

The Academy Life

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The seniors celebrate their last day of school on the quad.

Photo by Dr. Andrew Morris

BON VOYAGE! The Seniors Set Sail

When the bell clanged at 3:20 on our last day of school, there was no louder sound in the Senior Quad than 99 hearts dropping at once. Floods of tears followed, and for good reason. See, there's something special about this grade. Everyone knew it from the very start. Since its origin, the Class of 2019 has always carried a reputation for being energetic, rambunctious, and fun. Some teachers enjoyed the challenge of trying to reign us in, while others said that we were out of control.

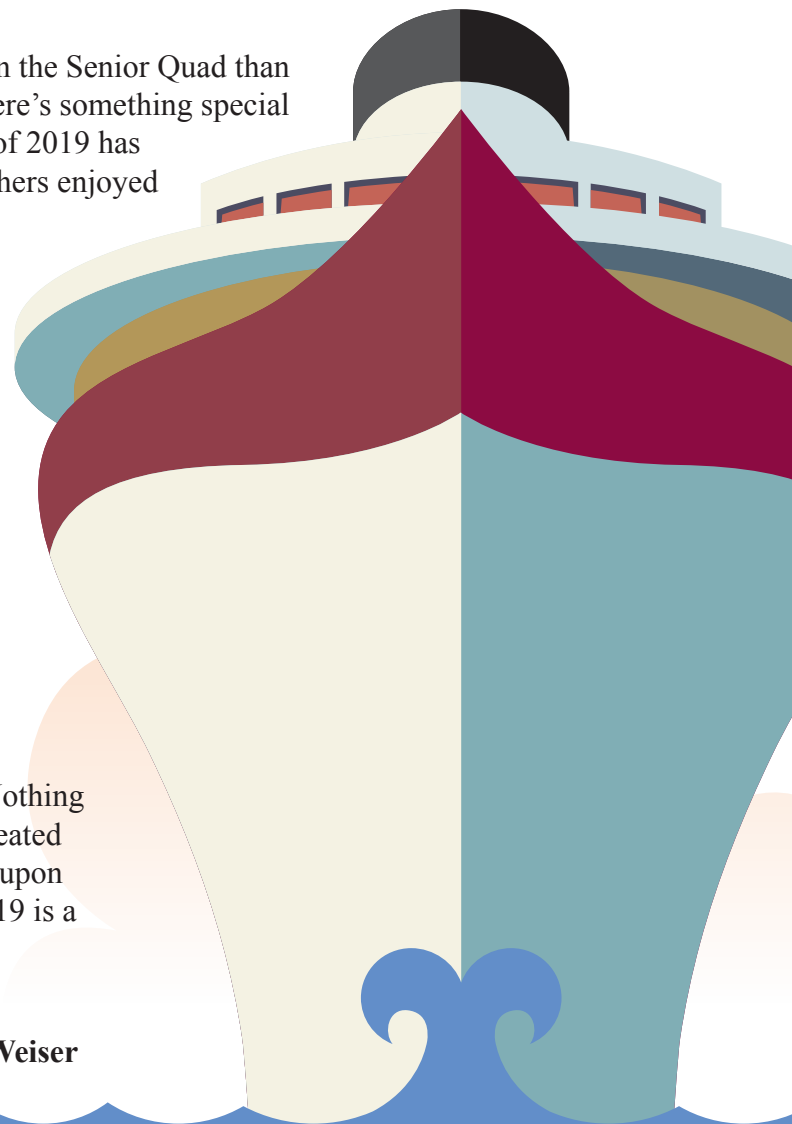
As we ascended the ranks of Upper School, our immaturity developed into wisdom. The CA community watched as the class once known for wreaking havoc turned into a group of leaders. But through it all, one thing remained the same: we were a family.

Our love for one another culminated with an incredible senior year, in which we only grew closer. It started with us getting introduced to our Kindergarten buddies, and we were off and running. The college decisions began to come in, but no one wanted to think that far ahead. We were having too much fun right here. Whether it was exploring Nashville at night during our Senior Trip or losing sleep together at the Lock-In, we treasured every second of our last ride.

Before we knew it, our good-byes were upon us. Our last time hanging out with the Kindergartners. Our last Advisory. Our last Assembly. Our last day.

So there we stood in the Quad, arms around each other, belting out the Academy Alma Mater. Nothing could have prepared us for the nostalgia rush that came in our final moments. Every memory created with those around us flashed through our heads in an instant, and we all smiled while reflecting upon the time we spent with each other. After all, being a part of the Columbus Academy Class of 2019 is a treasured distinction, and there's no other group of people that we'd want to share it with.

By Marcus Grewal, Ginnie Ma, Jacob Rhee, Aden Weiser



THE YEAR



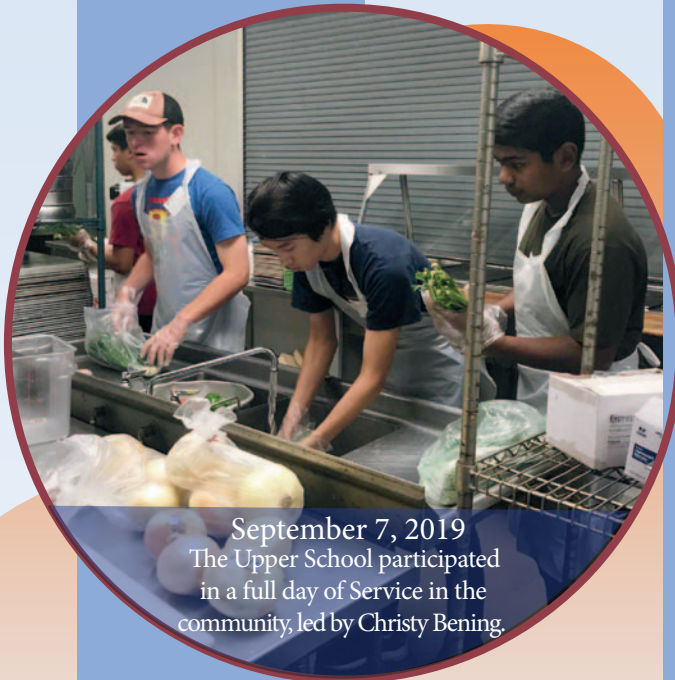
August 21, 2018

Mrs. Soderberg delivers her speech at Convocation.



