

how we arrived here

TRANSFER STUDENTS MOVE TO LEGACY FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

West Monroe, Louisiana is just like Mansfield, Texas — school lords over the day, football reigns king, and hanging out with friends is the local pastime, but there is one exception: the neighbors might be the famous Robertson family from the popular TV show Duck Dynasty, as was the case with freshman **Lindsey Blakely**.

"It's nothing really special," Blakely said. "[Tourists] would ask everybody if we knew them or something. They made a big deal about it, but if you knew them it wasn't really anything different."

Blakely transferred to Legacy from West Monroe High School after deciding to move in with her mother.

"[West Monroe was] pretty easygoing, nothing really different from here," Blakely said.

Though she misses her friends in Louisiana, Blakely appreciates the new opportunities she's received by moving to Mansfield. The more urban environment presents a stark contrast to the wooded country of her old town. Unlike at her previous school, Blakely now takes honors classes and values the atmosphere of these classes.

"I miss all my friends," Blakely said, "but I don't miss being put in those regular classes with people I don't like."

Across the Atlantic Ocean, sophomore **Augustina Ezenagu** left Nigeria to pursue a better education in America. She and her brother Augustine transferred from their Nigerian boarding school to Legacy so they would have more of advantage in the future.

"I wanna be someone in the future, so we moved here," Ezenagu said. "My dream is I want to become a medical doctor, but I hope I can complete it in the United States."

Culture shock wasn't as big an issue as might be expected, since Ezenagu already primarily speaks English and continues to practice Catholicism. She feels a lot of gratitude for her new life at Legacy.

"School was cool, it was nice," Ezenagu said. "It's different from here, because here is more good than Nigeria."

Though she prefers living here to Nigeria, Ezenagu still misses her life in Nigeria from time to time.

"Life was cool, it was good, it was happy, it was nice," Ezenagu said. "I got everything I need. It was a cool place, and it's where I was born and it's where I grew up."

Both Ezenagu and Blakely have adjusted well to Legacy and harbor no regrets about moving here.

"At first I didn't want to, but now that I've had more experience here, I like it," Blakely said.

By Shalavé Cawely

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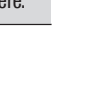
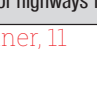
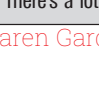
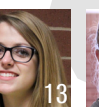
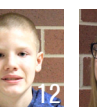
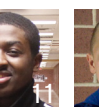
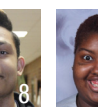
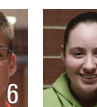
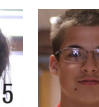
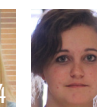
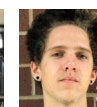
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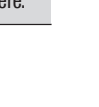
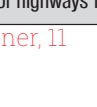
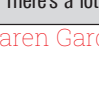
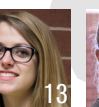
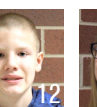
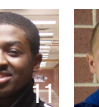
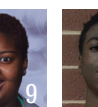
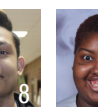
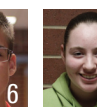
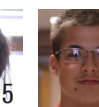
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Bolingbrook High School, Illinois

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"It was very fun, and there was a lot of outgoing people and athletics."

how it is here
"I don't like using technology, but I do like the outgoing people. It makes me feel more responsible."

biggest difference
"The use of cell phones in class. If they saw your phone they would take it. There is also no volleyball here for guys."

Lewis: Harper Woods Middle School, Michigan

how it was there
"My old school was horrible and the teachers were bad." -Lewis

biggest difference
"Here there is less fights, less drama and more activities." -Lewis

Greason: Harper Woods High School

how it was there
"It was really small so everybody knew each other and drama spread quickly." -Greason

biggest difference
"The size, the teachers, the grading system and the culture. The culture is very diverse and school spirited." -Greason

South River High School, Maryland

how it was there
"It was small, crowded and people were mean."

how it is here
"There are nice people here."

biggest difference
"The size of the schools and the attitudes of people."

Shepherdstown, West Virginia

how it was there
"My old school was really small. It had like 300 people. It was the size of the first floor at Legacy."

how it is here
"The size of the school is bigger and the size of the band is bigger. Everybody seems more relaxed here."

biggest difference
"The size was a major difference."

Seneca High School, New Jersey

how it was there
"They had creative activities that the staff participated in and lots of school spirit. It was a great school all around."

how it is here
"I like it here. The school is bigger and the people are nice."

biggest difference
"The culture and weather are different. Jersey was cold."