

MHS Cheerleader Spotlight: Amanda D. by Lindsay Davis



Amanda D.

This Varsity spotlight focuses on Amanda D., a senior who was born in Tucson, Arizona. She lived in Las Vegas, Nevada but moved to Austin, Texas to begin her Freshman year at McNeil High School.

Amanda is the middle child in her family. She has a 20-year old sister, Candice who she describes as “computer loving”, and a “guitar-playing” 14-year old brother, Kendall.



*Amanda with Kendall (Brother)
and Candice (Sister)*

There are five pets in Amanda’s home. She adopted two adorable, calico sister cats named “Shanice” and “Chenille”. Other family cats include Spooky (black cat), Mystique (grey), and Vincent (multi dark tabby).



*Amanda
with
Friends*



*Amanda with
Mom and Dad*

Most cheer people will be familiar with Amanda’s mom because she creates the Cheer newsletter and is a homemaker. Amanda’s dad is employed as a physicist at a private research institute.

Her favorite relative is her Grandma Marion (mother’s mom). “She was a very strong woman and very well rounded”.

Amanda’s Fave’s

Color: Turquoise

Music: Rap, Hip Hop, and R & B.

Movies: *What Dreams May Come, Finding Nemo, Pay It Forward*

TV Shows: Don’t watch TV

Group / Singer: Usher, Li’l Wayne, Akon, Ying Yang Twins, Lloyd, Twista, etc.

Food: Corn Bread, Chocolate and Fried Rice (without icky vegetables)

Book: *Who Moved My Cheese, To Kill a Mockingbird, DaVinci Code, The Color Purple*

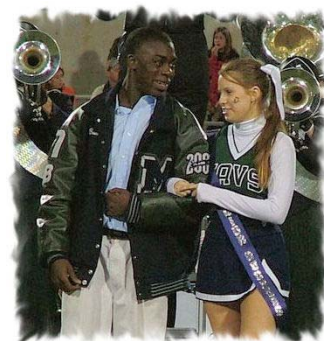


Various interests and hobbies for Amanda include dancing, cheering, laughing, painting, helping others, working out, and spending time with friends.

Amanda enjoys giving back to the community and participated in almost every cheer community service event last year.

Some of the most memorable accomplishments for Amanda include winning an essay contest in Junior High in Las Vegas, where she wrote about her favorite teacher. She helped get her school’s teacher’s lounge completely redecorated. She was also inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

Last year, she was “surprised” to be voted the 2007 Junior Homecoming Duchess.



*Amanda (with friend, Dotun)
At Homecoming, 2007*

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10 Questions... with Amanda

1. PEOPLE SAY I LOOK LIKE:
The Olsen Twins
(when I was little)
2. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY:
Scuba Diving
3. I AM COMPLETELY OBSESSED WITH:
Keeping cat hair off my clothes
4. ONE THING PEOPLE MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT ME IS:
I love nature!
5. IF I COULD MEET ANYONE FOR A CAPPUCCHINO, IT WOULD BE:
Sylvia Browne (psychic)
6. TUMBLING SKILL I'M STILL TRYING TO GET:
Running Tumbling
7. BIGGEST FEAR:
Driving and running over an animal; being an animal killer
8. IF I COULD HAVE A SUPER POWER, IT WOULD BE:
Healing
9. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO VISIT:
Greece, Egypt and Nigeria
10. MY HERO IS:
My mom

With her artistic talents, it's not surprising that Amanda's favorite subject is Art. English is her second choice, because she also enjoys reading.

Her favorite teacher was Mr. Nguyen (World History teacher). She happily states, "He's really fun and interesting, and uses character and personality when he teaches."

Amanda was a cheerleader in Junior High for two years. Then took a break in her Freshman year because her family moved to Austin. She was a member of the JV Squad her Sophomore year. She's been enjoying a busy life on the Varsity squad, last year as a Junior and this year as a Senior.



Amanda Enjoying Cheer



Last year in Cheer, she was elected as Social Club Secretary. This year she was appointed to Cheer Social President and has plans to establish great things.



Amanda with Michael
(boyfriend)

So what are her plans after graduation? She's not sure, but she is planning to attend college. She hopes to pursue a career where she can enjoy happiness *and* make a difference in the world.

She doesn't like stereotypes and wants people to know that it's not always what you see on the outside, but the inside that matters. With her many talents, and friendly personality, we know she will succeed in life at whatever career she chooses!

Go Amanda! 😊

