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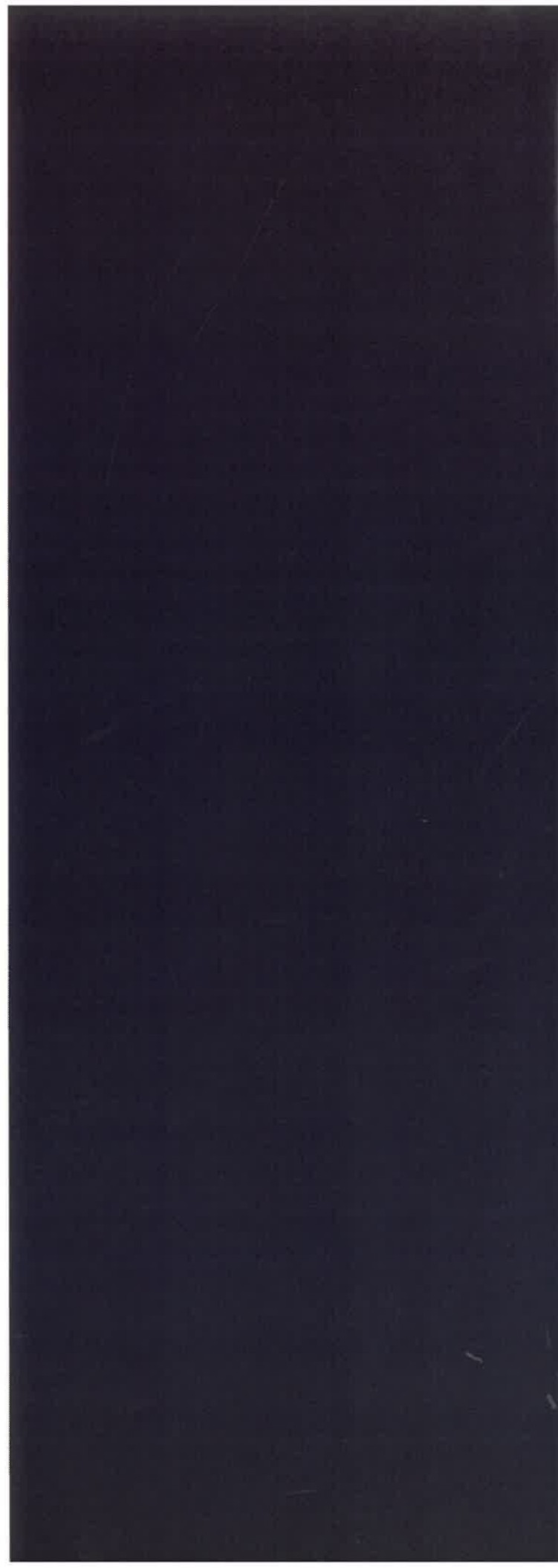
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with one purpose

Our yearbook theme is inspired by
this year's Bible verse,
Romans 15:5-6:

"Now may the God who gives
perseverance and encouragement
grant you to be of the same mind
with one another, according to Christ
Jesus, so that **with one purpose**
and one voice you may glorify the
God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ."

This year with God's help, we
persevered. We **encouraged** one
another. We **worked together** and
used our talents to **glorify God**. May
we continue our one true purpose of
sharing His love with everyone we
meet.



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MESSAGE from the PRINCIPAL

Dear Shenandoah Valley Academy Family:
Now we put the 2023-2024 school year in the history books. We have journeyed together, and this book will help us remember our shared experiences: A special vespers program or memorable week of prayer meeting. An outreach opportunity like the Mission Music Trip to the Dominican Republic. A beautiful new piece of music like "Illuminare." A tournament championship in Collegedale.



We have also journeyed as individuals, each one experiencing this chapter differently. What will you remember? A deep conversation? A special trip? A particularly challenging assignment? An important decision? I will remember the very positive campus culture, the healthy friendships, and the stricter phone policy. Whatever you have experienced, let's treasure the good times, and give thanks for everything, the joy and pain, the laughter and tears.

Our Bible verse for the year was Romans 15:5-6. "Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, so that with one purpose and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Have we experienced those divine gifts of perseverance and encouragement? Have we felt the unity that comes through Christ? Have we sensed the purpose in living that comes to those who glorify God? I sincerely hope so. And I pray that this may be our growing experience, until Jesus comes again.

Now, as always, we wish for you loving relationships, success in its deepest sense, victory in the conflict between good and evil, the understanding of truth that comes through prayer and Bible study, and fullness of life in Christ every day.

Donald Short
Principal

YEARBOOK DEDICATION

Our beloved Ms. Wiedemann graduated from SVA in 2003, and has been a teacher here for 13 years. We love you Ms. Wied!

"It is hard to believe I have been classroom teaching for 16 years! What an incredible ride. I have known since 8th grade that I wanted to be a violin teacher, but it was while at SVA studying under Harlen Miller and Tim Rumsey that I knew I wanted to be a high school music teacher and someday return to SVA as faculty. I started out teaching K-12 music at Hinsdale Adventist Academy in Chicago. Teaching all age groups gave me lots of valuable experience but in my heart I knew I wanted to teach high school. God worked it all out. In 2011 I moved back to the Valley to start my masters at JMU and then the orchestra position opened up! My dream was coming true.

My SVA journey includes Strings, Band, Orchestra, Handbells, Jazz Band, Classical Players, Music Appreciation, Sophomore English, National Honor Society, Student Association, and Writing Club. Fond memories are Faculty Family nights, lavender lemonade, tea, Banquets, Playing Pirates at the Covid Pops Concert, Waynesboro Symphony outings, therapy sessions, and Music Tours to New York City, Canada, Costa Rica, Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Switzerland.

I have learned SO much and I'm still learning. I value building relationships with students, seeing students fulfill their potential as musicians and writers, and always keeping humor a part of our classroom culture. I'm grateful for the amazing group of students and staff I have gotten to work with over the years. Thank you, Students, for trusting me with your stories, for showing me grace when I falter, and through your kindness and joy reminding me why I became a teacher. On days where I feel like giving up, God never fails to send a student or teacher my way to give me affirmation and encouragement. I know this is where I'm supposed to be!"

Memories with Ms. Wiedemann:

"Ms. Wied impacted my life in so many ways, I can not begin to explain them all. She will always be my favorite teacher. She is always understanding and there for students."

"Since sophomore year, Ms. Wiedemann has helped me grow into the person I am today. She's not only my favorite but she's the best mentor God has placed in my life. She helps me see a perspective I couldn't see before and pushes me to work hard."



FAREWELL and THANK YOU

Derek Raymond

Mr. Raymond has been at SVA for seven years. He was our faithful work coordinator.

A note from Mr. Raymond:

"My favorite thing about my time at SVA has been being able to spend time with all our wonderful student through the years. Even though some of you have given me more gray hair! I will always cherish the times we have had in my heart forever."

Memories with Mr. Raymond:

"He is funny and always takes his time to do puzzles, which I find really cool."

"Mr. Raymond has always been very kind to me. He gives me life advice about what to do after high school and it is very appreciated."



Andrew Lechler

Mr. Lechler has been at SVA for four years. He was our World History, U.S. History, and Government teacher. We will always remember his jokes and Triple L - Life Lessons with Lechler.

A note from Mr. Lechler:

"I've enjoyed teaching at SVA. My favorite assignments to give have been the Roman Emperor presentations, U.S. History current events, and the Government mock Congress project. Discussing "Life Lesson's with Lechler" in class has been a highlight for me as well. The New England trip has been a blast each year and my favorite parts were going to Boston and the Vanderbilt Breakers in Rhode Island. I've also enjoyed being S.A. sponsor and working with the S.A. officers as well as Mr. Leeper and Ms. Wiedemann as we planned awesome banquets, barn parties, and other events. I enjoyed coaching baseball in the spring of 2023 and I look forward to coaching the '24 team this spring. I will miss the staff, students, and quietness of the rural environment."

Memories with Mr. Lechler:

"Lechler is a teacher who makes the classroom feel like a comfortable atmosphere, to not only ask questions, but to share our different beliefs and perspectives."

"At least Government Class doesn't make me cry."

"Baseball season, hitting with Lechler, and also Triple L in U.S. History."



Karen Pelote

Mrs. Pelote has been at SVA for just this school year. She was our caring school nurse and Anatomy and Physiology teacher. Many students found comfort in her office. She made it a point to bring joy to each day by providing seasonal crafts, hot tea, and a listening ear.

A note from Mrs. Pelote:

"It has been such a miracle to be here. God orchestrated this opportunity, and it has been my joy this year to share the testimony of how God is faithful and so, so good. Some of my favorite memories at SVA are the European music mission tour, where I got to know some of the wonderful students and staff of SVA, the enthusiasm and dedication of the college/honor anatomy and physiology class, hanging out in the nursing office with the great students of SVA, the friendly, kind and helpful staff of SVA, and being a "groupie" for all the activities that my sons are involved in. I have enjoyed music performances and events, jazz night, talent show, soccer, basketball, and baseball. I have been blessed beyond measure and will miss SVA."

Memories with Mrs. Pelote:

"Mrs. Pelote is kind, caring, and supportive. She is a great nurse and took care of me at NACA."

"Italy tour, life lessons in the office, Qdoba runs, and going to Sharp Shopper are some of my favorite memories with Mrs. Pelote."

"She took care of me on days where I needed it."

"Thank you Mama Pelote for cheering us on during basketball games!"





AUGUST

- 1 Teacher Contracts Begin
- 7-12 NAD Teacher's Convention
- 17 Early Registration
- 18-19 SA/RA Retreats
- 20 Registration
- 21 School Begins
- 26 Nature Sabbath (p.44)
- ROK Handshake
- Almost Anything Goes (p.45)



As of August 21, 2023, you and your friends are now students at SVA. You shook everybody's hand before the week began, and spent some time along the Shenandoah River during the first weekend. Mattress surfing starts Almost Anything Goes, and the seniors survived in the mountains for a week.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Class Elections/Class Parties
- 4 SA Picnic (p.46)
- 5 ASVAB Testing (Seniors)
- 8 Senior Dedication
- 9 Music Retreat (p.52)
- 10 ACT
- 11-15 Week of Prayer (p.51)
- 17 Sunday School
- 20-24 Home Leave
- 21-24 SALT
- 29-30 Parent Weekend (p.52)

Class parties and class elections go hand in hand and the SA Picnic was fun for everyone. Week of Prayer talks love, and Parents Weekend brings a taste of home.





The Shenandoans and Orchestra performed at the GC headquarters, and Barn Party brought costumes galore to our fall campus. The boys camped while the girls stayed in for Dorm Retreat and Academy Days introduced the next generation to us.

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- 7 Music Outing (p.53)
 - 8 Barn Party (p. 48)
 - 10 Community Service Day
 - 13-15 Dorm Retreat
 - 17 PSAT/NMSQT
 - 22-23 Academy Days
 - 24-29 NACA Volleyball Tournament (p.56)
 - Ringfest
 - 25-20 Home Leave
 - 31-5 NACA Soccer Tournament (p.54)



OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

- 8-12 Preview Southern
- 16 Faculty Family Vespers
- 19 Holiday Banquet (p.60)
- 21-27 Thanksgiving Break
- 30-4 Journey to Bethlehem



The seniors previewed Southern. Faculty Families had a meal and fun, and then ended the term with a banquet.



DECEMBER

- 15-16 Candlelight Concerts (p.62)
- 16 Christmas Pop Concert
- 19-21 Final Exams
- 21-2 Christmas Break



Students returned just in time for J2B, and stepped into Christmas at SVA, complete with Candlelight, Pops Concert, and arduous finals.

JANUARY

- 3 Second Semester Begins
- 12-15 B-ball Tournament (p.64-67)
- 20 Jazz Night (p.61)
- 21 Principal's List/NHS Induction
- 27 Leadership Retreat

NACA in Chattanooga, a Fusion-themed Jazz Night, and recognizing our academic scholars warmed our Winter.



FEBRUARY

- 7-11 Home Leave
- 18 Career Day
- 21 Activity Day
- 23 ROK Winter Vespers
- 24 Talent Show (p.72)
- 26-2 Student Week of Prayer (p.70)

11 Adventist Colleges showcased at our College Fair, an evening of students sharing their talents, and a week dedicated to prayer was our focus in February.



Sunny, 85 degree weather started our Spring, as over 90 SVA students traveled to the Dominican Republic. Once back, Seniors had two days of classes, then took a ten hour bus ride up to 45 degree temperatures at Andrews University.

- 2 Faculty Family Event
- 10 Boys' and Girls' Club Event
- 13-25 Music/Mission Trip (p.74)
- 14-25 Spring Break

MARCH





APRIL

5-6	30-Hour Famine
7	Junior/Senior Banquet
8-12	Spirit Week
19-20	Alumni Weekend
22	Junior Religion Field Trip
24-28	Home Leave

30-Hour Famine taught us to be grateful that our basic needs are met. If you were not at the Junior/Senior banquet, you do not have a Clue. Music, memories, and appreciation welcomed SVA Alumni home.

MAY

2-6	New England Study Tour
6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
10	ROK Hayride Vespers
11	Spring Music Vespers
12	SA School Picnic
16-17	Senior Exams
17	Awards Chapel
18	Flower Eventide
	Handshake
	Video Yearbook
19-22	Senior Class Trip
20-22	Final Exams
24-26	Graduation Weekend
16	Commencement
June 1	Teacher Contracts End



The Juniors traveled North and discovered New England, while the Seniors traveled South to Nosoka Pines for their Senior Class Trip. Student Association hosts their final event, and flowers are exchanged for healing and heartfelt thanks. Final handshake, our year in video, and Graduation fulfills our purpose at SVA in 2024.

