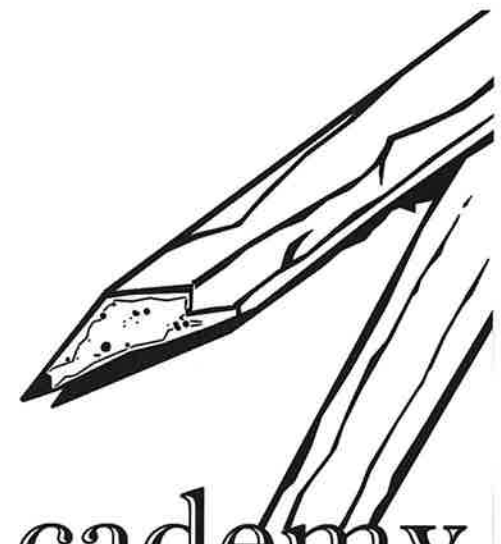


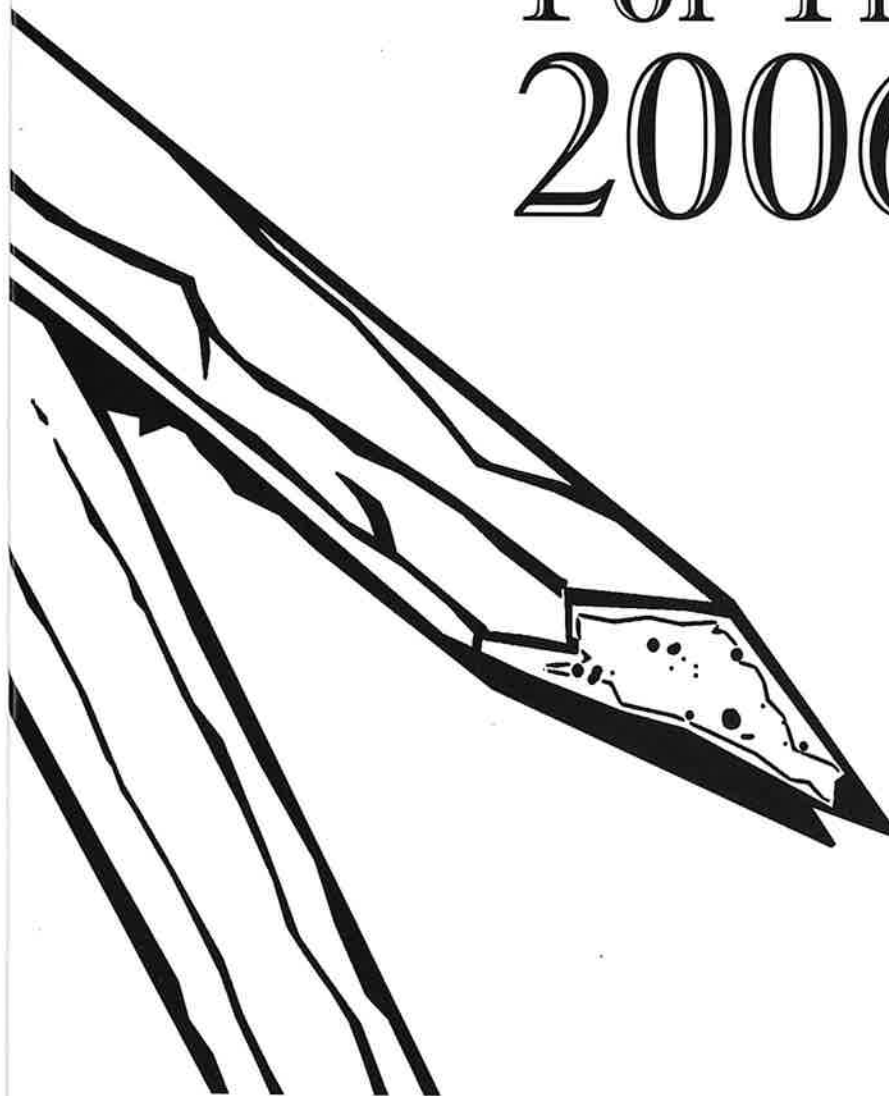


**THE CHICAGO ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS  
2006-2007**





The Chicago Academy  
For The Arts  
2006-07



# A Message from the Head of School



Dear Chicago Arts Academy Community:

As we prepared to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Chicago Academy for the Arts this year, we had no idea that also in this year the school would be designated a National School of Distinction by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The activities surrounding both of these occasions created an experience that few of us will ever forget.

