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Friends,

From the February Showcase (in front of the largest Academy audience ever), to our 35th Anniversary Gala fundraiser in May, to the 100-plus concerts, recitals, exhibits, plays, musicals, and shows produced throughout the year, the 2016-2017 school year was a testament to your talent, passion, and drive.



At the graduation ceremony in May, acclaimed author and journalist Howard Reich encouraged the Class of 2017 to "go for it, under any circumstances" in an inspiring speech about the nature of our dreams, passions, and paths through life. And "go for it" you will! With nearly \$10 million in scholarship support from the nation's leading colleges, conservatories, and universities, the Class of 2017 is setting forth on a breathtaking variety of paths, including ballet, business, acting, computer science, filmmaking, neuroscience, songwriting, and dozens more.

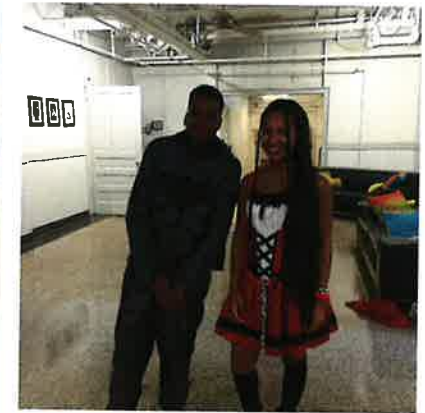
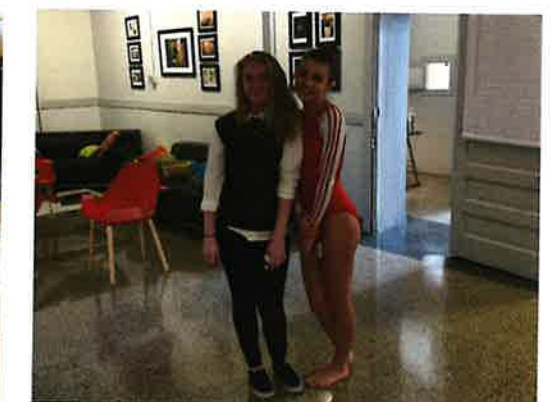
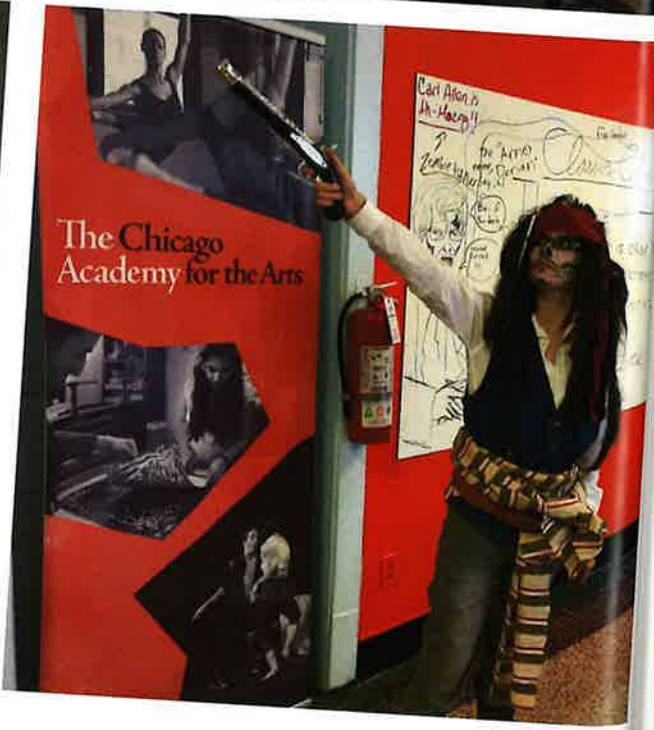
Of course, the most important part of The Academy is our community, and we are hopeful that the photos in this book remind you of not only world-class artmaking, but of our extraordinary culture. For those of you who haven't graduated yet, you have a responsibility to protect what you've inherited. And to the Class of 2017: it's almost certain that you will never find a community like this one again. That's okay—now your responsibility is to build communities, not join them.

