

## The Reality of Being A SENIOR.

The reality of being a senior is the first of many steps into a big world. The senior year is a time when individuals must let go of their parents' hands and step into the open door. We as seniors should be able to drop all foolish things and face the future, the future that only we hold in our hands. The senior year should not be the year that persons begin to celebrate because of graduation, but the year they set their foundation and begin to build. We will miss the teachers, classmates, and the school in general, but we will always be true to the red, white, and blue.

*the teacher Cochran*



The reality of being a senior is the first step towards becoming a matured young adult. The senior year is the time in which persons must start trying to become more independent individuals. Therefore, they must let go of their parental dependence and look into the reality before them.

This, my senior year at Ruffin High School, has been of the greatest, yet worst years of my academic life. The students here have changed drastically. The year began in chaos. It seemed that the quiet little school of Ruffin High had become a place of war. We must learn to stop fighting among ourselves, because ultimately we are going to be the only ones we have to rely on. Let's be kind to each other.

As editor of the senior section of the yearbook, I give to you, in closing, words of wisdom from older people who have been where we as seniors now must go. Take these quotes to help guide you in the years to come:

"As you venture out into the big world beyond Ruffin, set your goals and work everyday towards achieving them."

"Never measure your successes by the success of others."

"Remember to remain humble in your success, because there will always be someone a little brighter, a little richer, a little more successful than you."

"Take time to enjoy the good times, because in the real world they are few and far between."

"Be at peace with yourself and within yourself, and those around you will be at peace with you."

*Josha Salley*