

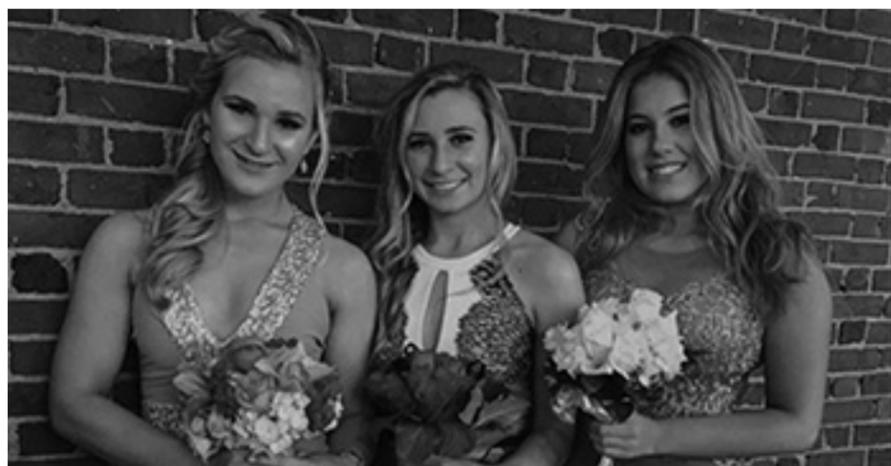
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Class of 2016 says goodbye



Mount grads offer survival tips

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As college quickly approaches, seniors are stressing about what the future holds. Recent Mount grads and former editors of The Campanile - Alanna Cianciulli, Monica Dilenno, Steph Eble, Cat Geruson, Eva McGrath and Lia Rocchino - shared their advice on their first year of college.

Was it a hard adjustment?

College was an extremely hard adjustment. For me at least, the hardest part was not knowing where I fit in best. Not having my best friends at college was the hardest thing I had to deal with, and I miss them everyday. - A.C.

The hardest part of the transition was getting used to being around my friends 24/7 and really allowing myself to admit that I needed time alone sometimes. The hardest adjustment has definitely been dealing with the distance, and I still haven't really mastered that one yet (I'll get back to you when I do which will probably be never. The East Coast is the bomb, and I miss it so much). -L.R.

Packing

Probably what I learned was to get storage bins because dorms are pretty small and you're going to bringing a ton of stuff with you no matter where you go. Get a mattress topper! It will change your life at college. -A.C.

If you plan on decorating your walls and hanging things up, there can never be enough command strips and adhesive hooks. I especially recommend the VEL-CRO command strips, because they stick really well and can hold weightier things. - M.D.

Don't forget to bring a reusable water bottle because bottled water is hard to find. -S.E.

A robe! Robes are absolutely key to shared bathrooms. Also Clorox wipes because your room will need cleaning every once in awhile. Everyone and her mother uses Christmas lights but also they make the room so homey that they're worth the inevitable comments about being basic. -L.R.

Home

My mom's cooking and my dog. Cherish these while you can. -S.E.

Definitely the food. Even if your school has the best dining halls, you will still end up missing home-cooked meals. - E.M.

Moving halfway across the country for college was harder

than I thought it would be, and I have times where all I want to do is be able to get in a car and drive to a Dunkin with my best friends. Also Wawa. And not just having Wawas around, but being surrounded by people who don't just dismiss it as gas station food. -L.R.

Sororities & Activities

Rushing is a little intimidating, but the fun of it outweighs any of the nerves. I love being in a sorority. With crew it does take up a lot of time, but you make it work and it's honestly one of my favorite parts about school. -A.C.

I tried to join a sorority, but unfortunately made an error in submitting the online registration. I've been able to get involved on campus in many other ways. Service activities and sporting events are great ways to bond with other freshmen. - C.G.

I recommend going to the activities' nights in the beginning of the year and getting your name on email lists for everything that looks interesting and just going from there. Also don't be afraid to go on your school's student organization website and just request to join clubs. I found my favorite club on campus that way! -L.R.

