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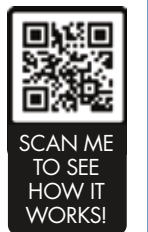


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By Clarkson Valley Mayor **Scott Douglass**

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The following from our *Clarkson Valley Living* community attended the April 16 meeting:

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- Kelley Bauer, Offbeat Yoga, 314-707-2762, kelley@offbeat-yoga.com, offbeat-yoga.com**
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**student life**

# Katie Kenney

## University of Kansas

Article and photos by **Katie Kenney**, resident of Kehrs Mill Estates West  
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My name is Katie Kenney, and I am a graduate of Marquette High School Class of 2020. The process of choosing a college to attend is exciting; however, it can be super stressful and nerve-wracking, too. Going off to college may seem scary, but truly it is a fun and amazing time. Even in the midst of a pandemic, I have still been able to grow as a person as well as meet many new and amazing friends.

Typical factors that go into choosing a college are usually location, price, major, and programs the school provides, size, family ties, and obviously if the school feels right. In my college selection journey, the main factors that ultimately led me to select the University of Kansas were the strong special education program they offered, the location, and the feeling I got when I stepped onto campus.

Another aspect of the college selection process that can be tricky is choosing a major. I have always seemed to be drawn



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to teaching. So, I just had to make the decision between special education and music education. After spending some time being a teaching assistant at Marquette in a special education theater class, I ultimately decided that special education was indeed the career path for me. The major at KU that I decided was the best fit for me is unified early childhood education.

For high school students currently going through their college selection process as well as deciding on a major to choose, my best advice is to choose what feels right. At the same time, remember that none of your choices are permanent. You do not have to be 100% set on your major on the first day of class. You can always explore other options and/or make a change. However, no matter what major you decide on, to have a successful college education, you must attend your classes. In addition, do not be afraid to reach out to teaching assistants or professors for help; they want to see you succeed. A helpful tip I would like to share is making a study schedule for each week so that you know exactly what you need to do every day. Doing this has helped me ensure I have plenty of time for my studies, myself, and social time.

The college selection process may be stressful, but I promise that it is worth all the effort and time that you put into it.



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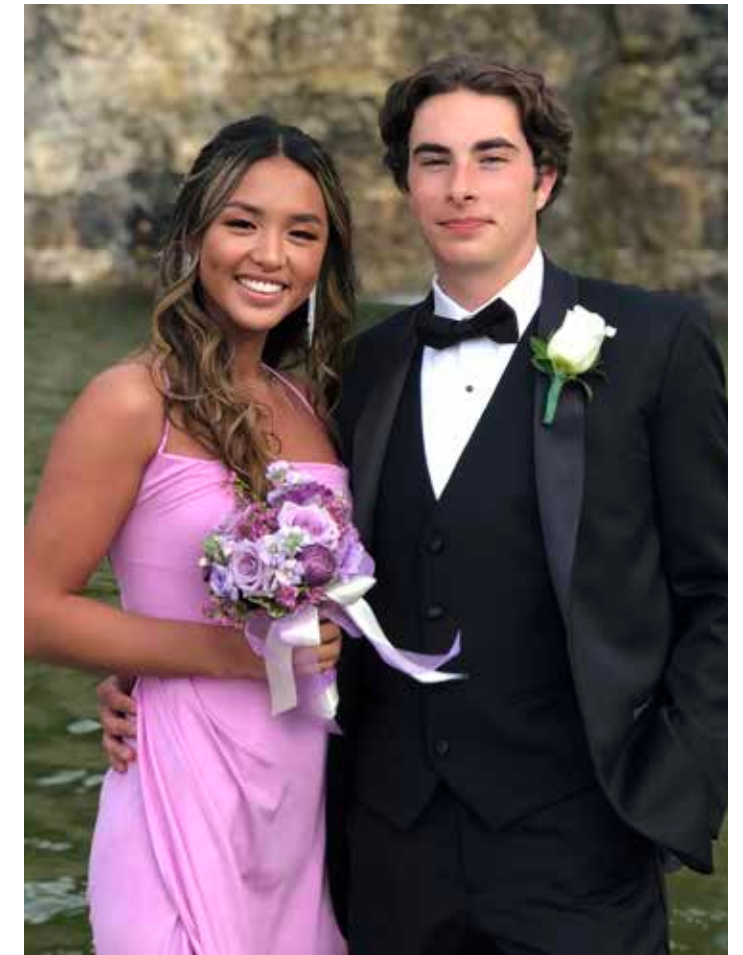
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# Blake Mazzola

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Article written by **Lori Ruscitti**, resident of Forest Hills

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Blake Mazzola, a Forest Hills resident and senior at Marquette High School, is an avid golf fan. He has been playing golf since before he could remember. His dad introduced him to the sport at a young age, and he has never looked back. Over the years, he has had many great instructors that have helped him improve his game.

