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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It's not that life is so short,
you're just dead a really
long time. — Anonymous

**HAVE A
GREAT
SUMMER!**

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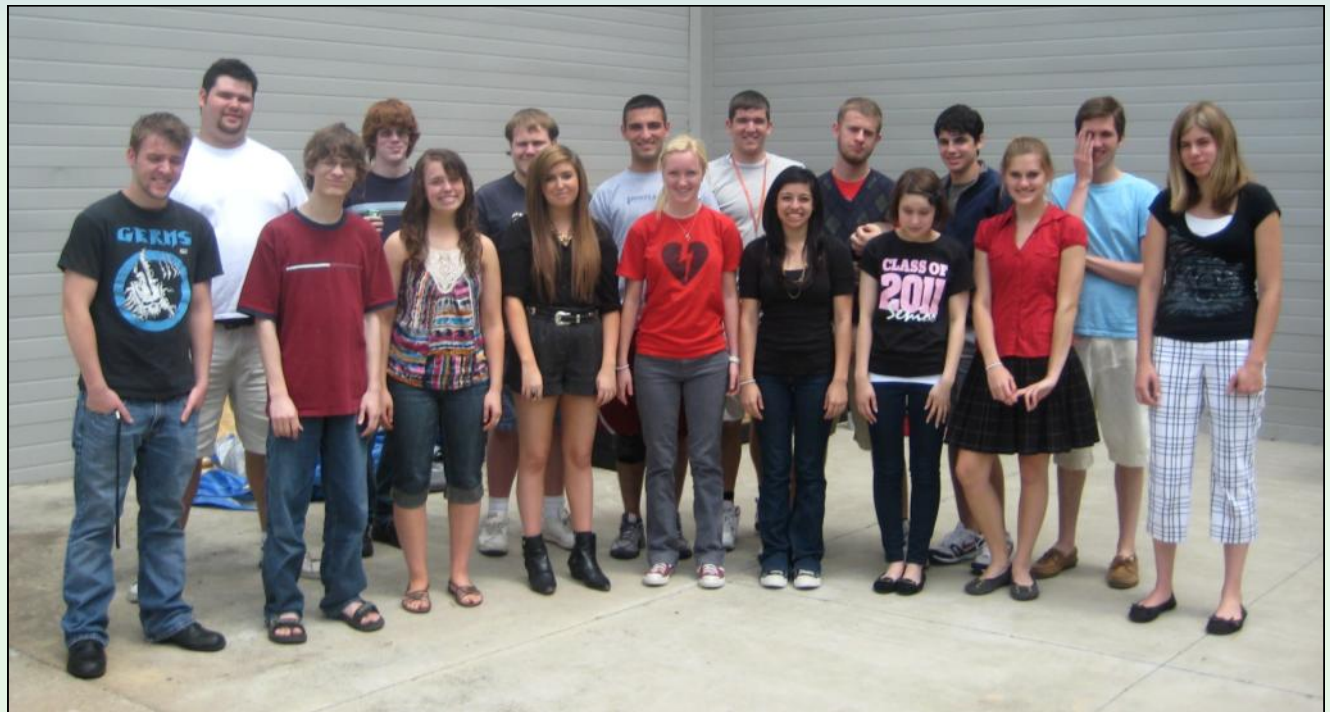
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"At Riverfield, we are more than just students."

Our graduating seniors



The Class of 2011 (Left to right, front row: Malachi Keeter, Will Lugar, Kendall Cannon, Jasmine Shoun, Ashley Morton, Lauriana Williams, Shelby Massey, Madeline Berry, Leslie Olson. Back row: Zach Alred, Skyler Dodd, Brett Sissom, Kevin Daroga, Zack Allen, Hayden Skoog, Barrett Biery, J.P. Lamb. Not pictured: Torey Byrne, Kylar Kemp, Shannon McGowan, Nick Phillips, Audrey Riddle, Connor Schmigle).

PHOTO BY MATTHEW FAETH

By Malachi Keeter
CLASS OF 2011

GOOD THINGS COME IN STRANGE PACKAGES, I HAD HEARD. But I never really had reason to believe it until my freshman year of high school. I first came to Riverfield in the winter of 2007 after having attended a school in Broken Arrow. I wasn't sure what to expect, and I wasn't even keen on the idea of switching schools in the first place.