High School's Impact

Mount did a fantastic job of preparing me for college. College is more difficult, but you have been taught how to study and how to take exams very well so stick to the strategies that worked in high school because they will carry you far in your college work, too. I wish that I was better prepared for not having the same relationship with friends here as I did at Mount. I am very impatient and didn't realize that building friendships would take time. They do!!! -A.C.

The Mount definitely gave me a lot of the tools I needed to be able to cope with a lot of work, and the things I learned in my classes gave me a strong foundation, too. I also feel that a lot of my confidence to speak up in class comes from the strong community and strong education at the Mount. - M.D.

The block schedule helped me prepare for 90-minute lectures. I also found that the writing experience at the Mount sets you up nicely for college-level writing. Another thing Mount prepared me for was the fact that in college you only have a few assignments or problem sets which count for a big part of your grade. Also, because you only have a few exams throughout the semester, each one means a lot more. -S.E.

You may not feel like you are ready for college, but you are, both socially and academically.

I wish the Mount offered more of a business curriculum. Entering Drexel, I decided to major in general business, and it was ultimately the right decision. If I had known this in high school, the college process would have been a lot less stressful. -E.M.

Life with Boys

Life with boys is awesome! At Mount I didn't have that many guy friends, but at school, I became really close with some of the rowers on the men's team, and they have become some of my really good friends. -A.C.

Guys do add a whole new dynamic to the classroom which is interesting to see. -M.D.

Having guys in classes is actually sometimes frustrating because they think they're right all the time. -L.R.

Roommates

My roommates were randomly assigned. I'm not super close with them, but we get along well. -S.E.

We had some "cleanliness" problems with the 4th roommate, but we discussed things and made some rules about cleaning which helped. Talking about things is definitely key if there are any problems with a roommate. -M.D.

I am currently rooming with former Mountie, Morgan Weiss '15. While many people advise against living with high school friends, this was the best decision I ever could have made. In a period where everything is new, it is comforting to live with someone with whom you are already familiar. -E.M.

Time Management

Time management starts with not going crazy the first actual week of classes. Parties will be every weekend. They are never going to go anywhere. Make sure you fit in time to eat, to work out ("Freshman 15" is not a drill), and to sleep. Buy a planner and write things down. Stay organized. Take good notes. -A.C.

Start assignments early. It makes life so much easier. - S.E.

Finding your favorite study space when you know you need to crank out work is definitely key. My monthly whiteboard calendar is really, really helpful because I can fill in everything that's due for the whole month at once and I'm never blindsided by an assignment or exam and can budget my time for it way better. -L.R.

Sports in college

Playing a sport at college is the most difficult yet the most rewarding thing I have done with my life so far. Practices are torturous and the other teams always seem so much better. But, the discipline it has taught me and the friends

I have made have made rowing in college are so rewarding. It is extremely difficult though. I wake up at 5:15 almost every morning so sleep is a luxury. -A.C.

Incredibly challenging but equally as rewarding. Having upperclassmen teammates is really helpful to learn the ins and outs of college life. -S.E.

Meeting & Keeping Friends

It's not hard to meet new friends. It's hard to stay friends. Everyone just wants to find people to fit in with so at first you'll be friends with everyone. Don't limit yourself by just associating with one group of people. Branch out. - A.C.

Although my circle has certainly widened and I've realized that I may not necessarily have one tight knit group which I did during high school, my friends from the start are still very important in my college life. Those first few friends see a lot of craziness and breakdowns, so it's natural to stay close. - C.G.

Friends change so much in college and you're meeting new people in new classes every semester so you are in no way obligated to stay friends with people who don't make you happy. That's one major lesson I've learned since being in college. I'm more of an introverted person, so it was definitely daunting. The number one advice I can give on making new friends in college is talk to people in your classes. Having friends in your dorm is nice and they can definitely become your closest friends, but one of my favorite things about college is being able to have a lot of friends from all over campus that I met in classes and clubs that don't necessarily even know my main group of friends. There's something so special about walking to class and passing all those people and saying hi on your way; it makes a big school feel so much more welcoming. -L.R.

