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2015-2016
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Summer, 2016

Dear Students,

From the record-setting AIDS Benefit to the All-School Showcase at the Harris Theatre, the 2015-2016 school year saw powerful artistic vision brought to life in more than 100 productions, exhibits, recitals, concerts, and shows—all alongside many hundreds of hours of rigorous academic study, from World Religions and Literature Through Film, to Computer Science and Statistics.

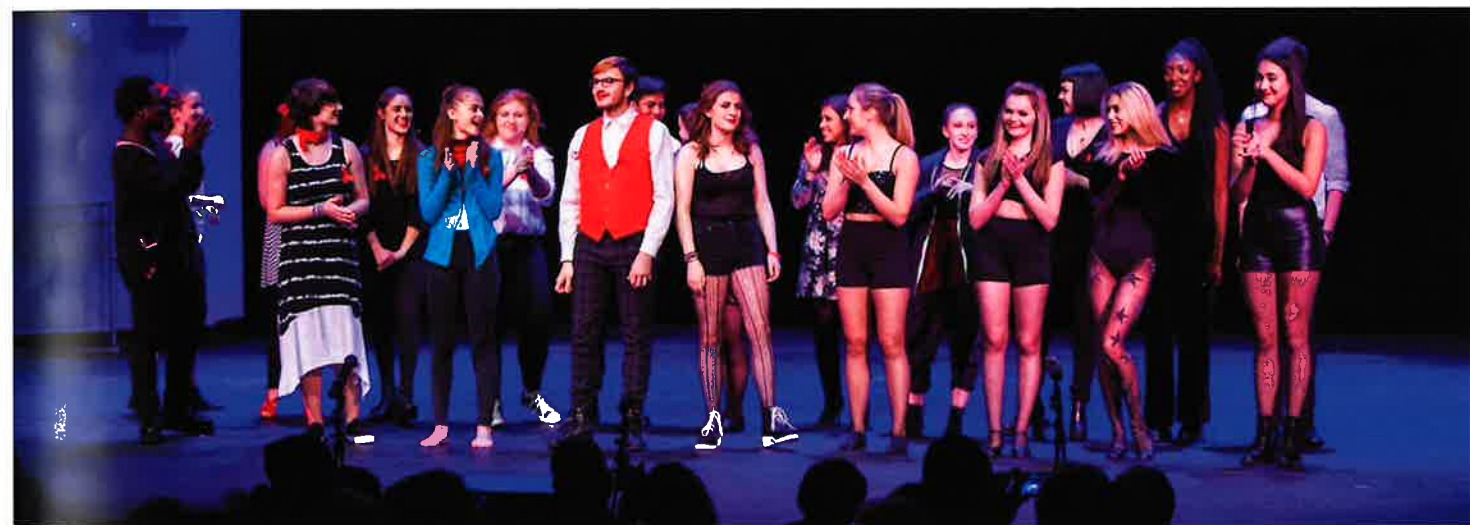
We salute the Class of 2016, who will follow a bewildering array of academic and artistic paths in the months and years ahead, and whose legacy will have a profound effect on many generations of Academy students to come.

The photographs in this yearbook are not only a brief reflection on some of the events of the year, but a powerful testament to the spirit and vibrancy of this community.

Congratulations on an extraordinary school year!

