

2009

The Chicago Academy
for the Arts



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2008/2009



A message from the head of school



Dear CAA Community,

It has been my great pleasure to serve as Head of School for Chicago Academy for the Arts for the past 7 years. This year's graduating class has benefited from the same great qualities on which the school was established in 1981: distinguished faculty, professional arts training and a diverse student body.

When the class of 2009 entered high school, I'm sure they were anxious yet curious and excited to learn what was in store for them at CAA. They no doubt were told by some the difficulty of making it in the arts, yet they remained resolved to pursue their passion.

During the past 4 years, the world witnessed Hurricane Katrina that killed 1800 people and displaced a million others from Mississippi and Louisiana. Equally important, the world also witnessed how ill-prepared our nation was to respond to this crisis. In 2008, calling for "change", Americans elected its first African American President amid one of the largest economic crisis of the country.

These world events have shaped the futures of our students. They've learned that nothing is certain and within that uncertainty they will be challenged to find creative solutions to the issues that face their generation. I remain confident that the rigorous academic education and professional arts training these students have received at CAA have equipped them to approach the unique problems of our society with imagination, creativity, and intelligence.

Some students in this graduating class will take on the world's challenges by continuing their quest to become professional artists while other students will seek a liberal arts education and chose careers outside of the arts. No matter the path our graduates take, their lives, with endless opportunities and promise, have been shaped by their CAA education.

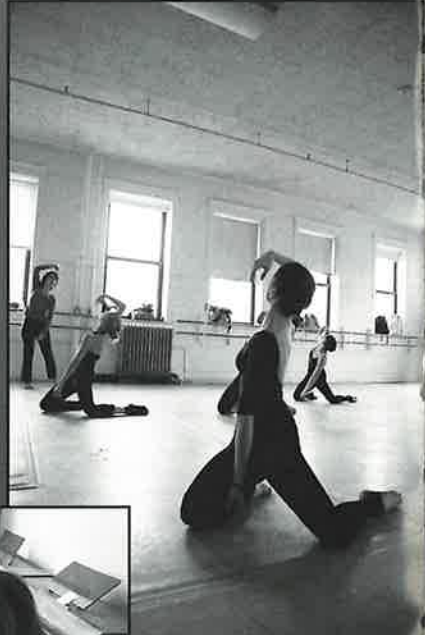
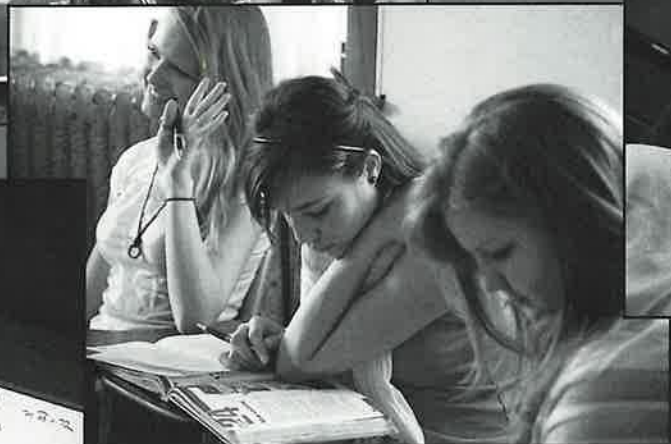
As the school year comes to an end, the trustees, faculty and staff join me to congratulate and thank our students for an outstanding year and to wish each graduate of the class of 2009 the very best that life has to offer.

Sincerely,

Pamela Jordan
Head of School

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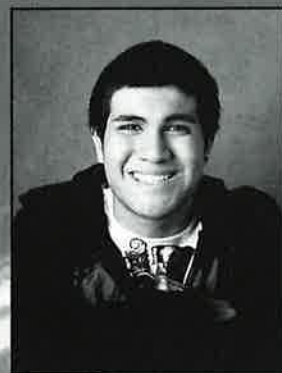
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DANCE



Jamie Adachi
Junior



Daniel Aguirre
Senior



Brieauna Bradley
Senior



Ariel Dorsey
Junior



Anne Farber
Sophomore



Isabella Farrell
Freshman



Connor Frain
Junior



Emelia Fredlick
Sophomore



Beata Komoni
Sophomore



Zoe Lindner
Junior



Katherine Muth
Senior



Ariane Otten
Sophomore



Sahara Hall
Senior



Savannah Hoover
Freshman



Rachel Horowitz
Freshman



Ebony Ingram
Senior



Masad Qawishabazz
Sophomore



Maggie Rattigan
Junior



Maiya Redding
Freshman



Imani Simmons
Sophomore



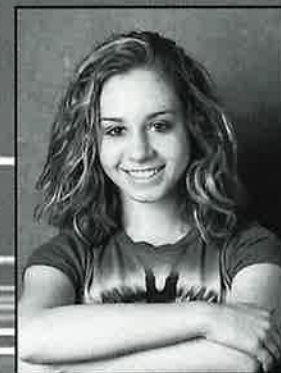
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Senior