Staff

Daniel Biaggi
Monica Biaggi
Jonathan Burishkin
Cindy Champion
Trudy-Ann Clarke



Fatima DaSilva
Tim Harley
Carrie Heilman
Ryan Heilman
Obed Hernandez



Vernon Hsu
Kim Hunt
Todd Hunt
Ryan Knight
Andrew Lechler



Kaleb Leeper
Juanita Martin
Rita Miller
Darlene Molina
Federico Molina





Faith Montes
 Alex Nesmith
 Becky Patrick
 Karen Pelote
 Derek Raymond



Gordon Rodgers
 Shubin Samuel
 Donald Short
 Laura Short
 Diana Tanksley



Janel Ware
 Renee Weseman
 Debbie White
 Deborah White
 Tammy White



Kelly Widemann
 Mindi Wiygul
 Philip Wiygul
 Kristi Young

Freshman

Class of 2027

Derek Alcantara
Lorilye Browning
Kryza Carrasco
Giselle Castillo
Zephaniah Clarke



Collin Dauer
Josie DeClerk
Stephen DeLong
Genessis Diaz
Kaiden Goodwyn



Kendri Gordon
Camille Hamilton
Cassius Hartman
Kristofer Hoffman
Hannah Hunt



Eddie Jackson
Miranda Jenkins
Asa Johnson
Natalee Jovel
Joshua Kim





Kaydin Kinney
John Mathai
Quinaze Matthew
Mili Mojica
Micah Molina



Morgan Molina
Jake Pacylowski
Allison Reyes
Ella Short
Gabriela Snider



Thalia Trasporte
Jaqueline Vidal

Sophomore

Class of 2026

Ruth Alejandre
Evelin Balcarcel
Sara Barrueta
Daniel Biyete
Logan Cantrell



Idalia Carlon Castro
Sienna Dauer
Samuel Diaz
Abigail Dugre
Kevin Fernandez



Hadassah Foote
Joshua Franco
Kyle Goodwyn
Emi Gude
Lincoln Hartman



Ashley Hernandez
Matthew Hernandez
Luis Javier
Dylan Jimenez
Ethan Kareti



Andrew Martin
Emmanuel Matagaro
Belmaris Mercado
Abigail Moore
Andres Munoz





Neijer Ortiz
Yeili Osorio
Rosmaily Peguero
Jimmy Perez
Kevin Quintiana



Jordan Rivera
Genesis Roldan
Maria Sanjuan
Sofia Segura
Ajani Shaw



Anna Short
Marcos Torres
Sophia Trigo
Mariajose Velasquez
Yandel Verdugo



Robin Ware
Caden White
Madison Wilson
Mya Wong

Junior

Class of 2025

Luis Ac
Michelle Atuti
Gabriele Brazaityte
Juridia Castellanos
Jack Chalker



Frank Chavez
Nolynn Dahlberg
Samuel Girven
Tamar Hamilton
Daniel Hernandez



Donovan Hernandez
Michael Herold
Angel Hildago
Michael Hunter
Seth Job



Chloe Juncal
Hannah Lucas
Kurtis Ma
Weya Machado
Jeannette Mahoro





Natalya Martinez
 Kaylyn Morris
 Daniela Munoz
 Alfred Ortega
 Brandon Padilla



Naomi Pakkianathan
 Steve Paz
 Rafael Perez
 Faith Richardi
 Alonso Sanchez



Caley Smith
 Camilla Soriano
 Guerdy Thomas
 Lia Thomas
 Grace Tolbert



Samantha Trigo
 Aleks Ullrich
 Ian Vardiman
 Tori Zimmerman

Senior

Class of 2024

- S-** School you hope to attend
- E-** Activities you enjoyed at SVA
- N-** Nicknames
- I-** Interests/Hobbies
- O-** Future Occupation
- R-** Remembering good times from SVA



- S-** Southwestern Adventist University
- E-** Alumni Basketball Game, SA Picnic, Senior Survival
- N-** Pri, @Shawtywiththebiglips
- I-** Music, Basketball
- O-** Travel Nurse or Surgeon
- R-** Soccer manager with Ashley, RA runs, music tours, basketball

WILLS:

- Ashley - Room/RA
- Kryza - Starting Point Guard, hair, grades
- Derek - ability to get away with things
- Asa - smile

Princess Alcantara

"I laughed. I cried. It was fun while it lasted."

WILLS:

- Naomi - viola seat
- Belmaris - music reading skills
- Michael H - my intellect, humility and viola skills
- Josh - English skills
- Sam G - stick shift driving skills

- S-** Southern Adventist University
- E-** Barn Party, Almost Everything Goes, Flower Vespers, Jazz Night
- N-** Ms.Grande, Duracell, Nana, Ari
- I-** Ted-Talks, Literature, Jazz, instruments, improv
- O-** Psychologist, Professor, Lawyer, Wedding Planner, Writer
- R-** Europe Tour with Iona, Listening to jazz with Hansen, Jazz night



Ariana Anderson

Tuesdays With Morrie
Pg. 128, third paragraph



Aynnka Auguste

"Just live your life, led by God, no regrets."

S- Andrews University, WAU, Virginia Tech
E- Almost Anything Goes and Junk Scramble
N- Kika, Kiks, Kiki, Grandma Kiks
I- Rollerblading, volleyball, basketball, cooking, and baking
O- Real estate agent, Architect, Business owner
R- Junior New England Trip, Senior Survival, and Girls/Boys Club Banquet 2023

WILLS:

Grace - Winnie (the Pooh)
 Jeanette - my key chain
 Kyle G - my offensive skills
 Belma and Mya - my volleyball skills
 Michael Hunter - my charisma
 Juri - my sneakiness
 Kryza - my meal plan

WILLS:

Genesis R - advice giving
 Donovan - my strength
 Ajani - hair
 Asa - my basketball skills
 Guerdy - SVA hype man
 Daniel - my voice

S- Oakwood University
E- Shenandoans and Basketball
N- Ave, Father Browne, Noodle
I- Singing, playing instruments, sports, personal training
O- Undecided
R- Going on music tour to Italy, lying on front campus, and jazz night



Avery Browne

"It's been real."



Alexander Cuellar

"We have a test today?!
 Oh well."

S- Ohio State University
E- The 2020 Christmas party and spending time with friends
N- Op, Cellular Data
I- Speedcubing, video games, and math
O- Mechanical Engineer Consultant
R- Cha Cha line while listening to 21st of September on the 21st of September.

WILLS:

Samantha Trigo - my heart and intelligence
 Kevin Fernandez - my cubing skills
 Daniel Biyete - my bass voice
 Asa - my timpani
 Rafa - my academic prowess and self-control
 Sophia Trigo - blue blob



Naomi Coreas

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

S- Andrews University

E- Jazz Night, Leadership Retreat, Music Tours, School Picnic

N- Nai, Nao, Nae

I- Reading, Music, Skiing, and Leadership

O- Human Rights Officer/UN Ambassador

R- Falling out of the tree in the orchard, Mama Biaggi's group in Italy

WILLS:

Ajani S - my SA position

Ruth A & Angel H - my grades

Juridia C - my skiing abilities

Grace T & Dean Faith - my classy wardrobe

Ashley H & Derek A - my energy

WILLS:

Camille - my perfect twists

E-man - my amazing violin skills

S- Hartland College

E- Church Connect, Almost Anything Goes, School Picnic

N- Zae-Zae, Za-Za, Von

I- Reading, Gospel Music, Piano, Cooking, Photography, Pottery

O- Dentist

R- Quarantining Freshman Year, Sophomore Year Bonfire



Zaevon Dalhouse

"Truth without love is brutality, and love without truth is hypocrisy."



Diara Bonilla

"I procrastinated so much I couldn't think of a quote."

S- Harvard, Heartland

E- Mexico Mission Trip, Snowboarding

N- Dora, little rat

I- Sleeping

O- Forensic Pathologist

R- Sledding in the snow with cafe trays in PE class, almost drowning in Mexico.

WILLS:

I will my ocean eyes to Daniela M. and Cassius H., my high school diploma to Daniel Hernandez, my heart to Morgan Molina, my really big muscles to Dylan Jimenez, and my blindness to Naomi P. and Camilla S.

WILLS:

My book collection to Freshman
Gabby

S- Temple University
E- SA Picnic/Banquet
N- Babushka, Gabby-Abby
I- Reading, Sleeping
O- Medical Examiner
R- N/A

**Gabriella Dugre**

"There is no exquisite beauty without some strangeness in the proportion."

WILLS:

Belma - being the second praise
group leader
Abby M - my everything



S- Southern Adventist University
E- Flower eventide
N- Mae, Ma, Mae Mae, little human,
Maijetzy
I- Music, picnics
O- Social worker, missionary
R- Friendship circle in Princess'
room

Maetzy Flores

"Esto es para mis papis que vinieron sin nada para darme todo."

WILLS:

Michael Hunter - job with AD
Jack C - my hair
Gurdy T & E-man M - point guard
position
Aleks U - my striker position in
soccer

S- Blue Ridge or JMU
E- Soccer, basketball team, and
ski trips
N- Mal, Bubby, Foote
I- Basketball, soccer, running,
mechanical work
O- Aircraft mechanic, Military
R- Tournaments, history tour,
religion trips

**Malachi Foote**

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."
- Franklin D. Roosevelt



S- Southern Adventist University
E- Senior Survival and outdoor church
N- Raquelita, Rachel, & Rayquan
I- Graphic design and singing
O- Kindergarten teacher
R- Chicago music tour, sleepovers w/gang, every handshake since freshman year

Raquel Gomez

"I am seeking, I am striving, I am in it with all my heart."
 - Van Gogh

WILLS:

Neijer - social skills & humor
 Alfred - my hair
 Aleks - my NY life
 Kurtis - a good hair cut
 Caley - my smile
 Mafe - my love <3

WILLS:

Neijer - My haircut and better humor
 Alfred - A backpack
 Kurtis - My Spanish
 San Juan - My SVA job

S- Southern, WAU, CES, Harvard
E- Soccer season, Southern preview, concerts, Senior Survival.
N- Broca, Esbetan, Tebi
I- Soccer, pool, ping pong
O- Doctor
R- In SVA it was the first time I saw snow, my junior year friends



Esteban Gaviria

"Nunca dejes para mañana lo que puedes hacer pasado mañana."

WILLS:

I will my grades to Alfred
 My prudence to Neijer
 My Spanish to Mr. Leeper
 My church dress to Maria
 My hair to Biaggi



S- Southern, Andrews, AdventHealth
E- Senior survival, New England trip, NACA tournament
N- Anita, Medellin, Sofi
I- Volleyball, traveling, reading and spend time with friends
O- Neurosurgery
R- My "VIP room" with Yari and Dianny, dance nights, lessons with Colombians

Ana Grajales Alzate

"If you can dream it, you can do it."
 -Walt Disney

WILLS:

E-man and Guerdy my height and charisma ;)

S- JMU, Oakwood, George Mason, VT
E- Senior Survival, Dorm Retreat
N- Wilt, Wemby, Noah Diggity Do
I- Basketball and learning more about the body
O- A pro-baller in Israel. Backup plan: ethical hacking
R- Basketball Season, school college visits, and the chaos in the boys dorm



Noah Patterson

"Lightskin privilege is a real thing, and I have it."

-Drake



Kerrick Goodwyn

"Heat the irons." - Noah

S- Michigan State
E- Basketball games, dorm retreat, Senior Survival
N- Gringo Goodwyn
I- Basketball
O- Basketball trainer and NBA scout
R- Freshman year 3:30 cafe shift, Mr. Feltman's stories at senior survival

WILLS:

My handles to Kaiden
My shot to Kaiden
My finishing to Kaiden
My passing to Kaiden
My bounce to Kaiden

WILLS:

Three point shot to Kaiden
My Madden and NBA 2K skills to Kamden

S- Trade school
E- Trip to southern
N- Kolbias
I- Basketball, playing 2K and Madden
O- Auto mechanic
R- Trip to Southern, open recs



Kolby Goodwyn

"Work hard and determine, it's safe to say I earned it."

-Lil Baby



S- UVA

E- NACA, baseball, intramurals, Sabbath hikes, senior trips

N- Chango

I- Sports and poems

O- Nursing or Physical Therapy

R- Late night activities, All NACA disasters, skiing, going off campus, events

Kevin Guzman

"For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap"

- Galatians 6:7

WILLS:

Rafael - my rocket arm and skill

Derek - my sense of humor

Samuel - my IQ

Kyle - my luscious hair

Luis - my muscles

Mya - my soccer skills

Frank - my attention span

WILLS:

Michael Hunter - the ability to actually be my friend

Jack Chalker - basketball skills

Lincoln Hartman - Mr. Rogers love

S- N/A

E- Senior survival, Southern trip, SA Picnics

N- Big Country, Buggy

I- Hunting, fishing, working, snowboarding

O- Construction

R- Maintenance shenanigans, Ms. Mohn's Classroom during free periods, exam weeks



Conner Kabler

"Stress less, enjoy the best."

S- UNC Chapel Hill, USNA

E- Senior Survival, Ski Club, welding, Classical Players

N- Yona, The Egg, Inona, Iona (with a Scottish accent)

I- Horseback riding, snowboarding, traveling

O- Pilot, Veterinarian, Forest Ranger, Professional Rancher, Spy

R- Scootering across campus, community laundry, Europe Music Tour



Iona Kantzer

"No, but you did laugh!"

- Genesis 18:15 or God

WILLS:

Mya - my heart

Tamar - iconic-ness and ability to speak Chinese Irish

Gabi - my knees

Abby - love for Hanukkah and avocado socks

Hannah - BTS-ness and dreidel socks

Madison W. - my strong distaste for Colleen Hoover

WILLS:

Chole Junc - my NYT Connections skillz

Abby M - my socks

Madison - my love and affection

Naomi P - my Minnesota Salad recipe

Camila S - All of my ideas for Jafurgalurger Co.

Mya W - My Russian accent

Caley S - My purple headphones

S- UNC Chapel Hill, Andrews, UVA

E- Junk Scramble

N- Nichi, Michael, Pookishka

I- Sufjan Stevens, Music, Baking

O- Pediatric Dentist

R- Covid with Tabor, falling in front of the whole school in my booster crocs



Nicole Kidin

"Seek His face, He'll never let you down."

WILLS:

Taste in fashion to Kacey

Senioritis to Nat

Middle name to Sophia T

Empathy to Sienna



Amada Lazo

"Jesus didn't light up all her bulbs."

- Ben Lazo

S- Southern Adventist University

E- Almost Anything Goes, Junior US History Trip

N- Ami, Mada, Tomada, Mami

I- Photography, Reading, and Drawing/Painting

O- Teacher

R- Sleepovers and eating ice cream with Kacey, Rori, and Nat

WILLS:

Lincoln H. - my hair so he can make a sick viking braid

Cassius H. - my cowboy boots

Gabbie S. - my love for Tim Burton

S- Roanoke College

E- Almost Anything Goes

N- Eric, Ercah

I- Horseback riding, reading, listening to music

O- Criminal Detective

R- Helping Faith fly into a microwave, Walmart trips



Erica Lopez-Montano

"We switchin' beds, bro."