There were many highlights throughout the year. For me, the most memorable was the opportunity to travel to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. with the entire student body. During this trip, I witnessed our students and faculty sharing and learning together, being considerate of one another, and enjoying one another's company. I will forever cherish the photograph of the students, trustees, faculty, and staff on the steps of the United States Capitol.

As I reflect over this experience, I realize that what we shared in Washington was a direct result of the school environment that's created right here in Chicago. The special talents of our faculty and staff help create an environment where learning is palpable and human kindnesses are visible every day. Our teachers create safe spaces where students are challenged to reach deep inside of themselves to find their unique, creative voices.

Our graduates are the culmination of the Chicago Arts Academy experience. They have allowed us to see their struggles and growth. Through it all they have developed into intellectually inquisitive, creative, and talented human beings.

With the end of the school year, we cherish our memories and bid farewell to the Class of 2007. We will miss them and will forever remember their performances and exhibitions that are indelibly etched in our minds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Jordan".

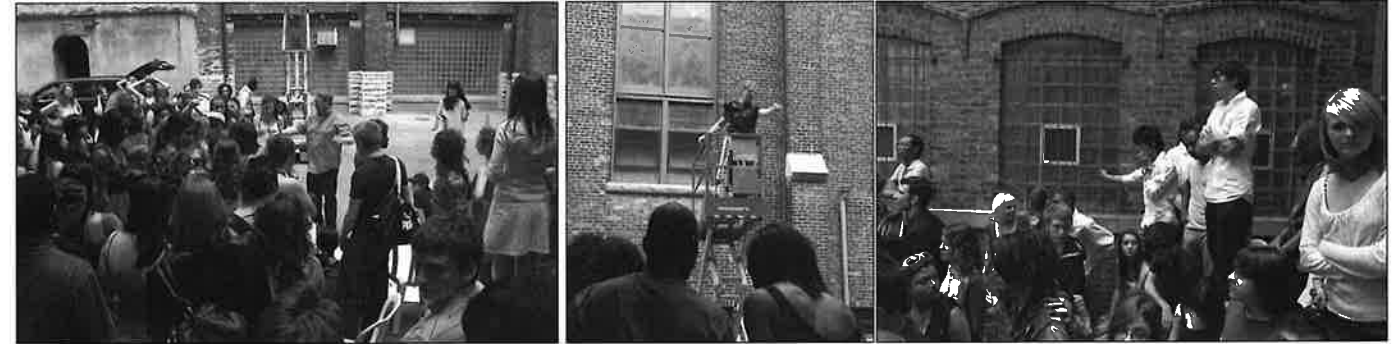
Pamela Jordan  
Head of School

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On May 23, 2007, to help mark one of the most magnificent years in the history of The Chicago Academy for the Arts, the amazing Dennis and Marybeth Manarchy agreed to photograph the entire faculty, staff, and student body. The result is on the opposite page. On this page you'll find what was going on behind the scenes, before the photograph was taken.



# Behind the Scenes



# Happy Birthday, Academy!



The Academy turned 25 this year and celebrated by having a gala honoring 25 years of success.



*Founding Trustee Joyce Sloane and Board Member and entertainment reporter Bill Zwecker.*



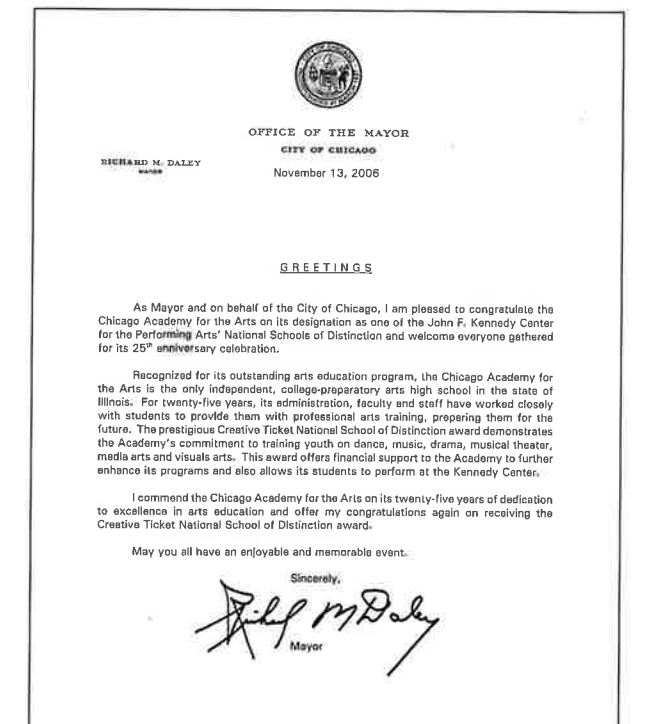
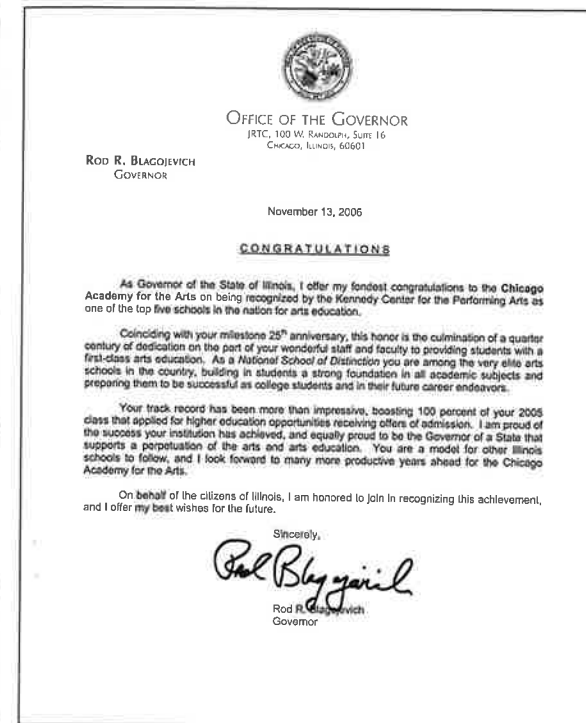
*Artwork by senior Morgan Canavan was auctioned off.*