Thank you all for being a part of this place.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Patera".

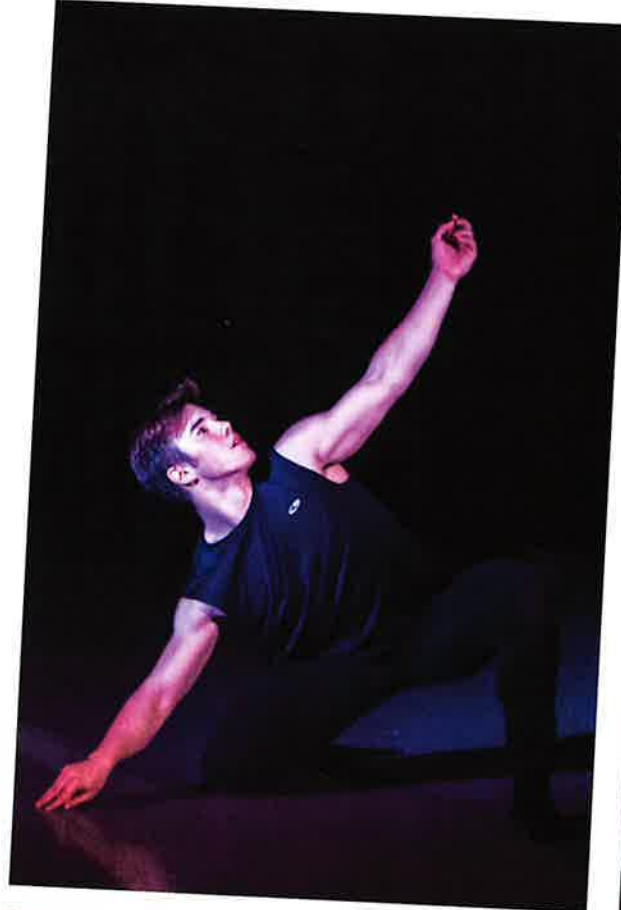
Jason Patera  
Head of School







# FRESHMEN

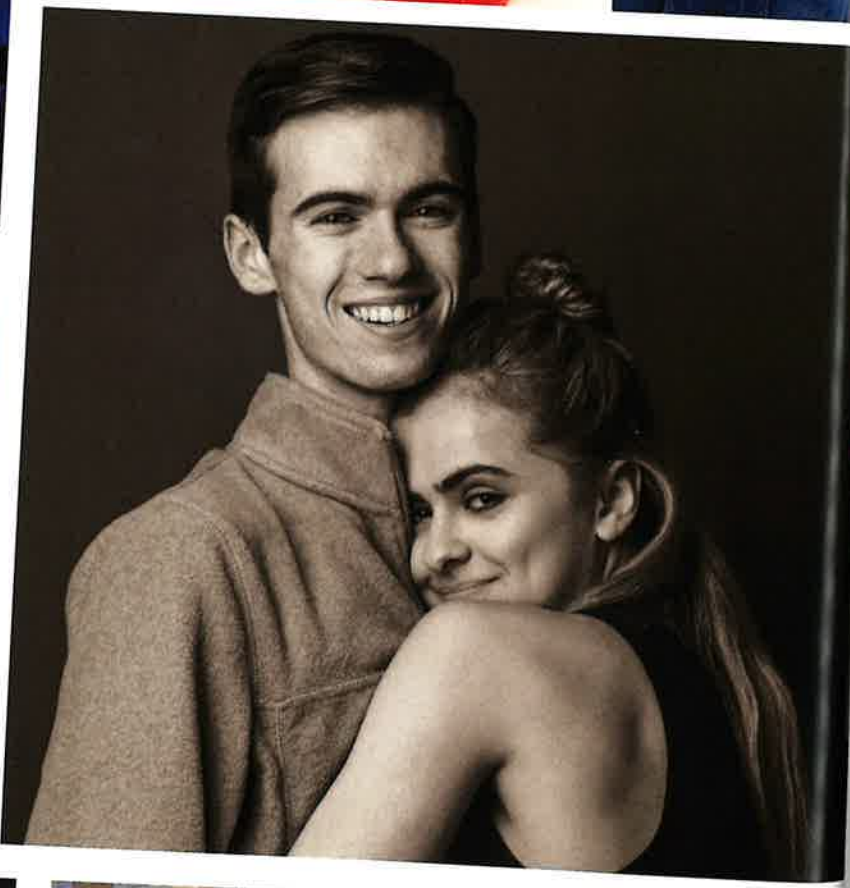


Rilei Beene  
Dance

August Bergh  
Theatre

Declan Beyer  
Music

Aidan Bobel  
Media Arts

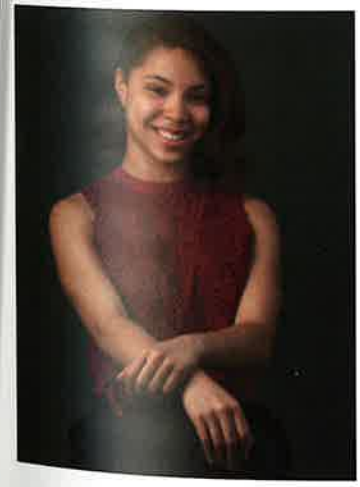


Sara Brown  
Visual Arts

Xariah Chase  
Music

Mark Cristofanilli  
Theatre

Isaiah Day  
Dance



Jaylin Denwood  
Dance

Anna Fry  
Theatre

Kennedy Frye  
Visual Arts

Nina Gaspero  
Musical Theatre

# FRESHMEN



Golda Grais  
Media Arts



Alani Gross-Roberts  
Music



Katie Hocker  
Dance



Princess Lang  
Musical Theatre



Sofia Schwaiger  
Media Arts



Isabella Silvercase  
Dance



Jocelyn Soriano  
Visual Arts



Amy Li  
Visual Arts



Matthew Manning  
Music



Ilse Marquez  
Visual Arts



Grania McKirdie  
Theatre



Claudia Mead  
Musical Theatre