Garth Johnson
Senior



Brittany Jones
Junior



Nicole Keeshin
Sophomore



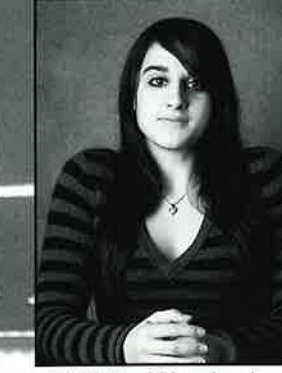
Casey Szaflarski
Junior



Taquirah Thompson
Junior



Olivia Walser
Junior



Nikita Wardanian
Junior



Gabriel Abeyta
Senior



Rebecca Bernstein
Sophomore



Alexandra Bertsche
Sophomore



Marissa Cameron
Freshman



Jamillah Davis
Sophomore



Erika Dickerson
Senior



Jack Dunphy
Sophomore



Mason George
Sophomore



Anna Green
Senior



Ian Karbal
Sophomore



Caroline Kenworthy
Sophomore



Tianniu Lei
Junior



Leo Levitt
Sophomore



Julia Markham
Senior



Vanessa Mendenhall
Junior



Brandon Miller
Junior



Sabrina Pont
Junior



Morgan Rochelle
Sophomore



Ivan Winslow
Junior

MEDIA ARTS



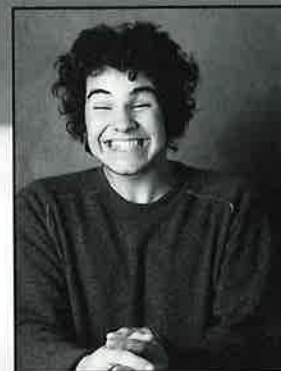
Hannah Baukert
Sophomore



Amelia Brackett
Junior



Ariel Chapman
Freshman



John Cibula
Sophomore



Jasmine Jamison
Senior



Seth Kaplan
Sophomore



Devin Kliewer-Foster
Senior



Madison Langer
Senior



Owen Cook
Freshman



Sam Crossland
Junior



Sophie Dimitroff
Sophomore



Samuel Fajerstein
Senior



Jennifer Manske
Junior



Neal Markowski
Senior



Morgan McKinley
Junior



Camiah McNeal
Freshman



Haley Gehrke
Freshman



Sam Gelfand
Sophomore



Xavier Grady
Junior



Maxwell Guerrieri
Senior



Jahan Nolley
Senior



Victoria Offutt
Freshman



Annemarie Pulawski
Senior



Kiara Rivera
Freshman



Meaghan Heinz
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Jennifer Horton
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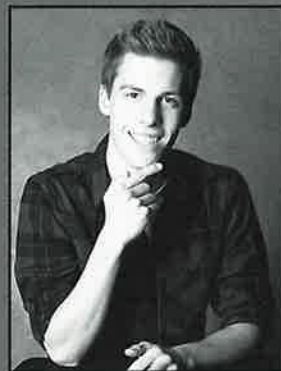


Candice Stewart
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Lauren Williams
Junior

