

Valuable Life Lessons

After four long years, the Skyline seniors have almost made it to the most anticipated event of their high school careers - graduation. Most seniors can agree that they have changed greatly throughout the course of these years, and that they are very different people than they were freshman year. Through these changes, skills have been gained, lessons have been learned and lives have been changed. *The Forum* asked a few of the Skyline seniors what the most valuable life lesson they learned in high school was. Here is what they had to say.

Emma Terry: "I would say the most valuable lesson i've learned is to try and be friends with everyone because you never know what other people are going through and sometimes you just need a friend"

Olivia Robison: "The most valuable lesson i learned in high school is that everyone has their own path, and don't expect your life to go exactly as planned, because you have your own unique path too"

Megan Murray: "I think the most valuable lesson I've learnt throughout high school is to not focus on the little things but to take a step back every once in a while to look at the bigger picture"

Trevor Goo: "Backwards is not always the wrong direction"

Raj Chaphekar: "The biggest lesson I learned is too stop taking life so seriously"

Berkeley Berrett: "To accomplish a goal, all it takes is hard work"

Atesha Banki: "Don't let bumps in the road define how you feel about something"

Camille Lisonbee: "I think probably that you get out of things what you put into them. And I've learned that I don't like slacking off because it makes me more stressed later, and I should always just try my best"

Becky Allen: "I would say it taught me that I need to learn how to be happy in the moment. I can't wait for a school break or for the end of a project to be happy and have fun. I need to enjoy life in the present"

Ricky Zhao: "I learned to be genuine and look at things in others perspective"

Josh Ruffner: "Time management"

Joshua Borichewski: "WE NEED TO SAVE GAIA SHE'S IN DANGER"

Ana Ibarra: "The most valuable thing that high school taught me is that it is more important to find the small group of people that lift you up and make you feel loved 24/7 than to strive to be known by everyone around you. Take time to get to know others, make them smile, be remembered for being kind to everyone, but in the end the most important people are those who you're closest to."

Andre Villalobos: "High school went by way too quickly; COVID-19 robbed the seniors of so many fun, rites of passage. Despite the abbreviated year, I learned a lot of things throughout my time at Skyline, the most valuable being the idea that failure is vital to forward progress. Instead of beating myself up over mistakes, my teachers and peers taught me to embrace these challenges as learning opportunities that allow me to better myself."

Alec Morrison: "My most valuable lesson in high school is to cherish the friendships we make everyday"

Anna Butler: “The most valuable life lesson I’ve learned through high school is to be unapologetically yourself. Yes, cheesy, but that doesn’t take away from its importance! Owning who you are is so important, because high school is full of things that “define” you, from grades on tests, to the amount of likes you get on an Instagram post. True happiness and fulfillment don’t come from those things, because they are variable! Things like Instagram likes and test grades are impermanent, and don’t define who you are as a person. Find who you are and love that! So if you’re a little “too” energetic and over the top sometimes- own it. If you’re “too” emotional sometimes- flaunt it! I know I am, and I’ve learned that that’s ok”

Those are just a few of the thousands of lessons that have been learned by the incredible Skyline seniors. Members of the Skyline community are so proud of the seniors and all that they have accomplished. *The Forum* wishes them luck with the amazing journeys that await them.