August 30, 2018

Academy football defeats Linden McKinley 51-6 on First Friday.



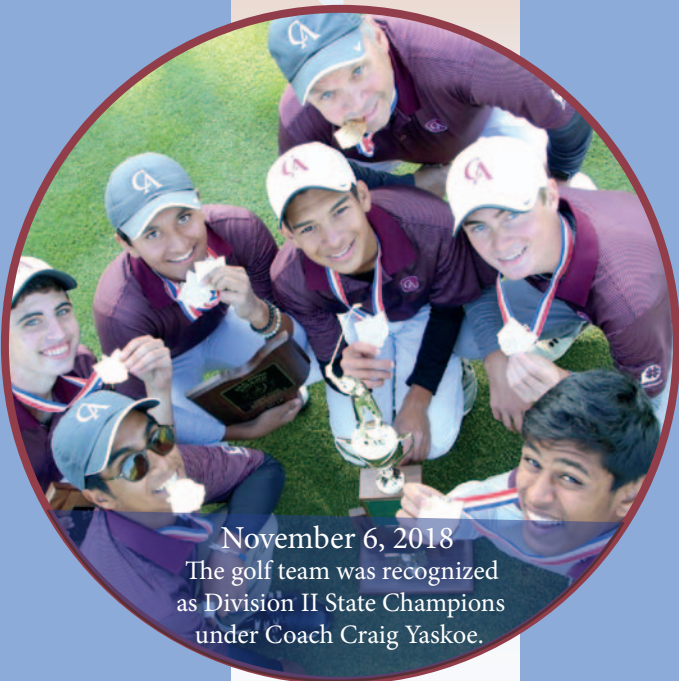
September 7, 2019

The Upper School participated in a full day of Service in the community, led by Christy Bening.



September 28, 2018

Vikings Mira Bhasin and Malcolm Klingbeil inspire the crowd at the first pep rally.



November 6, 2018

The golf team was recognized as Division II State Champions under Coach Craig Yaskoe.



November 13, 2018

Kimbal Musk was our guest speaker at the our Celebration of Leadership, discussing Big Green and Square Roots.

IN REVIEW



December 5, 2018
Academy honored Coach of the Year, Anne Horton, and the field hockey team's Division 1 State Championship.



January 18, 2019
Israeljah Mendenhall was one of our student performers at the MLK, Jr. assembly.



February 21, 2019
Psychologist and writer Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair, spoke to the Middle and Upper School about appropriate technology usage.



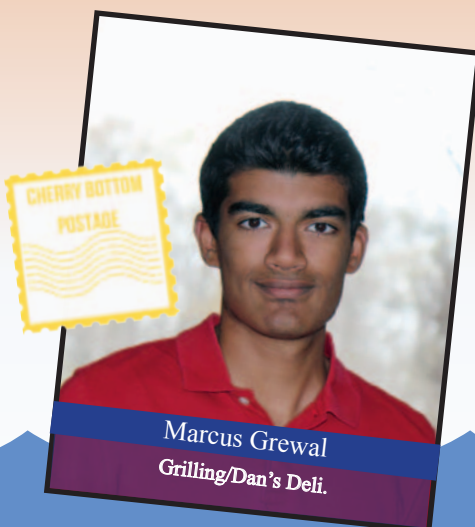
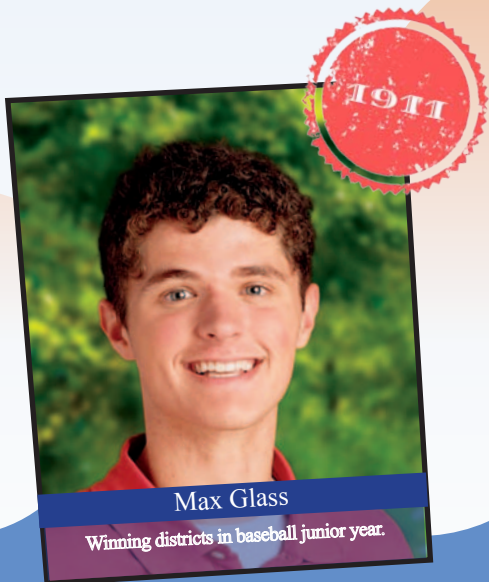
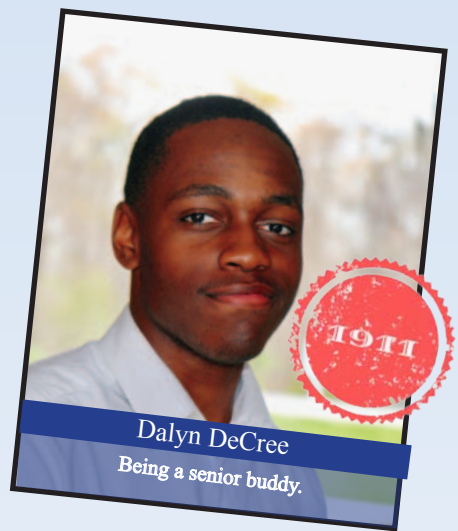
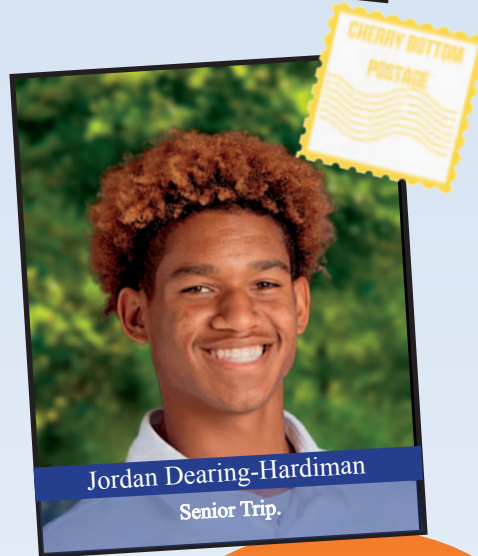
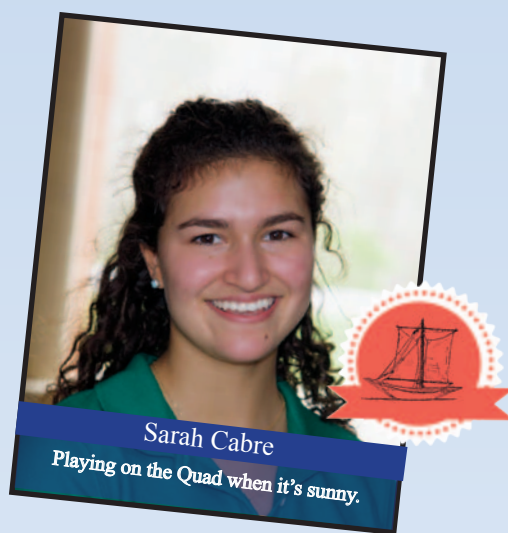
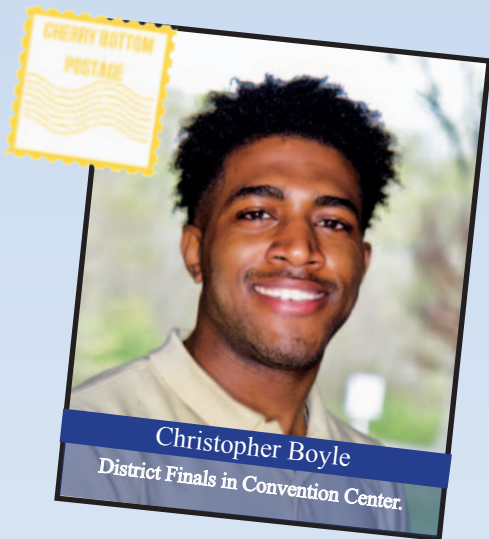
April 26, 2019
Under the direction of Amy Brooks, the Treble Choir and Camerata presented their pieces at our annual Cabaret, which included a song by Liam McCann.