Professors & Lectures

You have to make it a point to actively listen to the lectures no matter how boring they get because although professors want you to succeed, they will never initiate a conversation about your grades unless you are literally failing. Mount instills a 4.0 mentality and a competitive drive in the students. Don't lose that in college. -A.C.

At Temple, there are many resources like recitations, tutoring and organized study sessions to help go over material from lecture. Small study groups with friends helps a lot, too! -M.D.

Office hours are key. I was afraid to go to them until second semester and they've been awe-

some, especially with classes that are a little larger. I actually really like my bigger classes because there are more people to contribute their ideas and it makes class discussion way more interesting. - L.R.

Diversity

Temple is an extremely diverse school, just by the nature of the school it is. People come to Temple from all over the country and all over the world, and there is a great variety of socioeconomic backgrounds too. - M.D.

I wouldn't say it's that different as far as day to day life, but it is interesting to have people around you who don't share the same beliefs as you. -S.E.

Drexel definitely has a diverse student body. Not only are there many people from throughout the United States, but there are also many international students. Drexel also offers a variety of clubs for different ethnic groups and minorities. -E.M.

Keeping in touch with Mount Friends

When coming to college, missing certain faces everyday was very challenging, but eventually it became much easier. I realized it's not necessary to constantly keep high school friends in the loop in order to maintain closeness. Hopefully, you have the confidence that your high school friends will still have your back through the big stuff, even when you're all separated, and will always be there for a quick story, laugh or venting sesh. . -C.G.

College friends are great and you can get really close with them, but nothing can replace my Mount friends. I really found my people in high school, and no number of miles or years are going to be able to change that. - L.R.

Reputation of University

I've realized that what the school can do to prepare you for your career or graduate school is much more important. - M.D.

Not important at all. I realized during my college search that the name is doesn't matter to me. I went to a school where I felt at home from the second I walked on campus. In my opinion at the end of your college career, if you worked hard, excelled in activities, and pushed yourself, the school name on your degree will not mean that much. -C.G.

Additional Comments

Remember to sleep. You'll be happier and healthier if you plan ahead and leave sufficient time to sleep. -S.E.

For the love of God, keep up with your reading; reading 1,000 pages in one night is absolutely horrible. - L.R.

I am a mess, but all is well: a memoir

By Sarah Haurin '16

Throughout our time at Mount, we have learned countless theorems, biographies and vocabulary terms, all of which have made us the outstanding students we are today. Our extracurricular sports, clubs and service opportunities have molded us into well-rounded women capable of tackling any challenges we meet with compassion and conviction.

Though we cannot deny our preparedness for the academic challenges that await us at the universities we have worked so hard to attend, we know that Mount cannot have realistically prepared us for every obstacle we may encounter throughout the rest of our lives.

As I take inventory of all that I have learned in my past four years that will help make the transition into college life go as smoothly as possible, I recognize one rather important life skill egregiously missing from my otherwise impressive repertoire: aesthetic maintenance.

In nearly all aspects of life, the Mount sets standards much higher than those observed in the real world (consider the Mount Fail), but physical presentation is an anomaly. Despite TV shows'

depiction of the all girls school where makeup and hair is done perfectly every day, a Mountie's life is unfortunately nothing like an episode of "Gossip Girl." For

I could blame this on the fact that I do not, in fact, have a full hair and makeup team making sure I'm never seen looking less than flawless, but if I'm being hon-

each other for who takes the least amount of time to get ready in the morning; brushing your teeth and showing up to school in the same hairdo as you wore yester-

the people at my college will have higher standards for what can be considered an acceptable level of presentation. And being surrounded by those of the opposite gender means that I may have to transition to maintaining my weekend facade every day.