- Tabor Parker, 2020



S- Southern, Andrews
E- Almost Anything Goes
N- Maemae, Mas
I- Photography
O- Hopefully a wedding photographer
R- Senior Survival, Senior Night

Mason Lowe

"Stupid people are dangerous."

WILLS:

Thalia - my Filipino...ness
 Logan - my decent fits
 Kacey - My love for FNAF

WILLS:

Jack C - my friendship with Mr. Rogers

Ajani S & Donovan H - my baritone spot in Shens

Aleks U - The Ninjago sessions

S- Southern Adventist University
E- Working with Mr. Rogers and "Dr. Appointments" with Mr. Lechler
N- Sheer, Mr. President, Mace
I- Skiing, traveling, experiencing Life to its fullest
O- Mechanical engineer, business owner, Inventor, entrepreneur
R- Mission, music, and history trips; Senior Survival



Zachary Mace

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."
 -Albert Einstein



S- Southern Adventist University
E- Afterglows, dorm retreats, community service day
N- Oma, Osmosis, Marcus, Omargis
I- Reading, roller skating, and scrapbooking
O- Missionary
R- RA nights. parties in my room, mission trip, picnics with the girlies

Omaris Mercado

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one."

WILLS:

jeannette - ankles
 b - humor
 giselle - room
 caca - sarcasm
 naomi v - ball skills
 suite321 - books

WILLS:

Sether - my twinning ability
Daniela - my collecting forte
Nolynn - my massage skills
Weya - my European citizenship
Sarah - my plants
Jordan - my bells
The Dauers- my childhood memories

S- Southern Adventist University
E- Senior Survival, Italy music tour, Southern trip, New England
N- Margherita, Naggy, Marar
I- Going on spontaneous nature walks/runs, music, and cultures
O- Nurse Missionary
R- Stuck on the side of a cliff in New England tour and my friends saved me.



Marietta Nagy

"It's cheese cream, not cream cheese."



Kaitlin Newkirk

"Protect your peace."

S- Southern Adventist University
E- Jazz Night, SAU tour, mechanics in life skills
N- Kait, KK
I- Reading, going to the gym, true crime shows, the beach
O- CEO, forensic anthropologist, Range Rover owner
R- Making music, singing at jazz night, drinking tea in Ms. Weid's class

WILLS:

I will my voice to Caley
I will my laugh to Jeannette

WILLS:

Abby M - my yearbook skills
Jake P - my social awkwardness

S- Andrews University
E- Senior Survival, New England Trip, SA Picnics and Banquets
N- Katie-lyn, KK, Wazowski
I- Reading, photography, nature walks, the lake
O- Architecture/Interior Design
R- Experiencing dorm life, the Southern trip detour, being with friends on front campus



Katelyn Pacylowski

"Wherever life plants you, bloom with grace."



Camden Prudencio

"Let God grant what is in your heart and fulfill all your plans." - Psalm 20:4

S- Washington and Lee University, Andrews University
E- Almost Anything Goes sophomore year, Europe music trip, Senior Survival
N- Cami, Prudence, Prudy
I- Soccer, reading, music, shopping, art, decorating things
O- A career in international relations
R- Soccer, New England trip, Southern trip, Friday night sleepovers

WILLS:

Camille & Thalia - my room, record player, Newjeans stuff, and sister
 Evelin & Ruth - my soccer skills and Coach Thompson
 Belmaris - my good hair days
 Weya & Sofia S. - my bts stuff
 Nollynn - my grandma's New Balances
 Rafa - my quietness and curls
 Juridia - my shoes, soccer skills, humor, and whatever else you want

WILLS:

I will my splits to Jeannette
 my speed to Caley
 my patience to Lincoln and Cassius

S- Southern Adventist University
E- Almost Anything Goes
N- T-pain, NBA young boy
I- Contortion/Gymnastics
O- Pediatric Nurse
R- Throwing Faith into a microwave



Tabor Parker

"Taboooooooo."

S- Oakwood
E- Volleyball, afterglows
N- Estah, Ee-es-tee-aye
I- Roller skating, cooking, singing
O- American Sign Language Interpreter/Social Worker
R- Jazz Nights, NACA, mission/music Trips

WILLS:

Camille - My locs
 Camilla S - My free periods
 Kaylyn M - A chill pill



Esther-Gaye Rapley

"Have a good day."

WILLS:

Camillo - buss skills
Eman - 3rd point shooting
Michael Hunter - School athlete
Ajani - S.A Pastor
Tori - Jazz Night playing
Guerdy - Old man style

S- Any Adventist college
E- Jazz Night, music tour, and sports tournaments
N- John
I- Sports, playing music, reading
O- Music teacher
R- Gallivanting around Chicago with friends



Jonathan Pelote

"God did."



Joseph Pelote

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
- Nelson Mandella

S- WAU, Oakwood, an Adventist college
E- Sports, rec, friends
N- Striker Jo
I- Gaming, hands on jobs, sports
O- medical, teacher, math, or wherever God leads
R- Skiing, basketball and soccer tournament

WILLS:

Alex Ullrich - my striking skills
Ajani Shaw - my Math skills
Guerdy Thomas - Lightskin basketball
Michael Herold - practicing
Kevin Fernandez - baseball skills
Evelin - CONFIDENCE
Daniel Biyete - Procrastination

WILLS:

Naomi P - My Reba wig
Chole - My Portuguese skills
Jeannette - My sugar free Reese's Cups
Tamar - My essay skills

S- VCU, Hartland
E- Junior trip, Senior Survival, Junk Scramble, junior picnic
N- Becca, Bequinha, Becky G
I- Reading, writing, grandma hobbies, 70's rock, Reba, babbling
O- Endocrinologist and Diabetes Researcher
R- Shenanigans with Salome & Cami, 1st snowstorm, Junior trip, Skiing, friends



Rebecca Reis

"The very things that hold you down are going to lift you up."



S- Southern Adventist University
E- Banquet, NACA tournament, Senior Survival
N- Pablito
I- Soccer, volleyball, music
O- Biomedical or marketing
R- Banquet 2023 and Valentine's Day

Pablo Hernandez

"La vida es corta, es mejor vivirla interesante."

WILLS:

my ability in volleyball - Alfred Ovalle
 my soccer goalie position - Ajani Shaw

WILLS:

Juridia C: all my Uggs and my relationship skills
 Belmaris M: my eyelashes
 AFDA class: my math skills
 Evelin B: My biology grade
 Freshman girls: my clean room
 Miranda J: my confidence
 Sophomore and Junior Boys: my music taste

S- Oakwood, WAU
E- Intramurals, SA Picnic, Banquet
N- Z or Z-dog
I- Singing, hanging out with friends, playing sports
O- Midwife or labor and delivery nurse
R- Dance parties with my friends



Zaida Galva

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" - Luke 1:45



Mia Rivera

"live, laugh, love cami."

S- Hartland, USNA
E- Trash Club, RA nights, Mission Sale, Leadership Retreat
N- Mayo, Mier, Beatrice, Mbappe
I- Making up games; becoming the next Bruce Wayne
O- Dean Knight, optometrist, EOD
R- Mexico mission trip, bothering Mr.Leeper, badminton, prayer with Heilman

WILLS:

Juri C - my smile, room
 Mr. Leeper - Everything tbh, and guidance
 Michael H - my Indecisiveness
 DABS - D.K skills
 THE S.S - friendship
 Luis J, Samuel D - my height
 My sons - my love

WILLS:

My math skills to Juridia
Castellanos
My height to Asa Johnson
My baseball skills to John
Mathai

S- SAU, Walla Walla, AU
E- Soccer season, volleyball
intramural, soccer World Cup
N- Chepe, Machín
I- Playing sports, instruments,
collecting shoes, photography
O- Businessman
R- Meeting my friends, won NACA
championship, joining orchestra,
late talks



Jose Roblero

"El que no debe no teme."
- Joselino R.



S- Southern Adventist University
E- Soccer
N- Old spice
I- Art
O- Engineering
R- Banquet

Thomas Rogers

"IT IS TIME TO GO!"

WILLS:

My Manchester United legacy to Angel

WILLS:

My math skills to Morgan M.
My volleyball skills to Micah M.
My everything to Mr. Molina
I will the other half Peruvian
citizenship to Dani Hernandez

S- Virginia Tech
E- Rec times, playing volleyball with
friends
N- Cami
I- Playing volleyball, painting,
listening to music
O- Software/AI engineer
R- When we went for a Europe
Music tour, with friends and
performing



Camila Rojas Molina

"Never give up on a dream, never let it down.
Stop saying I wish, start saying I will."



Carla Rosas-Carcamo

"With God, I dwell in possibilities."

S- Southern Adventist University

E- Southern Trip, Jazz Night, J2B

N- Karlita Linda

I- Journaling and sketching

O- Art Conservator or Curator

R- Friday Vespers, eating lunch on front campus, cheering for sports games

WILLS:

I will Seth better pizza taste

I will Michelle the silly greetings we share

I will Wya my French learning abilities

I will Jordan my artistic skills

WILLS:

love to eat - Alonso

room - Ruth

attitude - Yeili

hair -Juri

citizenship - Ethan and Michael H

monkey obsession - Evelin

humor - Eman

S- Andrews University

E- Almost Anything Goes, Senior Survival, Junk Scramble

N- Shihuahua, Sasa, Sapica

I- Eating, listening to music, sleeping

O- Dermatologist or Cosmetologist

R- Mission sale with friends, hanging out in Mr. Leeper's office, sleepovers



Sarita Sanchez-Santiago

"anywayss entre ser y no ser yo soy."



Emma Short

"I know what you're doing and you need to stop."

- Mr. Short

S- Southern Adventist University

E- Banquets, Flower Vespers, Handshakes, Senior Dedication

N- Em, Miss VP, Bug, Emmar

I- Writing, Reading, Singing

O- English Teacher :)

R- Frantically completing practice logs, funny medical Spanish II video

WILLS:

Anna S: ability to cram

Ella S: sugar highs

Hannah H: love for musicals

Josh F: Mrs. Short's favoritism

Abby M: hug

WILLS:

Lincoln Hartman - maintenance abilities

Micheal Hunter - the ability to have his leopard back

S- Blue Ridge Community College

E- Senior Survival, mission trip, Southern trip

N- N/A

I- Welding, framing, auto mechanics, snowboarding

O- Welder or mechanic

R- Working maintenance, hanging out with Ms. Mohns



Micah Shull

"You'll have that on them big jobs."



S- Undecided

E- The food truck event

N- N/A

I- Music

O- Undecided

R- Talking to friends

Aman Sudhaker

"You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated."

- Maya Angelou

WILLS:

Junior hall->senior hall

Neijer - my cafe skills

Camille - my silliness

Thailia - my language skills

Genesis - my style

WILLS:

Neijer - I leave him my arms (because he is not strong)

Camilo - I leave him my English and soccer spirit

S- SAU.WAU

E- Home leave

N- One, Quan, Juan Taratoza.

I- Playing soccer

O- Undecided

R- Soccer season



Juan Tarazona

"Por dinero, a Jesus, Judas lo fue a entregar."



Salome Tembo

"delulu is always the solulu."

S- Hartland College and Kettering College
E- SA banquets, Junk Scramble, Senior Survival, junior trip, basketball tournament
N- Temboo, Lome, Salolo
I- Soccer, singing, reading, music
O- Pharmacist or Doctor
R- Living with Rebecca, sledding, afterglows, everyday with Aman, Zaevon, and Cami

WILLS:

Grace - My physique and workout routine
 Jeanette - My accent and dance skills
 Weya - My hairstyles
 Guerdy - My SA presidency
 Daniel B - My Zambian food
 Frank - My Frankenstein book
 Eman - My Africaness

WILLS:

I will my math skills and physique to Aleks Ullrich
 I will my first tenor voice to Marcos Torres

S- Any Adventist institution
E- Senior survival, SA picnic, U.S. History trip, Italy tour
N- Coders, Cody-boy, Brody
I- Mountain biking, weightlifting, and taking polaroids
O- Engineering or possibly kinesiology
R- Running through Boston, drinking Martinelli's with the boys



Cody Thomas

"Think before you act, but never pass up a good opportunity."



Heily Vigil

"Let go, Let God."

S- Johns Hopkins University
E- Banquet and SA Picnic
N- heily beily
I- Writing, music, socializing, and sports
O- FBI Behavioral Analyst/Epidemiologist
R- Soccer season

WILLS:

Ashley - my books
 Abby - my mom's food
 Ruth - my makeup
 Camille - kindness
 Thalia - my Record Player
 Yandel - good grades
 Gigi - my music taste

WILLS:

Samuel D. - my defense
Ethan K. - my dribbling skills
Yeili O. - My drip
Yandel - my speed
Kryza - my goofiness
Evelin - shoes
Steve - my fitted hat
Alonso - my soccer shooting skills

S- WAU

E- Sports, J2B, intermurals

N- Danymals, Alien, Monkey

I- playing football (soccer), and hanging out with my friends

O- Dental Hygienist

R- Dorm retreat, NACA



Greiving Cruz

"Doesn't matter if you feel trapped, there's always a way out."



S- WAU, Duke, VCU

E- Senior Survival, World Cup, Junk Scramble, graduation

N- LA PATRONA, Mama angie, ancha

I- Working out, eating, sleeping, making Sarita mad

O- RN, PA, Pediatric Nurse

R- Mission sale, Friday night talks, Walmart runs, HANGRY JOE'S

Angela Gonzalez

"Duro poco, pero no importa, valio la pena."

-Eugenio Derbez

WILLS:

Sammy D - my debit card
Juri C- my kettle, café, my love
Ruth - my room
Steve - my caspa products
Evelin - my height
Yandel - my music
Alonso - my food

WILLS:

Eman - my cologne collection
Donovan - my soccer skills
Steve - my clothes game

S- Harvard

E- Futsal, soccer trips, exchange ideas with da homies

N- Gabi, Biel, Negrão, Beijo

I- Martial arts, music production, Djing, piano, geopolitics

O- Hustler

R- Soccer trips, side quests with King Vitor and others



Gabriel Rodrigues

"Some people pray to be seen, I do so to be heard, you heard?"



Joanna Wittmer

"This quote is too important to screw up, so I'm playing it safe."

