH OUR SENIORS.



"Listen, grow up, respect, and finish strong." -  
Renee Medina, 1st Grade

"Be responsible with everything you do because you will  
need to earn money and get a job. Also, be responsible  
with your money." - Shanaya Matta



"Try to stay on top of your studies and play study  
games." - Marty Hey, 4th grade

"Just because you are growing older doesn't mean your  
inner child has to die." - Jackie Tuhchiev, 5th grade



"Stay in school and go to church every Sunday."  
- Demion Miranda, 6th Grade

# ADVICE COLUMNS

OUR TEACHERS & STAFF ENCOURAGE OUR SENIORS.



“Always put God first and trust him for everything that you do and to never give up. Persevere to the end.”  
-Mrs. Aguilar



“Always put the Lord first, seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you and delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart. Choose wisdom not foolishness, if you choose foolishness, be quick to receive God’s forgiveness, and forgive yourself. A righteous man falls 7 times but he get backs up, and know you are deeply loved.”  
-Mrs. Gowliszewski



“Involve God in everything and don’t be afraid of making mistakes, make discoveries.” -Mrs. Bates



“Surround yourself with people of integrity and don’t be afraid to ask for help.” -Mrs. Her



“As cliché as it may sound, don’t be afraid to take risks. Cherish your visions, look for the good, and always be grateful for how far God has brought you.”  
-Miss Islas



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"1 Thessalonians 3:8 stand firm in the Lord and you shall be well."

-Mrs. Cleghorn



"As you enter the university of hard knocks, never forget your foundation, which is built on Jesus Christ, and you will prosper in everything you do."

-Mrs. Shackelford



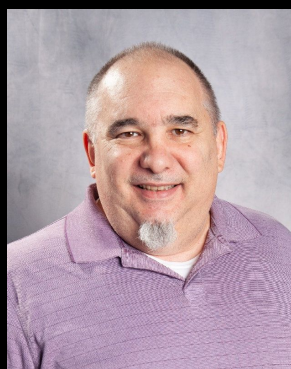
"Don't stop learning and trust God always with all your heart, mind, and soul!" -Mrs. Movsessionian



"Stay plugged into the house and keep serving." -Mrs. Knoerr



"Bind kindness and truth." Proverbs 3:3  
-Mrs. Mackinney



"Now you're entering the real world and you have to be ready for anything that comes up, keep your head up, stay positive, and take a stand when something is working against you."  
-Mr. Lapping



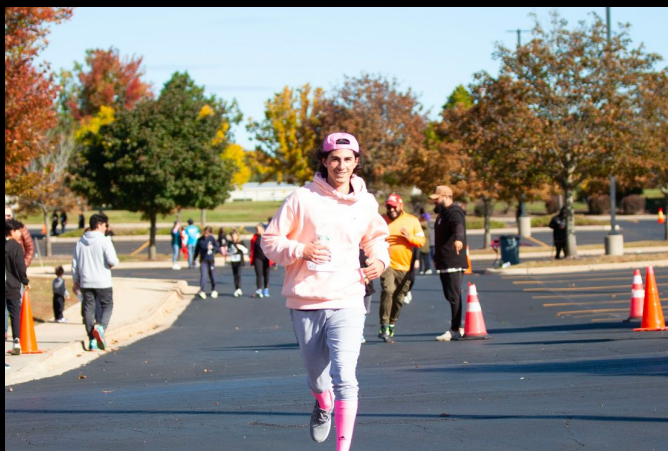
"Enjoy the journey you are about to embark on and take every opportunity as a moment to grow, stay with it, don't settle, and have fun." -Mr. Avila



# VALEO THROWBACK MEMORIES



Roman running the 5K race in 2nd Grade.



Roman's last 5k race as a Valeo student.



Andrew's 2nd Grade ION.



Andrew & Roman (Shakespeare 2023)



Marco & Roman's 2nd Grade field trip.



Senior Prep field trip (2023).