So in the next three months, I have to learn a skill that Mount has not only neglected to foster but has also somehow discouraged. I am okay with being the weird Catholic schoolgirl who talks about seeds and complains about the lack of a decent all girls dance party on campus. I would prefer not to be the weird Catholic schoolgirl who apparently does not know how to operate a hairbrush.

On behalf of the senior class, I would like to thank the Mount for making me the woman I am today. While discouraging an emphasis on its students' physical appearances, the Mount has encouraged us to focus our time and energy on less superficial issues. This has made me an excellent student, a compassionate woman and a loyal friend, despite my typically disheveled appearance.



A wild Mount senior is spotted in her natural habitat, the Campanile office. Notice the obscenely messy ponytail and embarassingly disheveled shirt - a Mount staple.

starters, never in my four years has my best friend tried to destroy my life by sharing the intimate details of my life with everyone via the Internet. But more importantly, I have never once looked anywhere near as good as Blair Waldorf while on Mount grounds.

est, there isn't much such a team could do with a girl who views brushing her hair and putting on any makeup at all as a chore.

The Mount accepts and embraces my inattention to my looks. I have had countless interactions where we try to outdo

day does not require a significant time investment. The fact that I would rather stay at home forever than be forced to wear makeup to school every day is not at all dramatic and is in fact a common sentiment among my classmates.

I cannot be naive. I expect that

Which Campanile senior star are you?

This year the Campanile sported a star-studded cast of senior editors-in-chief. Take this quiz to see which Campanile senior you are most like!

1. What are you most likely doing after school?

- A) Running
- B) Napping
- C) Playing with my restaurant/cats apps
- D) Building robots

2. You walk into the cafeteria, what do you grab to eat?

- A) I don't buy lunch
- B) Fries (multiple orders)!!!
- C) Chicken fingers all day erry day
- D) A "salad" that's really just some of everything from the salad bar

3. What are you binge-watching?

- A) "New Girl"
- B) I have commitment issues... it changes every week
- C) "It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia"
- D) "Monty Python's Flying Circus"

4. Pick a major:

- A) Fine Arts
- B) Fashion Merchandising
- C) Alamo Studies
- D) Undecided

5. What is your staple drink?

- A) Chai tea latte
- B) Power-C Vitamin Water
- C) Water/green tea
- D) Chocolate milk

5. Your ideal man is:

- A) Johnny Depp. nuff said
- B) Tall, dark and handsome
- C) Myself - men are dumb
- D) Combination engineer-actor with a beard

6. You didn't have time to shower this morning, so you:

- A) Try to hide the grease with a headwrap
- B) Hope no one notices
- C) Pssssh, who showers?
- D) Shave the sides

7. What is your favorite emoji?

- A) Squid
- B) Any of the monkeys
- C) Poop
- D) Androids are better

8. What is your spirit animal?

- A) Unicorn
- B) A snuggly bear
- C) A shark, but like a cute one
- D) A giant, terrifying dragon

9. In the future you will be:

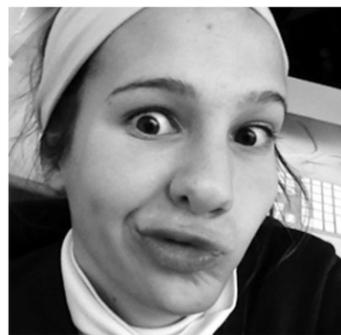
- A) A nomad
- B) A fashion icon
- C) Dictator of the world
- D) A Nobel laureate

10) If you had a dog, what would its name be?

- A) Lucy
- B) No dog - Bunnyman!!
- C) Macy
- D) Parfait

Tally up your answers to see which Campanile senior you are.

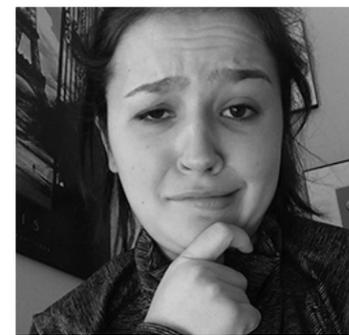
Mostly A's



Jules Kardish!