# Award Winning

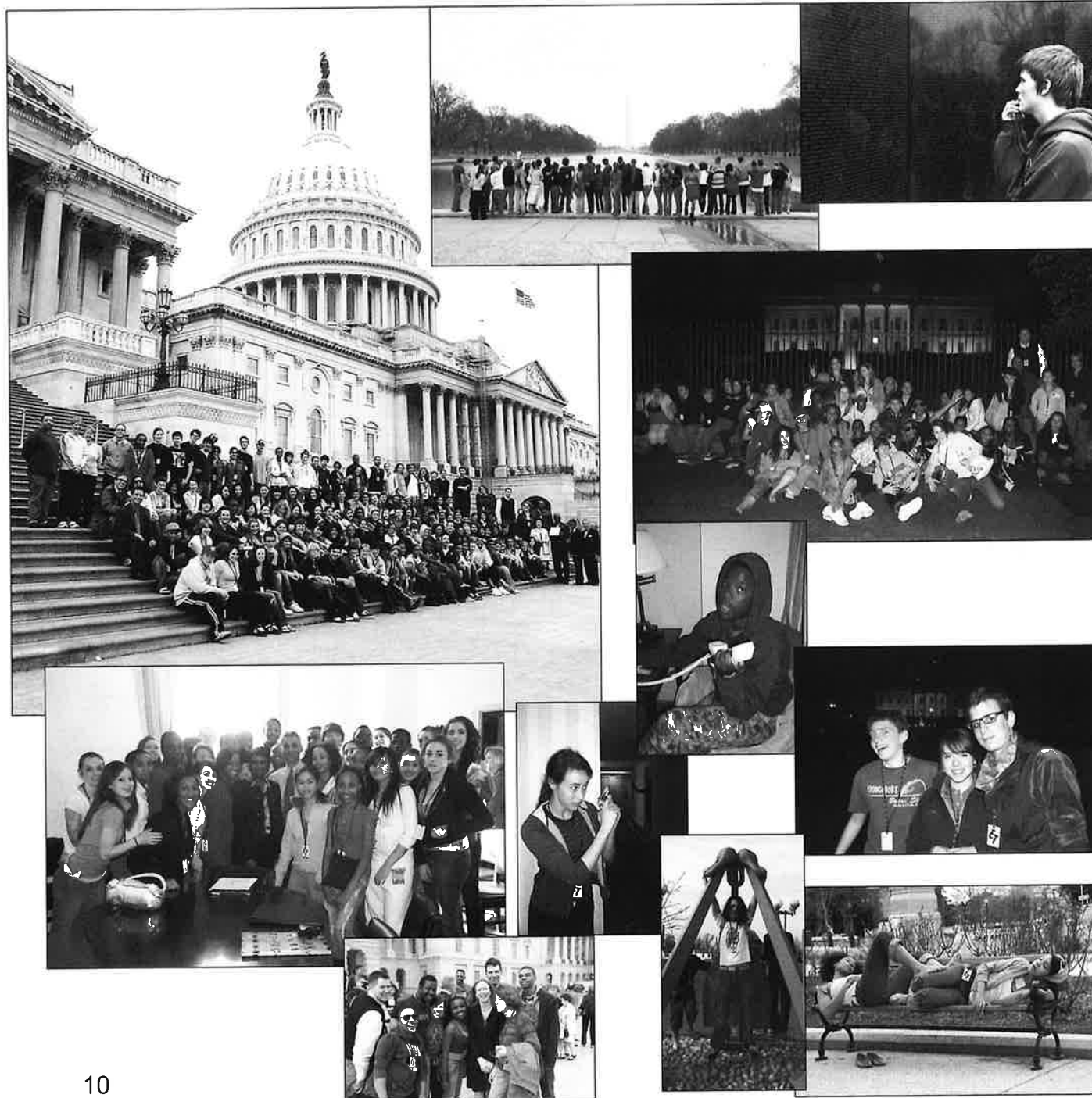
This year, The Chicago Academy for the Arts was named one of the top five schools in the nation for arts education by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. The Creative Ticket National School of Distinction Award, recognizes educational excellence based on a number of criteria, including: the ways in which arts education is an essential component of the school curriculum; how the program creates and uses imaginative learning environments; and how the program links arts education to community cultural resources.

