

The Academy Life

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Senior Trip: Chicago!

As the Windy City came into view, the seniors were itching to depart the bus. Starting before sunrise, the six-hour drive offered students ample time to rest and allowed for their anticipation to rise. Fortunately, the Class of 2018 hit the ground running and were immediately whisked away by a schedule packed with daytime excursions, including trips to the Field Museum, the Chicago Art Institute, and Michigan Avenue. Perhaps most memorable was our visit to Millennium Park, at which seniors circled around the Bean to pose for picture after picture, capturing unforgettable moments with their friends.

Each night, there was something new: first a comedy show at Second City that left the group howling and then a performance by the Blue Man Group that featured one of our own, Jay Chester, as an audience participant.

Students and teachers alike went ghost-hunting on the final night. The seniors stayed in The Congress Plaza Hotel, one of the most notoriously haunted hotels in the city: it is even known to have inspired a Stephen King story. Although no specters were spotted, spirits were high among the ghost-hunters as they recounted their stories the next day on the buses home.

All seniors were grateful but heavy-hearted when boarding the bus home after our Chicago adventure. The city became a sacred, intimate space to the Class of 2018, one that confined yet bonded us more than ever before. The hilarious entertainment and scenic walks gave us a peek into a different, booming world, yet the memories

made us reflect on the one we are leaving behind. From shared, uncontrollable laughter at Second City to late-night ghost hunts, the trip pulled our grade closer, making it even harder to say goodbye.

by Abby Jeffers, Jane Li, and Georgia Tuckerman



TIMELINE



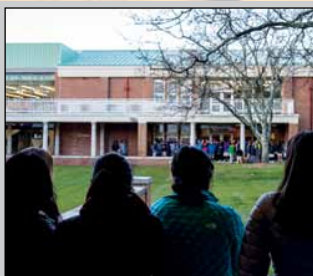
Head of School, Melissa Soderberg speaks at Convocation to introduce the 2017-18 school year.



Teacher John Exline receives a flag in honor of his fiftieth year at Academy.



The Rahe advisory poses for Service Day on September 8. The occasion was an off-campus initiative.



The Academy community observes Veterans Day with the annual bell ceremony. This event honors Academy veterans, past and present.



The Mack fills with students for an assembly on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Nick Robie paints Georgia Tuckerman's face at First Friday for a student-sponsored tailgate.



Stranger Things-themed Winter Formal draws a large crowd. The decorations transported students to the Upside Down.



Juniors and sophomores perform a group dance at The Talent Show on February 14.



Senior Grace Yakam walks the runway at the True Beauty Fashion Show, a benefit for eating disorder recovery.



Alumnus Rob Ackerman, SNL prop master, addresses students at the Artsmania assembly on February 14.



Honors Chinese 4 performs a traditional dragon dance for the Chinese New Year assembly.



Faculty compete in different challenges as the student body looks on at the Spring Pep Rally.

2017-18



Hollywood Homecoming features tissue-paper popcorn as decorations. The dance took place on October 14.



Students of all ages perform in *A Voice in the Dark*, the fall play. The production took place from October 26-28.



Works by the ceramics students sit on display for the Empty Bowls project. The initiative was a charity sale.



Service Board hosts its Semi-Annual Blood Drive on October 11. Service members and the Academy community volunteer as donors and co-workers.



High schoolers compete in the scooter races, another student-run initiative. The races were open for competition.



Author J.D. Vance talks to the Upper School as the Celebration of Leadership speaker about his book, *Hillbilly Elegy*.



Junior Kyle Channell and freshman Josh Tu prepare the ground for cattail planting on Earth Day.



The Morris Hall Art Gallery features "Toshiko Takaezu: A Personal Process." Mr. Rahe curated the exhibit.



Advisories of different ages bond over trivia for Mix-It-Up Day on February 9.



One month after the Parkland shooting, students walk out in protest of school violence.



Author, Melanie Crowder, speaks about *Audacity* for the US Voices of Authors series on April 16.



The talented cast of the musical, *The Theory of Relativity*, performs on April 19-21. Abby Jeffers served as the production's assistant director.