Joey Prette  
Musical Theatre



Payten Romig  
Musical Theatre



Jaeden Roque  
Music

# FRESHMEN





# SOPHOMORES



Hope Adler  
Dance



Jacqueline Raquel Bass  
Dance



Sydni Bennett  
Dance



Jenna Borrelli  
Dance



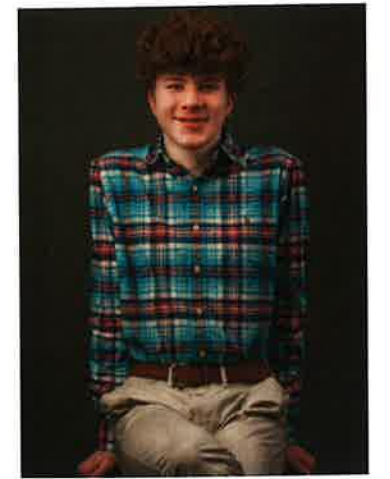
Emme Franczyk  
Music



Amari Frazier  
Dance



Annabelle Gross  
Media Arts



Emerson Hart  
Musical Theatre



Lily Boyle  
Visual Arts



Adam Chlebek  
Music



Selina Costabile  
Dance



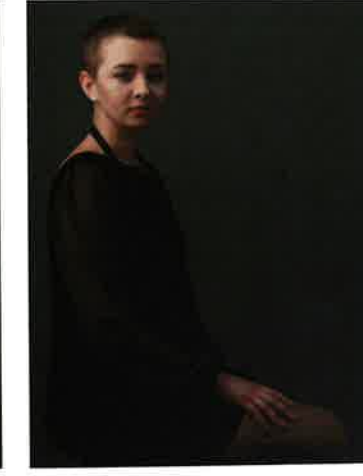
Kane Delatorre  
Visual Arts



Colin Heino  
Dance



Zachary Jeppsen  
Dance



Piper Kilman  
Theatre



Randell Lee  
Musical Theatre



Kyia Dickerson  
Dance



Joseph Dockery  
Music



Zixi Fan  
Visual Arts



Jacob Flores  
Theatre



Jeremiah Mason  
Music



Lilit Matar  
Visual Arts



Clara McKinney  
Dance



Leo Ritterhoff  
Musical Theatre

# SOPHOMORES

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Dana Scott  
Media Arts



