

# Like & Comment



Photo by Reagan Petersen

## Students like Morgan Smith express themselves through social media

What better way for a pretty, young teen to hold a social media presence than to have a TikTok account with over 43 thousand followers?

Sophomore Morgan Smith started on an app formally known as Musical.ly, and had no interest in making a name for herself, but rather just post fun videos of her dancing with her friends.

After the platform was purchased by ByteDance for about \$800 million and merged with TikTok, Smith found herself posting different types of content on the app.

"When I started, it was really just because school was coming to an end, and you would see more people in the corner making TikToks, I just decided to join them," Smith said.

Then, on May 26, 2019, Smith jumped on a Simpsons audio trend, and everything changed.

"I was at my friend's house, and I was sat in a corner watching TikToks on my phone when I saw this really funny video with a Simpsons audio playing behind it, so I made my own version," Smith said.

1.5 million views and 177.2k likes later, Smith created a fanbase. Thousands of kids related and found Smith as a Christ-loving and beautiful role model and couldn't help but follow her along on her journey to fame.

"There's not a lot of apps where I can share my creativity. [TikTok] evolved into an outlet for me," Smith said.

With being active on social media, one is prone to criticism, but Smith found a tight-knit community full of loving people.

"Sure, there's negativity. It's the internet, but for the most part I'm just doing what I love and having fun," Smith said. "Nobody seems to have a problem with that."

As most people who create a name for themselves in the media, Smith has plans to have a real career outside of the Internet and pursue her real dreams, being TikTok "famous" isn't one of them.

"Creating content gets boring after a while, and a part of me wants to quit," Smith said, "but what keeps me going is that TikTok has become a place where I can share my weirdness."

Story by Hannah Mefford

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Dressing up for the football games made me feel accomplished, involved and proud of the spirit of the student section, and I had the best time doing it with all of my best friends."

Allie Loranee  
'12

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Going on vacation to Cancun with my best friends is an experience that is filled with all kinds of memories that we will remember forever, and all of our relationships grew stronger."

Elijah Sale  
'09

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Celebrating senior night was so real. I never had thought that it would all come to an end so fast, and it was bittersweet because we had been by each others' sides since the beginning."

Aaina Gardner  
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We all got together in the summer in between the high school and Daniel Ninth Grade Campus and prayed about the experiences and challenges we might face through the next school year."

Drew Price  
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My whole lunch table wanted to get together and do something on the first day of school, so we all went to dinner at Gemelle to celebrate the beginning of the new school year."

Kylee Martin  
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Every Monday night all my friends go to Young Life, and we all hang out together, and then afterwards we always go to Sonic to get food."

Clark Crawford  
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Skiing with Young Life was an amazing experience, and it was a great way to bond with my friends and leaders."

Tristan Thurman  
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While hiking up this mountain in Colorado, it was incredibly hard to breathe, but I am just going to blame it on the altitude."

Jade Petersen  
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We were just messing around while rollerskating at Rollerland West, and I was just enjoying living life with my best friends."

Hannah Brown  
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