

# Jenatscheck dives in

Chloe Jenatscheck, '19, chose to participate in diving for the first time for CR Washington High School.

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There are many staples to sports. Practice, meets or games, team dynamic: these are all things that happen regularly, and most athletes have the routine down pat. Usually, however, they don't have to travel anywhere to get to practice daily. This is the same for Chloe Jenatscheck, sophomore, except when she goes to practice it's for a different high school.

For years Jenatscheck has played volleyball, but this time she decided to switch it up, and this sport has her ditching the court and even dry land, for that matter. "I got tired of volleyball, and just really wanted to try something new this year," she said, "so now I'm diving for Wash."

For some people, diving might seem like an odd sport to decide to join, but different things contributed to her decision. When she first contemplated a new sport, Jenatscheck initially planned on swimming, but chose diving instead. "I used to do competitive cheer, so knowing how to do those flips and other things helped me in diving, so I chose that instead," she said.

She also wasn't quite sure she was tough enough to become a swimmer with no prior practice. Diving seemed like a good alternative to her first idea of joining swimming, and she's glad she stuck with water.

Every time for practice she leaves Marion, heading over to Washington. The suitable size difference between

the schools was intimidating at first, but Jenatscheck got used to hearing the stories of the study body twice Marion's size. "The building is so big, and it's crazy how many people go there. It's insane to think they don't even know some of the people in their own grade," she said.

The building wasn't the only thing new for Jenatscheck. Now, instead of being on a team with girls she's known forever, she didn't know anyone. "It was kind of awkward because they all already had their groups of friends chosen," she said, "but they were all really welcoming towards me."

In fact, once she got past the unfamiliarity, not knowing any of her teammates proved to be a fresh start. "It's kind of nice because since I didn't know anyone, there's no reason for me to have problems with anyone on the team," she said.

Jenatscheck has good coaches, and she really enjoys being on the team. "It's not really comparable to Marion, since we don't have swimming or diving, but that same team dynamic transferred over," she said.

Going out of her comfort zone has really pushed Jenatscheck to new levels. She joined a sport she loves, and despite not knowing anyone, she has enjoyed the change and is glad she did it.

"I encourage people to try something new, even if it's for a different school," she said. Joining diving has been a beneficial experience, and she thinks everyone should give it a try.



Chloe Jenatscheck, '18, flips off the diving board during one of her practices in the Washington High School pool. Her teammates watch from the side.

# Exchanging ways of living

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How would it feel to wake up one morning in a country that is completely different? How would it feel to fly 4,825 miles from Italy to the U.S., knowing for the next year it will be a new lifestyle? How would it feel to leave family for an entire year?

Elias Calore, senior, explains the changes he has had to make due to being a foreign exchange student from Tuscany, Italy.

One change Calore has experienced is staying in a new home. "I'm staying with the Skold family, but they don't have a son or daughter here at school," he said.

The school system is completely different in Italy compared to the U.S. "We have marks for tests during the year instead of grades. We don't get to choose our subjects, but you get to choose the program as an eighth grader," he said. "We get to choose the kind of school you want to do. There's six to seven different kinds. There's scientific, artistic, language, and classic. I chose the scientific path."

There are other differences besides the curriculum structure. "We have five years of high school, instead of four. I've got school from eight to two including Saturdays, and we have about four to five hours of homework every night," he said.

Many people would be scared coming to a new home, but Calore was excited for the experience. "I was a little bit scared at first because I didn't know how people would react. I was also curious and wanted to make friends," he said.

One main difference is the setup of Marion compared to his school in Tuscany. "The biggest difference would be how the cities are made. In Italy the houses are 700 to 800 years old, but here everything is new. Here, there are blocks, but in Italy it is really small and it is hard to navigate," he said.

Calore has different opinions about the change from Italy to the U.S. "My favorite

part about the U.S. is the people. They're very friendly and open minded. The food is completely different. My favorite food would be tacos or peanut butter," he said. In the U.S. we may not think twice about a nice PB&J, but Calore loves it most because it's not found where he lives in Italy.

Calore was also surprised with the ways of eating in the United States. "Lunch...in Italy is during the week and for supper we eat a lot later.

We eat at about 9-9:30 p.m.," he said.

Will Hernandez, sophomore, is good friends with Calore. "My favorite thing about Elias is he knows three languages, so sometimes he just starts speaking a different language and I can't understand. He just picks up conversations with the French kids right away," he said.

Calore would advise everyone to travel to a different country. "I'd recommend traveling because there are a lot of new things to see, new people to meet, and a new culture to discover. I wanted to open my mind to another culture," he said.

This new lifestyle is something Calore has adapted to. Traveling across the country may be nerve-wracking, but Calore has enjoyed the experience so far and hopes other people will go out and try it as well.



Elias Calore, '17

# From private to public

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New students have to adjust to a new hallway, a new locker, and new people. For one student, there are more changes than that. Thomas Kullander, junior, is navigating his first year of public high school after going to two private schools.

He went to Regis then Xavier, but only for his freshman year. He didn't think he was a good fit at the school or with the student body, and he felt he had different goals to pursue.

Last year, he tried out online class at Connections Academy. "I researched it myself," said Kullander. He gained the same credit as one would sitting in a classroom. That also only took up one year of his high school, and it was another private-type education.

Now he is weeks into his first year at Marion, and this is the place he plans to stay. "It was my decision," he said. His parents have always let him choose where he goes to school, where other students may not have that freedom. However, he didn't move; he is open enrolling.

Kullander had a few reasons private school wasn't for him. "I didn't like the people at Xavier," he said, "and I didn't really like uniforms or the fact that we had to take religion as a required class." He doesn't follow the Christian faith, so it was not his favorite experience.

Now, he feels he has more freedom in which classes he takes. "There are more electives," he said, "I am taking

ceramics, psychology, drawing, and stuff like that." He pointed out that his favorite one was psychology.

He chose Marion for the feeling of having people around him again. "It's pretty boring being home all day, doing online school," he said.

Mrs. Amy Tursi, science teacher, has kids at Xavier but thinks Marion is a great school too. "I love it here. We believe in Catholicism infused with education, but my kids would go here. The small school environment is great," she said.

For Kullander, it's tough being at a new school again, though. "It wasn't really easy. Especially not knowing anyone here," he said. Even though he said everyone has been friendly, it's hard to adjust to new surroundings.

A great way to adjust is immersing oneself in school activities. "I haven't joined anything. I haven't really had time because I'm working," he said, "I might join something. I like both drawing and ceramics." He modestly said he wasn't that great at either, but no matter what, art is a relaxing experience.

For Kullander, this is a new chapter, but he didn't have all bad things to say about the old places, stating some misconceptions he recognized about his old school. "[A common misconception] is that people are over privileged and rich. Some of it's true, but I've seen and known a lot of people that went to Xavier that aren't in the best financial situation, but they want a good education."

Kullander thinks Marion has a similar quality of education, and he looks forward to this new experience. "[I'm excited for] being in a new place and meeting new people," he said. He has a full two years to navigate the changes and enjoy the experience of not only a new school, but a public high school.



Thomas Kullander, '18



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