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Swanson Joins RHS English Department

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Despite being a first year teacher, Miss Jill Swanson is taking on the challenge of teaching English I, English III, English III Honors, and ACT Prep in addition to being the high school student council advisor with a passionate excitement second to none. This 2010 Brandon Valley High School graduate went on to graduate from University of South Dakota in May of 2014 with a degree in secondary English education. She was inspired to go into teaching by her high school AP English teacher, Mrs. Sittig, whose time, effort, and care for her students reflected in their resulting accomplishments. Despite being out of school, Ms. Swanson



continues to add more skills and hobbies to her repertoire, like learning how to golf and quilt when not spending time with her family, fiancé, or inspiring her students.

Ms. Swanson stated, “What I was most nervous about on my first day of school was coming off as too overpowering. In my classroom, I try very hard to talk with my students instead of down to my students.”

Ms. Swanson isn’t all English, golf, and quilting; she also loves the Notre Dame fighting Irish, binging on Netflix, and traveling. Her favorite places she’s traveled to are Hawaii and New York City at Christmas time. She became engaged to her fiancé, a 2008 graduate of Roncolli, in Hawaii over Christmas break. She has ventured all over the country, but has never left the good ole’ U-S-of-A.

“My favorite thing about teaching in Redfield is the class size. Being a first year teacher, I was looking for a school small enough that I’d be able to know each student personally. Furthermore, I appreciate that each grade level has become extremely tight-knit over the course of their school career, turning them into a family – arguments and all,” Ms. Swanson said.