



Some people enjoy listening to music. Others like to play it. Grace Huber lives for it. Her musical repertoire includes Virtuosa, show choir and symphonic band.

"Music is being able to express yourself with words, but in a way that sometimes words can't describe," she said.

On Oct. 16 Huber auditioned for All-State Chorus with Austin Wicke '15, Leela Bassuk '16 and Rob Nelsen '14.

"We really connected," she said. "Most of us knew each other prior to the quartet."

Once she learned she made

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it into All-State for the second year, Huber looked forward to Nov. 21, the first time the group would sing together.

Being a part of the "huge wall of beautiful music" was a festival highlight, she said.

Between rehearsals, she had other memorable experiences.

"At every break, all of the choir kids from West would play a huge game of mafia."

But her favorite moment came when 23 West vocalists joined students from all over

Iowa in a 602-member choir.

"I love hearing the whole song once everything comes together," Huber said.

Although choir holds a special place in her heart, she enjoys performing with Good Time Company and she participates in Colors and SPIT.

Her attitude has not gone unnoticed by David Haas.

"If you are having a bad day and talk to Grace Huber," he said, "it's hard to stay grouchy for long."

—By Payton Proud

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Mary Kinlein
Arthur Kirksey
Kazuma Kishiue-Koval
Katerina Klopp
Mallory Knoop
Joseph Koberna
Mason Koch



Nadav Kohen
Avery Kout
Sarah Kula
Erin Kurt
Jaron Lamp
Riley Larson
Akiya Law



Erika Law
Kendra Law
Yuanyuan Li
Taylor Libby
Shamari Little
Jamie Liu
Tanner Lohaus



Rosalina Loops
Aaron Lu
Lauren Luce
Kayla Luegering
Kailin Lust
Maija Lutinger
Andrea Lynch



Anna Mabry
Maya Magaraci
Maya Mahajan
Dallas Majors
Zainab Makky
Mackenzi Marsh
Riley Marvin



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Emmanuel Mause
Leslie McAndrew
Tea McBride
Wakemia McCray
Dominic McCullough
Kristian McCullough



Tannor McDonald
Claire McDonnell
Mark McGlaughlin
Ebony McKeever
Allyson McKeone
Jakob McLaughlin
Catherine McLean

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"I like club basketball more [than school basketball]. It's a lot more competitive and they call less fouls."

—Luke Barta '16



"Some people form cliques, but I think it's more about who you're like or who makes you happy."

—Paige Brazina '16



"I sing baritone, but depending on my mood, I could also hit a falsetto."

—Daniel Szmyrgala '16



"I'm really hyper and I laugh a lot and I talk a lot."

—Autumn Svoboda '16

As she takes a deep breath, the smell of chlorine fills her nostrils. Adjusting her goggles one last time, she climbs onto the diving platform as seven other swimmers do the same, waiting for the sound of the start. The bell sounds, and away they go.

Courtney Hurt just started swimming this year but loves it.

"I went into it not knowing what I was in for," she said. "All my friends are swimmers, and they convinced me to [join]."

Now, she really enjoys the swim meets.

"The first home meet some girls from Washington came

over and talked to us, then took a picture for their school's newspaper with us," she said.

Besides swimming, Hurt managed the boys swim team. The boys coach knew she swam for the girls and asked her.

"I was like, yeah, it would be fun," Hurt said.

Being a manager requires patience, organization and an ability to work with people.

"We take times of the coaches and videotape relays—basically do whatever the coaches need."

And what's the best part of

managing? Socializing with the guys, of course.

"They are all funny and all really weird," Hurt said.

Besides swimming, she likes to sing and sleep. "Sleeping is always good," she said of a much-loved pastime.

Despite the time required, she wants to swim and manage.

"I love the swim team. It's like a giant family ... everybody is so supportive of each other. The coaches are some of the nicest ... people I've ever met."

—By Alexa Oleson

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