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Spotlight on Seniors - Bouchard, Blodgett and O'Leary

Nichole Bouchard



What are your plans for the future after you graduate?

To work and save up for my own place, art supplies, and world travel. A car would be nice too!

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

Over half a year. I've always enjoyed reading for lengthy bouts of time, but in Seldovia, with not much else to do, I find myself devouring books one after the other. Two or three novels a day, if uninterrupted.

What is your favorite memory growing up?

Some of my fondest memories all take place with a group of my closest friends, either all piled into a too-small hammock watching shooting stars or singing funny songs, or all of us wrapped in towels and flip flops dodging rush hour traffic to go swimming in the river, across the train tracks, and have clay fights when it was too hot during the summer.

What was your favorite subject in high school?



Science and Art

What is your favorite sport or hobby?

Sport: Volleyball - to play, hockey or football - to watch.

Hobbies: Reading, writing, painting, sculpting, photography, etc.

What are most grateful for?

My mother being a strong woman and for being a survivor .

Who has been an important influence in your life?

My mom and anyone I've ever called a friend. They've all shaped me. Even your enemies shape you.

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

"Che que laque pon que que."

"Awkward turtle"

"People say I've changed... I think I've finally found myself."

Final words?

Don't ever stop changing,
You'll go stagnant if you're still too long,
Don't ever settle,
You'll turn hard and unhappy
Don't close yourself off from the warmth of others,
You'll grow cold,
Always find what makes you, you,
And live life how you wish to live it.
Fell whatever you feel,
As long as its real,
And never forget what your mother told you.



Joel Blodgett

What are your plans for the future after you graduate?

My plans after I graduate are: to enter the Navy, which I have already applied for DEP (Delayed Entry Program), and to live a good life and make a good living for my future family.

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

I have lived in Seldovia for all of my High School career, so close to four years now. By living in Seldovia, it has made me look at what kind of person I would like to be in the years to come. It has at the very least taught me that.

What is your favorite memory growing up?

My favorite memory growing up, isn't really one memory. It's that my parents were always there. Giving me guidance and teaching me how to be an adult to get me ready for when I have to change MY kids diapers and walk MY kids to school. Which I think I will like doing because it will be MY family that I am going to have to take care of.

What was your favorite subject in high school?

My favorite subject in school, if it can be, would be Music class or Band, if you want to call it that. I just like being able to play music, it's one of the things I enjoy doing most and I finally found an instrument I really like to play, so that makes it all the better.



What is your favorite sport or hobby?

My favorite sport... That would probably be football, which unfortunately we never had here in Seldovia. My favorite hobby would be playing my guitar.

What are most grateful for?

That I'm alive and have people who care for me, so I'm alive and not alone.

Who has been an important influence in your life?

My dad. He has given me a lot to think about in the almost 18 years I have lived with him. I couldn't have asked for a better father, that I know for sure.

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

No, I do not.

Final words?

I have had a good time in Seldovia and it has given me a lot to think about. I'm ready to finally have my own life, and it has been a pleasure that Seldovia has made me ready for it.





Katie O'Leary



What are your plans for the future after you graduate?

I am attending the University of Alaska, Anchorage, majoring in Accounting, and am planning on receiving a bachelor's degree in the next four years.

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

I moved to Seldovia in 2001, just after my tenth birthday. This is my eighth year living here. Living in Seldovia has affected me in the way that I have few, close important friends, which I believe is important. I have really been able to excel at things I have put my mind to, whether it is sports, student government, or volunteer hours.

What is your favorite memory growing up?

Wow, so many I can think of! I would have to say my favorite memory of growing up here would be camping with Saada Hilts when she came to visit in the summer of 2007..



What was your favorite subject in high school?

My favorite subject would have to be the accounting course I took. My favorite course would be the 'school to work' SEE program, but I don't know if that is considered a "class".

What is your favorite sport or hobby?

My favorite sports are basketball and volleyball. I have never had to pick between the two and I refuse to pick now.

What are most grateful for?

I am most grateful for my family, and my two closest friends for supporting me and giving me a reality check when I needed it.

Who has been an important influence in your life?

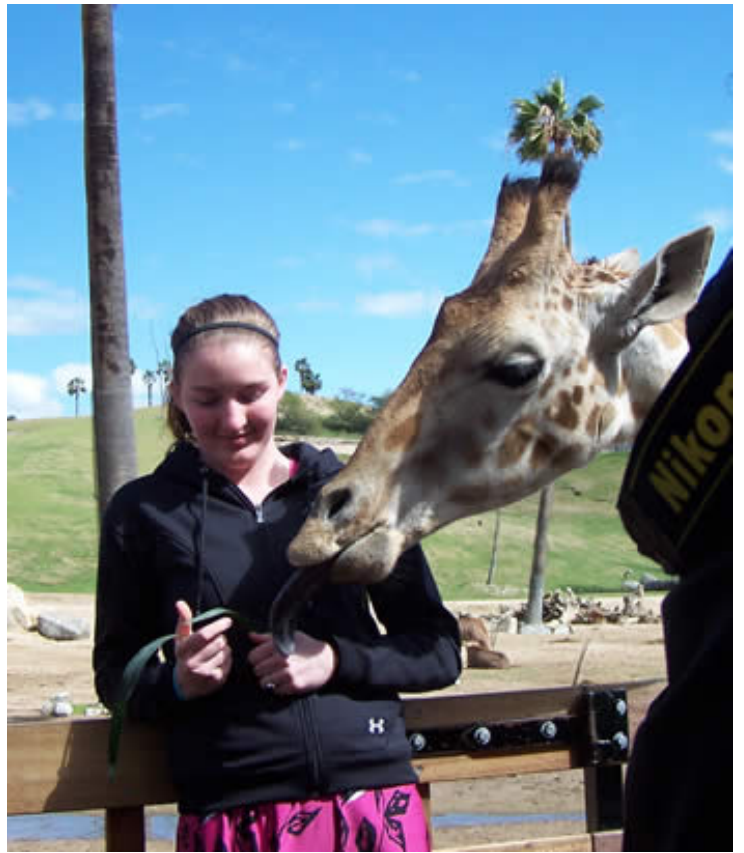
My mom and dad have influenced me the most. I watch them deal with the good and bad of life, but no matter what, they always come through it together. My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has also been a large part of my life. When I have had trouble that not even my parents could help me with, I could trust Him and He got me through everything.

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

I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. -Philippians 4:13

Final words?

Why say final words? I'm not dying. I'm just moving on in life. I'll be back from time to time, so final words wouldn't really be final words.



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