On November 13, 2006, a formal award ceremony was held at the Museum of Contemporary Art, where Chicago icons such as Mayor Richard Daley and his wife Maggie, Secretary of State Jesse White, Joffrey Ballet founder Gerald Arpino, jazz musician Ramsey Lewis, and journalist Bill Kurtis were on hand to salute the Arts Academy's remarkable achievement and witness first-hand the remarkable talents of Arts Academy students.



# The Arts Academy goes to Washington

In March, approximately 130 Arts Academy students traveled via bus to Washington D.C. and toured the city. Students had the opportunity to visit sites like Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian, Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, meet with Congressmen Danny Davis and Rahm Emanuel, and more.



## Tableau

1. *Pas de Deux*  
Kevin Beverley & Tanya Myers

2. *Cantabile et Presto*  
Kristen Slamar, flute

3. *Sisters*  
Grace Heuer & Aleya Schwartz

4. *Seizurous Exhaustion*  
*Inferno*  
Garret Kriston, piano

5. *Suite No. 1 in G Major: Sara-*  
*bande*  
David Miller, cello

6. *Ida: A Day in the Life of*  
*Ida B. Wells*  
Rena Butler

7. *Centerpiece*  
Max Deneau, baritone  
Francesca Giannis, alto  
Garret Kriston, piano  
Greg Feingold, bass  
Nick Hafeman, guitar  
Derrick Thurman, drums

8. *La Catedra-Allegro Solemne*  
Molly Manarchy, classical guitar

9. *Bye Bye Blackbird*  
Kim Mayo, alto  
Garret Kriston, piano  
Molly Manarchy, guitar  
Greg Feingold, bass  
Nick Hafeman, guitar  
Derrick Thurman, drums

10. *Rescue*  
Rena Butler, Tanya Myers,  
Ebony Taylor



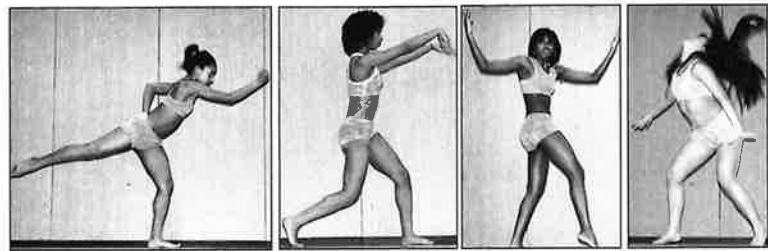
# Live from the Kennedy Center

March 24, 2007

As a recipient of the 2006 Creative Ticket National Schools of Distinction Award from the Kennedy Center's Alliance for the Arts Education Network, students had the opportunity to perform on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center.







"I don't want people who want to dance, I want people who have to dance." --George Balanchine

