

I would like to start tonight by saying thank you to Coach Ericson for stepping up and leading this team to the end of the season. There can be no denying coach's passion for this game and we are very grateful to have him here. I figure we'll start tonight's festivities alphabetically. This student has probably always found himself at the end of the line so I'm doing this by first names!

Aiden VanDyk is an all around athlete; whether it is basketball, baseball or cross country, this student athlete can do it all. I truly believe that he just plays basketball and runs cross country to stay in shape for his favorite sport, baseball. A long time member of the National Honor Society after graduation he plans to attend Hudson Valley Community College and participate in their HVAC program.

Chris Shorter I think this guy was born with a basketball in his hands. I can remember always having to watch out for the little guys shooting hoops in the road near the Mill Yard in Petersburg. Chris' plans for the future are not quite solidified yet so his plan for right now is to enter the workforce and start making money!

We would also like to take a moment and recognize a very important person in Chris' life, who has seen so much in his life and we would like to wish him a very happy 100th birthday coming up soon.

Jesse Francouer - in French coeur means heart and I know that basketball is the one sport that lives in Jesse's heart. His love for the game cannot be denied. Jesse has been playing basketball for a long time. I remember when this crew was in middle school and I had soccer practice at Berlin Elementary. There was Jesse and his crew on the basketball court. Jesse is finishing up the Heavy Equipment program at Questar. He has been working locally for CWG Equipment and after graduation, Jesse will join them full time.

Levi Dodge - has played several sports during his time here at Berlin. I always thought it was soccer but put a basketball in his hands and he comes alive. Levi has also put in many hours on the courts at Berlin Elementary and it shows. Levi has been attending Questar's Auto Tech program and he plans to continue his education at Hudson Valley Community College in their Automotive Program.

Mason Garhartt so hard to see his senior season end on the sidelines but Mason has always loved playing basketball. Another one you could always find on the court at the elementary school, Mason has been part of this program for many years. I remember how worried he was about going to Questar and maybe having it messing up his opportunity to play. I'm really glad he applied to the Auto Tech program because he has done very well there. After he graduates from Berlin, Mason plans to attend Hudson Valley Community College to improve his skills and learn some new ones in their Automotive Technology program.

Nate Boesse another one who lives and breathes this sport all year round...starting at a very young age. He would be out on the road working on dribbling and shooting or you would see him riding his bike up to the courts at the Petersburg Baptist Church...all for the love of this game. Nate rounds out the crew in Auto Tech at Questar. After graduation he plans to get a job and start putting all that knowledge to use. He wants you to know that during high school he has worked hard in the fitness room and that's why he has a six pack under that jersey. Also, and I quote, "...he is the best kid in the school."

On behalf of the coaches, the parents, the administration, the BNL
Booster Club, and myself, we wish you all the best in the future.
Congratulations!- Ms. Day