March 14-16, 2019
The seniors traveled to Nashville, for their Senior Trip.



April 11 -13, 2019
The high school performed the Spring Musical, RENT, directed by Stefan Farrenkopf.



SENIOR MEMORIES



Jacob Beck
Scoot Gang in Nashville.



Keenan Bellisari
Mr. Block's couch.



Mira Bhasin
2017 Cuba trip.



Carolyn Bowman
Winning FH states.



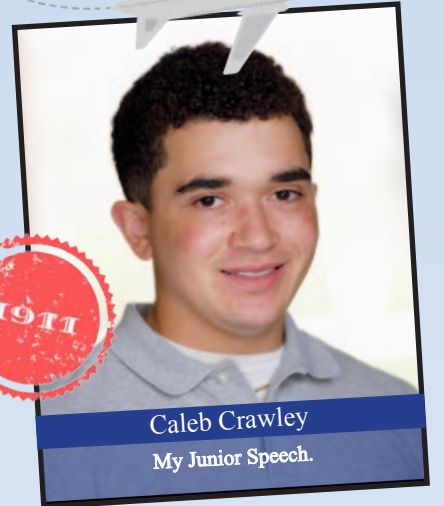
Kyle Channell
Debate State Finals.



Deven Cobb
Making history in football.



Hayden Compton
Winning districts in baseball.



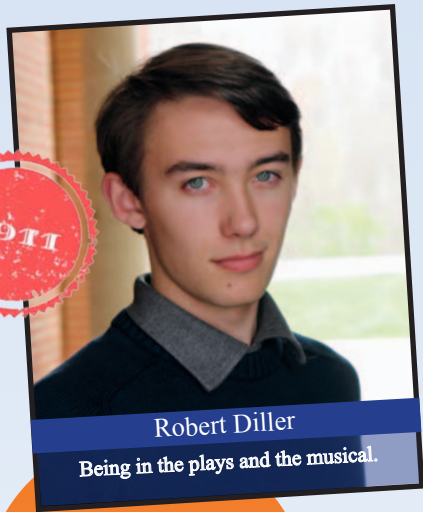
Caleb Crawley
My Junior Speech.



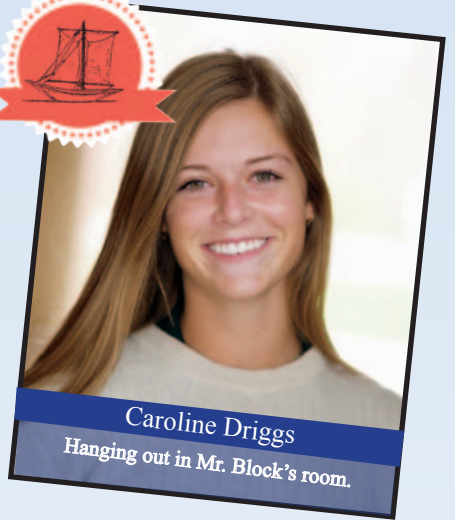
Sidney Derzon
Kindergarten buddies!