- Unknown

S- Southern, Southwestern, Andrews
E- Senior Survival, New England trip, banquets, and Southern trip
N- Joantee, Jonah, Mary-Joanna
I- McDonalds, volleyball, & shopping
O- Undecided
R- NACA, summer maintenance, intramurals, prayer group, and concerts

WILLS:

I will my prayer group chair to Grace
 I will free McDonalds birthday food to Madison
 I will my sva polos to Hannah L.
 I will my violin skills to Anna & Ella Short
 I will my singing voice to Daniella and Hannah H.



Jeremy Palacios

"DDY - Don't Doubt Yourself. (Always persevere!)"

S- Blue Ridge Community College
E- Singing at the Christmas concert
N- COOL BOY J
I- Working at Mr. Wiygul's farm
O- A mechanic and pastor
R- Senior Survival

S- Laurel Ridge/James Madison
E- Senior Survival
N- Georgie
I- Painting
O- Labor and Delivery Nurse
R- Preview Southern



Georgia Wakeman

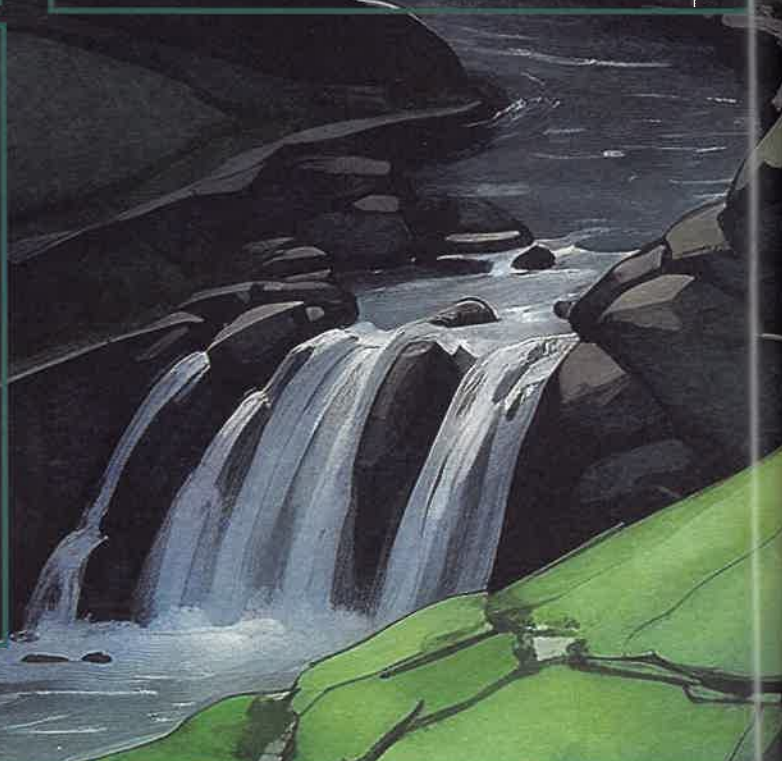
"Nothing in life is impōssible as long as you take that first step."



Kristen Aguilar

"To be or not to be, that is the question." - Hamlet

S- Union Adventist University
E- Music outings
N- Kris, Kristopher, Christmas
I- Reading, playing music
O- Medical professional
R- Going to church with friends



WILLS:

Weya Machado - my hugs
Kurtis Ma - my laugh
Camilo Ortega - my Colombian
accent
Hannah - my language
Frank Chavez - my humor
Neijer Ortiz - my grades
Nolynn - my voice

S- Oakwood University
E- Music retreat, dorm retreat,
Candlelight, and sports tournaments
N- Shai, Adi
I- Singing
O- Professor
R- When we went painting on a
Sabbath afternoon, sleepovers, and the
vespers



Shaiel Suarez

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown
future to a known God."



S- Southern
E- Mission Trip 2023
N- Babcock
I- Aerial silks, reading, poetry, plants :)
O- Psychologist
R- Getting thrown at a microwave.
twice

WILLS:

Jeanette - I will you my parents
Gaby S - my love and affection
Mya - whatever you want
Caley - My room

Faith Babcock

"Like most misery, it started with apparent happiness."
- Markus Zusak



**Alessandro
Carbajal**



**Gabriel Martin
Loyo**



Roger Guillen

**Not Pictured:
Canaan He**

with one purpose



Where Shines the Big Virginia Sun
Where students walk and students run
Where hands are shaken and memories
made
Where the red maple offers cool shade



When leaves fall slowly, shiny gold
When lessons begin and stories are
told

When teachers and classmates strive
for the best

When Sabbath comes 'round to offer
sweet rest



Who trod the green lawn of campus
each day

Who lift friends up and honor and pray

Who travel great distance and voyage
and roam

Shenandoah, my friend, you may always
call home



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Handshake



August 20, 2023: the perfect day for a handshake. The fair temperatures and cool breeze set the atmosphere for what has become the symbolic start of the school year at Shenandoah Valley Academy—the annual fall handshake.

Over 200 people (including staff and students) participated in the annual exercise. According to SVA Principal Donald Short, the event's goal is "to start the year off with a positive feeling, understanding that we are a school family." In an email, Short said that the academic institution's goal after spiritual growth is to encourage students to form healthy relationships with their peers.

"Handshake is a time-honored tradition at Shenandoah Valley Academy," Short said. "It's done at the beginning and end of each year. It provides 'bookends' which promote a culture of respect and accountability."

Tori Zimmerman, a junior, said that the handshake helped her meet new people—just as the event intends. "You get to see them face-to-face and touch them, and that creates a new connection," she said.

Naomi Coreas, a senior, said that the handshake helped her put names to faces. However, she indicated that she didn't think the handshake helped her make new friends. "I don't think handshake is really for that. It just helps you get to know who's who," she said. "Sometimes it's awkward because people either don't shake your hand or they just give you a fistbump. But, it's also fun to ask [returning students], 'Hey, how was your summer?'"

Despite some supply difficulties, a years-long tradition continued at the handshake, as all 67 senior class members wore golden Burger King crowns during the event. The custom, Short said, stems from the view that the people in the senior class are de facto leaders. "The class of 2024 is a great group that understands the responsibility they have to guide the student body as servant leaders."

Writing by Samuel Girven



First Weekend

An activity-filled first weekend capped off a busy first week of school. The weekend activities allowed students to deepen their new and existing friendships as the school year roared to a start. The first day of the inaugural weekend culminated in an evening vespers that included a candle-lit dedication service and sacred singing at center campus.

Vice Principal Kaleb Leeper was the speaker for the evening worship service hosted in the New Market Church. Leeper's message, based on Romans 15:5-6, advocated for a unified school—a school of one voice and one mind. Following Leeper's message, students filed out of the church and organized into groups led by college religion class students. Each group went to various classrooms on campus and prayed with the teachers in each department. The groups asked God to lead the school, its teachers, and its students in the new academic year. Upon returning to center campus, students received a lit candle. Pastor Tim Harley, a religion teacher at SVA, led the finality of the dedication service. As the students held the candles, they prayed over the school and sang several praise songs.



A large group of students and staff walked two miles from the school to a pavilion along the Shenandoah River, where the students participated in games that symbolized the "great controversy" and waded in the river. The games included a complicated task: each person participating was blindfolded, and "good" people attempted to lead them to the finish line, while "bad" people tried to lead them astray.

After the games, the groups from the previous evening reconvened to have a short Bible discussion based on the ideas they practiced during the games. "I liked having the individual groups," said Tabor Parker, a senior who led one of the discussion groups. "We could ask questions and answer them," she said. "It was very nice having the small group. It felt kind of like a Bible study," added Zaevon Dalhouse, another senior leader. "It felt like family."



The SA-sponsored "Almost Anything Goes" event kicked off at 7:30 p.m. Each class formed a team and played a series of games. The first game, mattress surfing, involved having each person in the class lie on the floor while passing a mattress with a student on it back and forth. Other games included a shoe toss, roulette, "Hungry Hippos," and a paper airplane toss. Ultimately, the senior class took first place in the event, while the junior class took second place. The sophomore and freshman classes took third and fourth places, respectively.

"Almost Anything Goes is so much fun," Erica Lopez, a senior. "It was really interesting to see the new SA officers and sponsor and how they worked together," she said, aptly pointing out that the event is the debut of the new SA team.



SA PICNIC

Sponsored By Student Association

Q&A?

What was the most memorable part of Picnic?

The tug of war between the classes. Specifically the last match between the Seniors and Juniors which had a crazy comeback

-Jake Pacylowski

What was your favorite activity?

The relay races! I got to do it with my roommate and it was just a lot of fun!

-Madison Wilson

What SA event are you looking forward to next?

I am looking forward to talent show because it is always fun to see who will perform and what the winning act will be.

-Abby Moore

SA Picnic is held at Camp Horizons each year on Labor Day, and while it is saturated with SVA tradition, even the usual becomes unusual: the bus push. Laps around a pond (or lake, if we must) while holding a medicine ball.

Swimming, belly flop competitions, canoe relays, and watermelon eating contests. And, the tug-of-war. The activities are tiring, yet the energy is high.





The obscenely hot day, preempted by heat advisories, began with a medicine ball relay. Each person who participated ran around the large pond twice and then handed the weighty object off to the next pre-selected person. Canoe races through the murky pond tested the tenacity of the most devout paddlers. Later, as is tradition, the members of the junior class and senior class faced off in a tug-of-war battle. (The senior class won. Nolynn Dahlberg, a junior, told the Shen-Val-Lore in an interview that the tug-of-war left her in a "mental battle to keep going." "At the end, I literally couldn't feel my arms for two hours," she said.)

The day ended with the announcement of the winners of the day. Seniors took first place overall in the relays, while the juniors took second place. The sophomores and freshmen placed third and fourth place, respectively.

Writing by Samuel Girven

Barn Party

Sponsored By Student Association

Q&A?

What was the best part about Barn Party?

When Seth hurled the plates full of whipped cream against my face.

- Mr. Samuel

Dean Kim's horses. -Dean Faith

I liked watching the donut eating contest

-Anonymous

What did you dress up as?

Katniss Everdeen

A bear from the Lorax

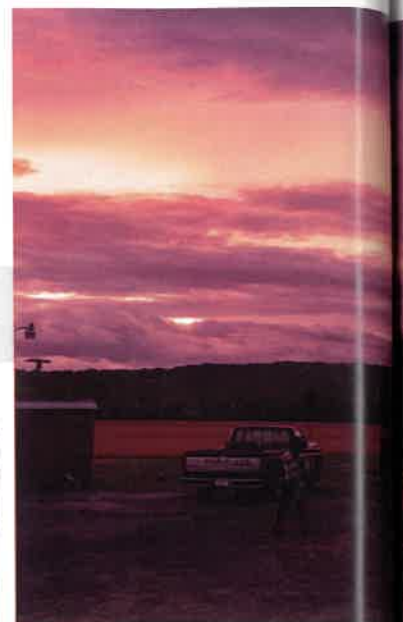
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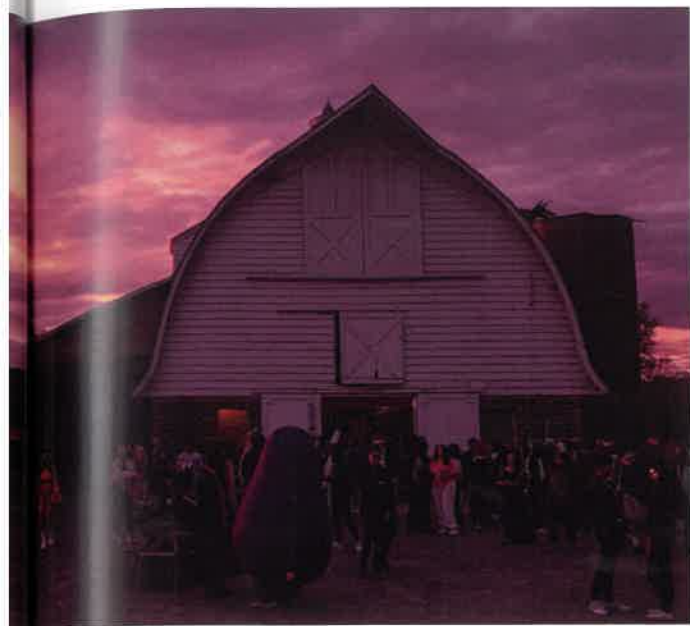
A pirate

What was your favorite activity?

Musical chairs was really fun, but I fell. - Mya W.

Hitching -Amada L.





Sunday, October 8, 2023, brought a cold evening, and with it came the annual Barn Party. Live fiddlers set the mood for the folksy autumnal gathering, which included a doughnut eating contest, costume contest, hayrides, musical chair games, and a few food vendors. Campfires dotted the area around the barn, providing warmth and community for the cold and weary. One could even “get hitched”—the act of zip-tying someone to another—the continuation of a long-held SVA tradition.

The two main highlights of the evening were musical chairs and the costume contest. Students played multiple rounds of musical chairs, eventually leading juniors Tamar Hamilton and Donovan Hernandez to be the finalists. (Donovan was proclaimed the winner, but he did pull the chair away from Tamar twice, so we aren't quite sure who won the final round.) Once darkness blanketed the valley, the costume contest began. The contest's winners were: a garden fairy and a rose, the Statue of Liberty and her tourist, and Chef Alfredo Linguini with Remy from Ratatouille.

Writing by Samuel Girven



★ Q&A: What was one
★ thing you took from Week
of Prayer?

Love each other as God loves
you. -Anonymous

It was good to know how much
God loves us. -Mariajose V.



Week of Prayer

"We are created for love," speaker says. "Yet, that love has been corrupted. How, then shall we love?"

This question was on the mind of special speaker Glenn Russell during Week of Prayer. Themed "Love 101," Russell defined his talks with rich storytelling that illustrated intricate principles and issued practical applications.

He began by focusing on the fact that "we need each other." Yet, relationships have to be intentional, he said, and throughout the week, he laid out "God's blueprint for love." Love is not an emotion strictly relegated to romance, and with that in mind, Russell also focused on how we need to love our friends, God, and ourselves.

However, the morning chapels were only half of the weeklong series.

Every evening, students and staff gathered for a special time of prayer and reflection at the New Market Church. Russell led the student body through journaling, responses to question prompts, and silent, focused prayer.

Reflecting on the week's messages, Jeremy Palacios, a senior, said in an interview that he appreciated Russell's focus on biblical love—in other words, love that is deeper than "what the world thinks about." It's a cooperation, he said. "I also liked how we went over stories from his life, and what he learned from them."

