

An Revout

We are all here today to celebrate the end of High School... and the beginning of our life!

This year was totally new for me-- everything. People told me to "Follow your dreams!" And this is the place where I realized what my dreams are.

When I arrived here to Vernonia, my host mom told me, "It's a very small town?" I never imagined it was this small.

The first day of school, I asked where my first period class was, people told me, "Just go outside the building, walk two minutes and you will find the mods, it's there!" And what do we do when it's raining? That's how I found out the purpose of the Romeos. Personally, it's not really my style, but in the end, I almost bought one pair to keep my feet dry.

My biggest problem this year, or at least

at the beginning, was to stay out of trouble and respect the rules. I think it's funny for someone who wants to become a lawyer like I do. Well I can tell you that Mr. Underwood's chairs are really comfortable and he always gave me tissues when I cried.

I would have so many different stories about my experience here but it would be too long so now I will stop talking about myself and start about you!

I want to thank the Vernonia Community for your support. I think I will never forget the first volleyball game, I thought I was at the Olympic games, because the gym was packed, everybody was cheering. They had announcements and everything. Not only volleyball, but for the whole year of sports. I can tell you that the Vernonia fans are the loudest in the state!!! I want to say a big thank you, because you care about your students, and in

my case about the exchange students. You have made us feel welcomed in your community.

Now, to my family-- Mom, Dad, Allegra and Aydan, thank you for the amazing year I lived with you. You cared for me and we had fun. I will never forget you. Thank you so much-- I love you!!!

And for the end I want to thank all the students of this school, for this year of fun everyday. I'm really glad I got to know you. I will never forget this town.

~Lea Mari
Nantes, France