Jason Patera
Head of School







FRESHMEN



Hope Adler
Dance



Jacqueline Bass
Dance



Sydni Bennett
Dance



Jenna Borrelli
Dance



Lily Boyle
Visual Arts



Adam Chlebek
Music



Selina Costabile
Dance



Kane Delatorre
Visual Arts



Kyia Dickerson
Dance



Joseph Dockery
Music



Zixi Fan
Visual Arts



Jacob Flores
Theatre



Emme Franczyk
Music



Amari Frazier
Dance



Emerson Hart
Musical Theatre

FRESHMEN



Zachary Jeppsen
Dance



Randell Lee
Musical Theatre



Jeremiah Mason
Media Arts



Yardenia Lilit Matar
Visual Arts



Abigail Merrill
Musical Theatre



Dana Scott
Media Arts



A'londra Sewell
Dance



Simone Sowell
Musical Theatre



Grace Williamson
Theatre



Lillian Yokom
Dance



Alexis Yracheta
Visual Arts



SOPHOMORES



Skye Balfour
Music



Sasha Bass-Ulmer
Dance



Veronica Bedrio
Musical Theatre



Molly Block
Visual Arts



Haley Bolithon
Musical Theatre



Molly Bremer
Musical Theatre



Hadassah Broughton-
DeLong
Visual Arts



Morgan Clune
Dance



Micah Collier
Music



Tyler Creed
Music



Samantha Doornebos
Media Arts



Grace Dwyer
Music



Ryan Furlan
Music



Emily Gay
Media Arts



Avery Glunt
Dance



Anton Gratch
Music



Ivan Jaramillo
Theatre



Alison Kane
Theatre



Meghan Krueger
Music



Audrey Landgren
Visual Arts

SOPHOMORES



Jordyn Lando
Dance



Elana Lee
Music



Madeleine Madura
Visual Arts



Cale Manning
Musical Theatre



Nora McKirdie
Theatre



Caitlin Morley
Theatre



Mati Morrow
Media Arts



Violet Moyer
Visual Arts



Olivia Mulholland
Visual Arts



Jack O'Connell
Musical Theatre



Justine Oswiecimski
Dance



Ceridwyn Quaintance
Theatre



John Rabe
Musical Theatre



Paris Richardson
Musical Theatre



Chloe Ricce
Dance



Makayla Rico
Musical Theatre



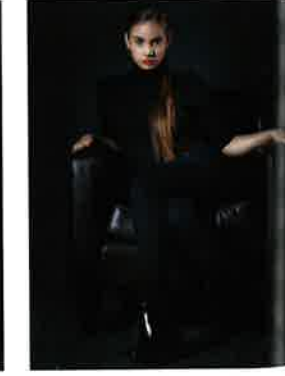
Elise Robinson
Visual Arts



Grace Rosseau
Music

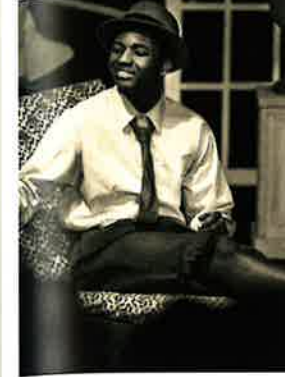


Stella Rothenberg
Music



Gianna Rotkvich
Dance

SOPHOMORES



Quentin Sanders
Musical Theatre



Maya Stojkovich
Dance



Ariana Sugay
Dance



Lauren Thompson
Media Arts



Alexander Waldron
Visual Arts



Ilana Weisbach
Music



Kahyl Wrather
Dance

JUNIORS



Mitch Abramson
Visual Arts



Alexandra Ahern
Musical Theatre



Isabel Ball
Dance



Brittany Barlin
Musical Theatre



Gabriella Barone
Theatre



Kassi Bates
Dance



Erika Bautista
Theatre



Ja'na Baylor
Theatre



Evan Boersma
Dance



Julia Borrelli
Music



Isabelle Chern
Theatre



Nicole DeGrasse-Mitchell
Media Arts



Giselle Diaz
Dance



Hannah Dickerson
Musical Theatre



Courtney Duncan
Dance

JUNIORS



Mark Finnerty
Musical Theatre



Isabelle Gillman
Music



Samantha Glasse
Musical Theatre



Clara Grayson
Visual Arts



Paul Hartner
Visual Arts



Isabella Ricke
Dance



Korgan Robb
Music



Simon Schuh
Dance



Ella Spencer
Theatre



Luke Sunderland
Music



Daniel Hellwarth
Visual Arts



India Hobbs
Dance



Francesca Iori
Dance



Cleo Junker
Visual Arts



Atukwe Kindle
Music



Karen Szczech
Music



Jackie Tang
Media Arts



Angela Valdivieso
Dance



Jordan Wallace
Theatre



Jamie Weiss
Media Arts



Nolan Marchi