# Dance



Jamie Adachi  
Freshman



Maya Adams  
Freshman



Taylor Anderson  
Sophomore



Kevin Beverley  
Junior



Brieauna Bradley  
Sophomore



Rena Butler  
Senior



Natalie Canizares  
Senior



Elise Cowin  
Senior



Arron Davis  
Junior



Ariel Delarosa  
Senior



Ariel Dorsey  
Sophomore



Merrill Doty  
Junior



Caitlin Foster  
Junior



Connor Frain  
Freshman



Bianca Garcia  
Junior



Sahara Hall  
Sophomore



Jennifer Haske  
Junior



Ebony Ingram  
Sophomore



Garth Johnson  
Sophomore



Brittany Jones  
Freshman



Alyssa Lubecker  
Junior



Derek Mays  
Freshman



Myesha Mullens  
Senior



Katherine Muth  
Sophomore



Tanya Myers  
Senior



Patrice Newell  
Senior



Ariana Novak  
Freshman



Mary Powers  
Junior



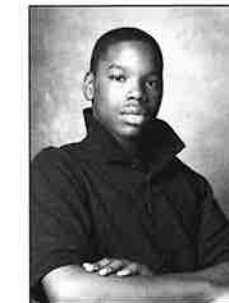
Anais Ramos  
Freshman



Margaret Rattigan  
Freshman



Amber Robbin  
Senior



Billy Robertson  
Freshman



Elena Romanowski  
Freshman



Lillian Rosner  
Freshman



Sarah Russo  
Senior



Sarah Sebosky  
Freshman



Katrina Skarzynski  
Freshman



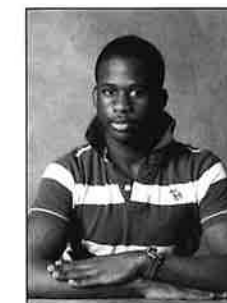
Casey Szaflarski  
Freshman



Eboni Taylor  
Senior



Taquirah Thompson  
Freshman



Jeremy Thornwell  
Junior



Nikita Wardenian  
Freshman



Nina-Rose Wardenian  
Junior



Morgan Williams  
Junior

*"I like making films because I like to go into another world. I like to get lost into another world."*  
--David Lynch

# Media Arts



Elisa Bonesteel  
Senior



Jessie Brett  
Senior



Lilli Canright  
Junior



Nick Edelberg  
Senior



Anna Green  
Sophomore



Maureen Hickey  
Junior



David Himelman  
Senior



Louis Kahn  
Junior



Julia Markham-  
Cameron  
Sophomore



Pablo Monterrubio-  
Benet  
Senior



Evan Polance  
Junior



Sabrina Pont  
Freshman



Elizabeth Sheridan  
Senior



Matt Solida  
Junior



Taylor Sommers  
Junior



Jeremy Vranich  
Senior

**Not Pictured:**  
Brandon Miller  
Freshman

*"The role of a writer is not to say what we all can say, but what we are unable to say."*

--Anais Nin

*"If you love to perform then you have no choice, just keep training and focus on the words or the music whenever you find yourself slipping back inside yourself. You're not doing anyone any favors if you withhold your talents from the world."*

--Idina Menzel

# Musical Theatre



Alexandra Cobrin  
Senior



Emily Davenport  
Senior



Grace Heuer  
Senior



Hannah Ledyard  
Junior



Brittney Mack  
Senior



David Robbins  
Senior



Aleya Schwartz  
Senior



Maureen Shaffer  
Senior

"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."  
--Victor Hugo

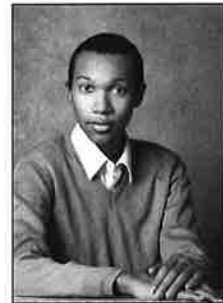
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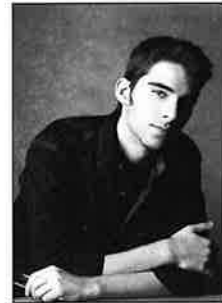
Tess Carlson  
Senior



Kevin Collins  
Sophomore



Joseph Davis  
Senior



Max Deneau  
Senior



Emily Eveland  
Sophomore



Sam Fajerstein  
Sophomore



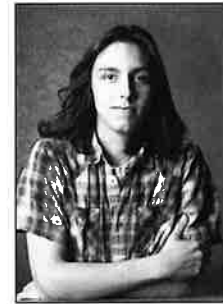
Greg Feingold  
Junior



Monica George  
Junior



Francesca Giannis  
Junior



Nick Hafeman  
Junior



Jasmine Jamison  
Sophomore



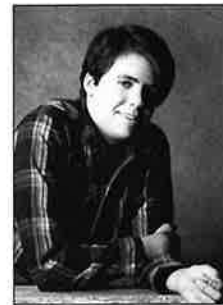
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Junior



Garret Kriston  
Junior



Molly Manarchy  
Junior



Neal Markowski  
Sophomore



Kim Mayo  
Junior



Morgan McKinley  
Freshman



David Miller  
Senior



Brendan Mohr  
Senior



Kiara Petty  
Junior



Annemarie Pulawski  
Sophomore



Melissa Rittenhouse  
Junior



Lacy Schamrowski  
Sophomore



Taylor Schobel  
Junior



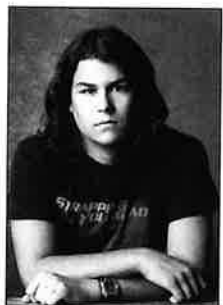
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Freshman



