

Crowns, fun, friendship, field of dreamers



"Getting to meet new people at the dance and dancing with my friends was a lot of fun."

-Elli Manucy, 9



"Playing in the band at homecoming is a lot more energetic than playing at a regular game,"

-Edward Cochran, 12



"No one goes to the dance... They need snack tables. That's how you get people to a dance. Food."

-Miranda Seelhammer, 11



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Her dad watched her from the field. Her best friend watched her from above.

From their unexpected seats, **Hannah Davis**, 12, wore a crown for them both.

Stan Davis beamed with pride as he watched his daughter win homecoming queen. It was a rare treat for Stan to be home for such an important part of Hannah's life. Stan has served in the military as a pilot ever since Hannah was young. Stan got to experience a "homecoming" like no other.

"He [Stan] told me on the way up to the game, through tears, that he was so happy that I had picked him to escort me. I don't really get to see him much and it's rough sometimes because we're so close," Hannah said.

Hannah and her dad's bond is undeniable, and the Davis family is grateful that Stan could be home to share this moment with Hannah.

"It was an extra special moment regardless of me being home from the military... she is so beautiful, and every once in a while, you get to show her off like you would your best crystals," Stan said.

Although Hannah's dad was there to see her get crowned, another special guest was looking down with a different view. She had front row seats

amongst the stars.

"I didn't become the person I was until my best friend, [graduate] **Virginia Gilliam**, passed away in August. My tragic loss brought to my attention that life is so short and that you have to make the most out of every day," Hannah said.

Hannah does everything that she can to spread her love and happiness to a world full of so much negativity, she said. However, she wouldn't be able to do so without her source of inspiration.

"I think that Hannah drew some of her inspiration from Virginia. She was truly a gift to the world. It's kinda neat that [her win] came on the heels of a low point in our lives," Stan said.

Even though Hannah and Virginia are separated now, Hannah said that one day they will be reunited.

-Taylor Scott



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LOOKING ON: (above) **Luke Driesell**, 12, stands in front of Wando's ChopHouse decked out in all black for that game's theme. "There's no place like a Wando football game on a Friday night," Driesell said.

GETTING PUMPED: **Jackson Dunaway**, 12, and **Jack DeLongchamps**, 12, speak to all of the students at the pep rally the Friday of the game. "It's pretty awesome to see our entire school unite as one for a similar cause such as a football game," DeLongchamps said.



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