AKA Spoons, you are artsy and down to earth. You are probably so well rounded it's scary and likely surprised everyone with your college announcement well after decision day.

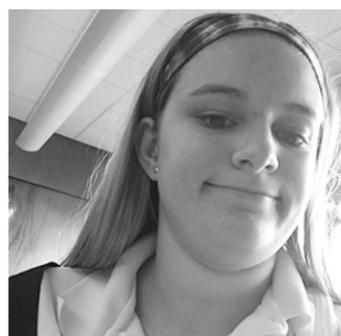
Mostly C's



Sarah Haurin!

You are unconventional in most of your thoughts and actions, but people somehow still love you. With your wit and ambition you are well on your way to becoming the dictator of the world!

Mostly B's



Claire Brown!

You can nap and watch Netflix like no other. Underneath your golden locks is a golden brain with an unbeatable acumen and an impeccable sense of style. All you do is spend all of your money on french fries and couture!

Mostly D's



Eliza Ewing!

Underneath your beautifully shaven head is a brain with an unparalleled intellect. You have a vocabulary that gives Webster a run for his money, and you spend your weekends experimenting with explosives - just cause!

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Lessons learned from senior Unitas retreat

By Libby Burgoyne '16

After coming back from my final retreat, where I was a group leader for next year's Unitas retreat leaders, I felt an array of emotions. It finally hit me that my time at the Mount is coming to a close.

My Mount years have truly been amazing for many reasons, but one of the main reasons is re-

treat because it has impacted who I have become.

I have learned two important lessons from retreat: Do not judge and be in the moment.

I have left each retreat with a sense of knowing more about myself and knowing more about classmates. For years when I have complained about someone, my mom has told me that you never know what someone is going

through. After my first retreat, I finally understood what she meant.

I also understand what it means to be present for others. One of my biggest pet peeves is when I am talking to someone, and she looks down at her phone right in the middle of the conversation. At retreat there are no distractions: no phones, iPads, books, tv — nothing. But, I didn't find

it hard. I enjoyed it. I was really able to be there, to be in the moment. I try to live this way now and fully enjoy where I am, who I am with, and what I am doing.

I never thought applying to be retreat leader would have such a significant influence on the person I have become, but I do think that since retreat I have looked at life differently. I have noticed the small things in life when I have

put my phone down, and I have looked at people in a different way.

I think everyone needs some sort of retreat once in awhile: It's a time to take a step back and reflect, so that, coming back, you can be refreshed.



Dear Mount: A Letter from the Editors-in-Chief

Dear Campanile Readers:

Four years ago we never imagined joining a club that would soon take over our every morning, lunch and study period. We never imagined either the intense stress of putting out an issue on a deadline or spending hours poring over the same 16 pages trying to catch every little error and typo. But the love and fun we experienced in our tiny little office-home made every hour worth it. Somehow this school newspaper brought the four of us together to create a unique and supportive, if unlikely, friendship. The newspaper, the staff and, most importantly, our modest moderator Ms. Leonard, have transformed our high school experiences and our lives.

We hope that you enjoyed reading The Campanile this school year as much as we enjoyed writing and editing it. We are sad to finally let go, but we feel confident with the capable and hardworking girls who will be taking over next year. We have a special thanks to give to our beloved junior members who will now attempt to fill our big shoes! We wish the best of luck to next year's Editors-in-Chief, Ava Self, Paige Comtois and Callie Shinkle, as well as the other junior members who work so hard on each and every issue.

With only a few days of school left, it's hard to believe that today we are sending out our very last issue as Mounties. We hope that you have fun reading our special Senior Issue, and enjoy all of the love and memories that we put into it. We've had an amazing year working with this paper, we've learned so much and we hope that next year's paper can live up to our high, high standards! (Just kidding, we know it will).

With love from the Editors,
Claire, Eliza, Sarah and Jules

A lady and her Queen