SENIORS' FAVORITE MEMORIES



Tori Abell

Soccer season with Brian's angels



Austin Abraham

My advisory



Vince Allen

SAGE Dining Services



Kelley Antoine

Spending time in the ceramics room



Kareena Arora

Senior trip



Neena Baliga

Badminton in quad



Zac Beck

Community Ecology



Sarah Belford

Senior Lock-In



Sebastian Bergman

Junior year physics trip to King's Island



Isabelle Bettinger

Kindergarten buddies



Mike Boeckman

The Justin Timbersnakes



Addis Boyd

Playing basketball during free periods



Connor Brown

Senior trip



Max Chavarria

Senior Lock-in



Jay Chester

Senior Lock-in



Keith Condray-Raderstorf

Senior Lock-in and Senior trip



Maddie DeAscentis

Senior Trip



Bri Dragin

My Junior Speech



Max Dreisbach

Winning swimming state championships



Khloe Dubenion

Senior New York trip



Maddie Dunlap

Junior and Senior years



Alec Freytag

Senior lunch



Davis Friedman

Friday Night Lights



Lauren Fumi

Les Mis in sophomore year



Muriel Goldfarb

Beating Grandview at Crew Stadium



Eleni Grant

Senior trip



Alicia Harmon

Dances with friends



Karibi Hart

Senior Tag



Chris Heermann

PSAT day all 3 years



Lexis Hughes

Being a L'Hommedieu sister



Katie Jacoby

Senior trip



Abby Jeffers

Choir trips to NY



Skyla Johnson

Going to Chicago with my fellow classmates



Jade Juniper

When Mr. Kerr got on the desk in my freshman year



Justin Kahle

Winning soccer districts in senior year



Chase Kallermerten

Being called dad during my junior year



Maisy Kelemen

Senior trip



Cameron Kharazi

Senior lunch



Alyssa Kim

Chinese 5



Michalea Lai

Spring break trips and lock in



Serra LaPerna

Senior trip



Kieran Law

Spike ball



Esther Lawrence

Lunch with friends



Won Jae Lee

Daily roasts from Mr. Feinberg



Julia Leet

Kindergarten buddies



Shenique Lewis

Senior Lock-in



Jane Li

Senior and Spring Break trips



Tessa Lopresti

Chinese 5



Taylor McGowan

Seniors' last lunch with our K-buddies



Ryan Mitchell

Myrtle Beach with the baseball team



Shreyah Mohanselman

First day of school in senior year



Bilal Mohsin

Lunch roast sessions with the boys



Sarah Morris

Freshman year band trip to Cedar Point



Ruby Moss

Lunch with friends



Herman Moultrie

Beating Bexley in football (senior year)



Emily Munster

Freshman China trip



Clare Neltner

Dances with friends



Carson Nichols

Hoisting the cup after beating Bexley in football



Avery Oberfield

Ghost hunting in Chicago



Olivia Ryan

Senior Homecoming



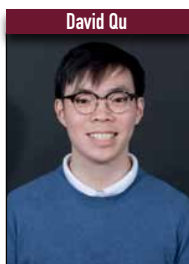
Jack Ostrowski

Beating Granville in district finals



Josh Pearson

Football in Senior year and lunch



David Qu

China Trip (freshmen year)