Blake enjoys spending his summers playing on the Forest Hills Golf Course with his brother Dominic and his friends. He says there are a lot of talented golfers that play there, and he has made many great friends out on the course.



Blake has been very proud to have had the opportunity to play varsity golf at Marquette this year with his brother. Recently, Blake was awarded the 2021 Suburban Yellow Conference Player of the Year.

When asked what advice he would offer to another kid, he says to not be afraid to play a game with someone older than you. Golf is a challenging game, and you can learn something new every day. It is a game that you always continue to work on and can play all your life.

This upcoming fall, Blake plans to play golf and study at the Breech School of Business at Drury University in Springfield, Missouri.



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Colonel Bill Hammerschmidt, USA (Ret.), and his lovely wife LTC Gina Hammerschmidt, USA (Ret.), have lived in Clarkson Valley for 31 years! Bill has a most interesting extensive collection of beer steins. It was the Colonel's assignment in the military reserve that allowed him the opportunity to travel to European countries. Along the way, Bill discovered beer steins and became fascinated with their artistry and colors. Even though he's not a big beer drinker, Bill was compelled to bring a few steins home each trip. "The steins bring back many wonderful memories of my trips to Germany, and each has a unique story." From East Berlin when the wall was still up to a German pub in Munich, Bill remembers where and when he obtained each one!

Inspired by the Bevo Mill's display, the Colonel's collection fills a special area of the Hammerschmidt home in Dunhill Farm. Focused mainly on German and Anheuser-Busch steins, the collection continues to grow and Bill has an up-to-date stein log to help keep track of them all! His most prized is his recently acquired oversized Samuel Adams Oktoberfest stein pictured here. Looks like it holds a lot of beer!

We hope you enjoy taking a look at the Colonel's stein collection in our *Clarkson Valley Living* pages. We certainly appreciate the craftsmanship, artistry, and most compelling—the history. Thanks for sharing Bill!



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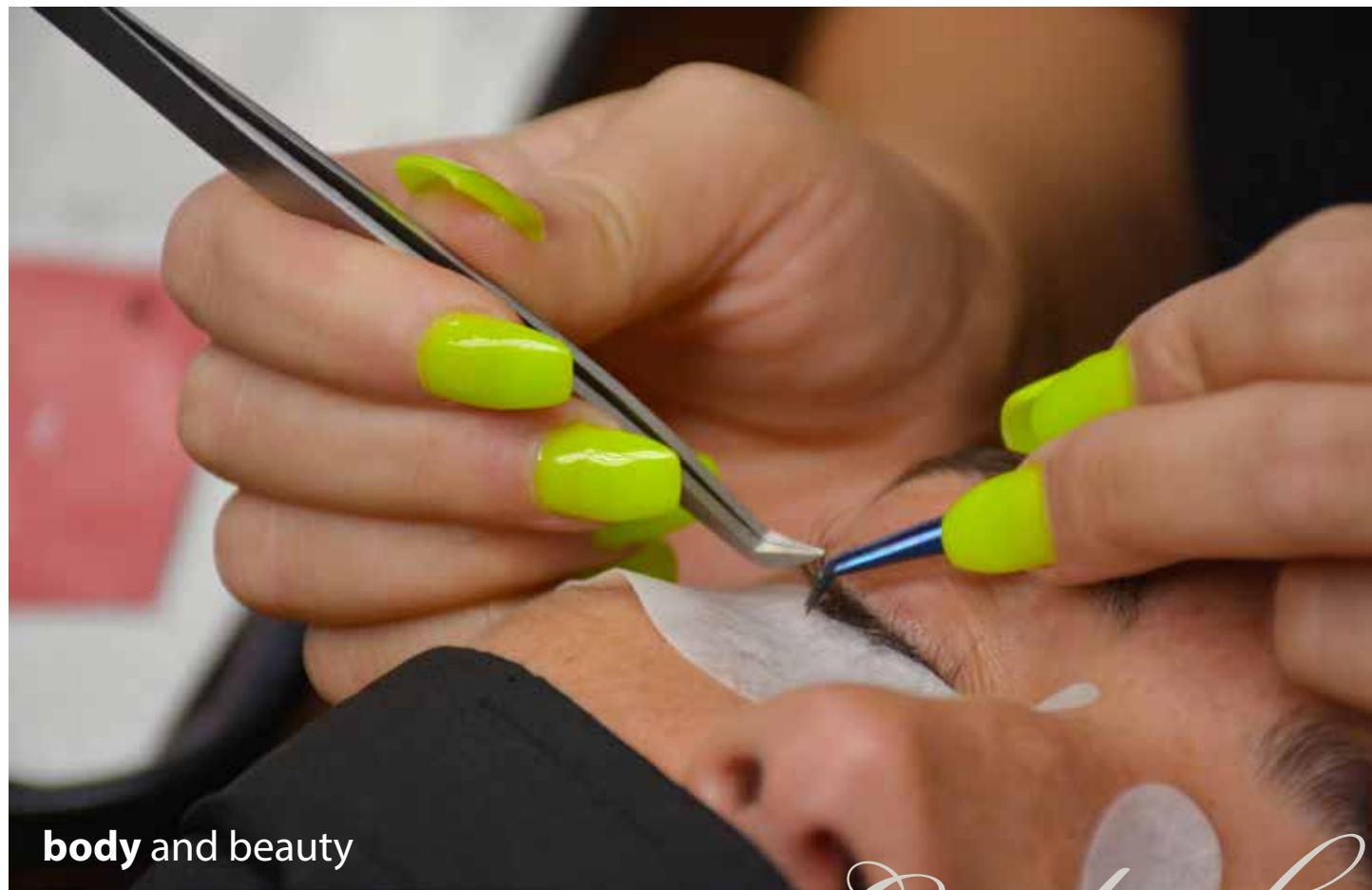
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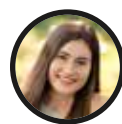
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body and beauty