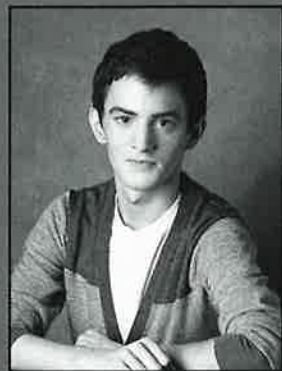
MUSIC



Scott Anderson
Senior



Lane Bayless
Senior



Miller Brackett
Sophomore



Kevin Collins
Senior



Fiona Kapacinskas
Freshman



Candace Leone
Sophomore



Alexandria Daugherty
Freshman



Chandler Ford
Sophomore



Jessica Gallo
Junior



Alexis Garwood
Junior



Paige Luttrell
Freshman



Myles Majors
Freshman



Victoria Narayan
Senior



Luke Redhead
Freshman



Faizan Hasnain
Sophomore



Kaleigh Jerkatis
Junior



Margaret Juravic
Junior



Lisa Revis
Junior



Mirjam Reydam
Sophomore



Elena Romanowski
Junior



Nikolas Spayne
Junior

MUSICAL THEATRE



Emma Thatcher
Junior



Nathan Urdangen
Freshman



Eleri Ward
Freshman



Anne Yokom
Sophomore

THEATRE



Scott Baity
Freshman



Anne Conway
Senior



Alexa D'Alessio
Junior



Layne Drinkwater
Sophomore



Winter Dunn
Junior



Chelsea Gulbransen
Junior



Kotryna Hilko
Freshman



Carsen Joenk
Freshman



Kelly Kabialis
Sophomore



Albina Katsman
Senior



Phillip Lewis
Senior



Matthew McKeon
Sophomore



Madison McLean
Sophomore



Joseph Montesanto
Senior



Carrin Sherman
Senior



Abigail Sims
Senior



Cora Swise
Freshman



Michael Szala
Freshman



Peter Varga
Junior



Carlos Wagener-Sobrero
Freshman



Pierre Walker
Sophomore



Taylor Anderson
Senior



Todd Barrett
Sophomore



Cora Bataille
Junior



Samuel Bunner
Freshman



Miles Burke
Junior



Andrew Dwyer
Sophomore



Cara Farella
Junior



Jesse Friedman
Senior



Maia Peters
Freshman



Louis Pileggi
