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### Spotlight on Senior Rochelle Purpura



**What are your plans for the future after you graduate?**

I plan on going to UAA and pursuing my major in English and my minor in Journalism. After college my dream job would either be to write articles for National Geographic or to just write novels.

**How long have you lived in Seldovia and how has living in Seldovia affected you?**

I have lived in Seldovia for about eight years. Living in Seldovia has affected me because living in a small town is very different then living in a huge city. Everyone knows everyone, everyone knows what you are doing even if you don't and everyone is super friendly.

**What is your favorite memory growing up?**

My favorite memory growing up was living in Little Tutka on a houseboat when I was young. It was so much fun literally living out in the wilderness and having such a wonderful playground as a child.

**What was your favorite subject in high school?**

I love English and anything that has had to do with English like creative writing classes and journalism. This year though my favorite class has been foods. Cooking is my favorite part of my day.

**What is your favorite sport or hobby?**

My favorite hobby is writing. It really helps me relieve stress and get my emotions out.

**What are most grateful for?**

I am grateful for my family who has always been there for me and who have helped me to grow and thrive as a young adult; my crazy best friends who show me every day how much they care; and to live in such a unique and diverse place.

**Who has been an important influence in your life?**

My best friend Janna has been a very important influence. Though she is not much older then me she makes me strive to be a better person and to always look on the bright side of life.

**Do you have a favorite quote or catchphrase? If so, what is it?**

"Love is not blind - It sees more and not less, but because it sees more it is willing to see less." - Will Moss

**Final words?**

Just for everyone else whose senior year is coming up: have fun and try not to stress it's not worth it.

For my friends I am leaving behind: don't stop laughing and always know you can come and visit and I will come back as well.

To my close family: Don't miss me too much.

And for the community: Thank you for making this the best place to grow up.





**Editor's Note:** Rochelle has been a school reporter for this on-line newspaper and we would like to publicly thank her for her well written articles and dedication in getting stories for the Seldovia Gazette. Best wishes for a great career in journalism! Tom & Mary Glover

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