Music



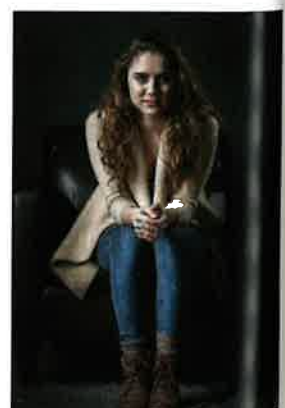
Madison Olszewski
Musical Theatre



Mallory Pargulski
Music



Preston Perez
Music



Fiona Renteria
Musical Theatre



Victoria Wheeler
Musical Theatre



Reade Wildman
Media Arts



Woody Wu
Music



Jonathan Ziebarth
Media Arts

JUNIORS

SENIORS



Jacques Agboby
Visual Arts



Rose Allen
Visual Arts



Quinn Bailey
Media Arts



Dhruvika Bhagat
Media Arts



James Cook
Media Arts



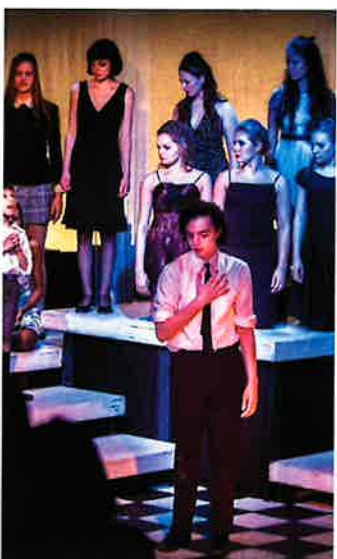
Webb Dieter
Music



Jada Dudley
Dance



Avery Gray
Musical Theatre



Grace Horgan
Dance



Xiaoyue Hu
Visual Arts



Sydney Jones
Dance

SENIORS



Miya Kim
Dance



Anthony Marconi
Visual Arts



Aiyana Martin
Dance



Alfredo Mauricio
Musical Theatre



Dani McGowan
Dance



Nickolas Payne
Visual Arts



Ava Saunders
Musical Theatre



Arianna Scotti
Media Arts



Elenna Sindler
Music



Daphne Thomas
Music





SENIOR QUOTES

COURTESY OF JA'NA BAYLOR

“

I wanna leave my footprint on the sands of time
 Know there was something that, meant something that I left behind
 When I leave this world, I'll leave no regrets,
 Leave something to remember, so they won't forget

I was here
 I lived, I loved
 I was here

I did, I've done, everything that I wanted
 And it was more than I thought it would be
 I will leave my mark so everyone will know
 I was here

I want to say I lived each day, until I die
 And know that I meant something in somebody's life
 The hearts I have touched will be the proof that I leave
 That I made a difference, and this world will see

I just want them to know
 That I gave my all, did my best
 Brought someone to happiness
 Left this world a little better just because

I was here

- I Was Here by Beyonce
 Freddie Mauricio, Musical Theatre

“ Be bold, be gold. ”

- Miya Kim, Dance

“ Now can anyone tell me what this song is saying? ” -Randy Duncan

- Sydney Jones, Dance

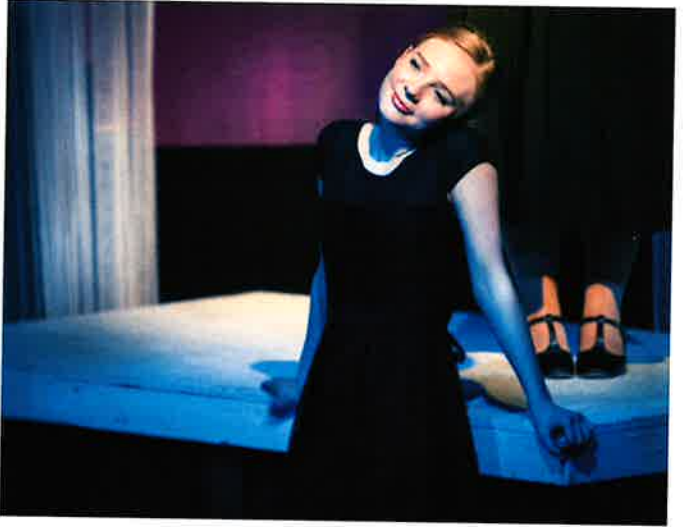
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Do not treat this school like it's the system. The "system" is the dehumanizing assembly line of public education created merely to get kids to forget their dreams and simply be a number on a chart. This school redefines the idea of school and everyone must understand that in order to get full value out of this magnificent place. Anything can happen here! Don't just wait around to get to know something or someone! Just do it because you have the power to and this school will help you do it instead of beat you down! You are here because you want to be, so act like it... Yes the school has its flaws (it always has) but no one is forcing you to get up everyday at five in the morning to take an hour train ride to learn about math and music- you chose this experience. In fact, you're paying for an experience of a lifetime, so why not make the most out of it? My biggest advice to you is to focus on making your Academy experience full, lively, daring, intriguing, valuable, and fun everyday you are here. I mean it.”

- Ava Saunders, Musical Theatre







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