But something strange happened as we pulled into the Riverfield parking lot for the first time. A peacock – in the middle of Tulsa, in the middle of the winter – challenged our car. I don't think I can adequately describe how surreal that kind of experience is when you're used to school campuses that only contain squat, windowless buildings with no scenery.

But I came to find out that around here, there's something people say when that kind of bizarreness happens: "Only at Riverfield."

It has been four years since I arrived and met the guard birds. Now I, along with my fellow Riverfield seniors, am looking forward to the future and college.

But a part of me is also looking back.

It's not simply a cliché to say that these years here have changed all of us. This school has taught us more than just the academic subjects that every school teaches. We've learned about camaraderie, and we've learned to respect individuality. We've learned the value of tolerance for others' ideas, and we've learned ways to channel our creativity into our work.

You see, at Riverfield, we are more than just students. This school is more than a school; it's like a home to us. Here we have experienced an environment that has allowed us to fulfill ourselves without squashing us the way so many schools do. Case in point, people like me are graduating with decent grades and plans for the future.

As they say around here: "Only at Riverfield."

**weekend
weather**

SAT 68

SUN 67

INFORMATION FROM
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*The Senior Class of Riverfield Country Day School
invites all families to Commencement Exercises
Friday, May 20, 2011 at 6 o'clock
Clark Gymnasium in the Rogers Upper School Building*

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Zack Allen

PLANS TO ATTEND:
TCC, then OSU
(Sports Management)

QUOTATION: "Drive fast, take chances."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Playing basketball here during my senior year.

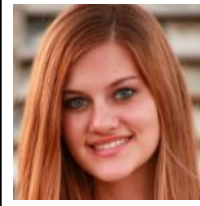


Zach Alred

PLANS TO ATTEND:
TCC, then Newman University
(History)

QUOTATION: "If it's free, take it, even if you don't know what you're gonna do with it."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Playing football for Riverfield.



Madeline Berry

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Salve Regina University
(Cultural and Historic Preservation)

QUOTATION: "Don't squander your time here. It goes by faster than you think."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Spring Trip this year, specifically broomball and IHOP at 2 a.m. Seeing Mr. Clark beast it up on the ice was a sight I'll never forget.



Barrett Biery

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Oklahoma City University
(Undecided)

QUOTATION: "I look forward to meeting new people out of the Riverfield biosphere."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: In 9th grade, Claire Fisher stole Ms. Wagner's '70s Volvo station wagon and drove it away.

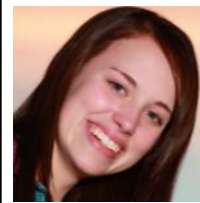


Torey Byrne

PLANS TO ATTEND:
University of Tulsa
(Acting)

QUOTATION: "If it was going to be anything, it had to be something." — Brett Sissom

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Collapsing Mr. Goettel's tent at the Fall Campout my senior year.



Kendall Cannon

PLANS TO ATTEND:
TCC, then University of
Central Oklahoma (Nutrition)

QUOTATION: "Love all, trust few, do wrong to no one." — William Shakespeare

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Performing at the annual Street Parties.



Kevin Daroga

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Drury University
(Kinesiology)

QUOTATION: "Some say the glass is half empty. Some say the glass is half full. I say, 'Are you going to drink that?'"

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Going paintballing on Man Day with the senior guys and the Spring Trip.

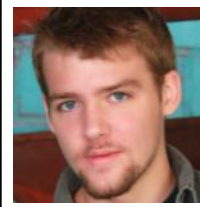


Skyler Dodd

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Neumont University
(Computer Science)

QUOTATION: "The truth is in the middle."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Halo games at lunch, back in the day.



Malachi Keeter

PLANS TO ATTEND:
University of Tulsa
(Computer Science)

QUOTATION: "Be really nice to people, and listen to Slayer."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Hunting peacocks in Service class during my sophomore year.



Kylar Kemp

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Missouri Southern State University
(Nursing)

QUOTATION: "If you don't know what you want, you end up with a lot you don't."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Mr. Hodges' class.

