



THE SENIOR EXPERIENCE



## Everything you need to know to prepare for the yearbook formal...

The Senior Experience is a 90 minute session that includes the formal yearbook photo and up to 3 casual outfits at the location of your choice. We will start with the formal and then head outside for your casual photos!

Sessions are scheduled back to back throughout the day, so please be prompt for your appointment time. If you arrive more than 5 minutes before your appointment, please wait in your car until your session time, as there will likely be another senior finishing up their appointment. Parents are encouraged to attend, as the yearbook photo will be selected at your session.

### What to wear...

The studio provides a tux outfit or you may wear your own white or light colored dress shirt, dark tie, and dark jacket (black, navy, or gray). If you would like to wear the tux, it will go right over top of your t-shirt.

The studio provides the formal black drape or you may choose to wear a dark colored dress ( must have sleeves) or blouse. The drape sits off the shoulder, so please wear a strapless bra or one with straps that can be pushed off the shoulder, not a sports bra). \*Delone Catholic students are required to wear the drape.\*

The yearbook photo is just a head and shoulders shot, so you can stay in your jeans or shorts.

\*Be sure to shave, comb hair, and brush teeth before arriving at the studio for your formal portrait. Delone seniors must follow all school guidelines: clean shaven and neat hair.



Tux available at the studio



Formal drape at the studio



Wear your own shirt, tie & jacket

## All of the FAQs...

*Do you edit the photo for the yearbook?*

Yes! All yearbook photos and orders will be fully retouched. This includes removal of blemishes, shine on the face, glare on glasses and touching up stray hairs.

*When do I choose the photo for the yearbook?*

At your session! We will take several photos at different angles and then view them on a large TV screen immediately after. We will use a software that allows us to view the photos side by side to go through and narrow down to your favorite for the yearbook. This also gives us a chance to retake the photo if needed to make sure that you are happy with your formal before leaving the studio.

*Do I get to see the edited photo before it goes to the yearbook?*

Yes! You will receive a gallery link with your fully edited image about 2 weeks after your session, along with the rest of your casual proofs. This will be emailed to the email address that you used to schedule your session.

*What is included in the \$45 session fee?*

The session fee reserves the time to have your portrait taken, edited and submitted to the yearbook and outdoor casual photos in one outfit. You will also receive a complimentary 5×7 print of the photo that you select for the yearbook.

*How do I order my photos?*

We will schedule a time for you to come back to the studio for your ordering session. Your gallery of proofs will be ready about 2 weeks after your session.

*How long do you keep the photos?*

You will be able to purchase your photos at anytime throughout your senior year. Many seniors like to gift their family members prints for the holidays, and it is recommended that you place orders for Christmas gifts by the end of November.

*Can I take a photo in the cap and gown as well?*

Yes! While this is not required by the school, I do have cap and gowns for both Delone Catholic and Gettysburg Area High School at my studio. You may choose to have a formal portrait taken in the cap and gown at the same time that you sit for your yearbook formal.

*What if I can't make it to my scheduled appointment?*

You can change your appointment time online up to 24 hours before your session. If something comes up the day of the session, please email [brienna@briennarichelle.com](mailto:brienna@briennarichelle.com) to let me know and reschedule. No show appointments will need to schedule another session online and will be charged another session fee, as that time was reserved for your session.

*Where is your studio located and where do I park?*

The studio is located at 25 Montclair Road, Gettysburg which is right off of route 116 Hanover Street and route 15. Once you turn onto Montclair Road the studio is the first building on the right, with a large sign out front. You can park anywhere in the paved parking lot.



Cap and gown photos are optional and can be taken at the time that you sit for your formal. The studio has a maroon cap and gown (Gettysburg) and black cap and gown (Delone) that students may choose to wear. This will go over top of the drape or shirt and tie.



Graduation announcements are custom designed and include the photos and text of your choice. There are many options available, and these can be ordered at any time throughout the year. Sold in sets of 24 for \$50 and 48 for \$95, envelopes included.





## Preparing for your casual photos...

We will start your session with the yearbook formal and then we will head outside for your casual photos! I suggest doing one outfit outside at the studio and then we can go to a second location (10-15 minutes away) for the second and third outfit. The outdoor photos below and on the next page were all taken at the studio, and there is a good bit of variety with trees, fences, a swing, rocks, and landscaping designed with photo sessions in mind.