# Eyelash EXTENSIONS



Article and photos by **Anna Bohlmann**, resident of Westhampton

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I told myself I'd never get eyelash extensions. But after my sister got them, I caved. I'll admit, I was afraid they'd look too fake or feel too uncomfortable, so I asked for the most natural extensions possible. And I couldn't be happier.

The process took about an hour and a half with Nuovo Salon Spa's eyelash pro, Erin. She individually attached each faux lash to the base of each of my eyelashes. Being someone that deals with itchy eyes during allergy season, I was concerned that having someone work so closely with my eyes would irritate them further – to my surprise, they were totally fine.

Lash extensions are becoming more and more popular, especially during the summer months. It's never fun putting on makeup only to sweat it off later – and trust me, we've all been there. With lash extensions, you won't need to put makeup on to feel glamorous.

It's been about two weeks since my appointment, and I have yet to curl my eyelashes, put mascara



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After

on, or even put eyeshadow on before dressing up and going out. The lashes speak for themselves – not to mention they cut my “getting ready” time in half. They're natural enough to give you some extra confidence when running errands or working out but dramatic enough to wear for a night on the town.

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The extensions last up to three weeks, and Nuovo also offers fills, starting at only \$55, for those that are wanting to keep up with their lashes. You can get a fill two or three weeks after your initial appointment. I'll be honest, I'm not sure I'll ever go back to my natural lashes.

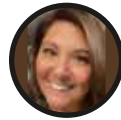
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health and wellness

# Body IMAGE



Article written by **Amy Bratton**, resident of Clarkson Mill  
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This month, we are going to talk about body image! We all have that little voice in our heads talking to us as we look in the mirror. The one that says, "Wow, you look great!" or the one that says, "You're not looking very good..." How do we work on keeping the positive voices and drowning out the negative? It can be done!

In late 2020, my body image was horrible. I would look in the mirror and be absolutely sick over the person I saw staring back at me. It was so bad that a lot of times I didn't even want to look. A full-length mirror, absolutely not! I had put on weight and just



didn't like who I had become. It wasn't just the weight; the reason I was eating more really was depression and boredom.

I started working out and eating better, and slowly my body image changed. The weight was coming off, but even before I could see the results, I felt the results. Looking in the mirror, I was proud! Sometimes it's just the effort of doing something to better yourself that can change that self-image and body image.

Let's be real, it isn't just weight that can make us have false body image issues. Aging can be a challenge, as well. We look and see the wrinkles and age spots on our faces, the skin that used to be tight is losing its elasticity, the skin on our hands getting thinner and more see-through. Here's the thing: all of these things mean we have lived life! It means you have been on a journey, enjoyed the ride, maybe given birth to a child, spent time as a caregiver to someone you love, etc. Aging can be beautiful, and let's face it, it's better than the alternative!

Go ahead and take a look in the mirror. What do you see? Find three positive things to focus on. Fall in love with yourself! Put those positive affirmations on your mirror. Write them on post-it notes or in dry eraser markers or in a bright red lipstick if you have that handy! Tell yourself you're beautiful, handsome, smart, amazing, loved, and admired! Hold that chin up! Embrace those fine lines/wrinkles, gray hair, loose skin, etc...learn to love you! You will find that a positive attitude can go a long way, and yes, improve your body image!