Grey Williamson  
Musical Theatre



A'Londra Sewell  
Dance



Simone Sowell  
Musical Theatre



Sophie Thatcher  
Musical Theatre



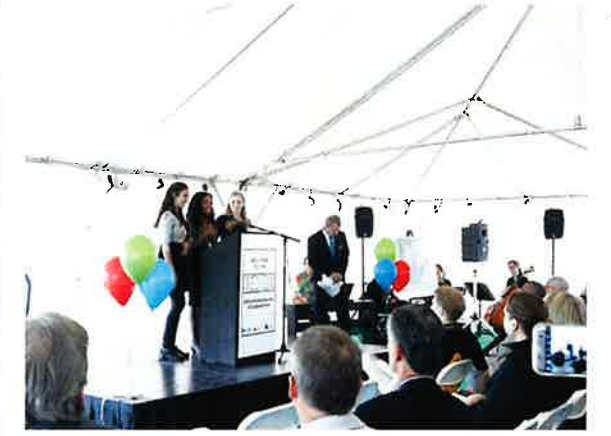
Lillian Yokom  
Dance



Alexis Yracheta  
Visual Arts



Maxine Zhou  
Visual Arts



# JUNIORS



Skye Balfour  
Music



Sasha Bass-Ulmer  
Dance



Veronica Bedrio  
Musical Theatre



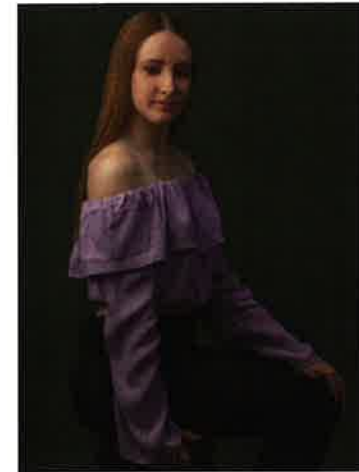
Molly Block  
Visual Arts



Haley Bolithon  
Musical Theatre



Molly Bremer  
Musical Theatre



Morgan Clune  
Dance



Micah Collier  
Music



Tyler Creed  
Music



Sam Doornebos  
Media Arts



Grace Dwyer  
Music



Emily Gay  
Media Arts

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Avery Glunt  
Dance



Anton Gratch  
Music



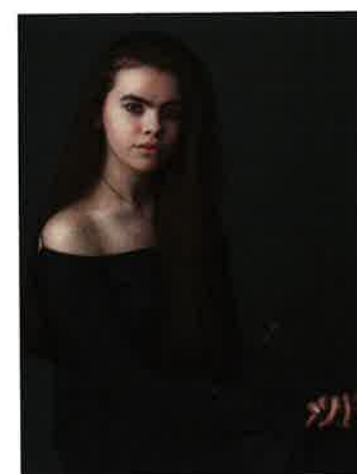
Ivan Jaramillo  
Theatre



Alison Kane  
Theatre



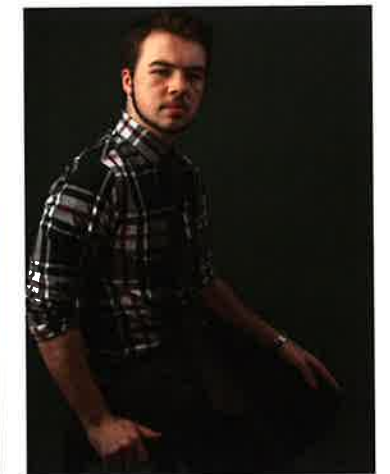
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Media Arts