Junior



Matteson Pino
Senior



Ryan Reynolds
Senior



Florence Helbing
Senior



Matthew Hillock
Senior



Regina Jiganti
Senior



Kendel Kennedy
Junior



Lucy Ruiz
Senior



Melissa Schloss
Senior



Qutress Trevino
Senior



Pedro Vega
Senior



Jessica McKibben
Freshman



Stephanie Mided
Junior



Ivaila Veleva
Junior

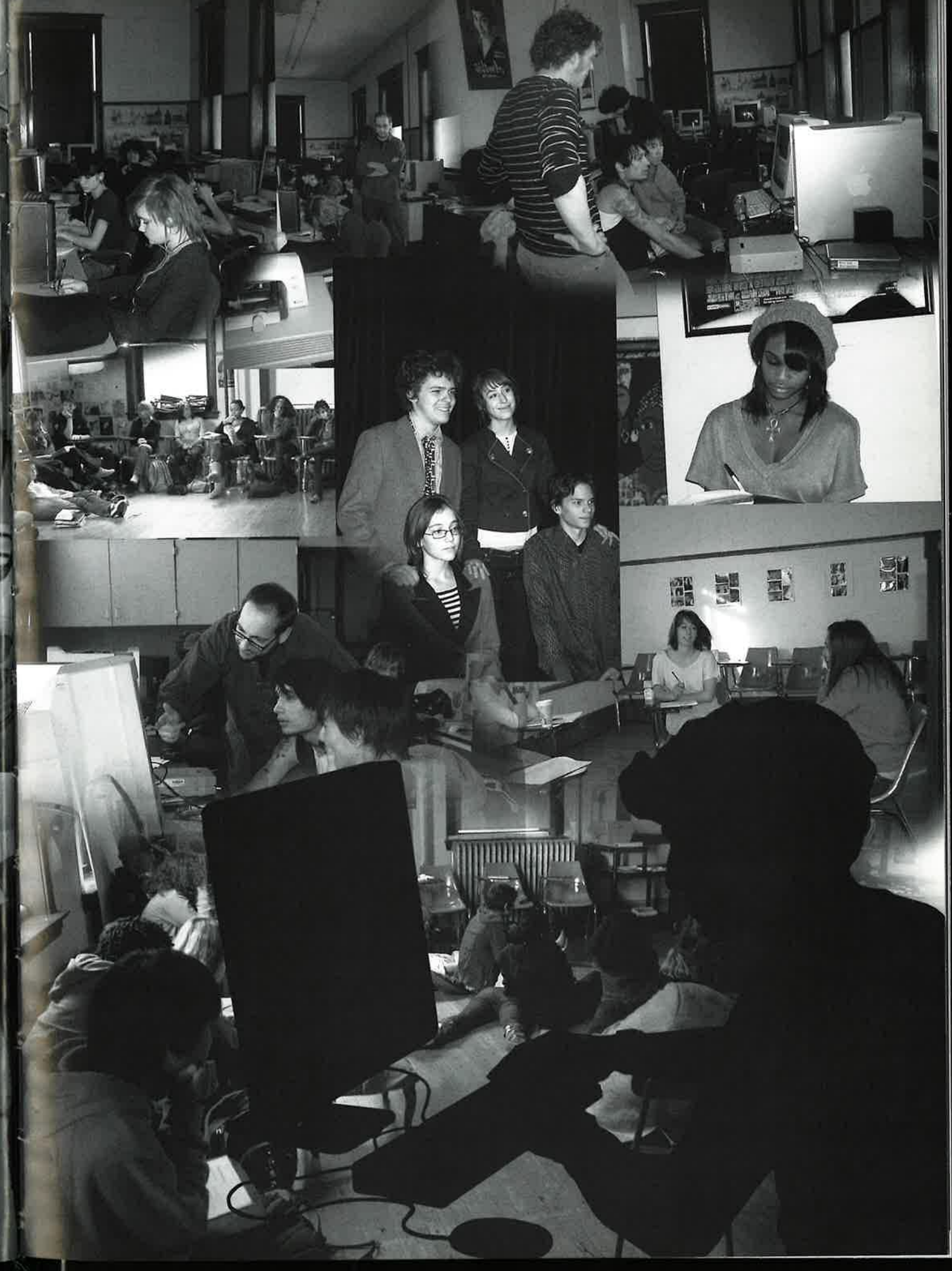


Kelly Walczak
Freshman



Lewis Winger
Freshman

VISUAL ARTS

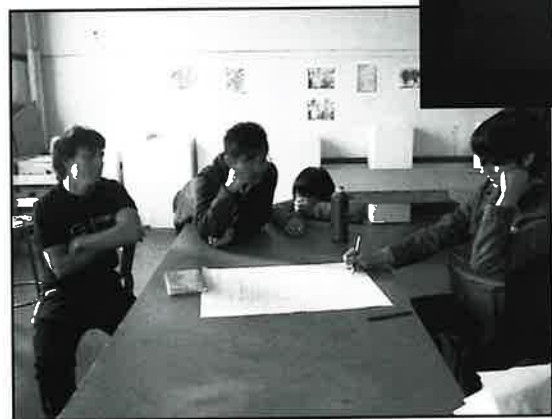






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A look back at 2008/2009

Chicago's own Barack Obama is elected the 44th President of the United States and the first African-American President. For several days, Chicago is the center of the world as Obama gives his speech after winning on election night.



The economy took a dive, with thousands losing their jobs and large company bailouts.



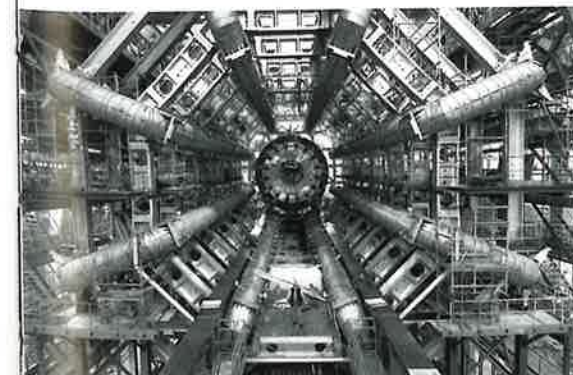
Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich is impeached after being arrested on federal corruption charges surrounding the selling of the empty Senate seat.



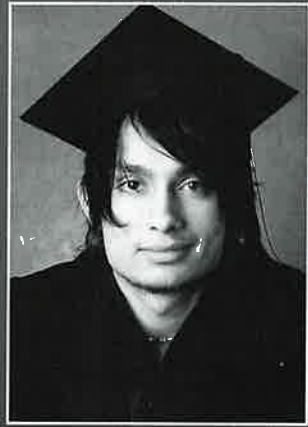
Swine Flu breaks out in the United States, closing several Chicago schools, but not the CAA!



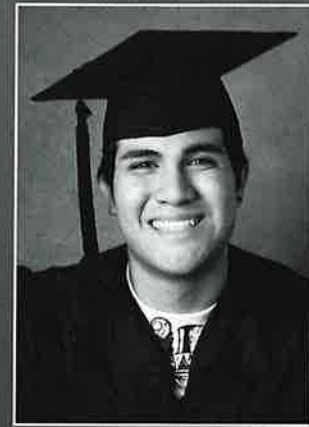
Heath Ledger wins a posthumous Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for his role as the Joker in *The Dark Knight*.



The Large Hadron Collider was fired up for the first time. Luckily, the universe did not implode.



