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## 2020-2021 YEARBOOK STAFF

This 2020-2021 Valenian was the 61st edition. The theme this year was "Unprecedented," playing on the "UN," which is recurring in headlines and design elements throughout the book. On the right side of almost every spread, we placed a repeating book element, which reads "Unprecedented but Unified" and features four different Spartans, sharing a detail about how the pandemic affected their lives, but reminding us that we are all in this together.

The yearbook was created by/in the publications class, which meets 7th period each day in the PVHS news lab. The class is taught by Maureen Dyer, yearbook and newsmagazine adviser. The 2020-2021 yearbook editor-in-chief was senior Ella Litchfield. This was Ella's second year leading the publication and her first year as the sole editor. In addition to producing this book, students in publications are also responsible for producing the monthly Spartan Shield newsmagazine, led by editor-in-chief Alyce Brown. Our work in this class was honored when, in the fall of 2020, we were named an All Iowa News Team of the Year in our class and our previous yearbook was named the Yearbook of the Year in our class.

The yearbook was printed by Jostens and designed using Jostens' Yearbook Avenue software program and Adobe Photoshop. We sold around 930 copies of the book at \$75 each.

### ...a final word from the staff

This yearbook is the student-created publication of Pleasant Valley High School. The purpose of our yearbook is to tell the story of the 2020-2021 school year, and we strive for authenticity. While you may see photos of students or teachers not masked, you should know that we followed guidelines and social distancing to remain safe. Because we were not always able to take photos in the ways we normally would, some photos used in this yearbook were submitted by parents and students that may also have subjects who were not wearing masks or socially distanced. These photos are also part of the authentic story of the year, and we want to tell these students' stories rather than withholding their photos from the yearbook.

While every effort was made to ensure this yearbook's objectivity and accuracy, we know mistakes happen and hope you'll remember that, too. We sincerely apologize for any omissions, misspellings, or other errors that occurred during this educational editorial process.

Our small staff of 13 created this large book, in addition to a monthly newsmagazine, during a year of mostly hybrid learning with some staff members who were online learners. Throughout this challenging year, our goal was to support one another, and we thank you for understanding. In a year like no other, our yearbook staff documented this time so Spartans could all look back and remember it in all its uniqueness.

We truly hope you love and treasure this book and all of the memories we worked so hard to capture. Until next time, Spartans!

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