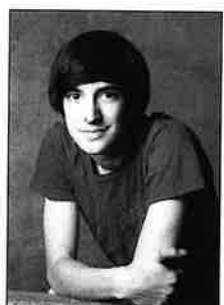
Abigail Sims  
Sophomore



Kristen Slamar  
Senior



Patrick Stratton  
Junior



Ian Swift  
Junior



Derrick Thurman  
Junior



Celine Zaphiratos  
Junior

"The stage is not merely the meeting place of all the arts, but is also the return of art to life."  
 —Oscar Wilde

# Theatre



Jasmine Allen  
Senior



Lane Bayless  
Sophomore



Jordan Brown  
Senior



Dominique Chestand  
Senior



Anne Conway  
Sophomore



Alexa D'Alessio  
Freshman



Katherine Dohnal  
Freshman



Grace Evans-Gan  
Senior



Collin Franklin  
Junior



Chelsea Gulbransen  
Freshman



Nathaly Jasso  
Freshman



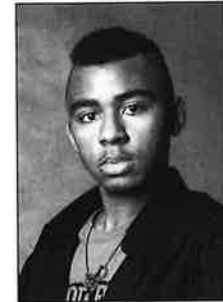
Deven Kampel  
Sophomore



Albina Katsman  
Sophomore



Madeline Kettlewell  
Junior



Phillip Lewis  
Sophomore



Sarah McGinnis  
Senior



Briana McNeal  
Junior



Ariel Meshenberg  
Junior



sSchwartz  
Senior



Kevin Mimms  
Junior



Joseph Montesanto  
Sophomore



Brita Morland  
Senior



Kathryn Nalepa  
Junior



Benjamin Palmer  
Senior



Kara Petruzzelli  
Junior



Gabrielle Posillico  
Junior



Carrin Sherman  
Sophomore

"There is no must in art because art is free."

--Vasily Kandinsky

# Visual Arts



Jesse Adams  
Senior



Bianca Alward  
Senior



Patrick Anderson  
Senior



Aja Augustus  
Junior



Hayley Barber  
Senior



Raul Barragan  
Junior



Selene Bataille  
Freshman



Kimberly Brennan  
Junior



Miles Burke  
Freshman



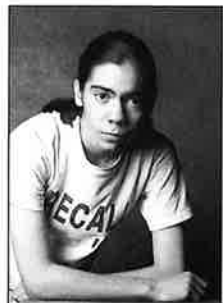
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Senior



Heather Day  
Junior



Jacob Epstein  
Senior



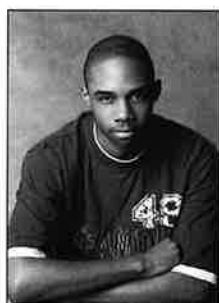
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Sophomore



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Senior



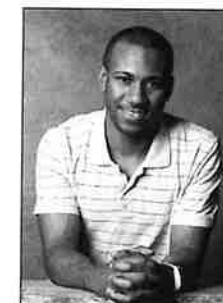
Caitlin Halstead  
Senior



Joseph Hayden  
Senior



Florence Helbing  
Sophomore



Jeremy Irving  
Senior



Regina Jiganti  
Sophomore



Kendel Kennedy  
Freshman



Sae Jun Kim  
Junior



Taylor Lindsey  
Junior



Jenee Lucas  
Junior



Stephanie Mided  
Freshman



Tim O'Donnell  
Senior



Sage O'Harrow  
Sophomore



Arielle Palmer  
Junior



Matt Pino  
Sophomore



Kelsey Prince  
Junior



Collin Rajcevich  
Junior



Mayah Robinson  
Sophomore



Lucy Ruiz  
Sophomore



Melissa Schloss  
Sophomore



Katherine Smithson  
Senior



Pedro Vega  
Sophomore



Lauren Whitacre  
Sophomore

**Not Pictured:**  
Kerbi Urbanowski  
Junior

"I could have dance all night! I could have danced all night! And still have begged for more."  
--Eliza Doolittle, My Fair Lady

# Prom 2007

## "A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS"



### 2007 Prom Court

King: Ben Palmer

Queen: Rena Butler

Princess: Albina Katsman

Prince: Joey Montesanto

Jester: Derrick Thurman

Best Dressed: Ali Cobrin

& Billy Robertson



"When you leave here, don't forget why you came."  
 --Adlai Stevenson



# Seniors



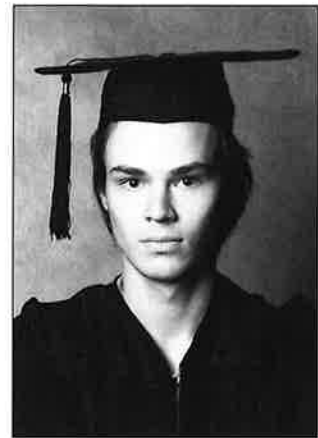
## The Good Old Days

Can you pick out these seniors from their freshman year ID photos?