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# Quaranteen PEN PALS

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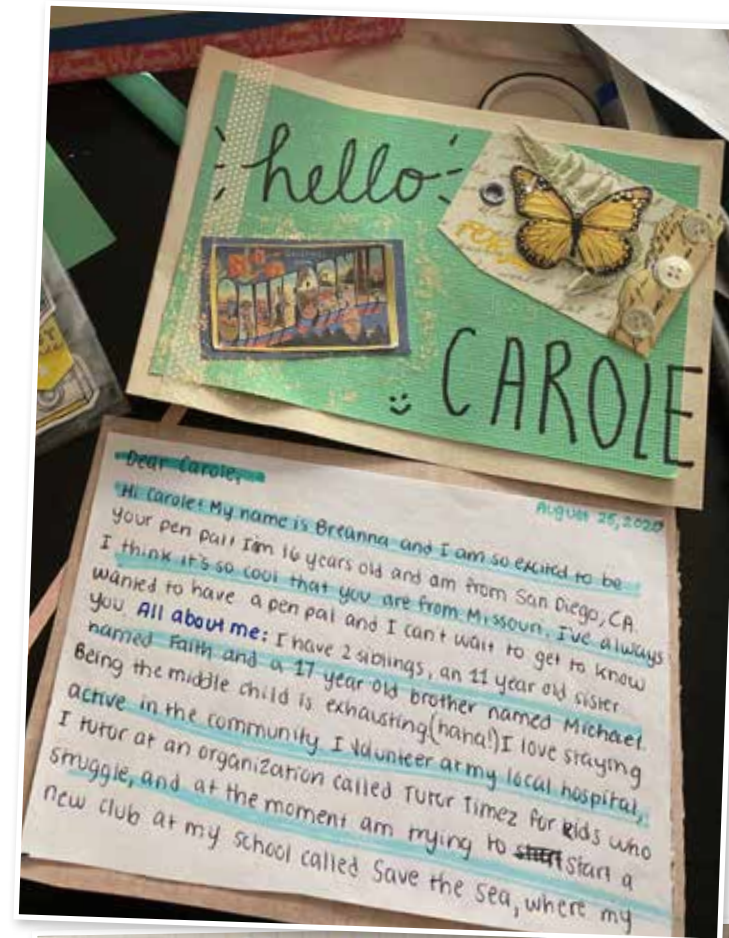
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We are Joyce and Jennifer Liu, cofounders of Quaranteen Pals and students at Marquette High School. In summer 2020 we wanted to connect teens around the country with isolated older generations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, we have expanded to over 400 members from 37 different states, Canada, Indonesia, Spain,

South Africa, Jamaica, and England. We also have expanded our programs to include teen-to-teen pen pal letters and letters to children's hospitals. Quaranteen Pals has been recognized both nationally and locally for its efforts to connect teens with senior citizens during these turbulent pandemic times by the U.S. Lacrosse Organization, *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, and The Big 550 KTRS radio show.

In the first few weeks of getting the organization up and running, we dedicated over 25 hours weekly to creating our website (<https://quaranteenpal.wixsite.com/website>), creating social media accounts, and contacting senior homes. Currently, we spend 10 hours per week managing the organization, responding to emails from our members, and overseeing our leadership team.

When we were younger, we volunteered at a local nursing home, playing the piano for the residents. When the pandemic started, we realized that visitor access to senior homes was severely restricted and isolation rates were dangerously high. We wanted to do something to help the elderly in our community and decided writing letters would be the perfect way to connect teens with seniors. Not to mention, writing letters is a nostalgic, disappearing mode of communication these days.



We have been able to connect people from all around the world, from all different walks of life. It has been amazing to hear about our impact within our partnered senior homes and how much the senior citizens and teens genuinely enjoy reading letters from their pen pals. Many of the teens mention having insightful conversations with their pen pals and being able to connect with people they would never have met.

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The Niezing Family

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Hello, my name is Jan Niezing. My wife, Ursula, and I were both born and raised in The Netherlands. My family owned a clothing store that my brother eventually took over. As a teenager, I attended trade school, and then joined the Dutch Army as a military police officer. I began repairing cars at a dealership near my hometown. In 1963, I decided to pursue my dream and moved to America. Seven months later, my girlfriend Ursula jumped on a ship to join me in America and became my wife and business partner. We built a home in Kehrs Mill Trails in 1978 and enjoyed living there for 18 years before moving to Kehrs Mill Estates in 1996.

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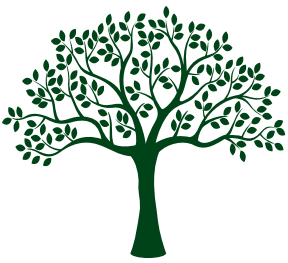
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