Writing by Samuel Girven



With One Voice

Music Department





A hush came over the audience as they beheld the formally-dressed students that stood before them. Assembled on risers and led by a charismatic director, it was clear they composed a choir and were there to sing. The director raised his hands—signaling that the performance was about to begin. The crisp voice of a soloist rang out, asking via song an age-old question: “When is my king a-comin?” The sopranos and altos provided an answer. “The king is coming; the king is coming soon.” This anthemic choir piece—“My King is Coming”—was performed on October 7, 2023, by our select choir, the Shenandoans, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s world headquarters. They were there to add their musical notations to the divine service during the 2023 Annual Council.

Performances like this are commonplace for students who participate in a music program. Available programs include a general choir, select choir, band, orchestra, classical strings group, handbells, and praise teams. Involvement is enriching and serves as a creative outlet for many of the students who participate. Joseph Pelote, a senior, says he stays involved because he has a “burning passion for getting better [at music], and also a desire to serve Christ with my talent.” Pelote continued: “He has blessed me with the gift of music, and whether it be singing or playing the violin, I want to excel in it while serving Christ in a way I know how.” Of the many positive memories taken from pursuing and performing music at SVA, seeing people be blessed by performances and Fall music retreat tops the list for Pelote. “I’m glad to have helped in that while sharing Christ.”

Writing by Samuel Girven

GOALIES
Ajani Shaw
Pablo Hernandez

COACHES
Daniel Biaggi
Steve Foote
Federico Molina
Alex Nesmith

2 Morgan Molina
4 Kevin Quintiana
5 Alessandro Carbajal
6 Cody Thomas
7 Roger Guillen
8 Gabriel Martin
9 Malachi Foote
10 Jose Roblero
11 Marcos Torres
12 Daniel Hernandez

GUYS'

Soccer





- 13 Thomas Rogers
- 14 Gabriel Rodrigues
- 15 Kevin Guzman
- 17 Aleks Ullrich
- 18 Michael Hunter
- 19 Micah Molina
- 20 Esteban Guaviria
- 21 Jonathan Pelote
- 22 Joseph Pelote
- 23 Juan Tarazona

Q&A

What moment was most memorable?

We won 3rd place at the NACA Sports Tournament Division 1!
-Anonymous

What is your favorite part about SVA sports?

The crowds that really hype us up and help the game to be "funner", and the teams have good sportsmanship
- Jeanette M.

COACHES

Heather Leeper
Kaleb Leeper

- 2 Kika Auguste
- 5 Esther Rapley
- 6 Joanna Wittmer
- 9 Evelin Balcarcel
- 10 Caley Smith
- 11 Princess Alcantara
- 12 Hannah Hunt
- 14 Camila Molina
- 13 Diara Bonilla
- 15 Sofia Grajales
- 18 Natalee Jovel
- 23 Millie Mojica

GIRLS'

Volleyball





Q&A

What was your most memorable game?

Senior night, our very last home game. - Esther R.

What was your favorite game to watch?

The one after the girls won, and we all flooded the court afterwards, it was so fun. -Camille H.

What sport are you excited for next?

I am excited for basketball season- Princess A.




with one purpose



A chilly wind
a winter snow
In coats and hats
the students go

Snowflakes drifting
to the ground
Pause and ponder
look around

Take a moment
stop and rest
This season reminds
that we are blessed



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Girls' BASKETBALL

SVA IN WINTER

Turn of the Century

Sponsored By Student Association

On November 19, 2023, students in formal dress stepped off a bus and entered the "turn of the century." The annual holiday banquet, set during the "turn" of the 20th century, was held in Mount Jackson, Virginia, starting at the American Celebration of Parades Museum. Attendees could take a closer look at some iconic parade floats, all while posing for unique pictures with their friends. Once walking across the street to the banquet venue, students indulged in delicious food and fun games. The student association, which organized the event with its sponsors' help, also designated superlatives at the banquet. Titles such as "best-dressed couple" and "teacher's pet" fueled table discussions throughout the evening.

Writing by Samuel Girven



Q&A

What was the best part about banquet?

I really enjoyed the sweet treats they had. I also really liked looking at the many parade statues, it was all creative and colorful of how it was made.

- Carla Rosas

What was the most interesting part?

The first place we went to was really interesting. The second place was really fancy.

- Anonymous



Q&A

What was the most memorable part about Jazz Night?

Seeing my mom enjoy it so much. She says that everyone is so talented here at SVA.

-Abby Moore

What performance stood out the most?

Avery playing the piano. I didn't even know he could play.

-Jake Pacylowski

As the universal language of humankind, music has a way of bringing people together. Through fusions of music from different cultures, SVA had the opportunity to experience sophisticated and emotional jazz. In the heat of the winter blues, Ms. Wiedemann and her crew organized the infamous Jazz Night, a time when the diversity and talents of our student body could be displayed in a refined evening of music, poetry, and togetherness.

After an impromptu venue change due to the growing popularity of Jazz Night, the well-dressed guests met in the tastefully decorated cafeteria. Moody lighting, background music, and decoration were set up for the evening. Refreshing drinks were being handed out, and the ambiance was set.

The music began and students, staff, and parents enjoyed listening to singing, instrumental groups, and poetry throughout the evening. From Bossa Nova to a Jamaican fusion, each culture was given its chance to shine. Salome Tembo says that she "appreciated the diversity of the event. This was not just jazz, this was an international experience."

The student body thanks Mrs. Wiedemann for her hard work in creating such a wonderful evening for students, staff, and families alike. May the student body continue to celebrate diversity through music.

Writing by Rebecca Reis

Jazz Night

Winter/Jazz Night

Splendor

of God's Glory

Music Department



In the words of Ms. Wiedemann, "Candlelight is more than a performance, it is a production!" After months of practice and a busy rehearsal week, it was finally the season for the well-awaited-for concerts. The Candlelight concert began with a grand entrance including all of the music groups joining together playing the classic Angels We Have Heard on High. The following movement, Illuminaire, was sung entirely in Latin and accompanied by a select orchestra. The movement truly encapsulated the meaning of the holidays and the emotions that coincide with the birth of Jesus. Following the five Illuminaire pieces were the individual groups. Handbells, Choir, Shenandoans, Band, and Orchestra all played classic Christmas music that displayed the hard work each group perfected over the months of practice. The concert continued SVA's yearly tradition, when students and alumni surrounded the sanctuary with candlelight and sang the classic O Jesu So Sweet, before ending the concert with one final Illuminaire piece.

After Friday and Sabbath's Candlelight performances, it was time for Saturday night's Pop Concert! The fun and upbeat concert was filled with Christmas classics such as the Nutcracker, Let it Snow, Tell it on the Mountain, and many others. The concert was a perfect end to a wonderful weekend!

Writing by Rebecca Reis



Q&A

What makes Candlelight so special?

The atmosphere when we all circle the church and sing 'Oh Jesu.' It makes all the hours of practice worth it.

- Anonymous

What was your favorite song to perform?

I liked performing the song "NOX" It was really fun and exhilarating.

-Anonymous

VARSITY

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|----|-----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Joseph Pelote | 13 | Michael Hunter |
| 2 | Guerdy Thomas | 15 | Jack Chalker |
| 3 | Ajani Shaw (swing) | 20 | Noah Patterson |
| 4 | Emmanuel Matagaro | 23 | Zach Mace |
| 10 | Marcos Torres (swing) | 24 | Aleks Ullrich |
| 11 | Malachi Foote | 33 | Jonathan Pelote |
| 12 | Avery Browne | 35 | Kyle Goodwyn (swing) |

GUYS' Basketball



COACHES

Ryan Heilman
Steve Foote

JV

14 Daniel Biyete
21 Stevie DeLong
22 Josh Franco
30 Kevin Fernandez
31 Yandel Verdugo
32 Asa Johnson
34 Jake Pacylowski
41 Joshua Kim
42 Derek Alcantara



Q&A

What is the best part about being on SVA's basketball team?

Traveling with the team and growing together as one brotherhood. GO STARS!

-Anonymous

What game was the best to watch?

It's hard for me to say because I enjoyed every game I attended.

- Mr. Hernandez



COACHES

Mark Zimmerman
Dr. Kelli Hanon
Lora Moulder
Karen Pelote

0 Natalee Jovel
2 Kryza Carrasco
4 Caley Smith
10 Grace Tolbert
11 Princess Alcantara
13 Hannah Hunt
15 Lia Thomas
21 Tori Zimmerman
22 Kika Auguste
23 Tabor Parker
25 Camille Hamilton

GIRLS' Basketball





Q&A

What did you enjoy most?

Making new friends, getting closer to coach, and being able to push myself and accomplish goals.
-Princess Alcantara

What game was the best to watch?

The game against TA was the best game to watch. We never stopped cheering. - Anonymous

with one purpose



Another handshake
but instead of hello
Goodbye

Little birds stretching
Up, up
Ready to fly

The birth of a new season
Graduation
Just around the bend

A time of change
It's true
But not the end



No one can predict
The future
No one can tell

Remember we'll meet again
Until then
God bless and farewell



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SVA IN SPRING

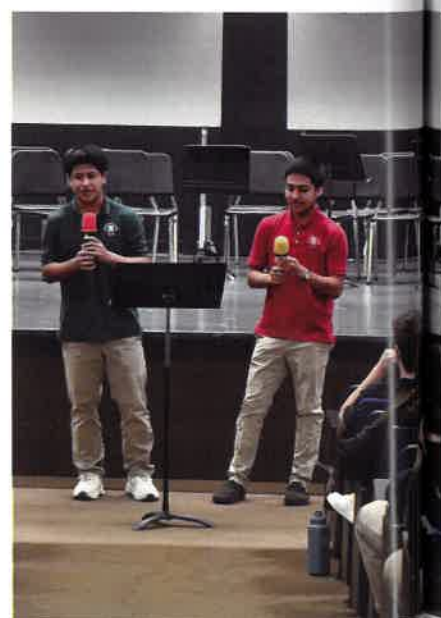


Q&A: What was one thing you took from Student Week of Prayer?

It's been a nice, restful and good week of getting closer to God.
-Zach M.

I really liked the refinement, and hearing about how our hearts are gold and covered in different alloys and need to be put under extreme heat to be refined. -Jordan R.

I have learned how to persevere through trials. -Anonymous



Student Week of Prayer

For one week each year, SVA hands the microphone to its student body for Student Week of Prayer. Weeks of planning by student leaders culminate in a week of morning chapels and evening meetings at the church—entirely led by student musicians and speakers.

The theme for the week was “R” Journey: Reigniting the Light. Each day had a specific focus highlighting a student’s Christian journey with God: Realize, Remove, Refine, Restore, Relate, and Rejoice. On the first day, senior Zach Mace spoke to students and reminded them of their unique call to “fill the world with light.” “What are you looking for?” he asked rhetorically during his talk, imploring his peers to live rich, full lives of service and faith.

Other notable moments defined the week, such as junior Steve Paz’s evening talk on day two that urged students to “remove the things

that are holding you back” from God in their lives and junior Tamar Hamilton’s poignant story of her faith being strengthened and “refined” through grieving her father’s untimely death.

Perhaps the most memorable part of the week was sophomore Andres Muñoz’s Sabbath morning sermon at the New Market church, where he focused on “rejoicing.” He detailed how he arrived at SVA through a painful process of elimination. His preferred high school wasn’t an option, and his second and third choices weren’t either. According to his retelling of the story, Munoz’s parents told him that he “must find a way to like this school because this is where you’re going.” While he didn’t remember his reply, his parents certainly did: “This is where incompetent parents send their kids!” As laughter rippled through the congregation, the entire week’s theme became a bit clearer—simply through an illustration of realization, removal, refinement, restoration, relating, and rejoicing.

Writing by Samuel Girven



Talent Show

Sponsored By Student Association

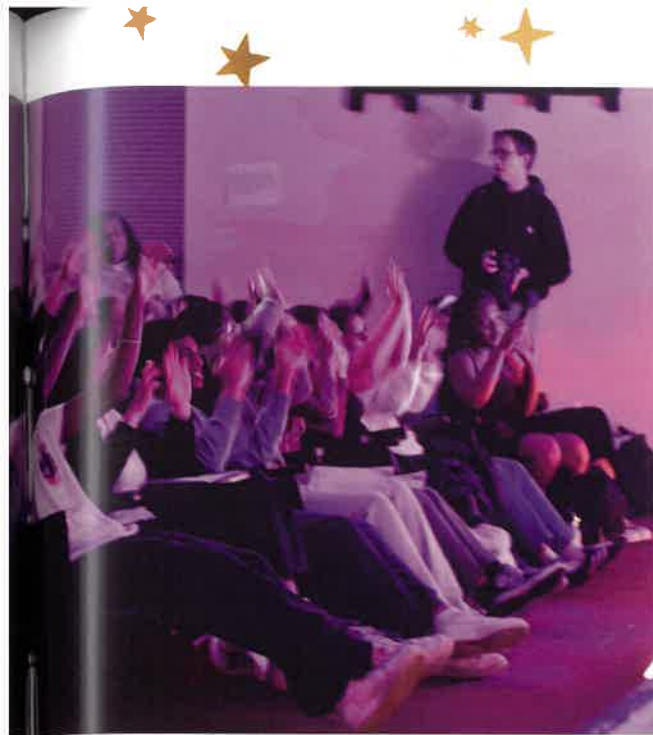


As an abundantly talented campus, there is no better way to display the student body's skills than SA's Talent Show. After weeks of preparation and a grueling audition, the participants and the date were set. The singers, writers, and dancers were ready for their stage debuts.

