



The MMCRU Insider

Senior Spotlight

Caitlin Olson



By: MMCRU Communications

Caitlin Olson is the daughter of Mary Beth and Jerrod Olson. She is a senior at MMCRU High School and an active member of FFA, FCCLA, and Speech. According to Caitlin, the best part of high school is all the activities and sports people can get involved in. She has been involved in many activities, some sports, some clubs, and some not considered either. The ones she has been involved in are Jazz Band, Jazz Choir, FFA, FCCLA, Speech, Archery, Basketball Cheer, and Wrestling Cheer. She has lettered in everything, except Wrestling Cheer, but she will by the end of the year. She has also become a reporter for the MMCRU FFA chapter and went to nationals these last two years. Her favorite memory of high school is Spirit Week. She loves to challenge others to be the best dressed, her most memorable dress-up was during homecoming week of 2023. Her friend and she would dress up every day, using their artistic skills. Caitlin loves animals and nature. She likes to go home and chill out with all of her animals out on her family's farm. She likes to practice with her bow and target that was given to her by her coach in her sophomore year.

As a soon-to-be graduating senior, Caitlin shares her advice for upcoming seniors and underclassmen: "For anyone who reads this and is an underclassman then listen up. Every senior always says to do your homework and not fail your classes. I agree with them, not because it helps you get into college or a nice job. I know a lot of students could care less about grades, they think they can get whatever job they want, and some already do. That may be true, for some. School isn't all worthless, I promise. You'd be sur-

prised about everything you can use because you paid attention and did the work. It makes you sound and act better when you use your knowledge on a day-to-day basis. It will also give you more respect with the people you meet, in and out of school. A person who is hiring would much rather have a person who can carry and comprehend a conversation, than someone who has the attitude and acts like an 8-year-old. Have a higher standard for yourself, your boss, coworkers, professors, and anyone else you meet on your way will appreciate you more than if you didn't."

Caitlin continues to share with us about her experiences as a senior: "I never had a paid job, but that doesn't mean I don't have work experience. I worked for my mother with her cleaning company, and I have babysat a couple of times. Instead, I spent a lot of time and effort in the activities I was involved in at school. For instance, going to nationals for Archery and FFA. I had the chance to experience America through these activities. In archery, we went to Salt Lake Utah, and Kentucky. In FFA we got to go to Indianapolis, stopping in a few places on the way. While being involved in many activities, my greatest accomplishment is maintaining a good GPA. I believe it is important to keep a good grade, it proves how dedicated you are."

Caitlin's favorite year of high school was her Sophomore year, this was the year where she discovered herself. She got involved in activities she never thought she would. She had classes that she enjoyed and to her, it was the easiest year. She stated that she doesn't even remember her first year in high school, because she missed the first two months of school because of COVID-19. She has been going back and forth on what she wants to do with the rest of her life. Caitlin said, "I always thought I would be a vet because of my love for animals. Then last year my animal science class went and castrated pigs, and now I know I never want to do that again. Now I want to become an animal groomer. I know it doesn't sound cool like a veterinarian does, but I feel I can learn a lot from it, and I would enjoy do-

ing it. I want to have my own animal grooming business, with my sister-in-law, Mya, as my co-CEO. I want to live on the family farm and have a family. I like a small, simple life. I don't care about money, yes it can be helpful, but I am not going to wither away at a desk job I hate just for money."

Now to some more fun random things about Caitlin. Her favorite school lunch is a walking taco. In Wahoo, Nebraska where she grew up, we didn't have walking tacos, we had frito pie. This wasn't nearly as good. She doesn't have any pet peeves, well it's not exactly a pet peeve but she has some sensory issues and that includes rubbing hands together. She has a big family, and she wants her own family to be just as big. She is the only girl and youngest of five. Caitlin said, "My oldest brother is Andrew, and he has a wife and 5 kids, their oldest child is Elizabeth, but everyone calls her Betsy. She is my best friend. She just turned 13. Next in line is Chris and his wife Brittney who have 2 kids. Alex and Amanda are third, they are unable to conceive but want to adopt. 12 years later my last brother is Ryan, the closest in age to me, and honestly my favorite sibling. He just got married to Mya and had a baby girl."

Along with having a big family, she wants her kids to love music, play in the band, and sing in the school choir. Music is a big part of who she is. Her father was in a band and played drums. Even her brother, Ryan, loves music and goes to school for it. Her favorite song is Burdens by Jamie Kimmet. Her dad made them watch all the classic movies. Caitlin told us, "I have to love a good home movie, or I would hurt my dad's feelings. My favorite movie is a three-way tie with How to Train Your Dragon, Undercover Blues, and Hacksaw Ridge, three movies that have nothing in common."

As for fears, Caitlin responded with "I am not afraid of anything, sure I have doubts or worries, but it is better to just go with it. It's okay to fail. I grew up with boys, you kind of expect them to try to scare me, but I am less frightened by things than they are. Just imagine having to save your dad because he is terrified of bats and screams like a little girl at 1 am."