Eric DeVore
Grilling with all my buds.



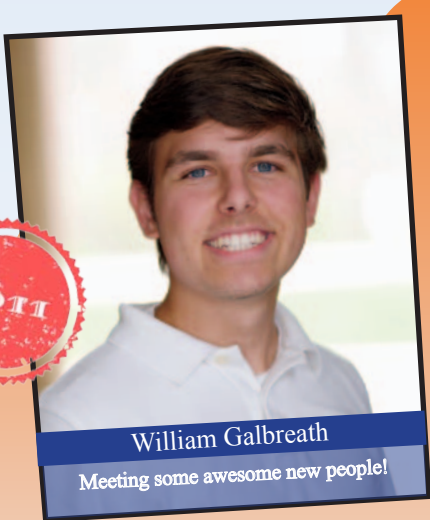
Robert Diller
Being in the plays and the musical.



Caroline Driggs
Hanging out in Mr. Block's room.



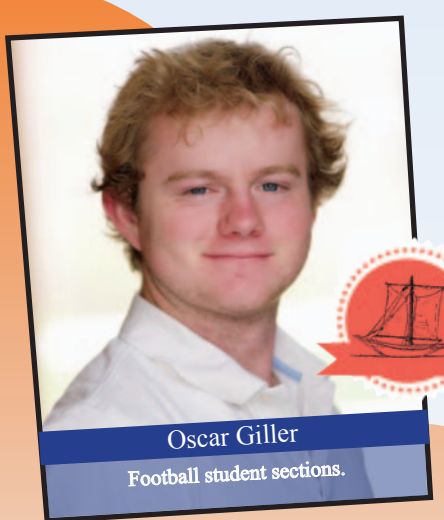
Abigail Fisher
Hanging out in the library w/ friends.



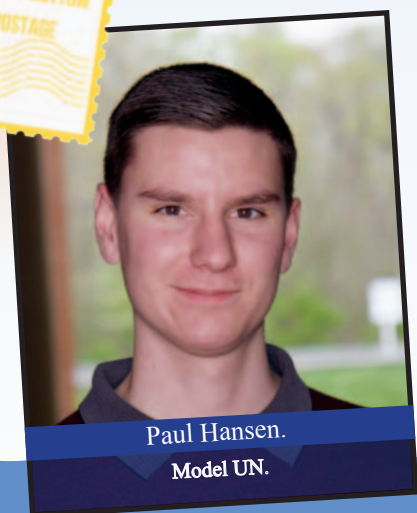
William Galbreath
Meeting some awesome new people!



Gunnar Geiger
Being a part of the first CA hockey team.



Oscar Giller
Football student sections.



Paul Hansen.
Model UN.