Row 1: Jesse Adams, Hannah Michael-Schwartz, Morgan Canavan, Ariel Delarosa, Rena Butler  
 Row 2: Jake Epstein, Joey Davis, Tanya Myers, Patrick Anderson, Caitlin Halstead  
 Row 3: Bianca Alward, Patrice Newell, David Himmelman, Elisa Bonesteel, Jeremy Irving  
 Row 4: Grace Heuer, Amber Robbin, David Robbins, Aleya Schwartz, Maureen Schaffer





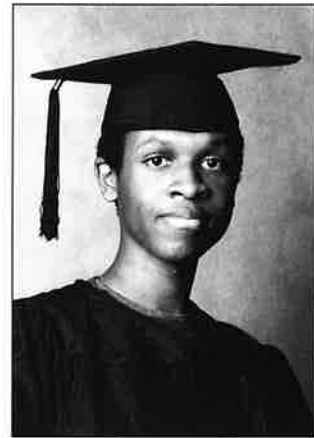
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Visual Arts



*Jasmine Allen*  
Theatre



*Bianca Alward*  
Visual Arts



*Patrick Anderson*  
Visual Arts



*Dominique Chestand*  
Theatre



*Alexandra Cobrin*  
Musical Theatre



*Elise Cowin*  
Dance



*Emily Davenport*  
Musical Theatre



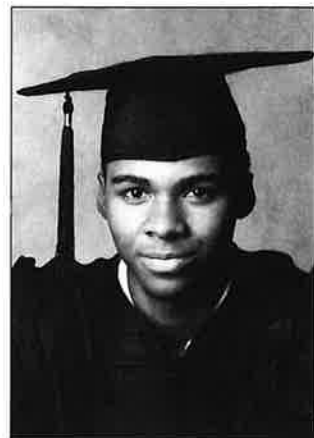
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Visual Arts



*Elisa Bonesteel*  
Media Arts



*Jessie Brett*  
Media Arts



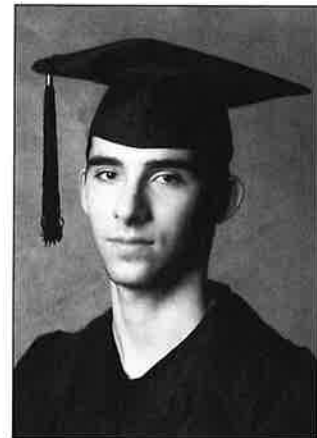
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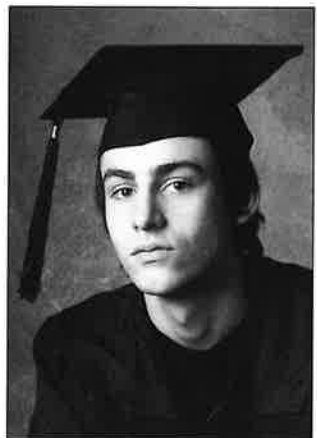
*Joseph Davis*  
Music



*Ariel Delarosa*  
Dance



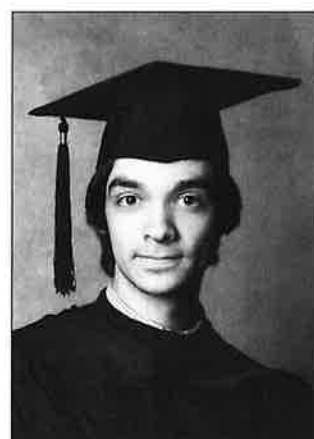
*Max Deneau*  
Music



*Nicholas Edelberg*  
Media Arts



*Rena Butler*  
Dance



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Visual Arts



*Natalie Canizares*  
Dance



*Terese Carlson*  
Music



*Jacob Epstein*  
Visual Arts



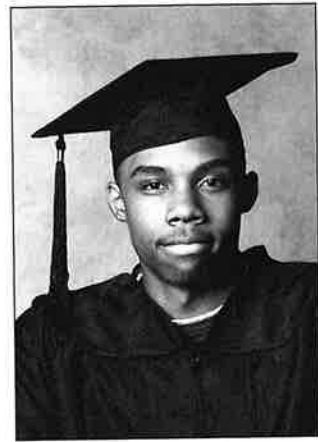
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Theatre