MMCRU Honor Roll Sem 2

Principal's Honor Roll Semester 2

- 1 Dirks, Aubrey 9
- 2 Harpenau, Eli 9
- 3 Juhl, Annika 9
- 4 Rupp, Allissa 10
- 5 Reiter, Katelynn 12

High Honor Roll

- 1 Alesch, Chloe 9
- 2 Bautista, Paula 9
- 3 Dahl, Ian 9
- 4 Draper, Ella 9
- 5 Galles, Conner 9
- 6 Galles, Karsen 9
- 7 Molzen, Elli 9
- 8 Moos, Kara 9
- 9 Olson, Ally 9
- 10 Olson, Alyvia 9
- 11 Peterson, Joshua 9
- 12 Prescott, Ava 9
- 13 Rupp, Morgan 9
- 14 Smith, Rylee 9
- 15 Tentinger, Tiara 9
- 16 Barinsky, Blake 10
- 17 Bork, Kamden 10
- 18 Doellinger, Joshua 10
- 19 Dreckman, Brandon 10
- 20 Dunn, Brayden 10
- 21 Erickson, Emma 10
- 22 Galles, Lauren 10
- 23 Glassmaker, Parker 10
- 24 Gunsolly, Destiny 10
- 25 Hill, Raegan 10
- 26 Hinesly, Savanaha 10
- 27 Hogg, Eoin 10
- 28 Mulder, Brayson 10
- 29 Olson, Cayben 10
- 30 Pajazetovic, Alisa 10
- 31 Peterson, Lukas 10
- 32 Regennitter, Reise 10
- 33 Schlenger, Eli 10
- 34 Schmillen, John 10
- 35 Schmillen, Michael 10
- 36 Schuetz, Brianna 10
- 37 Spenner, Rylie 10
- 38 Youde, Sadie 10
- 39 Aduddell, Haydn 11
- 40 Bjick, Jeremy 11
- 41 Braun, Lucas 11
- 42 Colling, Jace 11
- 43 Durkee, Ellie 11
- 44 Grage, Mason 11
- 45 Grzeslo, Bryce 11
- 46 Harpenau, Kylie 11
- 47 Hicks, Tayden 11
- 48 Jackson, Brody 11
- 49 Krier, Sidney 11
- 50 Miller, Carver 11
- 51 Molzen, Evan 11
- 52 Myears, Brielle 11
- 53 Partridge, Deanna 11
- 54 Pepper, Max 11
- 55 Peterson, Michael 11
- 56 Richardson, Braelyn 11
- 57 Richardson, Isabelle 11
- 58 Staab, Clint 11
- 59 Tentinger, Xander 11
- 60 Weiler, Cassandra 11
- 61 Wetter, Caitlin 11

- 62 Ahlers, Isabella 12
- 63 Ball, Alyson 12
- 64 Bork, Tyler 12
- 65 Dirks, Dylan 12
- 66 Evans, Cody 12
- 67 Galles, Kaden 12
- 68 Galles, Noah 12
- 69 Haaven, Lucille 12
- 70 Hogg, Elspeth 12
- 71 Holsinger, Jordyn 12
- 72 Olson, Caitlin 12
- 73 Partridge, Allison 12
- 74 Peters, Mason 12
- 75 Peterson, Whitney 12
- 76 Plagman, Natalie 12
- 77 Russell, Hope 12
- 78 Schnepf, Mitchell 12
- 79 Schroeder, Owen 12
- 80 Tentinger, Kennedy 12
- 81 Thomsen, Mariah 12
- 82 Youde, Mykin 12
- 83 Young, Jady 12

Honor Roll Sem 2

- 1 Aduddell, Sawyer 9
- 2 Ball, Brennen 9
- 3 DeBoer, Olivia 9
- 4 Hansen, Kaiya 9
- 5 Krier, Raymond 9
- 6 Loutsch, Isabella 9
- 7 Lux, Aleah 9
- 8 Lux, Brielle 9
- 9 Nicks, Brea 9
- 10 Nothem, Tapika 9
- 11 Olson, Olivia 9
- 12 Pick, Jacob 9
- 13 Poeckes, Gavin 9

- 14 Rojas, Christopher 9
- 15 Schneider, Jesse 9
- 16 Schroeder, Gracie 9
- 17 Simons, Kaylee 9
- 18 Specht, Erica 9
- 19 Alesch, Wyatt 10
- 20 Astidias, Carter 10
- 21 Carver, Mason 10
- 22 Dreckman, Kaleigha 10
- 23 Etter, Sophia 10
- 24 Groves, Riley 10
- 25 Hill, Mason 10
- 26 NissenTeepe, Hannah 10
- 27 Purvis, Madison 10
- 28 Schnepf, Max 10
- 29 Steffen, Kaden 10
- 30 Tentinger, Benjamin 10
- 31 Astidias, Allison 11
- 32 Etter, Audrey 11
- 33 Hart, Noah 11
- 34 Hinesly, Wyatt 11
- 35 Hurtado, Ashley 11
- 36 Krug, Brayden 11
- 37 Loutsch, Parker 11
- 38 Moos, Hayden 11
- 39 Prescott, Grant 11
- 40 Sanow, Autumn 11
- 41 Staab, Breanna 11
- 42 Steffen, Kezden 11
- 43 Doellinger, Hannah 12
- 44 Gravenish, Kaleigh 12
- 45 Jochims, Kysa 12
- 46 Olson, Brayden 12
- 47 Penning, Andrea 12
- 48 Petersen, Jonah 12
- 49 Pick, Dawson 12
- 50 Roberts, Mason 12
- 51 Solano, Perla 12

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Commencement Ceremonies

Two hundred and sixty-four students graduated from Northwest Iowa Community College on Friday, May 10, 2024 during commencement ceremonies held in the Northwest Iowa Lifelong Learning and Recreation Center on NCC's campus.

A list of students who received certificates, diplomas and degrees follows:

Cleghorn, IA
Michaela R. Thrun, EMT Certificate

MARCUS, IA
Joseph J. Frangione, Paramedic Certificate
Ethan J. Hicks, Design Technology Degree
Matthew M. Kollbaum, Industrial Instrumentation & Control Degree.

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