Abhi Ramaswamy

Golf state championships in senior year



Michael Reagan

My Kindergarten buddy



Jack Reifeis

All plays and musicals



Nick Robie

Beach nights with the boys



Ben Ross

Being master of the house in Les Mis



Ally Sabgir

Senior trip



Matthew Sailing

Prom 2017



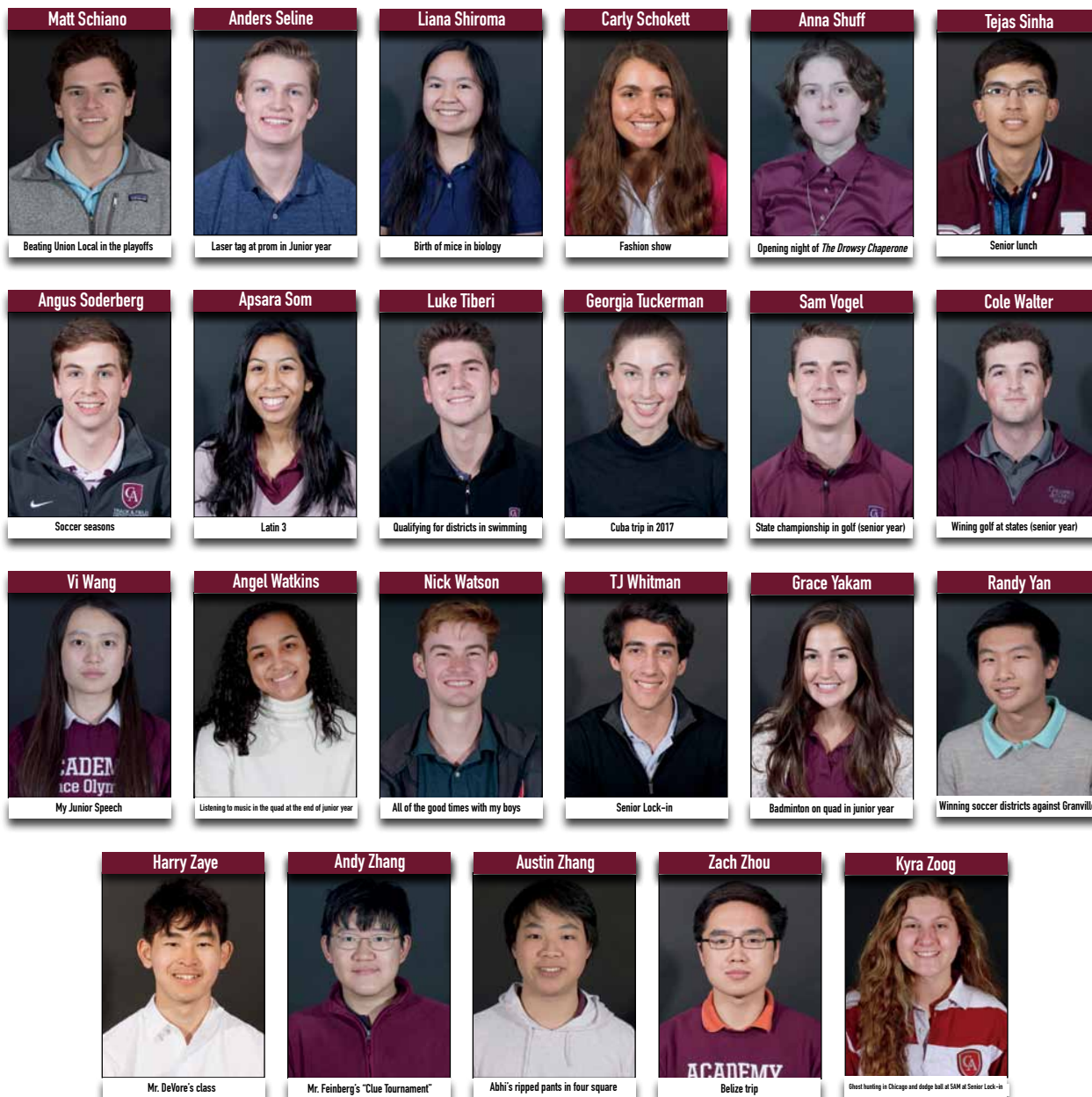
Yas Salon

Senior trip



John Schiano

Winning football playoffs in senior year



EDITORS' FAREWELL

The goal of journalism should be to help people, not to hurt them. I hope that in our time at *The Academy Life*, we have made CA a more unified and informed place. To *The Academy Life* team, past and present: thank you for your unceasing dedication to the paper's success. The show couldn't go on without you. To Abby and Jane, no one could dream of better collaborators, let alone friends. Your determination and diligence never ceases to inspire me, but your altruism has shown me how to live with integrity as a leader and a colleague. The exclusive bond we've built through the craziest of times is invaluable, and your drive and support have pushed me to be a better journalist and person. To Ms. Hogan, thank you for teaching me how to articulate. Because of you, I have grown up to be a more eloquent writer and passionate individual. I am beyond grateful for your never-ending encouragement and thoughtfulness. "A team is an it."

