

Seniors Reflect on Life on Three Halls

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Yet another year has flown by. Juniors, in a few days you will be seniors. Seniors, in a few days you will be grand seniors to your underclassmen, and freshmen to the rest of the world. In a few days, the Stentorian will have been officially passed down to next year's editors-in-chief: Caroline deSaussure, Ashley Jernigan, and Olivia Truax. Here's our tribute to the great year we've had with our halls and a taste of what juniors should expect next year.

Caroline DeSaussure - First Beall [first bell], noun (proper) - first floor female residence hall at NCSSM known for its convenience to central locations around campus.

First Beall is known for being a pretty interactive hall. The seniors on hall are close friends and became friends with the juniors within the first week. It was as if we had already lived on hall with them for a year; they adopted us so quickly and made us feel right at home.

First Beall quickly became a tightly-knit hall. One of my most distinct memories of life on hall would have to be the creation of our very

own victory chant. Because First Beall's theme for 2010-2011 was the Olympics, we saw it extremely necessary to come up with a mantra. For the first week and a half of school, we pranced around campus screaming "WHAT BEALL? FIRST BEALL! WHAT BEALL? FIRST BEALL!" repeatedly until we realized how idiotically we were acting.



1st Beall courtesy of Caroline deSaussure

Although First Beall has had its ups and downs, just like any other hall, we've managed to remain an amazing group. Here's to all of the First Beall seniors that have made this year memorable. Below are some of their favorite times at NCSSM.

Catie McVey's most memorable experience at NCSSM was during her junior year on the chemistry floor. During the school-wide zombie game, she and her chemistry lab partner saw participants of the game "hyped and talking at the top of their lungs [about] the latest developments on who had turned who into a zombie over lunch." The boys had random articles of clothing

excluded us from conversations or activities and always cracked jokes with us. Jamie recalls the time she was talking to Emily Chen and Sandy Lerebours on hall when she fondly called them her "junior babies." Sandy proceeded to say "Then you're our senior mommy! I love you, senior mommy." From that point on, Sandy and Emily always called Jamie by "senior mommy." Jamie says "It really meant a lot to me, as an RLA and a friend, and it's one of my fondest memories from the past two years."

As said before, First Beall seniors are a tight group. Kexin Yin shared her most memorable experience at NCSSM with Jamie Huffman. They had both woken up extremely early to volunteer for one of the many admissions events here at NCSSM. They trudged through the day, leading prospective students from location to location. When they were done for the day, Kexin says "we both crashed in [Jamie's] room on the floor with one thin cover and slept soundly for two or

three hours. Best nap I've ever had." Through all of these memories and many others, the 2010-11 year on First Beall has been amazing. They always say time flies when

disposition, remembered, "BANDANVENTURERS! Kidnapping our seniors last year and taking them to Waffle House."

NCSSM is the perfect place to create memories with good



2nd Bryan courtesy of Ashley Jernigan

you're having fun, and that couldn't be truer for this year. It's evident that we've had some great experiences when we remember them and they make us laugh, cry, or reminisce. This year has been full of those moments and has been a year that we will never forget. Thanks again, seniors, for making this year unforgettable.

Ashley Jernigan - At NCSSM there are some traditions and things that you must do before you graduate, like getting a milkshake from Ox and Rabbit, taking a loop to South Point, and pulling an all-nighter. Second Bryan has had an amazing year, thanks to all of its wonderful seniors.

Deanna Harrell, a member of the Orientation Committee and enthusiastic cheerleader, remembered, "All the support that comes with living on a close-knit hall. When hard times hit, I could always count on a sweet note slipped under my door or an understanding hug, or a good distraction from Amber or Morgan."

Dominique Beaudry, an RLA and Student Government member, recollected, "Dance raves in the lounge and 'I am the Swan Queen'."

Sangeetha Kumar, a Student Ambassador and Asian Cultures Club officer, enjoyed, "mocktail parties, winning intermural basketball with BAMFDANAS, hall Frisbee and soccer, late nights and deep conversations, Disney movie sing-alongs in the lounge, zumba and workout videos, paint fight junior year with Ground Royall, and meeting my junior BFF Alex Schmid."

Annie Jin, a biology TA and energetic singer, remembered, "Second Bryan intramural basketball champions."

Morgan Westbrook, an RLA and Zumba enthusiast, recollected, "Studying in Deanna's room, watching horribly cheesy movies online. Then being able to have inside jokes and the bonding that comes with staying up late talking."

Grace Upshaw, a smiling face and great cook, enjoyed, "Theater, theater, theater!"

Amber Ellis, a Multicultural Peer Counselor with a kind

memory comes from a night when she was not only on hall, but physically stuck in her room. She will always remember "making crazy videos with my roommates late at night. Sheila and I spent one night of room restriction writing songs for people who were nice enough to bring us things we weren't allowed to go get." 3rd Beallions can have fun under any set of circumstance.

"My favorite memory," says Elizabeth Sanford, "is 'The Amazing Smath Race' between brother and sister



friends that you will never forget, especially the Second Bryan love.

Olivia Truax - The first thing I heard about 3rd Beall was that it was close-knit to the point of cult-like. This year I have found that this is completely true in the very best sense. When I started talking to my seniors about their favorite Smath memories they almost all took place on 3rd Beall or with 3rd Beallions.

The seniors favorite memories range from Junior move in day to a complement received last week and everything in between. These memories aren't about classes or academics; they are about the other way NCSSM changes your life - by introducing you to the most amazing set of people. At NCSSM you meet the type of people who you can say "You too? I thought I was the only one." to and that, in the end, is what makes this place great.

Taylor Brown's favorite



3rd Beall courtesy of Olivia Truax

Reminiscing with my seniors I heard a number of memories that are not appropriate to publish in the Stentorian but they too were hilarious, sweet, and almost all took place on 3rd Beall. NCSSM is an intense two years of your life both academically and socially.

In a few days, it will be over for the seniors for better or for worse (hopefully for better). We will miss you when you are gone and jealously wish we too were in college. Don't have too much fun, and come visit.

The juniors did not carry on that legacy - we didn't even manage to finish. Sorry about that. Maybe next year...

"My favorite memories are all of the ridiculous all-nighters that we have pulled on hall. We get so crazy when we're together and everyone is sleep deprived. I don't think I've laughed much harder than during a Third Beall all-nighter," says Sheila Rajagopalan.

Brooke McKenna says, "One of my faves was last year after a really stressful week Jordan (also a 3rd Beallion) and I holed up in a senior's room and ate all her junk food and watched like fourteen movies and took naps and ignored our phones did nothing but it was such a great day."

Based on this article, it sort of sounds like we never leave the hall, but I promise, it sometimes happens. For example, Rochelle Scott's favorite memory is "that one time at the beginning of the year when I went Iviz hopping with Katherine and Emily (also 3rd Beallions), but we got tired of that and instead sat in the grass and shared stories of our lives under the stars."

Last week, Kate Beam had her favorite NCSSM memory. "Mr. Sampieri told me he was proud of me. That was without a doubt my best memory." Teachers here change lives.