Gabriel Abeyta



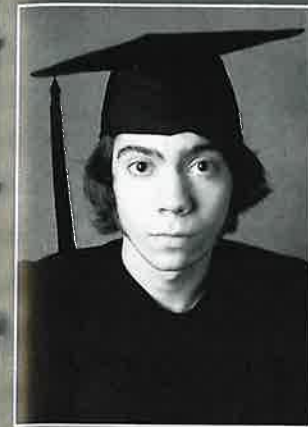
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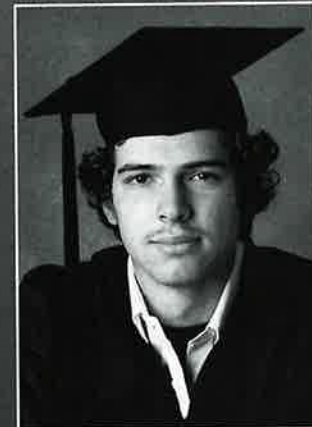
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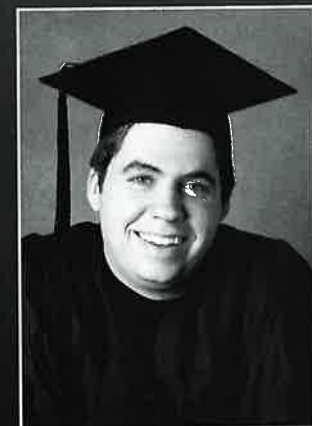
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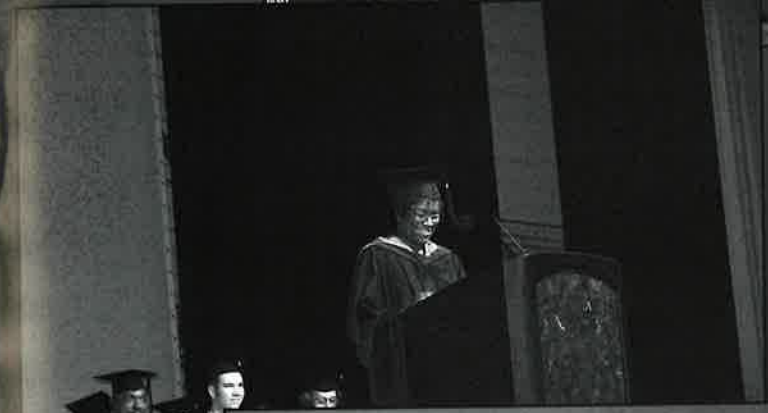
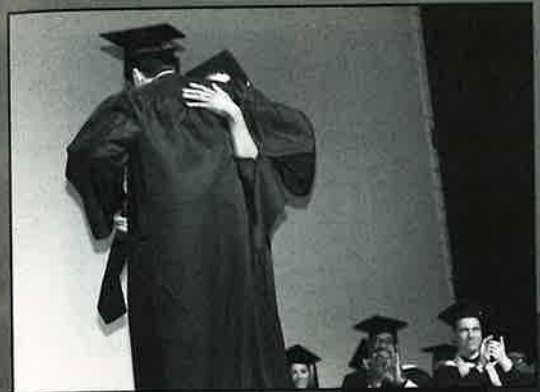


Pedro Vega



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Graduation 2009





Chris Arnold
Theatre



Kathryn Baltensperger
Assoc. Dir. of Development



Robert Baudry
Dance



Nadia Bechtold
Math



Alyssa Bennett
Music



Elizabeth McCormick
Spanish



Anna Mijalski
French



Brenda Moore
Visual Arts



Kaitlyn Myzwiniski
Assoc. Dir. of Admissions



Jason Patera
Music



Melissa Brookes
Admissions Director



Daniel Bruce
Music



John Byrnes
Theatre



Rose Colella
Music



Elizabeth Cunningham
Learning Resources



Natalie Rast
Dance



Andy Robinson
Musical Theatre



Lewis Rosenbaum
History



Nick Roux
Media Arts



Glenn Rupert
Visual Arts

Faculty & Staff



David Deprez
Science



Randy Duncan
Dance



Patricia Rusk
Musical Theatre



Fred Schill
Media Arts



Denise Sherman
Adm. Asst. of Development



Margaret Stover
Visual Arts



Lauri Sugerman
Business Manager



Tasha Fouts
Media Arts



Alice Gold
Registrar



Deborah Goodman
Dance



Kelli Harrington
Music



Pamela Jordan
Head of School



Steve Summers
Media Arts



Rachel Sypniewski
Theatre



Daniel Tuell
Math



Tim Tynan
History



C. W. Van Baale
Science



Dolores Keating
Asst. Head of School
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Matthew Kerns
Theatre



Melania Lancy
College Counselor



Jesse Langen
Music



Guillermo Leyva
Dance



Marge Vanderploeg
Adm. Asst. to Head of
School



Jamy Watson
Theatre