-Georgia Tuckerman

It is crazy to think that this is the last piece I will write for *The Academy Life*. It has been an honor to be a part of this newspaper, and I have loved every minute of it. Thank you to the editorial board this year for having each others' backs and to the staff for your excellent work. Jane and Georgia, I will miss our Sunday morning editorials and group chats, but most of all, I will miss your keen voices and sharp minds. Both of you inspire me every day, and being around you makes me want to become a better person and writer. Ginnie and Jacob, I know that you will lead the staff with quiet strength and grace next year; you are both more than capable. Finally, Ms. Hogan, thank you for teaching me how to write—and for encouraging me to take Journalism—when I was a quiet freshman in your English class. Thank you for your tireless dedication to the paper and to your students. To the students: thank you for everything you do to make our school so easy to write about. Keep reading and keep writing.

-Abby Jeffers

Being part of *The Academy Life* has been both a formative and rewarding experience. Through this introduction into journalism, I've discovered the impact a few words can have, and that an article can be an incredible outlet. Thank you to Ms. Hogan for all the edits, opportunities, and encouragement that allowed me to become co-editor in chief. It's been an incredible four years. Abby and Georgia, thank you for being a better team than I could have imagined. From communication to responsibility, we worked nearly seamlessly together, and I'll miss the camaraderie we developed. No matter what people might say, this is a golden time for journalism. I hope you all continue to stay informed and dig for the truth; the truth is something we cannot lose.

-Jane Li

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FACULTY FAREWELLS



Dorothy Dell

As Academy's State Funds Coordinator for the past 35 years, Dorothy has worked with faculty, staff, and students across all three divisions of the school. She has also been a vital collaborator in the Kids 4 Kids Food Drive and Project Linus. Dorothy is eager to spend more time with her three children and seven grandchildren and pick up with her favorite projects, of which she has many. We are fortunate that she plans to continue volunteering with our community service endeavors and lending her hands-on expertise.



Kay Mason

In 1991, Kay Mason became Academy's first female African American faculty member. Over her 27-year tenure, Kay has worked with Lower and Middle school students, served as a Diversity Coordinator, and headed our Lower School. With pleasure, Kay will assume the position of Lower School Head this fall at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans.



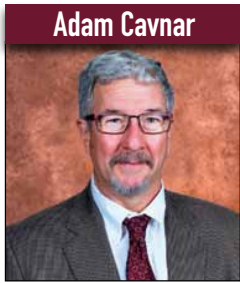
Diane Daniel

Diane Daniel has been an Academy librarian since 1995. She has enjoyed the school's scholastic achievements, artistic performances and athletic accomplishments. Diane is especially grateful for how significantly Academy enhanced the school experience for her two children. Diane will miss the wonderful people she has had the opportunity to know and looks forward to making up her plans as she goes along-enjoying every moment!



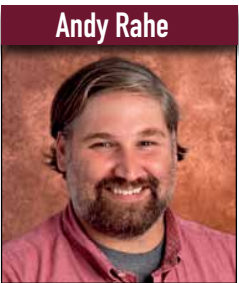
Anne Schreiber

Of Anne's many fond Academy traditions that involve Lower Schoolers, her favorite has been the pairings of seniors with their kindergarten buddies, especially since she taught most of the 12th graders when they were younger. Academy's new beautiful and inviting spaces have impressed Anne as these additions have added even more beauty to our extensive campus. Anne intends to embrace her next passage a day at a time.



Adam Cavnar

With much pride, Adam is grateful to Academy for allowing him to have a career, "rather than just a job." As a Middle School teacher, basketball and track coach, Academic Dean, and Chair of the OAIS (Ohio Association of Independent Schools), Adam's highest honor was being the faculty member chosen to award the class of 2004 its diplomas. Adam expects to be involved with education in some way and looks forward to bike riding and playing the piano.



Andy Rahe

Andy is thankful for Academy's impressive space for the visual arts and to have his department's presence upgraded both physically and philosophically. The way the recently completed art complex showcases student art and art from the outside community is first-rate. Andy will miss working with his students and colleagues. After Academy, Andy will partner with Dan Griffin '07 on a new venture: launching central Ohio's next big craft brewery, the Outerbelt Brewing Co. in Carroll, Ohio.



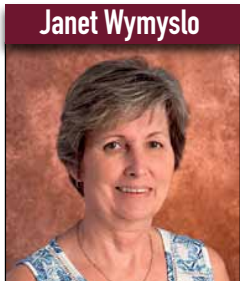
Cindy Zive

Cindy has been a part of the Academy family for 25 years, starting with her daughter's tenure as a lifer. Being with her talented students and an incredible faculty in a creative environment is what Cindy values most about her work at CA. Cindy says the addition of a digital component to maker space areas has been very exciting, given the creativity that has been unleashed by the students. An avid sports woman, Cindy will have more time to swim, walk, bike, and ski.