Violet Moyer  
Visual Arts



Olivia Mulholland  
Visual Arts



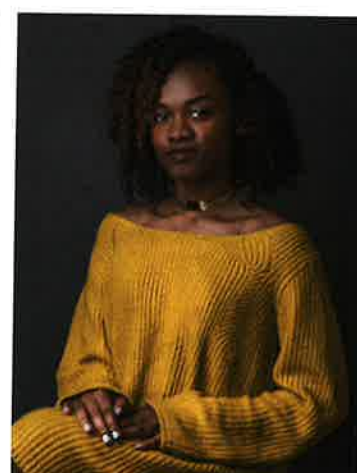
Jack O'Connell  
Musical Theatre



Meghan Krueger  
Music



Audrey Landgren  
Visual Arts



Jordyn Lando  
Dance



Elana Lee  
Music



Justine Oswiecimski  
Dance



Sarah Pazen  
Media Arts



Ceridwyn Quaintance  
Theatre



Johnny Rabe  
Musical Theatre



Maddie Madura  
Visual Arts



Cale Manning  
Media Arts



Nora McKirdie  
Theatre



Caitlin Morley  
Theatre



Paris Richardson  
Musical Theatre



Chloe Ricke  
Dance



Makayla Rico  
Musical Theatre



Elise Robinson  
Visual Arts

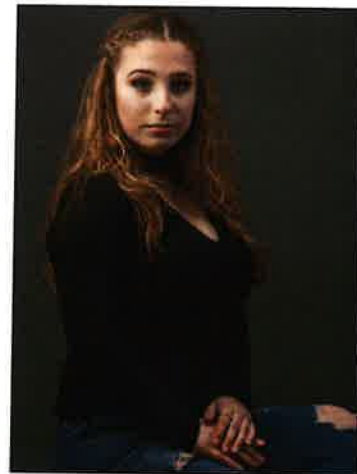
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Stella Rothenberg  
Music



