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**Dexter, Missouri -** The Dexter Senior High School announced their Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2013 this morning.

Mr. Ryan Joyner is Salutatorian and Miss Jessica Loflin is Valedictorian.

Jessica Loflin has a GPA of 4.267 and is the daughter of Dee Loflin. She has received many honors throughout her life as well as taking several college credit hours from Missouri State University, Three Rivers College and Southeast Missouri State University while attending high school.

Her academic honors from high school include the Faculty Foreign Language Award her junior year, Faculty English Award, Faculty Mathematics Award, Dexter Honor's Society, Top 10%, the National Society for High School Scholars, and Missouri Girls' State.

She is involved in many clubs, both in school and in the community. They include the Foreign Language Club, Future Business Leaders of America, the National Wild Turkey Federation, DHS marching and concert band, JAKES, Student Council, Crowley's Ridge Blackpowder Club, and Dexter Rotary Interact.

Jessica will be attending Southeast Missouri State University where she has been accepted

into the Pre-Veterinary Program and the Jane Stephens Honors Program. Once she has completed the 60-hour program she will apply to the University Missouri Veterinary College in Columbia, Missouri to obtain her doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine.

"I am very honored and excited to be Valedictorian of the Graduating Class of 2013," stated Loflin. "I finally wrote my speech and I am going to be really nervous tonight. I congratulate all of my classmates and wish them great success in the future. "

Jessica said, "To sum it all up for us tonight, in the great words of Reese Witherspoon's character Elle Woods in the movie Legally Blonde, "WE DID IT!."

Our DHS Salutatorian is Ryan Joyner with a grade point average of 4.213 and is the son of Stan and Anita Joyner.

His accolades include Dexter Honor Society, Top 10%, Trig Team, United States Navel Academy Summer Seminar, Faculty Science Award, and the Faculty History Award.

Joyner has been very active in the community as well as in sports. He played DHS Football all four years, DHS Basketball three years, DHS Golf three years, Student Council, FCA-President, Dexter Rotary Interact-Vice President, Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class President, Senior Class Vice President, 4-H, and he is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

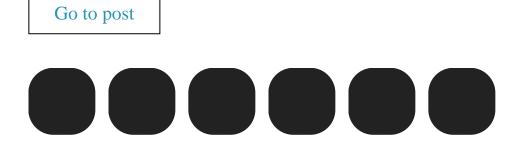
Ryan's plans after high school include the United States Naval Academy where he will pursue a career and major in Mechanical Engineering and attend flight training.

When asked about his future career, Joyner said, "It's been the plan my entire life. I am nervous, but excited!"

We congratulate both students and wish them great success in their future endeavors. These two have worked very hard to get to the top of their class and the Dexter community is extremely proud of them.

Congratulations Jessica and Ryan!

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