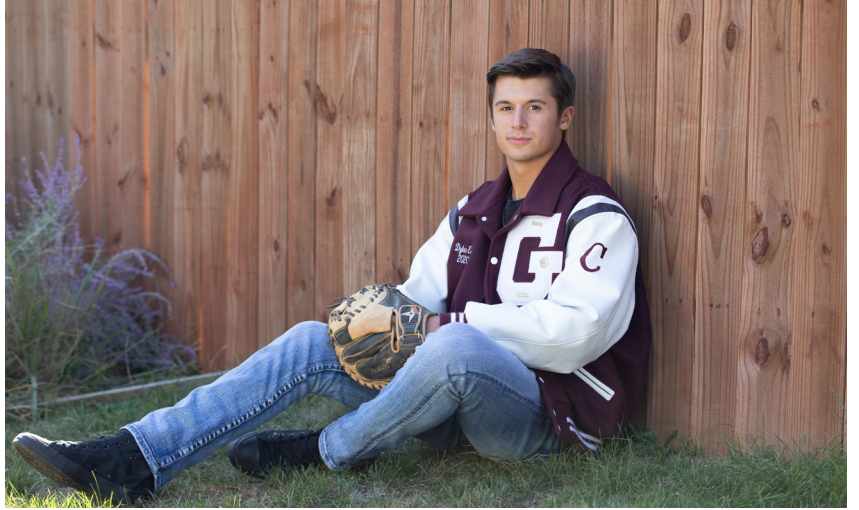
You are welcome to include props such as sports equipment, instruments, your car or a pet! If you would like to include a letterman jacket in a few of your photos that is totally fine as well and will still be considered one look!

Your gallery will have a variety of poses including close ups and full body shots, so don't forget to think about your shoes when planning your outfit!

Finger nails will also be visible in many of the poses, so it is recommended to have clean nails or a fresh polish.







Outdoor locations at the studio...





## Tips for what to wear...

With up to 3 outfits it is fun to mix up your styles! Consider mixing in a dressy option like a prom dress or suit as one of your options. A sports uniform and gear can highlight your interests. In the examples below, the senior went with a casual outfit at the studio and then included her golf gear and a fun fancy outfit!

A few things to keep in mind when styling your outfits.

- Layers photograph well and add interest! Example: Jean jacket over a dress, flannel shirt over a t-shirt.
- Dark colors are slimming.
- Long or short sleeves photograph best. Tank tops are great under a flannel or jacket.
- Accessories add interest! Think jewelry, scarves, hats, etc.
- Think about your complete outfit, including shoes.
- Nails should be clean and natural or freshly painted, as they will show up.
- Be sure to try on your complete outfit a few days before your session to make sure that everything fits properly and you are happy with the look!





## Choosing your second location...

There are several locations that are only 5-15 minutes away from the studio to choose from. You will receive an email with a link to view photos taken in these areas.

Locations with woods, nature, water: Sach's Bridge, Lake Heritage

Locations with lots of variety, nature & architecture: Gettysburg College Campus, Downtown Gettysburg, the Square in New Oxford, the Gettysburg Seminary.

Locations with nature, rocks, fences: Spangler's Springs, the National Cemetery, Benner's Hill.







If you would like to include a location with your special interests, at your home, or somewhere other than the suggested locations, please let Brienna know before your session.

If it would be raining on your session day, the outdoor photos can be rescheduled.





## Meet the photographer...

Brienna Richelle Smith has been photographing high school seniors since 2006 at the start of her photography career. She is graduate of Gettysburg High School, where she first found her love for photography, developing black and white film in the dark room. She continued her academic career at Marywood University in Scranton, PA where she earned a BFA in photography. Brienna began her photography business in May of 2006.

In addition to photographing the senior and sports photos at Gettysburg and Delone, Brienna offers photo sessions for families, children, maternity and newborn, and photographs weddings and events.

Brienna has been photographing the Gettysburg High School seniors since the class of 2018 and Delone Catholic since the class of 2021. She strives to create a comfortable and professional environment for her clients, and looks forward to welcoming seniors and their parents each year.



## Quick Reference Contact Info...

*Studio address:* 25 Montclair Road  
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\*Note that especially during the busy senior season Brienna is often shooting throughout the day and may not be able to answer the phone. Please be sure to leave a message with your name and number for a return call within 48 hours, or send a text.\*

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