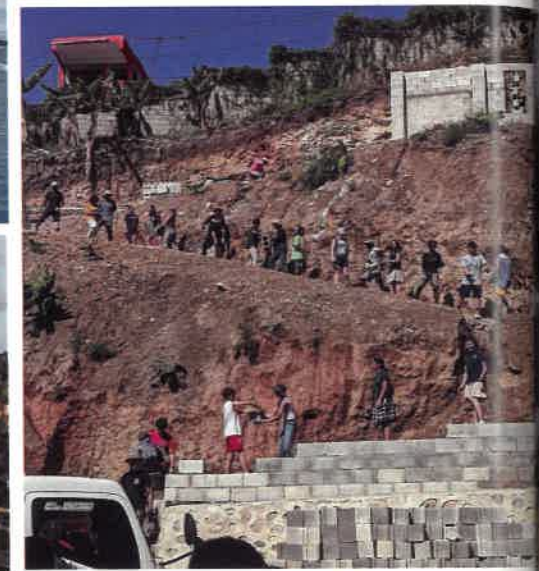
The night began with two charismatic MCs, Salome Tembo and Jonathan Pelote, who introduced the night's line-up of performers. The ultimate winners were finally chosen among the many poems read, dances perfected, and songs performed. Third place was handed over to Nollyn Dahlberg and Seth Job, who performed an emotional piece dedicated to Michael Hunter, who they proclaimed as "cutie patootie of the year". Second place was reserved for the band "Flaca" with honorable mentions Camila Molina and Alessandro Carbajal. Finally, Raquel Gomez and Jonathan Pelote's rendition of "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better" was the first place! Audience choice was given to the Junior boys who sang "Love".

An honorable mention goes out to the other incredible performers: SA officers, Josie DeClerk, Abby Moore, Genesis Roldan, Jordan Rivera, Jose Roblero, Luis Ac, Mason Lowe, Hannah Hunt, Hadassah Foote, and lastly, the Senior girls, Rebecca Reis, Salome Tembo, Kika Auguste, and Zaida Galva, who finished the night with an encaptivating choreography of "Shut Up and Dance With Me". Overall, the night was a fun, talented success!

Writing by Rebecca Reis



Music and Mission Trip



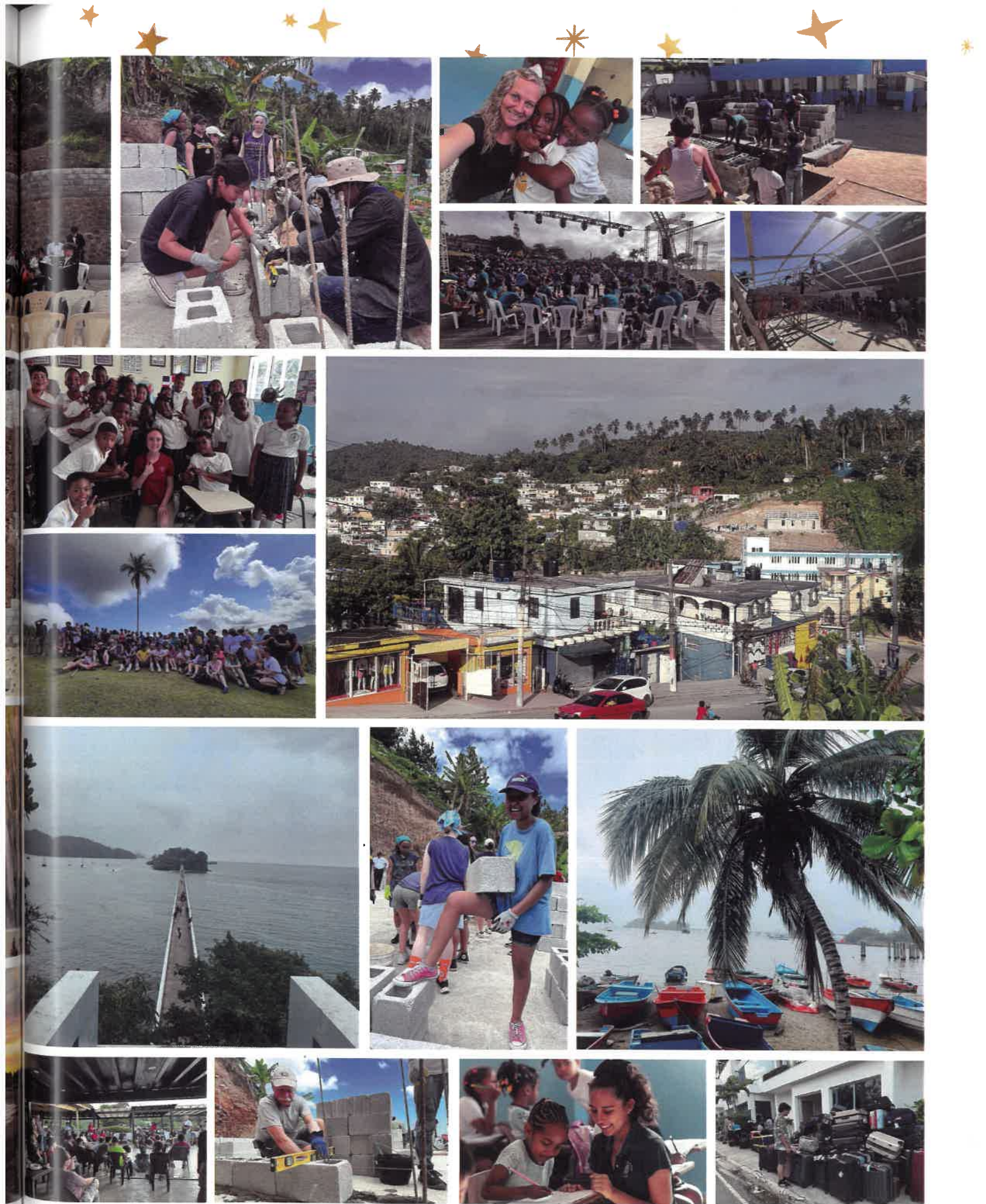
95 students and 23 adults spent 13 days during Spring Break in the Dominican Republic. The Music group spent their first few days with performances in Santo Domingo and Puerto Plata, while the Mission group worked diligently on the construction of a church in Samaná.

When reunited, students rotated helping on the construction site, in the kitchen, and at the SDA Esperanza School. Construction, Music ministry and Evangelistic series kept SVA ambassadors busy. We took over the Figaro Boutique Hotel in Samaná.

We were able to walk the Island bridge in Samaná. We hiked to Salto El Limón Waterfall. We visited Playa del Aserradero, the Island of Cayo Levantado, and several other tropical white sandy beaches with clear water. Whale watching was a surprise! The North Atlantic Humpback Whales spend their winter in the warm Samaná Bay, before they begin their migration to summer areas - as far away as Greenland and Iceland!

On the last Sabbath of our stay, we were honored to perform and attend the ribbon cutting and dedication of the church we helped build. As the Orchestra and Shenandoans hiked up the mountain, a rainbow appeared. The church members were very appreciative and told us we would always have a home in Samaná.





GIRLS' Soccer

Naomi Pakkianathan
Ruth Alejandre
Maria Sanjuan
Grace Atama
Haily Vigil
Juridia Castellanos
Salome Tembo
Maryjose Valesquez
Kryza Carrasco
Nolynn Dahlberg
Daniella Munoz





COACHES

Jared Thompson
Steve Foote



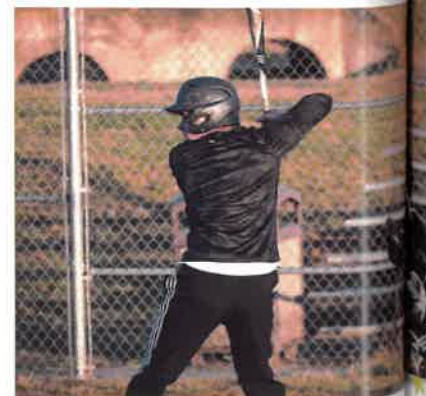
Madison Wilson
Mya Wong
Hannah Hunt
Yeili Ortiz
Millie Mojica
Camden Prudencio
Gigi Diaz
Giselle Castillo
Evelin Barcacer
Tori Zimmerman
Jeanette Mohoro
Josie DeClerk



COACHES
Ryan Knight
Andrew Lechler

Jose Roblero
Zach Mace
Kevin Guzman
Joseph Pelote
Jonathan Pelote
Cody Thomas
Michael Hunter
Ian Vardiman

GUYS' Baseball





Donovan Hernandez
 Seth Job
 Luis AC
 Ajani Shaw
 Kevin Quintiana
 Andrew Martin
 Cassius Hartman
 Derek Alcantara
 Brandon Padilla-Red Shirt
 Guerdy Thomas-Red Shirt
 Morgan Molina-Red Shirt



Life at SVA



7:00 a.m. is when SVA's sprawling campus starts roaring to life. Disheveled students filter out of the dorms, hoping to scarf down breakfast before they rush to their first classes at 7:30. The next period, you're off to another class, and before you know it, the morning's end is nigh, and you're in music class. You barely make it to lunch, and then you're off to prayer group. Two more class periods tire you before work. Some report to the cafeteria and help prepare dinner; others assist teachers, grading papers and preparing for the next day. It's a rigorous and challenging routine, yet each day brings something new.

It's in the evenings and weekends that SVA life blooms. If there's a game going on, chants of "S-V-A, S! V! A!" power our teams to dramatic wins. When front campus is open, new friendships are kindled, while old ones are rekindled. A community of peers envelopes each student as they spend hours together in the dorm and front campus. Activities like caving and concert outings lift the dull moments and craft perspective. Bible studies—led by students—sharpen the spiritual atmosphere on campus.

The students filter back into the dorms when the big Virginia sun sets in the valley. There's homework to do and roommates to catch up with. But each day is a new dawn, a new day, a new life. Diversity in backgrounds and interests pumps through SVA's veins, bringing people together through their differences. Boarding school life is unique—but SVA life is more than that. It creates lifelong bonds with God and friends, punctuated by lasting memories.

Writing by Samuel Girven



Freshmen Officers

President: Derek Alcantara
Vice President: Asa Johnson
Pastor: Thalia Transporte
Treasurer: Kris Hoffman
Parliamentarian: John Mathai
Girls Senator: Giselle Castillo
Boys Senator: Morgan Molina



Sophomore Officers

President: Sophia Trigo
Vice President: Genesis Roldan
Secretary: Ajani Shaw
Pastor: Abigail Moore
Treasurer: Mya Wong
Parliamentarian: Rosmally Peguero
Girls Senator: Madison Wilson
Boys Senator: Ethan Kareti
Village Senator: Kyle Goodwyn



Junior Officers

President: Tori Zimmerman
Vice President: Grace Tolbert
Secretary: Samantha Trigo
Pastor: Donovan Hernandez
Treasurer: Tamar Hamilton
Parliamentarian: Faith Richardi
Girls Senator: Juridia Castellanos
Boys Senator: Luis Figueroa
Village Senator: Samuel Girven



Senior Officers

President: Zachary Mace
Vice President: Emma Short
Secretary: Katie Pacylowski
Pastor: Omaris Mercado
Treasurer: Jose Roblero
Parliamentarian: Cody Thomas
Girls Senator: Cami Prudencio
Boys Senator: Joseph Pelote
Village Senator: Carla Rosas





Girls RA's

Deans: Dean Kim, Dean Faith, Dean Kristi

Freshman Hall: Iona Kantzer, Zaida Galva

Sophomore Hall: Faith Babcock

Junior & Senior Hall: Nolynn Dahlberg, Omaris Mercado, Princess Alcantara., Mia Rivera

Honor Hall: Cami Prudencio

Sub RA's: Hannah Lucas, Salome Tembo



Boys RA's

Deans: Dean Knight, Dean Hunt, Dean Alex

Freshman Hall: Ian Vardiman, Jose Roblero

Sophomore Hall: Guerdy Thomas, Seth Job

Junior Hall: Kevin Guzman, Joseph Pelote

Senior Hall: Jonathan Pelote

Front Desk: Alex Cuellar



Student Association

President: Salome Tembo

Vice President: Avery Browne

Secretary: Naomi Coreas

Pastor: Jonathan Pelote

Treasurer: Faith Babcock

Social: Kika Auguste

Video Yearbook: Andres Munoz

Sports: Kevin Guzman

MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

When I look back at the SA retreat that happened at the beginning of the school year, I remember feeling overwhelmed with the uncertainties of the upcoming school year. Several things clouded my mind with doubt, but now when I reflect back, I can see the many blessings that God has put upon our campus. Being the SA president hasn't been easy, but it has been rewarding. I am proud to have led a wonderful group of individuals who share the same work ethic and who share the same vision as me, and that's to make SVA a remarkable place. To end the school year, I would like to encourage the student body to just do it! Don't look at who's watching just go for it, If you have a vision follow through with it. Most importantly I would like to motivate everyone to meditate on the verse of the school year, Romans 15:5-6.

Salome Tembo

Student Association President



Senior timeline

Sophomore Year 2021-2022

President: Jonathan Pelote

Vice President: Avery Browne

Gained: 11

Lost: 17

Highlights of the Year: Boys and Girls club Banquet, Biology Study Sessions, library conversations, the Chicago Tour

First Day Of High School
August 17, 2020



Freshman Year 2020-2021

President: Avery Browne

Vice President: Princess Alcantara

Gained: 60

Highlights of the Year: Times in the Gazebo, SA Picnic, making our Freshmen T-Shirts, going to the river during life skills.

Senior Year 2023-2024

President: Zachary Mace

Vice President: Emma Short

Gained: 13

Lost: 8

Highlights of the Year: Senior Survival, making our Senior T-Shirts, College Trip to Southern, SA Picnic, reminiscing SVA



Junior Year 2022-2023

President: Ariana Anderson

Vice President: Emma Short

Gained: 16

Lost: 14

Highlights of the Year: The Italy Trip, New England Trip, Spring Banquet

Graduation Day

May 26, 2024

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

MOST CONTAGIOUS SMILE



CODY THOMAS, EMMA SHORT

GIRL FRIEND GROUP



REBECCA REIS,
CAMI PRUDENCIO,
SALOME TEMBO

QUOTER

ALEX CUELLAR, FAITH BABCOCK



GUY FRIEND GROUP

CONNER KABLER, MICAH SHULL, MALACHI FOOTE



PRO ATHLETE



MALACHI FOOTE, CAMI PRUDENCIO

BIGGEST GLOW UP

DIARA BONILLA,
JOSE ROBLERO



BEST SCHOOL SPIRIT

OMARIS MERCADO,
AVERY BROWNE



MOST ADVENTUROUS



MARIETTA NAGY, ZACH MACE

MOST INVOLVED

SALOME TEMBO,
JONATHAN PELOTE



LIFE OF THE PARTY



KIKA AUGUSTE, AMAN SUDHAKER

MESSAGE from the EDITOR

When the school year starts in August, the first yearbook task is to choose a theme. Oh the stress! Time is very limited, and there is a lot of pressure to choose quickly, but also choose something meaningful for each particular school year. We chose our theme based on this year's Bible verse, Romans 15:5-6 NASB. 'With One Purpose' sounds so simple. If each one of us starts our day, continues throughout our day, and ends our day, all with one purpose, we can be reassured that we are moving in the right direction.

