

We are here because of the many lives that have been taken away because of school shootings. In particular, we are here because of seventeen lives that were taken away from the most recent shooting. 17 minutes for 17 lives. These lives had no idea that this would be their last time going to school. These lives had no idea that in that morning, that would be the last time they said goodbye to their family. Here are the names of all the people who lost their lives

Alyssa Alhadeff- age 14, soccer player for parkland travel soccer

Scott Beigel- age 35, geography teacher, died while ushering students into his class to save them

Martin Duque Anguiano- age 14, very funny kid, outgoing, sometimes very quiet. Sweet and caring and loved by all his family

Nicholas Dworet- age 17, he was recruited by a college to join the swim team, he had a bright future ahead of him

Aaron Feis- age 37, assistant football coach, killed when he threw himself in front of students to protect them from getting shot. Put his life in front of others

Jamie Gutenberg- age 14, she was a very talented dancer who was loved by all

Chris Hixon,- age 49, hixon would give rides and lunch money to the students who needed help. Many students thought of him as a father figure

Luke Hoyer, age 15, he was an amazing individual who was always happy and smiling. His smile and laugh was contagious

Cara Loughran, age 14, attended drake school of Irish dance, the dance company said she was a 'beautiful soul'

Gina Montalto, age 14, member of winter guard on the schools marching band, the winter guard international mourned her death

Joaquin Oliver- age 17, he was known as "Guac" by his friends at school and he was loved dearly by all of them

Alaina Petty, age 14, part of the church of Latter Day Saints, loved her religion and family. She volunteered after hurricane irma hit Florida

Meadow Pollack, age 18, accepted to Lynn university in Boca Raton,

Helena Ramsay, age 17, smart, kind hearted, and thoughtful person

Alex Schachter, age 14, participated in school marching band and orchestra.

Carmen Schentrup, age 16, national merit scholar semi finalist at her school

Peter Wang, age 15, member of junior ROCT program, his friends said that he was shot while holding open the door to let students get out to safety

Don't let these deaths be forgotten. Let these deaths be the start of change in our country. Let these deaths be the reason why students all across the nation can go to school without worrying about their safety.