# THANK YOU!

PARENTS, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP,  
LOVE, AND SUPPORT. -VALEO TEAM



May 25, 2023

Dear Andrew,

The word that describes you best is “JOY”. You have so much joy inside of you and we love when it just pours out of you and blesses those around you. Ever since you were a baby and Caleb was literally doing flips over you, and as a toddler wearing your winter boots all summer long, and your crazy spikey hair... you have been bringing us all so much joy. We know that as child number five you often need to be very vocal to be heard in a crowded family, and that is when the joy and laughter are very loud! But family gatherings would not be the same without you. You have grown into this amazing young man before our eyes and you continue to bring us joy.

Andrew, you are so thoughtful and kind and you think the best of others, and bring out the best in others as well. You have a heart for God which is the most precious thing you have. Always keep that. It is truly the most valuable thing you possess. And from that heart, everything you have that is good flows out to those around you. We are so thankful that God, in His providence blessed us with you. We love how you call your mom “mama” and always give her hugs, even in public. We love how you play and work with your dad (even though he can still take you!) We are so proud of your accomplishments in your character and academics. We love you more than we could ever say. We know the Lord has wonderful plans for the rest of your life. Jeremiah 29:11 says so. You are a treasure.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



May 25, 2023

Roman Michael Amare...Champion!

What can we say? You took charge of your life during these last couple of high school years. And you committed yourself to a lifestyle of humility, self-mastery and love. We could not be prouder of you! We sure are grateful for "the good old days" 😊 And yet, your better, better and best days are your next days, weeks and years. We love you with all our hearts.

Love,  
Dad & Mom



May 25, 2023

Dear Avery Jane,

First and foremost, we love you so much and are so proud of you. It really is just so hard to believe we are about to watch you graduate from high school! What a journey filled with so many memories and experiences, both good and bad, that have molded and shaped you. These years of learning and growth have been building the foundation for your adult life. We as your parents have done our best to show you that a personal relationship with Christ is what is most important in your life and truly the key to a life of supernatural joy and peace. "It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for." Ephesians 1:11 MSG. The best way we knew how to do this was to make sure you grew up in a place surrounded by people who Love God, Teach the Word of God, and Welcome His Presence. We give God all the Glory for providing our church and your school with a family of pastors, teachers, mentors, and friends to help us steward this relationship, and we can see the fruit!

Avery, you are so much better than either of us were at your age. You are smart, strong, and confident. You are creative, innovative, and an amazing actress! You are kind and generous. You are silly, fun-loving, and most of the time just the right amount of crazy. You are beautiful inside and out!! We could go on and on about how much joy you have brought into our lives and those around you. We are so thankful God blessed us with you as our daughter!

As you come into this next chapter of your story, our advice is to continue to put God first, always honoring Him, and giving Him the Glory. As our role begins to change in your life, we ask that you continue to honor us as the next greatest influence in your life and we promise to listen and direct you the best we can. Let us ask God for wisdom about anything and everything because it is more valuable than silver and gold, Proverbs 3:13, and He gives it generously. James 1:5. Remember to place heaven's value on yourself, everyone currently in your life, and those to come. If you aspire to do these things, you will surely reap good fruit in all your endeavors.

Now during these last days of high school, try to reflect on your most memorable experiences both good and bad and learn from them. It's ok to laugh and cry and make sure nothing goes unsaid and no one goes unnoticed. Finish strong and remember who you are and whose you are! Congratulations, Avery Jane!

We love you so much,  
Mom and Dad

May 25, 2023

Andrew,

It is hard to believe the first leg of your journey is finished. We can still picture you, as a toddler, playing with your Bionicles and Legos in the loft area of our home in Pingree Grove. You were definitely made in the image of God, you were born to create! You could sit for hours with paper and pencil doodling mazes on graph paper. Intricate, detailed works of art and from memory and imagination, you would bring characters to life with great detail. These are now treasures!