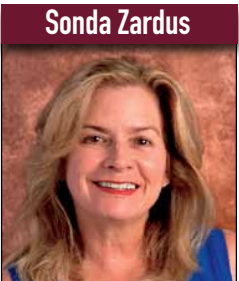
Cynthia Bush

After 11 years in central Ohio, Cynthia is moving to the eastern shore of Maryland, where she plans to be involved in the Maryland American String Teachers Association. She may even try her hand at composing for young orchestras. A 2017 recipient of a teacher award from CSO (Columbus Symphony Orchestra), Cynthia's honor is having built a strong orchestra program with 175 members strong this year.



Janet Wymyslo

Being at Academy Hall's front desk, Janet has been perfectly positioned to meet students, staff, families, and guest speakers that she never would have met any other way. Janet says Academy has always been like a caring and friendly family: one element of the Academy that has not changed. In addition to spending time with her grandchildren, Janet will travel and catch up on her favorite projects.



Sonda Zardus

One of Sondra's great pleasures at Academy has been attending our Commencement celebrations. She leaves our community after 5 years happy to have had the opportunity to work with so many spectacular people. Her next chapter includes spending more time with her geographically dispersed family and raising a new puppy.



Megan Leffler

In Megan's role as Academy's Coordinator of Communications and Marketing, she enjoyed her involvement all around the school with teachers in each division and students of different ages. Her chance to cover all aspects of the school is something many people don't have the chance to experience. Megan currently works as the Director of Marketing at Outerbelt Brewing and is excited about the taproom's grand opening this summer.



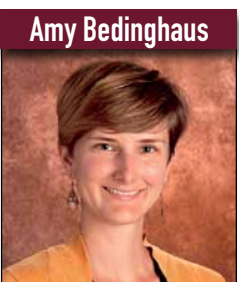
Shekrya DeCree

An Academy parent since 2003, Shekrya was thrilled to become the Upper School Counselor in 2015. One of Shekrya's fondest events is the Fall Convocation, when seniors and their kindergarten buddies make their way down the quad. In her tenure, Shekrya notes the maker spaces have provided wonderful opportunities for students to use and enjoy. Shekrya is thrilled to pursue her doctoral degree in Counseling Education and Supervision at Ohio University.



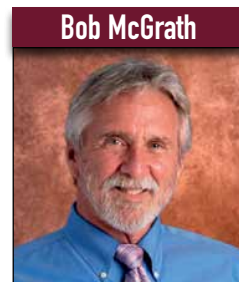
Bea Romo

Bea has been aware of how special Academy is since the day of her interview. She revealed every time her students were exposed to different cultures in her class: the "Altars projects," the "Tapas, breaking the "Piñata" and how singing authentic songs made the language come alive! Bea will be working for Campus Ministry at Texas A&M in Corpus Christi through the Focolare Movement. Bea bids "Gracias" to the Academy for the fantastic experiences she has had with us.



Amy Bedinghaus

Amy has taught Spanish in the 6th grade and the Upper School and considers her two-year experience at Academy a privilege, having worked with our amazing students and faculty. Amy is making a career change to the tech industry. This summer she will join the consulting firm Cardinal Solutions in the Columbus Arena District as a software developer.



Bob McGrath

Bob is proud to have been a part of our community as this year's interim Middle School Head, "especially at such a well-run school." Bob says it has been a genuine pleasure to work with a committed, intelligent, and caring faculty, who do much for the students. Life at Academy has given Bob an understanding of how a school can be great.



Ella Maloney

After one year as a second-grade associate and CASE teacher, Ella is leaving to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guyana. She has found the CA staff and students to be so welcoming that it has felt very much like "home." Ella admires how our devoted staff and supportive administration have worked together in a spirit of continuous improvement.