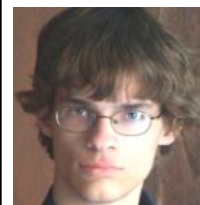


J. P. Lamb

PLANS TO ATTEND:
TCC, then University of Arkansas
(Investment Banking)

QUOTATION: "Free Ear! Free Bathtub! Steve Harvey! You mad?!"

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Dominating that tree at Woodward Park.

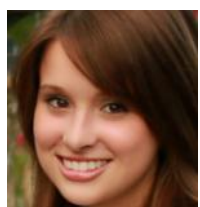


Will Lugar

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Oklahoma City University
(Filmmaking)

QUOTATION: "You have only a few decades to live. Throughout your life, keep asking yourself, 'When I'm old and about to die, will I be glad to have spent my time this way?'"

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: One of the Fall Campouts.



Shelby Massey

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Hendrix College
(Psychology with minor in
Anthropology and Neuroscience)

QUOTATION: "Don't procrastinate!"

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Chasing the llamas and measuring their necks in Physics last year.



Shannon McGowan

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Brigham Young University
(Undecided)

QUOTATION: "The only true wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing." — Socrates

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: At the Fall Campout, when I beat Moose at pool. Also, Merry Poncho Christmas!

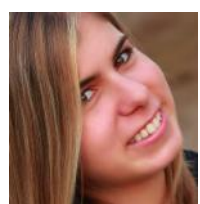


Ashley Morton

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Missouri Southern State University
(Chemistry or Biology)

QUOTATION: "Don't get your hopes up, then you won't be let down."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: One time Dr. Tomshany forgot about his double period on a Wednesday, so we had a double free period instead.



Leslie Olson

PLANS TO ATTEND:
ITT Technical Institute
(Criminal Justice)

QUOTATION: "Don't worry about the bad things — concentrate on the positive."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: I've met some very interesting people in my time here who have definitely turned my life around.

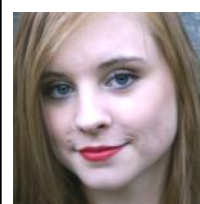


Nick Phillips

PLANS TO ATTEND:
TCC, then OSU or TU
(Undecided)

QUOTATION: "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." — Dr. Seuss

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: The day I went paintballing with the senior guys and got man-bruises. Afterward we snuck in at school while the undergraduates were on a field trip.

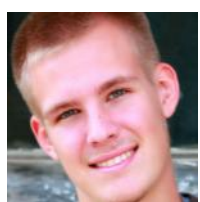


Audrey Riddle

PLANS TO ATTEND:
TCC, then New Mexico Tech
(Astronomy)

QUOTATION: "I am not young enough to know everything." — Oscar Wilde

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Floating the Illinois River during Fall Campout.



Connor Schmigle

PLANS TO ATTEND:
University of Central Oklahoma
(Music Production)

QUOTATION: "Go Ravens!"

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Man Day this year when all the senior boys got together and played paintball.

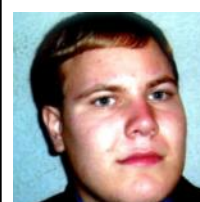


Jasmine Shoun

PLANS TO ATTEND:
TCC, then Wade College
(Fashion Merchandising)

QUOTATION: "Be yourself, no matter what anyone else thinks."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Sitting in Anatomy class this year and discovering that my senior picture was on the official KISS website.



Brett Sissom

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Undecided

QUOTATION: "Can I get back to you on that?"

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Definitely, the most recent Fall Campout.



Hayden Skoog

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Trinity University
(Business Administration)

QUOTATION: "Remember that one time Kalob fell down the bleachers?"

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Man Day, spying on History class with Connor, and going on the water slide during the Fall Campout.



Lauriana Williams

PLANS TO ATTEND:
Oklahoma City University
(BFA in Acting)

QUOTATION: "Don't be stupid, and never match your socks."

FAVORITE RIVERFIELD MEMORY: Seeing Maddy Berry letting loose at the Riverfield Rave this year.

*Congratulations to our
graduating seniors.
We wish you all the best!*