*Zachary Grimett*  
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*Grace Heuer*  
Musical Theatre



*David Himelman*  
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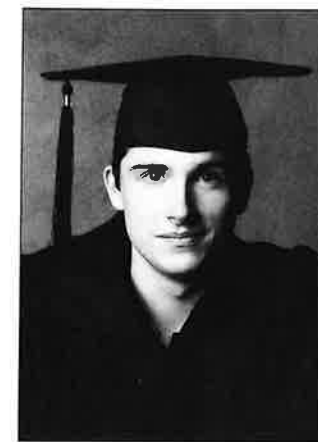
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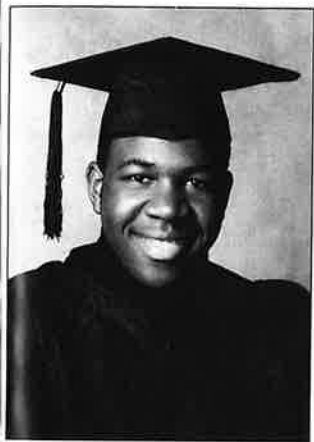
*Sarah McGinnis*  
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Music



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Musical Theatre



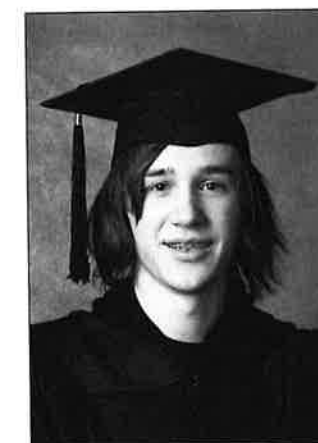
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Musical Theatre



*Maureen Shaffer*  
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*Elizabeth Sheridan*  
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*Brendan Mohr*  
Music



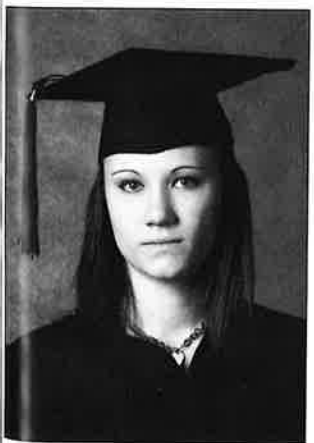
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Media Arts



*Brita Morland*  
Theatre



*Myesha Mullens*  
Dance



*Kristen Slamar*  
Music



*Katherine Smithson*  
Visual Arts



*Eboni Taylor*  
Dance



*Jeremy Vranich*  
Media Arts

*"To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting."*

—E. E. Cummings

# So long, dear friends

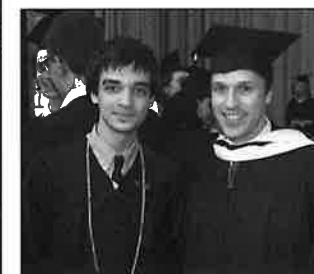
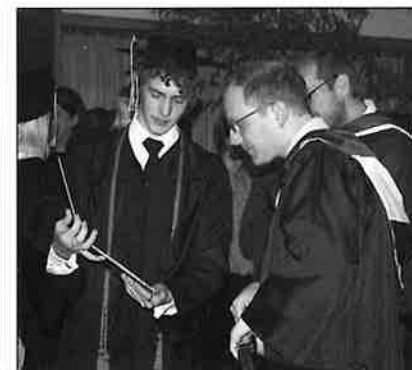
On May 24, 2007, the 48 members of the senior class celebrated their last day of student status and officially became alumni.

Some of these students will continue their educations in some of the nation's most prestigious colleges, universities, conservatories, and art institutes, while others will immediately try their hand at their chosen art form.

Wherever the future leads them, we wish the Class of 2007 happiness and success.



*Founding Trustee Joyce Sloane and Board President Richard Turner.*



**Class of 2007 Valedictorian:** Kristen Slamar

**Class of 2007 Salutatorian:** David Himelman

**Commencement Address:** Deborah Card, President, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

# Faculty & Staff



*In the future everyone will have their 15 minutes of fame...so you better get their autographs now!*

# Autographs

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Thanks to Nick Edelberg, Danielle Filas, Steve Majsak, Pablo Monterrubio-Benet, and Mark Taylor for snapshots appearing throughout this book.

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**And a very special thank you to  
Dennis and Marybeth Manarchy.  
Thank you for your time, patience, and  
generosity this year, and for making  
everyone look good in their student  
photos and the all-school photo.**

**([www.marybethmanarchy.com](http://www.marybethmanarchy.com))**