Our yearbook team was small, but mighty this year! I want to thank my co-editor, Abby. You and I were in this together, and with your help, I knew that I was not alone! Thank you for staying organized, keeping us on schedule, getting answers and quotes, and for being so amazing and dependable. Sam-thank you for sharing your talents of writing and photography. Mr. Hernandez-thank you for being our mentor and helping with all the behind the scenes work. Thank you to the photographers that helped us this year, especially Mrs. Heilman, Mrs. Knight, and Mrs. Short. Thank you to all who smiled for a camera this year and those that helped write quotes and memories for this yearbook.



It is hard to put into words how much SVA means to me. I am so thankful for the time I have spent on this campus. Four years ago, the world shut down because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. While most schools had virtual learning, SVA stayed open. As a Freshman, I was able to go to school and interact with friends and teachers. Who would have thought that being able to go to class would be something to be so thankful for?! Students at SVA were able to meet with mentors, have Bible study with pastors, and thrive with in-person classes. Those of us at SVA are able to look back over our high school experience and smile, and realize how truly fortunate we are. My friends and I went from Freshmen and Sophomores to upperclassmen and school leaders. The values, focus, and purpose of SVA has been poured into us. Our mentors, pastors, and teachers assure us that we are ready to lead. We have learned to embrace change and make the best of situations around us. We are stronger individuals than we were just four, short years ago. We have grown physically, emotionally, academically, and most importantly, spiritually. As we move on from SVA, I know we will cherish the memories and friendships we made here under 'The Big Virginia Sun.' I pray we each continue to encourage those around us, remember our times together, and move forward, together, 'With One Purpose.'

Katie Pacylowski
Editor



Princess, we are so proud and honored to celebrate this milestone with you. You are a star, keep shining!!

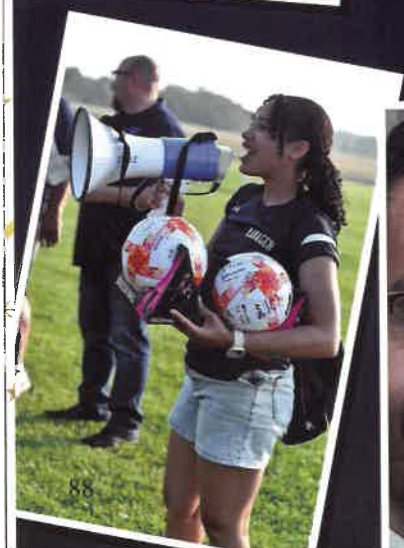
Your dedication, perseverance, late night sleep, persistence, hard work, effort, and resilience, paid off. You made it Congratulations!



Chasing a dream requires efforts, passion, and hard work. You are now halfway. Keep up your good work and continue to strive!



We will always support you,
Love you, Dad, Mom and DJ



Congratulations Emma

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." ~ Joshua 1:9



We love you!

Whatever you do, do it with ALL your heart, as working for the Lord, not for man.
Colossians 3:23

Dear Micah,
It has been an absolute joy to be your parents. We are so very proud of you and the man you have become. Your determination and strong work ethic will take you far. Our prayer is that you put your hope and trust in Jesus, allowing Him to lead and guide you. Your life is truly just beginning and we are excited to see what future plans the Lord has for you. We love you Son and will always be here for you!
Love always,
Mom and Dad



Para nuestra querida hija Maetzy
Nuestra primogenita, nuestra primer bendicion que llego a nuestras vidas, con la que aprendimos a ser padres. Estamos muy orgullosos de tus logros.
Ahora vas a dar un gran paso a la UNIVERSIDAD una nueva etapa donde habra retos y obstaculos que con la ayuda de DIOS y con nuestros consejos podras vencer, y recuerda que; (no dejes que nadie diga que tu no puedes, pon tu frente en alto y lucha hasta el final, no importa cuan dificil sea, tus sueños podras alcanzar...)
Mira que te mando que te esfuerces y seas valiente...Josue 1:9
Te aman: Tus papis

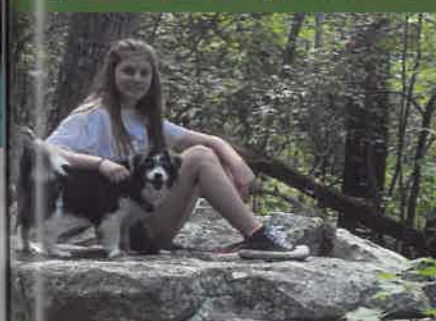
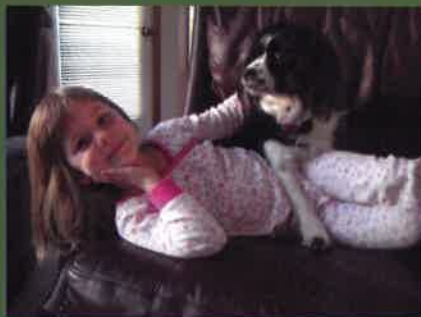




Bequinha,

As you walk on graduation day, we celebrate your resilience and your strength. Despite your type one diabetes diagnoses you worked harder, and you set your goals even higher. We are so proud of you and we can't wait to see your amazing accomplishments. Your future is bright, and we know God will guide and care for you always. Congratulations, and always dream big! Te amamos muito mais que muito.

Pai, Mae e Luccas



Our Dearest Faith,

It has been such a joy to watch you grow and develop into the woman that God created you to be. We know that you have a role to play in expanding the Kingdom, and we pledge to continue guiding and encouraging you to follow the next steps God places before you. We love you bunches! – Mom & Eema

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
– Hebrews 11:1

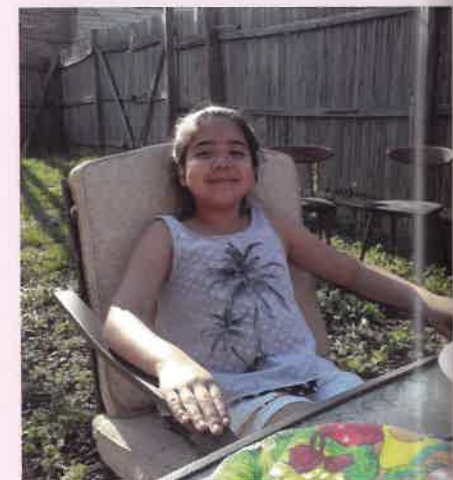




Para Nuestra Pequena Princesa, Diara

*Nos sentimos muy orgullosos de ty,
queremos dar gracias a Dios, por
habernos permitido ser padres de una
hermosa princesa, quien nos trajo
felicidad a nuestras vidas. En esta
nueva etapa que inicia para ty sea Dios
dirigiendo tus pasos y que cada uno de
tus propositos y metas se cumplan y
llegues haser una persona con exito en
la vida. Nunca olvides quien es tu
creador.*

*con todo nuestro amor, Papa'y
Mama`.*



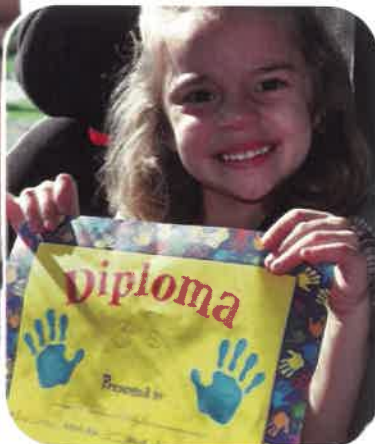
The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way.
Psalm 37:23

Avery,
We are so proud of you and the man that you have become. We admire your spiritual fidelity, your relentless determination, your endless talents, and your loving heart. Being your parents has been a tremendous gift. As you start this next phase of your life, and move on to university, continue to put God first. He will never lead you astray. We know He has extraordinary things in store for you and we can't wait to see where your journey will lead next. We love you, Mom and Dad



You made it!
Congratulations! We are so proud of you!

Our dearest Gabriella,
You have overcome and have made it to your high school graduation. You are just getting started, my beautiful firstborn, a whole world is before you. Be kind, live wholeheartedly, cherish the opportunities our Heavenly Father presents to you, and through it all do not lose sight of Him who has brought you this far and will continue to keep you and guide you. Do not detour, not to left or to the right, but in everything, everything, everything, give glory to God. Acknowledge Him in all that you do.
We love you so much!





Dear Conner AKA Buggie,
Congratulations on graduating! We are so proud of all your hard work & how far you have come. Thank you for having a strong work ethic & a high moral, with the biggest heart I could've asked for at your age. You chose to be a defender of your faith, family, & country and that makes us very proud to stand behind you every day. Your fun loving, adventurous, persist, yet, grateful self has grown so much & I know you will not give up on any challenges that may come your way. Keep your eyes on Christ to do your best & never give up. God is ALWAYS with you. We love you until the end of time! Always & Forever, Mom & Jared





Congratulations to our favorite
Shenandoah Valley Academy
2024 Graduate:

Nicole Desiree' Kidin

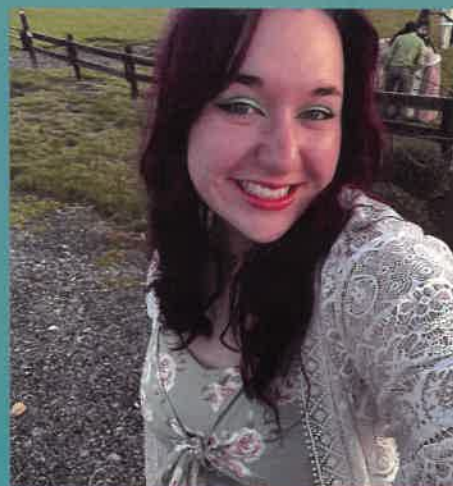
You have always been a blessing to
our family and we are so proud of
you! We have watched you grow
from a sweet little baby girl to a
beautiful, strong, intelligent young
woman. As you move from
childhood to adulthood, from home
into the world, we ask that God
continues to guide your path.

We love you ColaBean!

Mom, Auntie, Baba, Grandpop

*"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor
be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is
the One who goes with you. He will not leave you
nor forsake you."*

Deuteronomy 31:6





Dear Katie,
Someday you will look back on this yearbook and remember the friends and cherished memories you made on this beautiful SVA campus. We thank God for you, and we are so very proud of you. You are beautiful, kind, determined, and a quiet leader who always makes the best of things. We are excited to see you chase your dreams, but also make your way back home from time to time.
With Love, Dad, Mom and Jake



To Our Darling Daughter Ariana:

When you came into our lives, we were overjoyed with your arrival! You and your sister are gifts from God. We are discovering the wonderful person you are becoming. You are a kind, smart, confident, and talented young lady. Our hope is that you will continue to spread your joy and kindness to others as you do at home. God is guiding you in every step you take. Our full confidence is only in Jesus, He is molding and making you into the amazing person you are. "May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

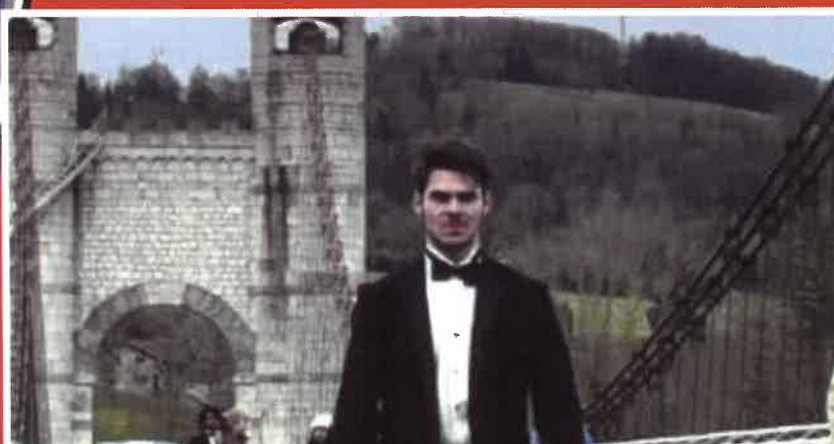
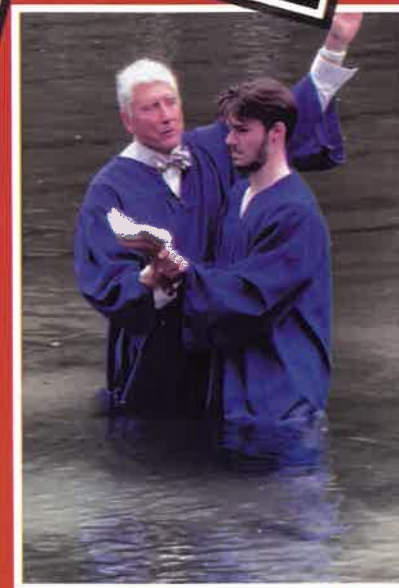
We are very proud of you. Love, Daddy, Mama and Licy





Cody Thomas

*Dear Cody,
We closed our eyes for a brief moment and suddenly a man stood where our boy used to be. We may not be able to carry you now in our arms, but we will always carry you in our hearts. God has blessed you with His love and made you spiritually mature by His grace. You have given us so many reasons to be proud of the man you have become, but the proudest moment for us is telling others that you are OUR SON. May The Lord continue to lead you in every step you take. May His grace draw you closer to Him and prepare you for that great day when He returns to take His people home. We love you now and forever,
Dad, Mom, Jeff, Yanzi*



Malachi (Bubby)

We are so proud of the young man that you have become. Watching you grow up through the years has been an awesome thing to see!

Were so proud of how you stick to your convictions and never waiver. You're one of the most loyal, honest people that we know.

We have never seen someone that can push through adversity like you do and never give up on anything. These character traits will really pay off through your life. Its going to be so different not watching you play soccer and basketball; it has been a large part of your life and we have been blessed to be part of it. Above all, the biggest thing that we're proud of is how you have committed your life to Christ and stand strong for Him. Keep that great heart of yours that God has blessed you with.

Go show

this world what you got!!!

Love,

Dad & Mom





Kolby,

Pride doesn't even begin to describe what we feel. Your road has not been the easiest. But, you stuck with it and pushed through. You have so many untapped talents and such a fun personality. Don't EVER doubt what you can accomplish when you put your mind to it.

Congratulations! With Love and God's Blessings.

