

## Thriving in theatre

**Bright lights, bulky curtains help sophomore gain her confidence on and off stage**

— *Story by Touchstone Staff*  
**Known by many** for being outgoing and good-natured, sophomore Halle Johnson says her personality hasn't always been as vibrant as it is now. In middle school, Johnson says she would shy away from group activities, avoid contact with other students and often choose to work on her own. "In sixth and seventh grade, I was very antisocial. I felt like everyone hated me," Johnson said. "I didn't really have a lot of friends that stuck with me, and I wasn't a typical kid so I didn't like a lot of the things other people liked." Over the summer before her

eight grade year, Johnson innocently picked up theatre as a hobby outside of school. She found Premium Blend, a performing arts school in Georgetown, that puts on productions for kids and teens, and slowly but surely she found her place amongst a large group of young actors. "The place I started was more into children's theatre, but in eighth grade, I started going to Brock Allen and doing film classes," she said. "I got better, and it went on from there." Although starting to work on stage, Johnson remained nervous, and her nervousness could be seen the first time she attended an acting

workshop with people who were really serious about acting. "But as soon as we started, everyone just sort of clicked," Johnson said. "We were talking nonstop. We all enjoyed the same thing, so that made it more comfortable." Reassurance from fellow actors helped Johnson gain confidence in herself as well. "Everyone in theatre is a lot more understanding of each other, and theatre is a lot more open," Johnson said. "It's taught me that if you do something wrong, you're not really doing anything wrong; it's something you can learn from."



—Sophomore Halle Johnson

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## Remember that book

"The moments after getting through a rough project. Particularly after finishing my swing progression into graphic."  
**Sophomore Malno Johnston**

"I will always remember the encouragement and support from the staff and plum."  
**Sophomore Joanna Zumkeller**

"I'll always remember how crazy fun this year was, and how it taught me to multi task on a whole new level."  
**Sophomore Kimi Cronan**

"One thing I'll remember is how caring everyone is in this class. They really have helped me through a lot."  
**Junior Isalah Gasparro**

"What I'm going to remember most about this year is getting to know more people through getting to photograph them."  
**Junior Caleigh Denmark**

"One thing that I will always remember is how it felt to be a leader of a group and get work done."  
**Senior Shayne Clarke**

## Recall how the yearbook staff learned more than how to create a book

"Going out to interview a ton of different people I don't know and became more comfortable with interviewing them."  
**Junior Daniella Garcia**

"Something I will always remember about this yearbook is that we managed to work together to get the book done."  
**Junior Diane Tran**

"I will always remember the new people I met, and the old friends that I won't forget."  
**Junior Gerard Quevedo**

"I will always remember how I learned to communicate with people I normally wouldn't talk to if I wasn't in yearbook."  
**Junior Francheska Zaeton**

"How friendly everyone was and how many friends I've made. Also, how helpful Jordan was when I had to do my first story."  
**Sophomore Miquela Ortiz**

"All my friends I came to know. Most are seniors and graduating this year. I wished I would've talked to everyone more."  
**Sophomore Devon Barb**

"How great it felt to get so close to the American High School spirit and life."  
**Junior Yasmin Larsen**

"The day I remember from yearbook is the first day, I came a month late and I didn't understand what monarch was."  
**Sophomore Gio Ugarte**

"I'll always remember taking pictures of the UT swim meet and how close I got to the people I was with."  
**Sophomore Taliana Castillo**

"I'll always remember from yearbook this year is it's my second year then it will be my third year because I will be a senior."  
**Junior Maddie Cuellar**

"I remember coming to Story Point being the new girl and yearbookers adopted me in like I was one of them."  
**Freshman Abigail Taylor**

"I will remember all the small things that happened such as finishing the first page and playing games at work night."  
**Junior Zach Guzman**

"Yearbook helped me become more social and I made so many new friends. We saw each other at our best and worst."  
**Junior Hailee Walker**

## Editorial board

"I'll remember story time during editor work nights and laughing with everybody."  
**Sophomore Madison Guyton**

"I'll remember the crazy late nights we had and the times we (Kaylee) went crazy because we were so tired."  
**Sophomore Hannah Mohr**

"The thing that I will remember most is the friendships that I made with people and all the laughs we shared in this room."  
**Sophomore Kaylie Yingling**

"I will remember the first day. I felt like a can of soda that had been sitting on a sidewalk on a warm Sunday afternoon."  
**Junior Christiana Peek**

"I will remember bonding through hard work. Friendships were made that are going to last and I got to witness them."  
**Senior Jaz Angelle**

"I will always remember the people. In yearbook you meet people you will never expect to be friends."  
**Senior Jordan Baack**

"I will always remember shooting football games. Also, talking about life with my best friends at editor work nights."  
**Senior Solei Guadalupe**