Gianna Rotkvich  
Dance



EmRose Seidenberg  
Musical Theatre



Ariana Sugay  
Dance



Lauren Thompson  
Media Arts

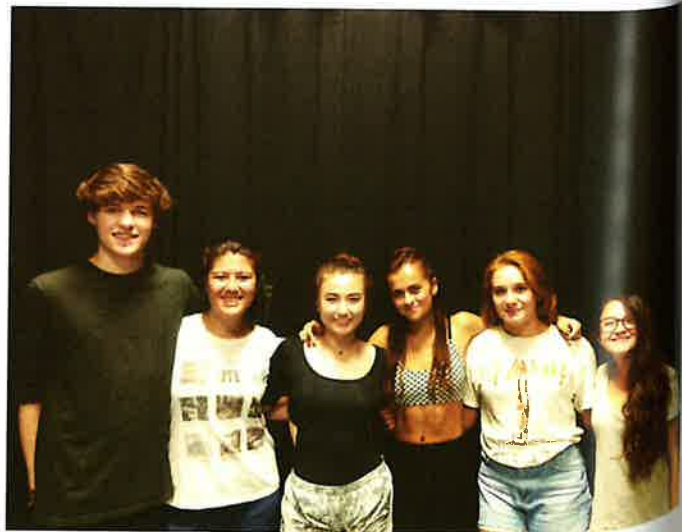


Hengyu Wang  
Visual Arts



Ilana Weisbach  
Music





# SENIORS



Marsha Abramson  
Visual Arts



Ally Ahern  
Musical Theatre



Isabel Ball  
Dance



Brittany Barlin  
Musical Theatre



Gabriella Barone  
Theatre



Kassi Bates  
Dance



Erika Bautista  
Theatre



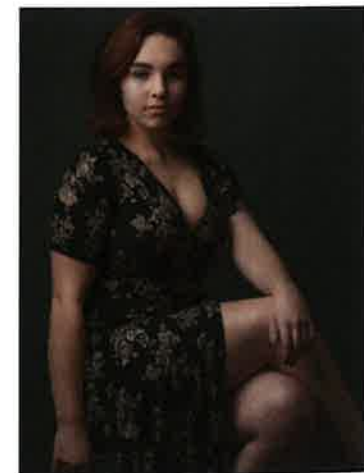
Ja'na Baylor  
Theatre



Evan Boersma  
Dance



Julia Borrelli  
Music

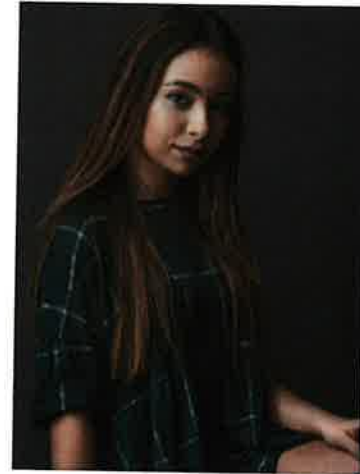


Izzy Chern  
Theatre



Nicole DeGrasse-Mitchell  
Media Arts

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Giselle Diaz  
Dance



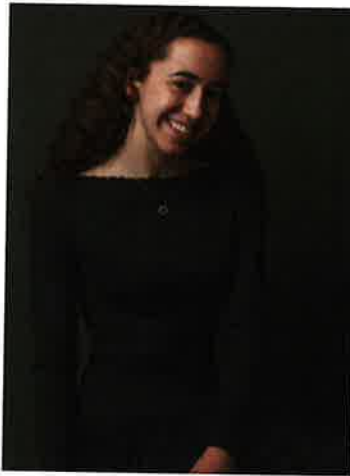
Hannah Dickerson  
Musical Theatre



Courtney Duncan  
Dance



Mark Finnerty  
Musical Theatre



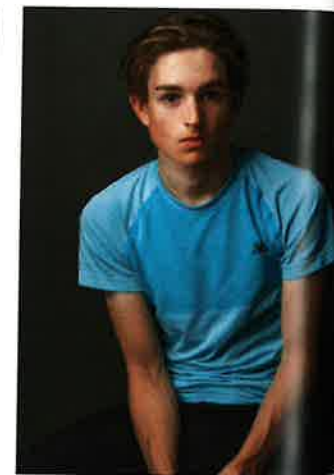
Isabelle Gillman  
Music