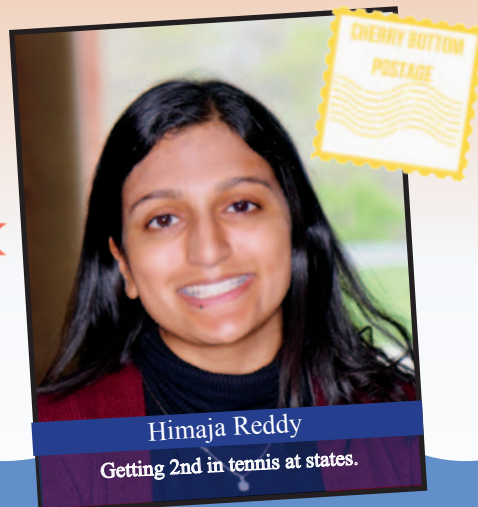
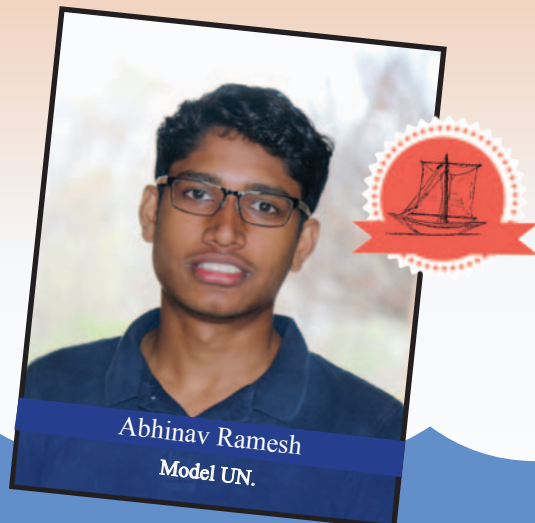
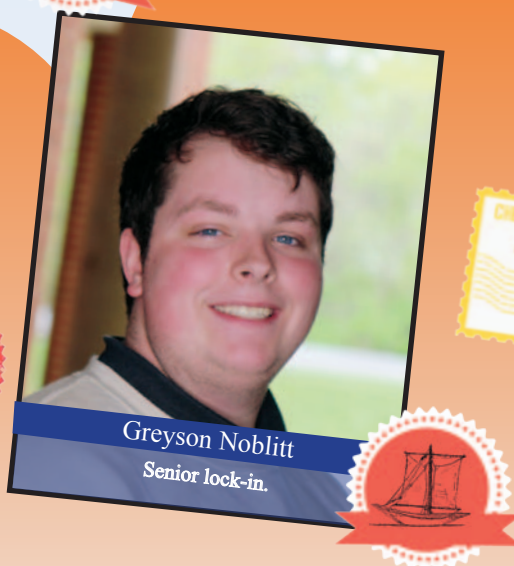
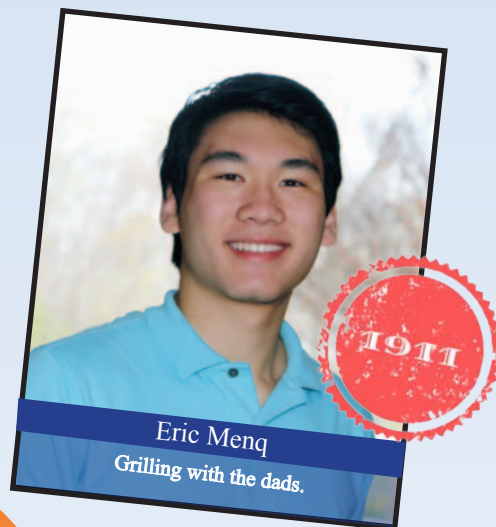
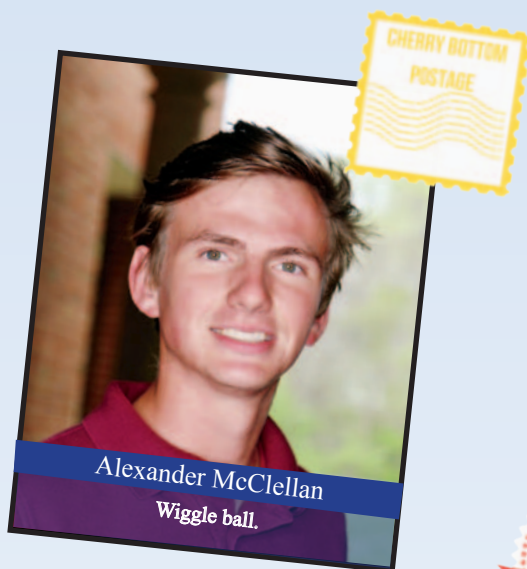
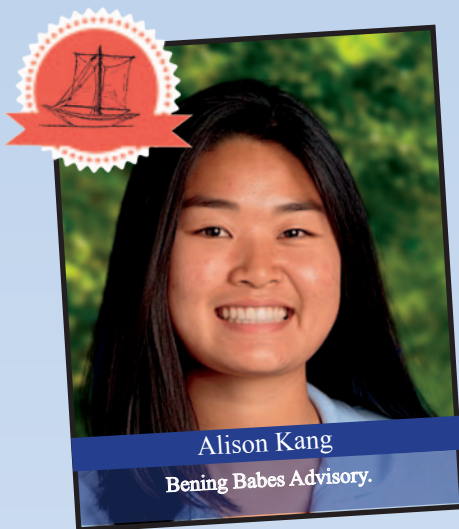
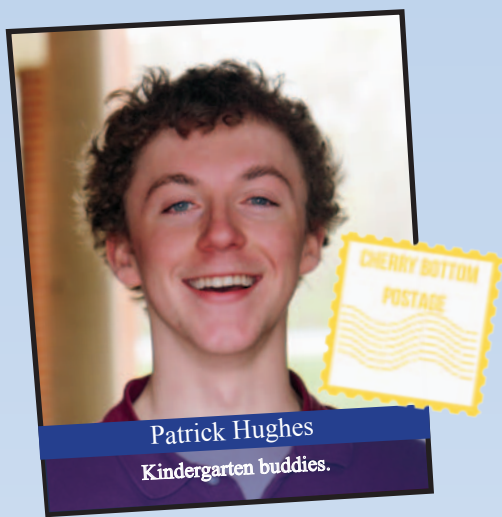
Mary Hatcher
Making art in the art room.



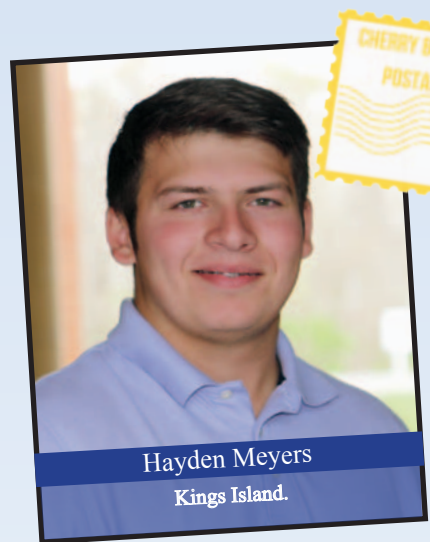
Kaitlyn Heintzelman
Kindergarten buddies.



Sydney Hill
Winning FH states.



SENIOR MEMORIES

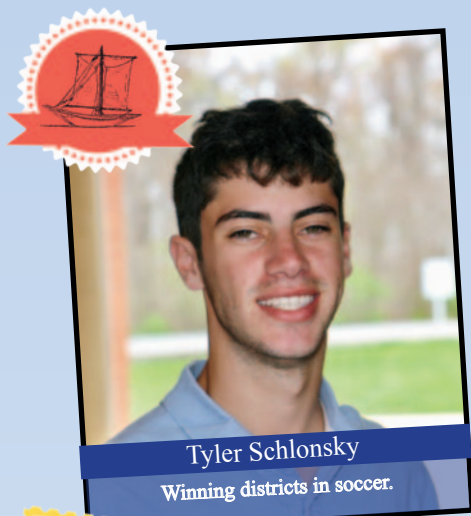




Jacob Sardo
Playing wiggle ball.



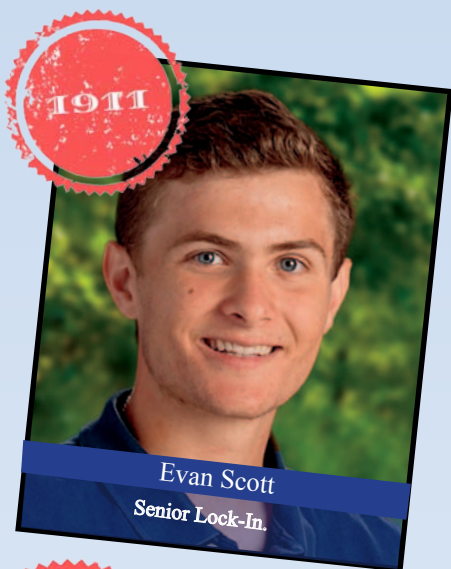
Sophie Schiff
Hanging out on the quad.



