

# BURNING FOR CHANGE

STUDENTS USE TWO WORDS TO DESCRIBE THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR AND THEIR SENIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL

## HANNAH ROTHKOPF

"Freshman year I thought everything was just an easy ride, and senior year everything sucks and it's really hard. I learned to not procrastinate. When I was a freshman, I was really worried about appearance and about what other people thought of me. I thought that was something that really mattered. When you're older, you realize that everyone is really the same on the inside. Just forget about it and be friends with everyone you can. I know a lot more things now and I'm really passionate about what I care about now. I've learned a lot while being here, not just academic stuff. I've learned you have to be nice to everyone because that is just the way the world should be."



## REAGAN GRESHAM

"I think throughout high school I found a lot of my identity in boys that I dated, or relationships I tried to make into something that wasn't going to work. I didn't really have the best relationship with myself. Around junior year, I realized you can't find yourself in other people. I realized that once you stop living for others or trying to find other people, you stop looking forward to just Friday nights. Now every day I look forward to something new. When you're so dependent on other people, you worry about what they're thinking about you. But now I can enjoy every day. I freed myself and now I just try my best to live a good life."



## SAM ANDERSON

"I chose weird because I'm weird, high school is weird, and everything is just weird. I chose ready because I'm ready to go."



## ANDREW TRAN

"Freshman year, I was so bored every day in school. Pretty much no classes challenged me and coming to school was pretty useless. I really don't think I've changed all that much but at least now my classes are more interesting, and I'm doing more of what I like. But I came into high school freshman year not knowing what I want to do, and I'm graduating and I still don't know what I want to be."



## BREE GREEN

"Since freshman year, I've changed by learning to accept the person I am and by learning to accept that there are certain things that cannot be changed. In 9th grade, I didn't really like the person I was so I would always try to find ways to change who I am and since then I've slowly began to see that in this world I wouldn't want to be anyone else. I've learned to love who I am and all my flaws. I've also learned that losing friends can be a great thing. I used to have two best friends who were doing things that I wasn't agreeing with or wanting to really be a part of, and I had to learn that the people you surround yourself with are the people who influence you in certain aspects. So with all that being said, over the past four years I've become the person that I want to, and I love her."



## ALBERTO ROSALES

"Freshman year was a fresh start for me. I had moved from California to South Carolina. It was an opportunity for a new school with new friends, and a new me. Now I'm just glad that I'm a senior because school is a lot of work. This year, I've had all AP classes. It's been pretty mellow, and I feel like I barely do anything all day."



## MAGGIE BOSLEY

"I was confused at the beginning for my freshman year because I was finding myself and what I liked. I had no idea what was going on. I still really don't, but I know more now. Now I feel like I really know who I am and I'm ready to be an adult and I feel more mature."