Later you showed us the boldness you had in your faith. Inviting many from your job to church. This made the greatest impression to us of who you were. The shy child, who showed insecurity early in life, displayed character and confidence when it mattered the most. In your faith in Jesus Christ and your love and compassion to recognize those who were hurting around you and reach out a hand to help.

Son, this is what matters to us most, your personal relationship with Him. Nothing else matters. People will betray you. Life is very hard and very unfair, but God is constant. He is FAITHFUL. He is LOVE.

We want to leave you with this verse. Right now, I think it's your life verse. It is who you are and what your do.

*So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. Luke 14:23*

Much love,  
Your mother and father



May 25, 2023

Mi querido Marco Antonio,

You did it! We are so proud of the young man you have become. The joy you have for life has been such a blessing for our family. Your enthusiasm to worship God is contagious, we are so happy that you listened to God and stepped out of your comfort zone. I have learned so much from you this year on stepping out of our comfort zone and trying new things even if afraid. I have always known you have a caring heart but this year you have been such a big support for me making sure I ate, that I was drinking water, cheering me on when I would feel discouraged or just giving me a hug!

You have an ability to make people laugh like no one I know, don't ever stop being you! Dad and I are so proud of you and we can't wait to see all that God has planned for you. Remember, God will fulfill the purpose for your life as you seek him! Don't ever forget how much we love you and how much God loves you, "I have always loved you," says the Lord. Malachi 1:2 Remember "You can do everything through Christ, who gives you strength!" Philippians 4:13

We love you,

Mom & Dad

Marco my brother, I love you! You have shown incredible growth in every aspect and you continue to amaze me in ways I couldn't have expected. Your way with people, your dedication to the Lord, your incredible way of communicating the love of God to others, it truly is amazing to watch. If you would've asked me a while ago what I'd see you doing it'd be exactly this. I knew you had potential to speak to a generation and to speak to your peers with knowing God's voice. He's working through you and with you and he'll never leave your side. Some advice from your older brother: be teachable, be humble and stay hungry. When you encounter God at such a young age and he starts to unlock your potential and develop you, your one goal is to keep hearing him through it all. There's nothing in the way of what God has for you but yourself, so do yourself a favor and keep pursuing him. I know he's going to open doors for you that no man can close because you're called and destined to a higher purpose. I love you and I can't wait to see what this next season holds for you. You continue to amaze me and I'm proud to share the same blood as you and to call you my brother.

Jacob

I will miss you in school next year and I love you! - Gracie



May 25, 2023

Dear Princess,

You have successfully completed high school. It seems as if it was yesterday when you were a baby running around the house with that beautiful smile on your face, turning off the computer while daddy was working from home or terrorizing our first puppy (Chester). Your family is crying, but don't worry dear Ash, our tears are caused by unforgettable memories and the excitement to know that you have a clear goal in your life and there is a bright future ahead of you!

All these years mommy and I wished for the time not to go by so fast so that we could continue enjoying one of the 3 greatest gifts God gave us, but then, we figured that would stop us from seeing you turn in to the beautiful young lady you are today. We hope you know that your family will always be here for you and we cannot wait to see you thrive in college, and everything else that God has prepared for you.

We are no longer afraid to let you spread your wings and fly as we know Valeo has given you a strong foundation based on the Word and love of God. He will always clear your path so that you can succeed in life and bless other people. You will forever be our precious baby girl!

Psalm 20:4: May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

Con mucho amor,

Papi y Mami









# SENIORS PURSUE THEIR DREAMS



**Andrew Cleghorn**

**Iowa State University  
— Agriculture**



**Roman Dickow**

**Pepperdine University  
— Communications/  
Screen Arts**



**Andrew Jackson**

**“I might go to a  
trading school  
eventually, but it’s to  
be determined.”**



**Avery LaVoie**

**Harper College &  
University of Florida —  
Film & Business**



**Marco Rodriguez**

**Harper College & NIU  
—Elementary  
Education**



**Ashley Vega**

**Columbia College —  
Business &  
Photography**





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