Tyler Schlonsky
Winning districts in soccer.



Megan Schmitz
Senior soccer season.



Evan Scott
Senior Look-In.



Taranya Seri
Spending time with my friends.



Jordan Skilken
Spending time w/ everyone on the quad.



Averill Smith
Being in the high school with my sister.



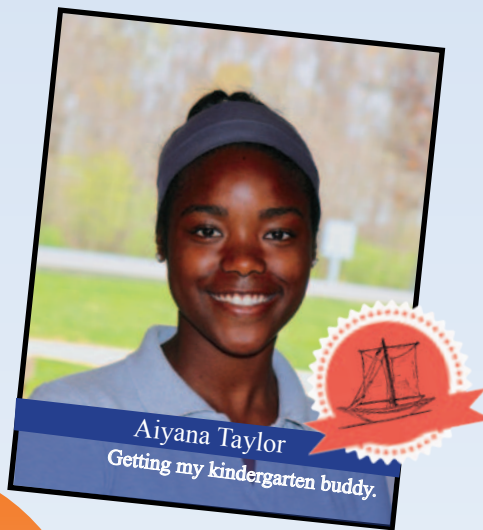
Kaija Snyder
Playing on the quad.



Colin Sullivan
Grilling with the boys.



Suriya Sundaram
State qualifying match at CA courts.



Aiyana Taylor
Getting my kindergarten buddy.



Sophia Tidwell
Being in Twelfth Night.



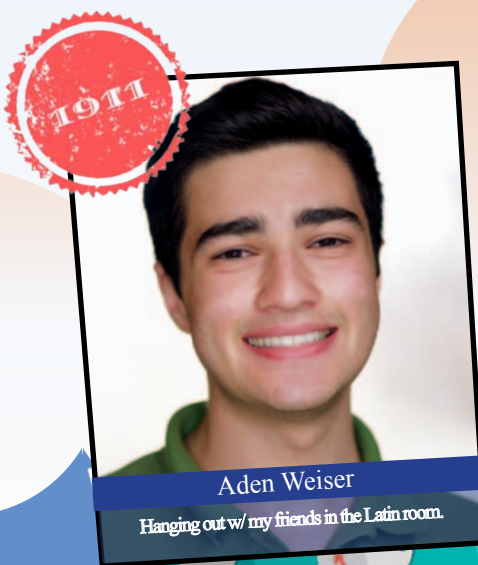
Madeline Tuckerman
All my memories w/ my teammates.



Harika Vandrasi
Sunny days playing badminton on the quad.



Cole Walker
Great games of wiggle ball.



Aden Weiser
Hanging out w/ my friends in the Latin room.



Haylee White
Getting second at states.



Katelyn Wunsch
Going to NAIMUN.



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FAREWELL, MR. FACCIOLLA!

Get this: Dominic Facciolla Loves Sports

As one of ten kids growing up in the 1960’s in Detroit, Mr. Dominic Facciolla’s childhood days were spent on the sandlot, the basketball court, the school gym. You name it. Wherever there was a game, Dominic was there, either in the action or watching court side, itching for his turn to jump in with the older boys.

Sports was part of his culture, and with seven older siblings and famous athletes to look up to like Muhammad Ali and Magic Johnson, it’s easy to see where Dominic’s competitive spirit comes from.

After studying at Wayne State, Dominic traveled to Europe, where he met his wife, Bernadette, earned a Master’s Degree, and served as an athletic director, physical education teacher, and coach—first at the American Overseas School of Rome and later in London at the Marymount International School. Their son, Dominic, was born in London, but time would tell that Europe would not be their future.

In his 1999 job search back in the states, Dominic was so impressed with what Academy had to offer that he looked no further and signed on as Athletic Director.

His biggest shock came when he found his administrative position blocked him from coaching (his favorites being soccer and basketball). Nonetheless, Academy’s challenge kept the Detroit native more than occupied. And Dominic more than rose to the challenge.

In Dominic’s tenure, our athletics programs have flourished with countless championships at league, local, and state levels. Academy’s growth of programs, such as the girls volleyball team (which won its first league championship in history this past year), can’t help but make Dominic smile. Thanks to Dominic’s help, programs such as bowling, ice hockey, and girls soccer came to fruition.

While he is proud of the banners lining the Mackenzie Gym walls, Dominic’s legacy will be long be remembered far beyond solely the number of these championships.

To be sure, in Dominic’s words, “No more than a handful of schools can equal that number of banners.” But for him, what separates Academy athletics from the pack is its “amateur ethos.” With few exceptions, each Academy student can suit up in the maroon and grey for whatever team they’re interested, regardless of talent.

He credits the school’s culture for this unique blend of inclusivity and sustained excellence, for “doing it right.”

Dominic’s most rewarding experiences have been the satisfaction of “helping a boy or girl through something,” and the opportunity to make a difference in the life of an athlete or a young coach.

And with an attendance record of 200-plus football games, nearly every home basketball game, and truly innumerable more events (including four Academy postseason match-ups in one day: all away games), that dedication is unmistakable.

There’s only so much recognition that goes to someone in a position like Dominic, but beyond his induction to the Mid-State-League Hall of Fame this past October and the platter of accolades he helped bring to Academy, his legacy as a level-headed leader will live on.

Dominic’s future is uncertain; however, it’s satisfying to know that he’s nothing but giddy about being able to just “goof around” and relax for a few months.

Being the family man he is, it’s certain that he will spend as much time as possible with his wife, Bernadette, his son, Dominic, and his family in Michigan and Europe.