COLLEGES OF MATRICULATION

CLASS OF 2018

Ashland University
 The University of Akron
 Allegheny College
 American University
 Amherst College (2)
 Arizona State University
 The University of Arizona
 Babson College
 Bard College
 Bellarmine University
 Bentley University
 Boston College (3)
 Boston University
 Bowling Green State University
 Brandeis University
 Bryn Mawr College
 Bucknell University (2)
 Butler University
 Cal Polytechnic State Univ, San Luis Obispo
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, San Diego
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 Case Western Reserve University
 The Catholic University of America
 Centre College
 Chapman University
 College of Charleston
 University of Cincinnati (3)
 Claremont McKenna College
 Clarion University of Pennsylvania
 Clarion University of Pennsylvania
 Clark Atlanta University
 Clark University
 Clemson University

Colby College
 University of Colorado at Boulder
 Colorado State University
 Columbia University (2)
 Columbus College of Art and Design
 Connecticut College
 University of Connecticut
 Dartmouth College
 Davidson College
 University of Dayton
 Denison University
 University of Denver
 DePaul University
 DePaul University
 Dickinson College
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Duquesne University
 East Carolina University
 Eastern Michigan University
 Elon University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ - Daytona
 Emerson College
 Emory University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Franklin & Marshall College
 Furman University
 George Fox University
 George Mason University
 The George Washington University
 Georgetown University (4)
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Hamilton College - NY
 Harvard University (3)
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 Hillsdale College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 College of the Holy Cross
 Howard University
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Indiana University at Bloomington
 Itasca College
 John Carroll University
 Johns Hopkins University
 Kalamazoo College
 University of Kentucky
 Kenyon College (2)
 Lafayette College
 Lawrence University
 Lehigh University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Lynchburg College
 Macalester College
 Mannes College of Music - The New School
 University of Maryland, College Park
 McGill University
 Miami University, Oxford (3)
 University of Miami (2)
 Michigan State University
 University of Michigan (2)
 University of Michigan (2)
 Milwaukee School of Engineering
 Mount Holyoke College
 New College of Florida
 University of New Haven
 New York University (3)
 University of North Carolina at Asheville
 The Univ of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 University of North Carolina at Wilmington
 University of North Dakota
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Norwich University

Notre Dame College of Ohio
 University of Notre Dame
 Ohio University (3)
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 Otterbein University
 Pennsylvania State University
 University of Pittsburgh
 Princeton University
 Providence College
 Purchase College State Univ of New York
 Purdue University (2)
 Reed College
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rice University
 University of Richmond
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 University of Rochester
 Rollins College
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (2)
 University of San Francisco
 University of San Francisco
 Santa Clara University
 Sarah Lawrence College
 Scripps College
 Seattle University
 University of South Carolina
 University of Southern California (3)
 Southern Methodist University (2)
 Spelman College
 Stetson University
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Texas Christian University
 The Ohio State University (5)
 Thomas More College
 Transylvania University
 Trine University

Trinity College
 Trinity University
 Tufts University (2)
 Tulane University
 Tuskegee University
 United States Merchant Marine Academy
 University of St Andrews
 University of Utah
 Valparaiso University
 University of Vermont
 Villanova University
 University of Virginia
 Washington and Lee University
 Washington University in St. Louis (3)
 University of Washington
 Wheaton College MA
 Wheaton College IL
 College of William and Mary
 Wilmington College
 University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
 Wittenberg University (2)
 The College of Wooster
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Xavier University
 University of Washington
 Wheaton College MA
 Wheaton College IL
 College of William and Mary
 Wilmington College
 University of Wisconsin, Madison (2)
 Wittenberg University (2)
 The College of Wooster
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 Xavier University

■ Committed



"Mom" - Vi Wang



"Trapped" - Briyana Dragin



"Tutu Train" - Ally Sabgir



"Taiwanese Flower Market" - Jane Li



"九寨沟" - Jane Li



"Fall Walk" - Angus Soderberg



"Peas in a Pod" - Kelly Antoine



"Glover's Reef" - Zach Zhou



"Reflections of Synchronicity" - Tessa Lopresti



"Forks" - Max Chavarria



"Technicolor Threads" - Avery Oberfield



"Motherland" - Kelly Antoine



"Sunset over CA" - Chris Heermann



"Versailles" - Katie Jacoby



"Her" - Emily Munster



"A Study In Intimacy" - Tessa Lopresti



"Blue Lady" - Maddie Dunlap

SENIOR ART