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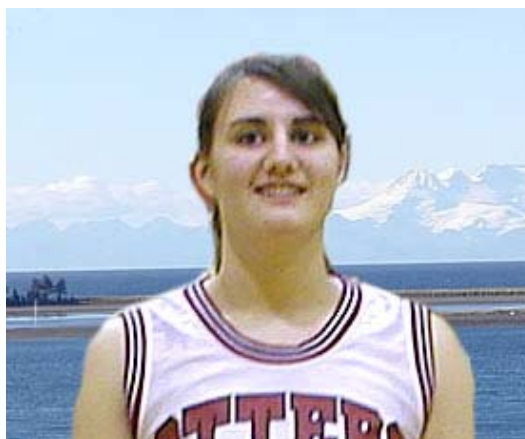
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Naomi Gallien -- Off to the big city!

by *Charity Winters*



All too soon, Naomi Gallien will be joining the ranks as another born and reared Seldovian entering the outside world. And not just outside Seldovia, Naomi has exciting plans to go out of state to attend the Art Institute in Seattle with fellow classmate, Tatiana Gruber. She is both a little frightened and very excited about life in the city after spending her “entire life” here in our small town, but she is really looking forward to pursuing her chosen degree of interior design.

Naomi has been a good-natured and cheerful student that many will be sad to see go. She has participated in sports throughout her high school career, helping her volleyball team attend the state championship on more than one occasion. She has also enjoyed basketball, having attended states last year and with hopes of making it all the way this year. This weekend, the girls will be playing hard for a spot at the championship at Seldovia’s hosting of the regional championship in Homer. Naomi would love to see her senior year of basketball end in such a great way. Regardless of this season’s turnout, sports have been the highlight of Naomi’s high school years. Getting out of dodge and being part of a team has been one of the best things for her and many other teenagers at SBE. Besides

Above all, Naomi says she will miss the lifetime of family and friends she will be leaving behind here. One of her favorite things about Seldovia is the “closeness of everybody and how everyone relies on each other”. She also mentioned that she likes the fact that everyone knows each other so well –“Well, sometimes it’s good, I guess,” she added with a laugh. Out of all the people she has had around her growing up, Naomi is grateful for the support of her mom, Trinket. Trinket also grew up here and graduated from SBE. Naomi says she has been particularly thankful for her mom’s encouragement throughout school and for all that she has done at SBE to make extracurricular activities available to the students.

So, in October, Naomi will say goodbye to her quiet little hometown and head off to the big city. In the meantime, she’ll work at the Tidepool this summer to save up her pennies and help ward off the fear of every college student of “not having enough”. She’ll spend time with her friends and enjoying her hobbies - knitting, pottery, sewing, and baking – until it’s time to head off. We wish you the best, Naomi!

sports, Naomi is on the student council this year and has spent the last few years volunteering her time as a certified lifeguard at the pool.





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