Wherever he touches down, his connections to the school that he loves so dearly will not be splintered, and it’s comforting to know that the future of Academy athletics will be in good hands with our next director, Jason Singleton, in addition to the renovations that will be completed by the time his foot is out the door this July.

Despite his Michigan roots and his unwavering support for the Spartans and Wolverines of the state up north, he’s an Ohio man, and he always will be.

by Andrew Cahall’20 and Charlie Sabgir’20



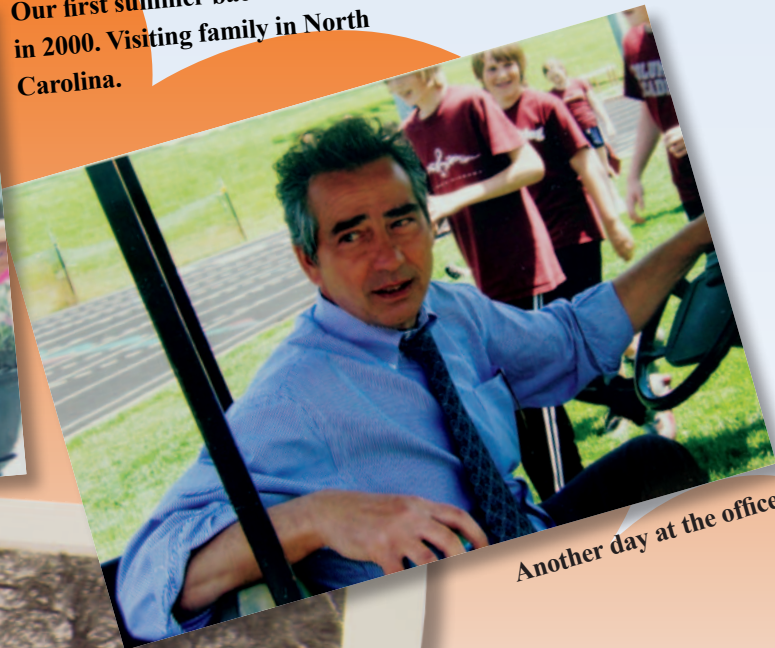
Athletic Director, Dominic Facciolla



Getting on the train at Waterloo station in 1998.



Our first summer back in the US in 2000. Visiting family in North Carolina.

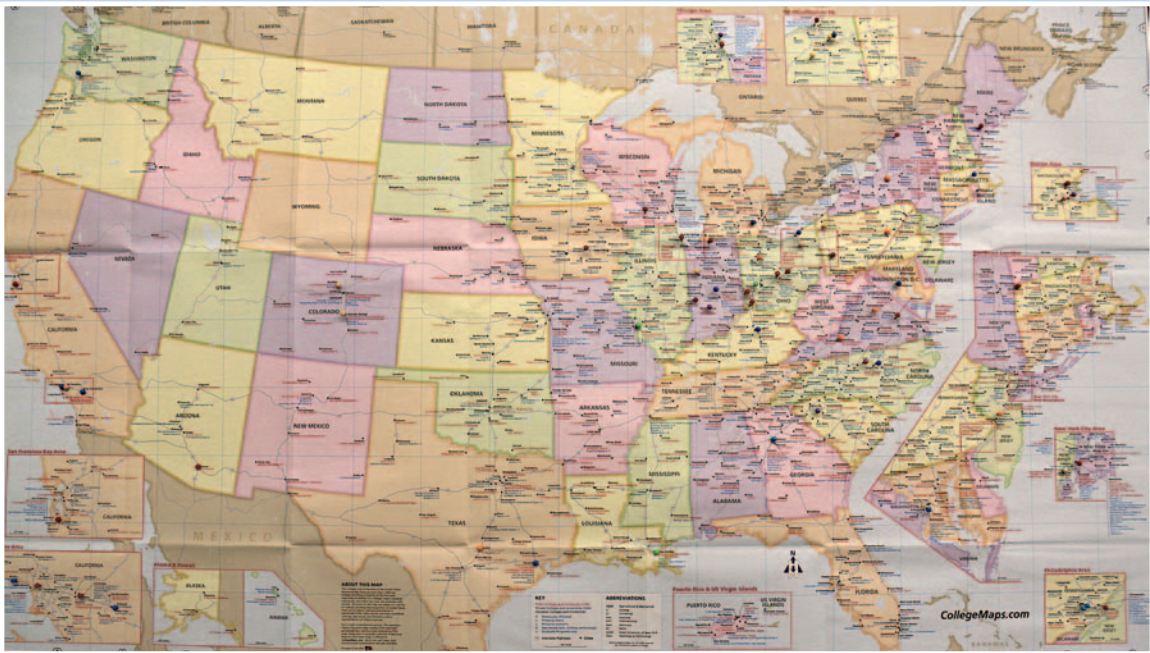


Another day at the office.



1960 family road trip. Dominic (first from left) holding a bat. “We played a sport whenever we had a chance.”

