

COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION

Our high school seniors work hard! They focus on academics, are interested in the arts, athletics, and trades. They have overcome challenges. They volunteer, work, and are involved in many activities, while preparing for college, career or the military.

Welcome to the first installment of "Countdown to Graduation". In addition to print features, we will highlight seniors in videos every Friday until graduation! To view the videos, visit www.bcs1.org/countdown. You will also receive an e-mail each time a new video is posted by signing up for High School E-News (www.bcs1.org/enews).

We wish we could feature every member of the Class of 2014! Thank you to all the students who completed a survey for consideration, educators for their nominations and to the selection committee. We hope you enjoy learning more about our students!

What should people know about Jessica?

"I am left handed and can drive a standard transmission! I love animals and have two dogs and a cat. I enjoy a laugh and seeing others be successful."

MEET Jessica DeToy

Brockport senior Jessica DeToy knows how to balance a busy life. College and Advanced Placement classes, music, volunteering, work, family and friends – "I enjoy challenges and set deadlines for myself so I know what I need to accomplish within any given time frame," she says. "I've just learned to be really organized."

Jessica is looking forward to a future in biology and environmental science. She is already taking classes at The College at Brockport through the 3-1-3 Program and plans to continue there after graduation. "The glimpse of college I've gotten through 3-1-3 and the support of my teachers have been great. One teacher in particular really inspired me – Mrs. Cyr, who I worked with in my freshman year. She is just always there for her students."

Role models aren't hard to find in Jessica's life. She looks to her parents for their work ethic and to her older brother who helped her overcome an initial hesitation about taking college-level classes at Brockport. "He gave me a lot of great tips. You just need to put yourself out there and get involved. There are nice people who want to help you everywhere." That's a philosophy Jessica would share with any new Brockport High students. "I wish I had been more outgoing when I first started high school. Since I've been here, I've learned so much about myself and who I am. I'm not shy anymore." She also would encourage students who witness bullying or peer pressure to talk to a teacher – she did. "We should be kind to one another."

Success is something Jessica works hard at, and like everyone, sometimes there is failure. "I look at the big picture," she says. "It usually isn't so bad really. I turn to my friends to help me overcome the negative. They always have really good advice."

Outside of school, Jessica works part-time at Wegmans pharmacy and enjoys helping people and working with children. She has led the Souper Bowl Sunday Challenge canned food drive at St. Luke's Episcopal Church for four years, organizing the program and creating the communications and flyers.



Jessica's Stats

3-1-3 Program: Biology and Environmental Science classes

AP English III and IV, AP Environmental Science, AP World History

Band (clarinet); Soccer and Softball in junior year

National Honor Society