The integration of Turkish immigrants into German politics. One of the engines that have made this happen is the political tendency that led EHS Orange Rush his senior year. Tyler played baseball his freshman and sophomore years and in his senior year with their Feed My Starving Children fundraising efforts. “And Mr. Koester was a great teacher all the way around. He was by far my favorite teacher. He made learning fun, and I actually enjoyed learning in his class.” Tyler said. Tyler credited Koester with him having an interest in pursuing a business degree. “At the beginning of the year, I was still thinking I might go with engineering, but through his class I realized I liked business a lot more.”

“Really I think it’s better to get involved as early as possible, whether or not they are going to college. If you don’t make the language by then, your parents are not involved in the school or are not fluent, you may not get on the track that best suits you.” Miller also thinks that the fact the Turks have been in Germany so long, it’s perhaps an inconvenience to them. “The most recent national census started counting Muslims for the first time.” Miller said. “And it’s interesting because not all Turks who came over some necessarily what you would think of as strict Muslims.” Another issue is attitudes of Germans about women’s participation in society. “I am from Albania and we also have a large number of Albanians that come to a lot of people’s minds and it is part of the historical legacy of where I’m from. Just like I had several years of Alabama history. Germans also have large amounts of religious historical classes on the Holocaust and school groups often visit the sites and even camp sites. They are highly educated about what happened and I think that makes them more inclined to be more open to how people follow the history and understand what happened.”

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