Colleges of Matriculation



Agnes Scott College
The University of Akron
Allegheny College
American University
Arizona State University
The University of Arizona
Azusa Pacific University
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Bates College
Belmont University
Beloit College
Bentley University
Biola University
Boston College
Bowling Green State U
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Santa Cruz
Capital University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve U
Centre College
Chapman University
College of Charleston
University of Cincinnati
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Coastal Carolina University
University of Colorado at Boulder
Colorado College
Columbus College of Art and Design
Cornell University
University of Dayton
Denison University
University of Denver
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dickinson College
Drew University
Duke University
Elon University
Emory University
Flagler College
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Freed-Hardeman University
Furman University

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Georgetown University
Georgia State University
University of Georgia
Grinnell College
Hamilton College - NY
Hanover College
Harvard College
Hillsdale College
Hiram College
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana U at Bloomington
University of Indianapolis
Kalamazoo College
Kansas State University
Kent State University
University of Kentucky
Kenyon College
Lipscomb University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
McGill University
Miami University, Oxford
University of Miami
Michigan State University
University of Michigan

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University of Notre Dame
Ohio Northern University
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University of Otago
Otterbein University
Pace University, New York City
Pennsylvania State University
University of Pennsylvania
Pepperdine University
University of Pittsburgh
Princeton University
Providence College
University of Puget Sound
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Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rowan University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick

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School of Visual Arts
Sewanee: The U of the South
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
Spelman College
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St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
U of Tennessee, Knoxville
The University of Texas, Arlington
The University of Texas, Austin
The University of Texas, Dallas
The New School - All Divisions
The Ohio State University
The Ohio State U at Newark
University of Toledo
Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of St Andrews
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
University of Virginia
Wake Forest University
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington U in St. Louis
University of Washington
West Virginia University
Whittier College
College of William and Mary
Williams College
U of Wisconsin, Madison
Wofford College
The College of Wooster
Wright State University
Xavier University
Youngstown State University
Red: Attending

Editors' Farewell

Writing for *The Academy Life* has been perhaps the most rewarding aspect of our time at CA. Indeed, it has been an honor. Through Journalism, we have each improved mightily as writers, thinkers, and workers. But more importantly, we have learned the value of holding ourselves to high ethical standards.

One highlight of our Journalism careers was co-covering the installation process of engraving our “5+2” values on Academy Hall’s facade. Overseeing our teams’ weekly sports coverage and the in-depth look at our Dining Hall’s recycling program made us respect the opportunities we have had to inform our community about the changes to our campus.

Thanks to our incredible staff for its hard work. We’ll miss being at the helm but will look forward to seeing the success that awaits the 2019-20 *Academy Life* staff.

-GINNIE MA AND JACOB RHEE
CO-EDITORS 2018-2019

Departing Faculty

Departing faculty include Jodi Bergere (7 years in Pre-K and 3 in Kindergarten), Heather Gepper (13 years in Middle School Health and Physical Education), Carmen Ladman (Lower School Spanish, 3 years), Katie Neenan (7 years, Summer Program and First and Third Grades), Sonam Shanhani (6 years, Middle School Language Arts), and Mia Romero Terwin (7 years, Pre-K and Second Grade)

Academy also extends its farewell to Stacey Bittinger (Grade 4 Associate), Jessica Espasandin (First Grade Associate), and Mary Johnson (Part-time Upper School Spanish).



Jodi Bergere



Heather Gepper



Carmen Ladman



Katie Neenan



Sonam Shanhani



Mia Romero Terwin



Julia Gurevitz: "Pink Lemonade"



Jacob Eismann: "Expression"



Mercedes Crestanello: "Faces"



Mary Hatcher: "Leah"



Jacob Beck: "1898"



Rehka Marar: "Serendipity"



Maddie Tuckerman: "Cruisin'"



Malcolm Klingbeil: "Mr. Moose Goes to Work"

SENIOR ART



Gunnar Geiger: "Seize the Moment"



Avie Smith: "Hanging Gardens"



Sophia Tidwell: "A Portrait of Nona Hunter"



Keenan Bellisari: "Keenan Time" & "Keenan's Throne"



Jenny L'Hommedieu: "When poachers see ivory, they see gold"



Abigail Fisher: "Untitled"



Sydney Hill & Sophie Schiff: "Recycle"



Tyler Schlonsky: "Coral Reef 2"



Kayla Podgurski: "A Blue View"

Kindergarten Wishes



Harika Vandrasi, Jiya Singh, and Camille Reeves
Jiya: "Remember that I love you!"



Inji Kang, Tucker Warstler, and David Barren
Tucker: "I will miss you. Listen to your teachers."



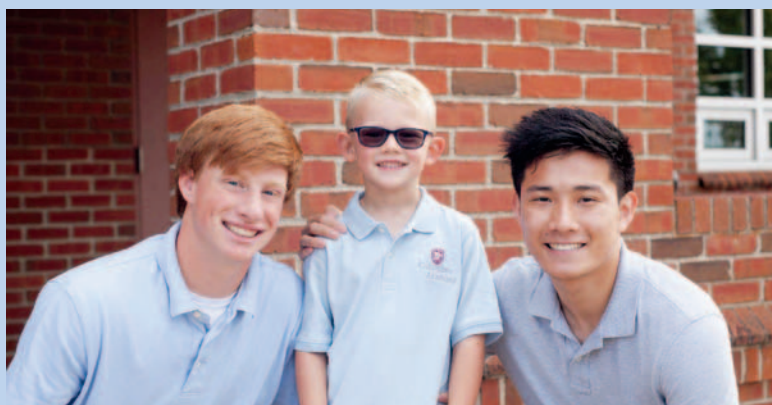
Jack Campbell, Polina Golikov, and Sarah Cabre
Polina: "Don't forget your clothes!"



Lexi Leader, Scarlett Ghany, and Harry Mills
Scarlett: "You should not be late because you don't want to skip some school."



Chris Boyle, Anaya Page, and Aiyana Taylor
Anaya: "Don't forget your favorite stuffed animal to sleep with when you are at college."



Nick Rothmann, Carter Hall, and David Li
Carter: "You should get good sleep and eat a good breakfast."



Hayden Compton, Reid Mokas, and Dorrian Moultrie
Reid: "I hope you make really good friends."



Claire Budzik, Vivian Hines-Platt, and Leah Pierre-Louis
Vivian: "You should sleep a lot."



Patrick Hughes, Phillip Mallory, and Caroline Mallory
Phillip: "I hope you have good roommates."



Dalyn DeCree and Aatif Shahzad
Aatif: "You can help people who need help."