Samantha Glasse  
Musical Theatre



Clara Grayson  
Visual Arts



Paul Hartner  
Visual Arts



India Hobbs  
Dance



Francesca Iori  
Dance



Cleo Junker  
Visual Arts



Quay Kindle  
Music

# SENIORS



Nolan Marchi  
Music



Madison Olszewski  
Musical Theatre



Mallory Pargulski  
Music



Preston Perez  
Music



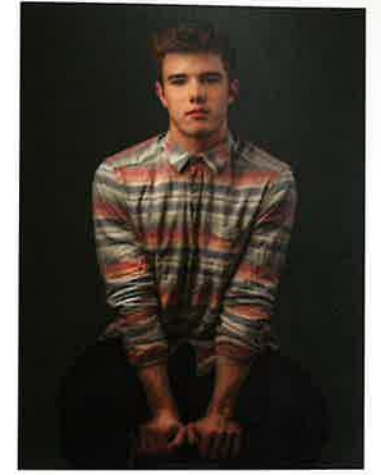
Fiona Renteria  
Musical Theatre



Isabella Ricke  
Dance



Korgan Robb  
Music



Simon Schuh  
Dance



Ella Spencer  
Theatre



Luke Sunderland  
Music



Karen Szczech  
Music



Ángela Valdivieso  
Dance



# SENIORS



Jamie Weiss  
Media Arts



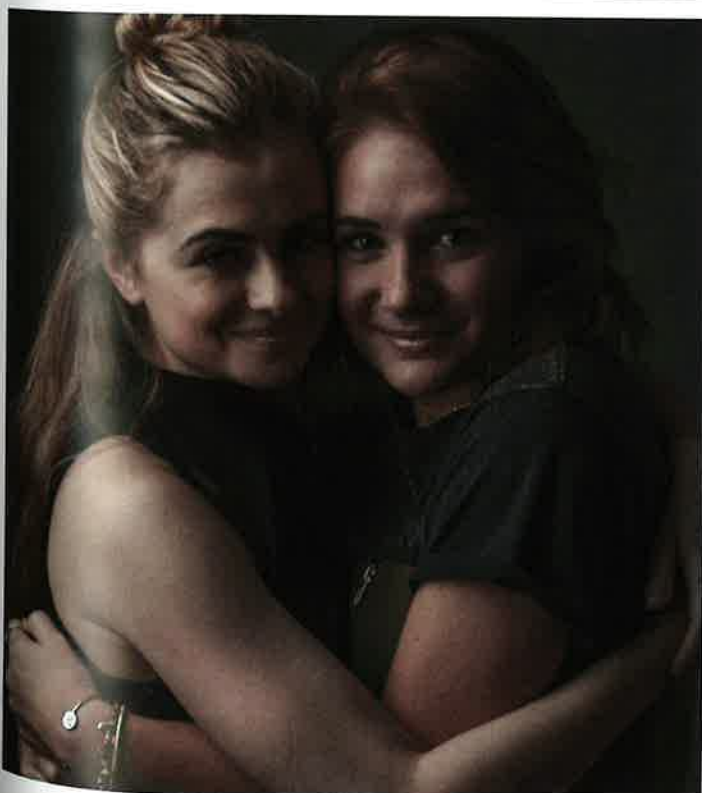
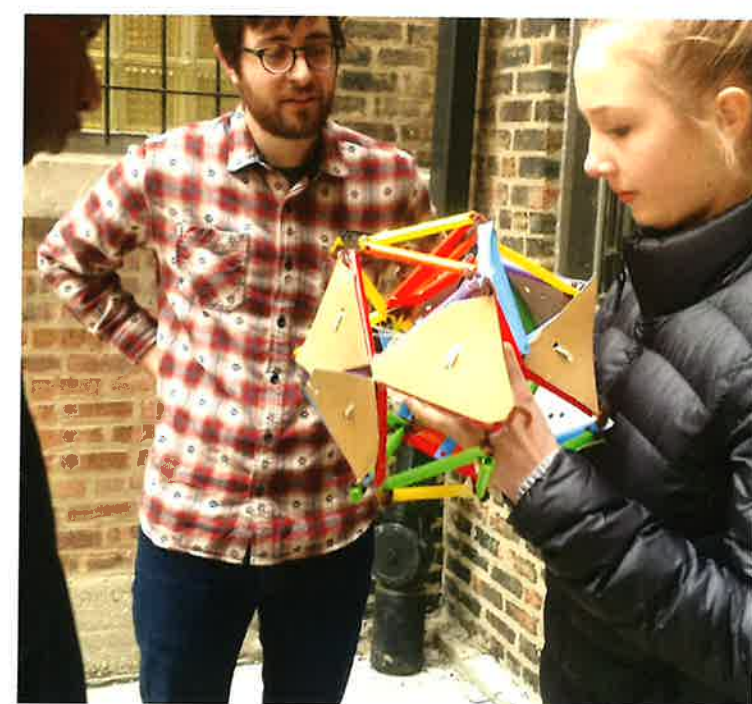
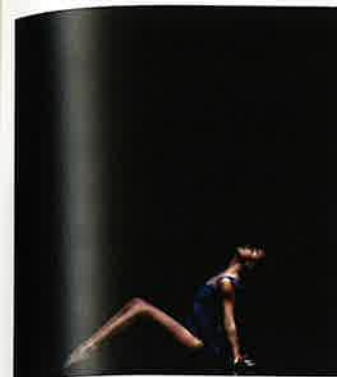
Tori Wheeler  
Musical Theatre



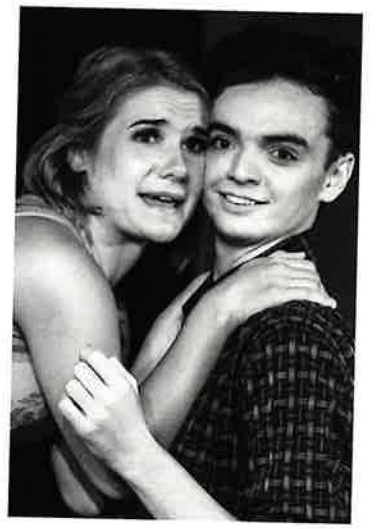
Reade Wildman  
Media Arts



Woody Wu  
Music



Jonathan Ziebarth  
Media Arts





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