

Senior Spotlight: Emma Gruenwald

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Emma Louise Gruenwald was born on April 26 to Kurt Van Vleet and Marie Kimlicka. Emma has four siblings named Kason, Cody, Gabby, and Wylie.



The extra-curricular activities Emma participates in include: FCCLA, National Honor Society, band, and chorus. Gruenwald's accomplishments are Redfield FCCLA President, District VII FCCLA Jr. High Representative, District VII FCCLA Chairperson, SD FCCLA Jr. High Representative, SD FCCLA VP of Membership, SD FCCLA Student Ambassador, various recognition for FCCLA STAR Events, among the top 20 FCCLA National Officer Candidates, selected for RHS Homecoming Royalty, selected as 2015 Miss Redfield Area, among the top 10 SD Snow Queen Candidates, First-Chair Percussionist, Academic Achievement Awards, Honor Roll, All-State Choir Alternate, SD Girls State Delegate, SD Girls State Junior Counselor. Her hobbies include blogging, D.I.Y. projects, photography, interior designing, reading, and fitness.

When Emma was younger she wanted to be a photographer. After she graduates she is going to attend Northern State University to study psychology, and she hopes to continue her education somewhere else to gain a Doctorate of Psychology degree. In ten years Emma hopes to see herself having a career as a psychologist and to have her own home. She also hopes to be married and starting a family.

When asked what her favorite memory from high school was she replied, "My favorite memory in high school was when I was an FCCLA National Officer Candidate. It's one of my favorites because I was forced to challenge myself and push myself outside of my comfort zone. I gained skills from that experience that I'll use for the rest of my life."

What she will miss most about high school will be her family, friends, and teachers. Even though she is not going far, she will miss the small-town atmosphere and how personable everybody is. When asked how she wants to be remembered after she graduates, Emma said, "After I graduate, I hope to be remembered as a leader and as someone who is honest and real, and is not interested in pretending to be somebody else. I also hope to be remembered as someone who sets goals and is determined to keep growing, changing and learning and never gives up. Inspiring others to live a life they love is something I'm passionate about."