Dad, Mom, and the Crew



Kerrick,

Here we are...Senior year. It's been a crazy ride, but you made it. Enjoy these years because they disappear before you know it. You have a lot of amazing traits and leadership skills that will take you far if you apply them the right way and Keep God in your heart. We are so very proud of you.

Love and blessings,

Dad, Mom, and the Crew



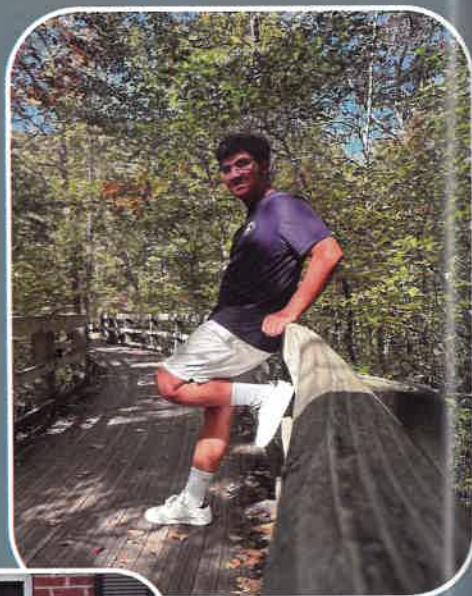
Mason Roderic Lowe

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power to work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."

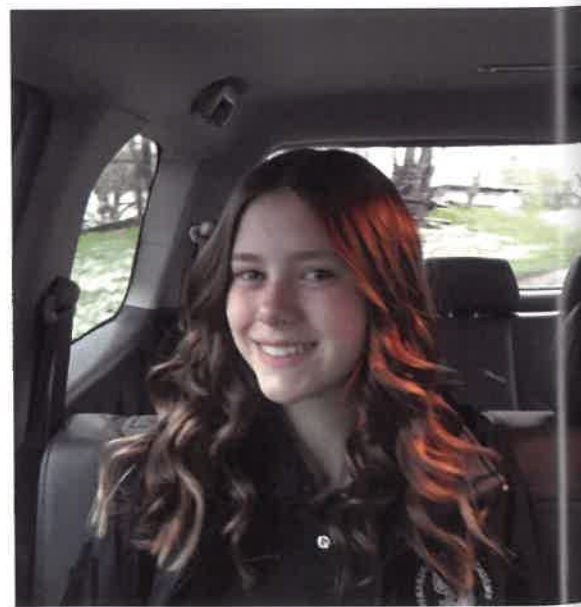
Ephesians 3:20

Congratulations on finishing this chapter of your life's journey. We can not wait to see what great things you do next. Your story is not finished! We are so very proud of you!

Love you very much!
Mom, Dad, Ethan, and Zachary



Congratulations, Joanna! We are so proud of you. You have worked hard to achieve your goals. Make the most of life's adventures, never let obstacles stop you, and remember that no matter what God is there for you. *"Be strong and of a good courage: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."* Joshua 1:9 Love, Mom & Dad





Kaitlin,
 Congratulations on finishing this part of your journey! You are the strongest person I know, and always ready with a kind word for others. You are bright and compassionate and we know that God has great plans for your life. We will always be here for you. Love, Mom and Dad



Dear Marietta,

You are my most precious and beloved gift from God, remember that no matter what life throws at you or however difficult it may seem, victory is yours. Jesus already pulled you out of defeat into life and won the victory for you.

Your desire to know Jesus and always searching for the right way staying truthful in any situation strengthened my faith and opened my eyes.

Your pure heart, your kind, compassionate, generous, and adventurous spirit, with a love for nature are teaching us, lifting us, and transforming us. God has blessed me with you.

I'm so proud of you! I love you always and forever!

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. -Jeremiah 29:11





Jeremy,

Your ability to keep trying, reaching for your goals and not being embarrassed of your faith has gotten you so far. You have had to go through more struggles your whole life for the simplest things than most ever will. You have accomplished so much and we are all tremendously proud of you! We know GOD has more in store for you, you are going to do grand things in your future! To the best oldest son and brother.

With much love, your Family.



Dear Aman - I love you and your wonderful spirit and personality. I loved our walks, talks, workouts, and just hanging out watching travel videos and Indian and Korean dramas. You are my favorite and everyone knows it. Wish you all the best that God has planned for you and your heart desires. We love you- Daddy

Dearest Aman, you light up our house. Your gentle, thoughtful, kind, peaceful and understanding of everyone around you. Because of your many interests we have learned so much from you. I know God has bigger plans for you. Continue to put God first, love people and explore the many interests and talents you have!! Love you so much my favorite last born. -Mommy

Dear Aman I'm so proud and excited for you. Even though you're my little brother I have learned so much from you. I can't wait to see where you go from here. Love you! -Agishay

Nana, I'm beyond proud of you and who you are becoming. You are a light in my life and the best little brother i could ask for. Love you always -Amar

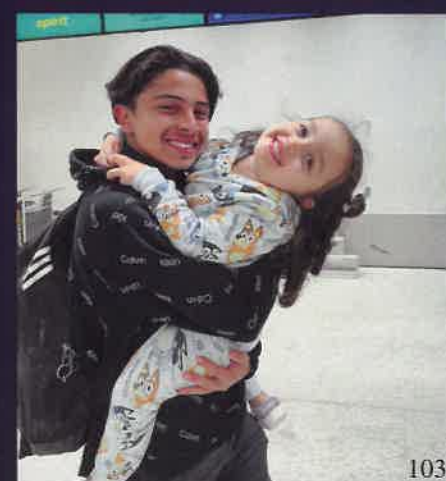
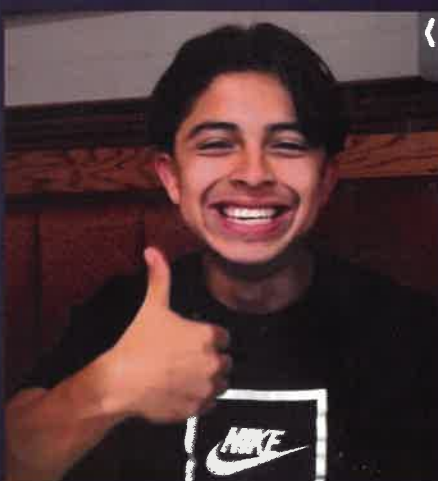
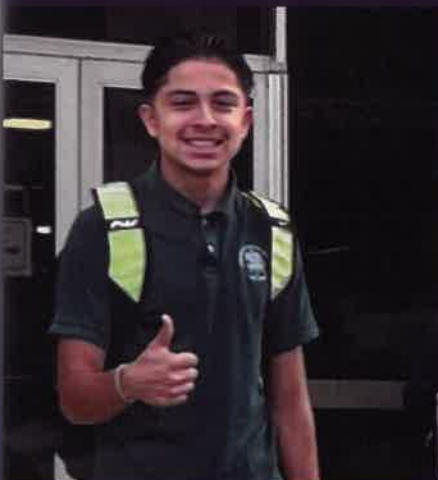




You made it bro, one major achievement off the checklist. I'm proud of you, keep focus, keep working hard, push yourself, motivate yourself and fight for your dreams we love you.

Antonella said Love you tio.

You were created to rise to the top. God has given us many happy moments. You have been a blessing in our lives and we have learned many things from you throughout your growth. Thank you for making us proud. It's hard for us to accept that our baby boy is growing up, but we are happy to celebrate with you one of many more achievements that is to come. Please never lose that unique smile and always shine everywhere you go. We will always be here no matter what. Love, Mami & Dadi.





Raquel K. Gomez



Dear Sunshine,

You have come a long way! Overcoming challenges with the support of God, we take great pride in your achievements. A new chapter in your life is about to begin. Trust in God's purpose; your efforts, combined with His divine strength, ensure success in all endeavors.

Words fall short when it comes to conveying the depth of our love for you.

Mom and Dad.



Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9



Dear Carlita,

I feel blessed and am very grateful to God for giving me the most precious treasures, my children. Among these treasures is you, my daughter, Carlita. I am so proud of you for putting all your effort into your studies. It brings me great joy that this day has arrived. Since you were born, I felt that God has a purpose for you, and as you grow, just look at how sweet you are, always concerned for others. We have seen how God has helped us over the years, and we have experienced many things with Him. I thank everyone's help, and in truth we felt the true family of God here. Remember Carlita, with God, everything is possible. I love you, my daughter, for being so beautiful inside and out. Thank you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



ZACH, We are extremely PROUD of your accomplishments & anticipate God leading in your next endeavor. We wish you all the best!



Continue being HUMBLE, KIND & TRUE as you share Jesus with those you meet on your life's journey. Enjoy your summer of '24! Dad, Mom, Seth & Alexis



Salome, you've been solid, original & a leader. Congrats girl, greatness awaits you! Uncle Kaingu, Auntie Walya, Nkosi & Luse



Salome, congratulations on your graduation! We celebrate your hard work, determination, dedication, leadership & positive influence. We love you & know that you'll succeed in whatever you pursue in the future. May God be your guide. Love - Mom, Dad, Joseph Jr and Tumelo



Salome, we're so proud of your accomplishments. This milestone is but a stepping stone for more success to come. Keep pressing and believing. Congrats on your graduation! Love - Uncle Andrew, Aunt Leah, Angie & Terry

Salome - Congratulations from Zambia! Your ISL classmates, uncles & aunties, cousins and friends. Too numerous to mention. Go girl!!!



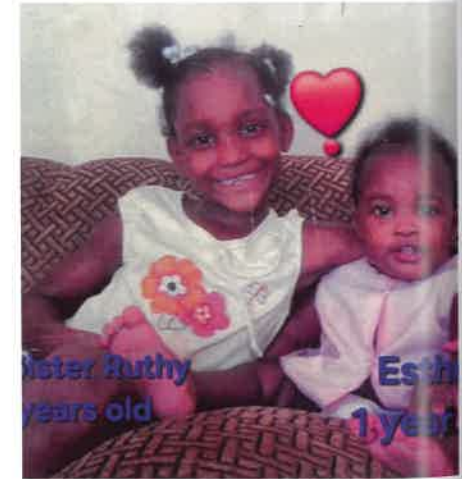
Esther-Gaye Rapley

Congratulations
Your family would like to
congratulate you on this momentous
occasion



It has been rewarding to watch you, as you grow and mature throughout the years into a beautiful young woman.

Now as you venture into the great unknown, we dare you to dream big and set your sights high. You will always have our support and continued blessings. We encourage you to continue to operate within the presence of your heavenly Fathers peace and direction. Rest assured that you will have difficulties ahead of you, but if you remain unmoved in God you will overcome all obstacles. May Gods peace be with you.





Jonathan and Joseph

Where is God calling you?
Always follow God
and you will never be lost!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Dad & Mom



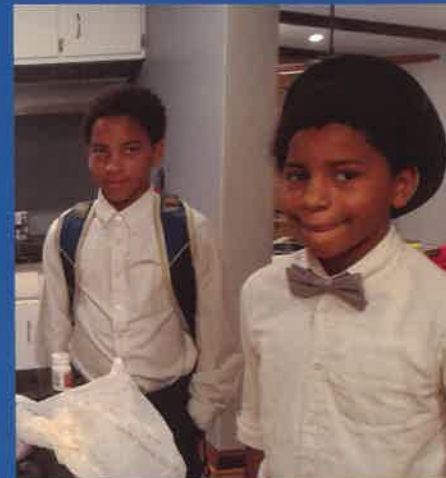
Whatever you do, do your
work heartily as for the Lord
rather than for men,
knowing that from the Lord
you will receive the reward
of the inheritance. It is the
Lord Christ whom you serve.

Colossians 3:23, 24

Congratulations
SVA Class of 2024



Proverbs 3:5, 6



" The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Anonymous



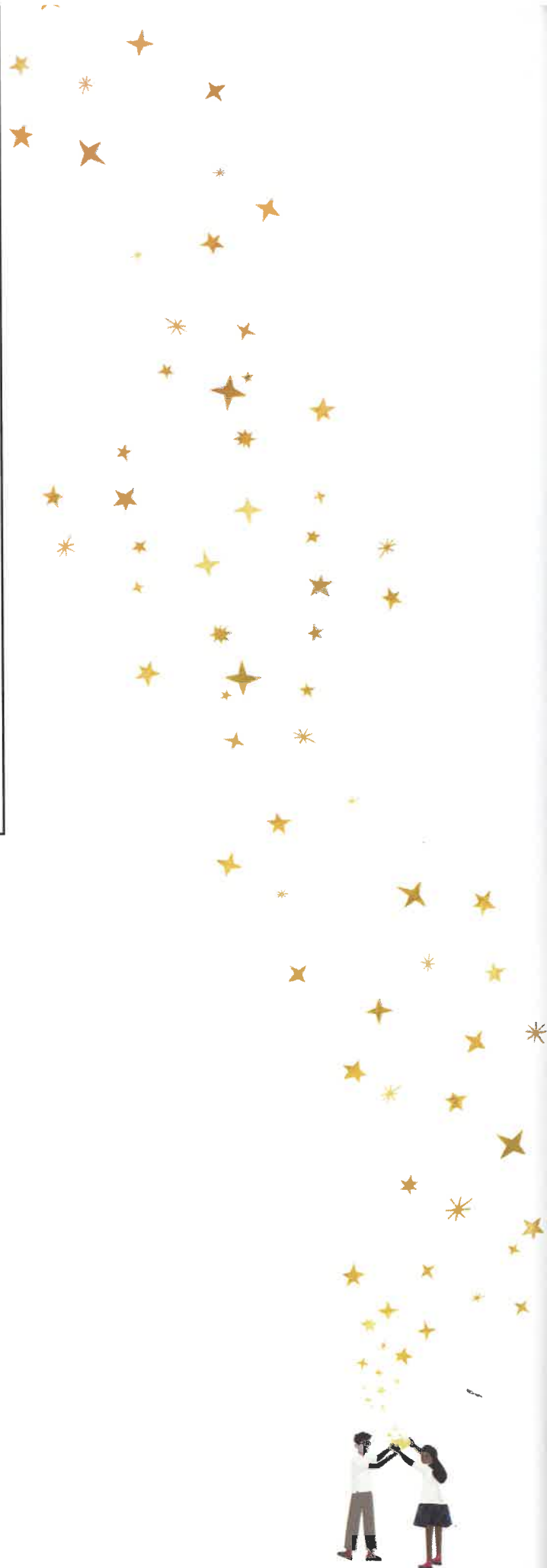
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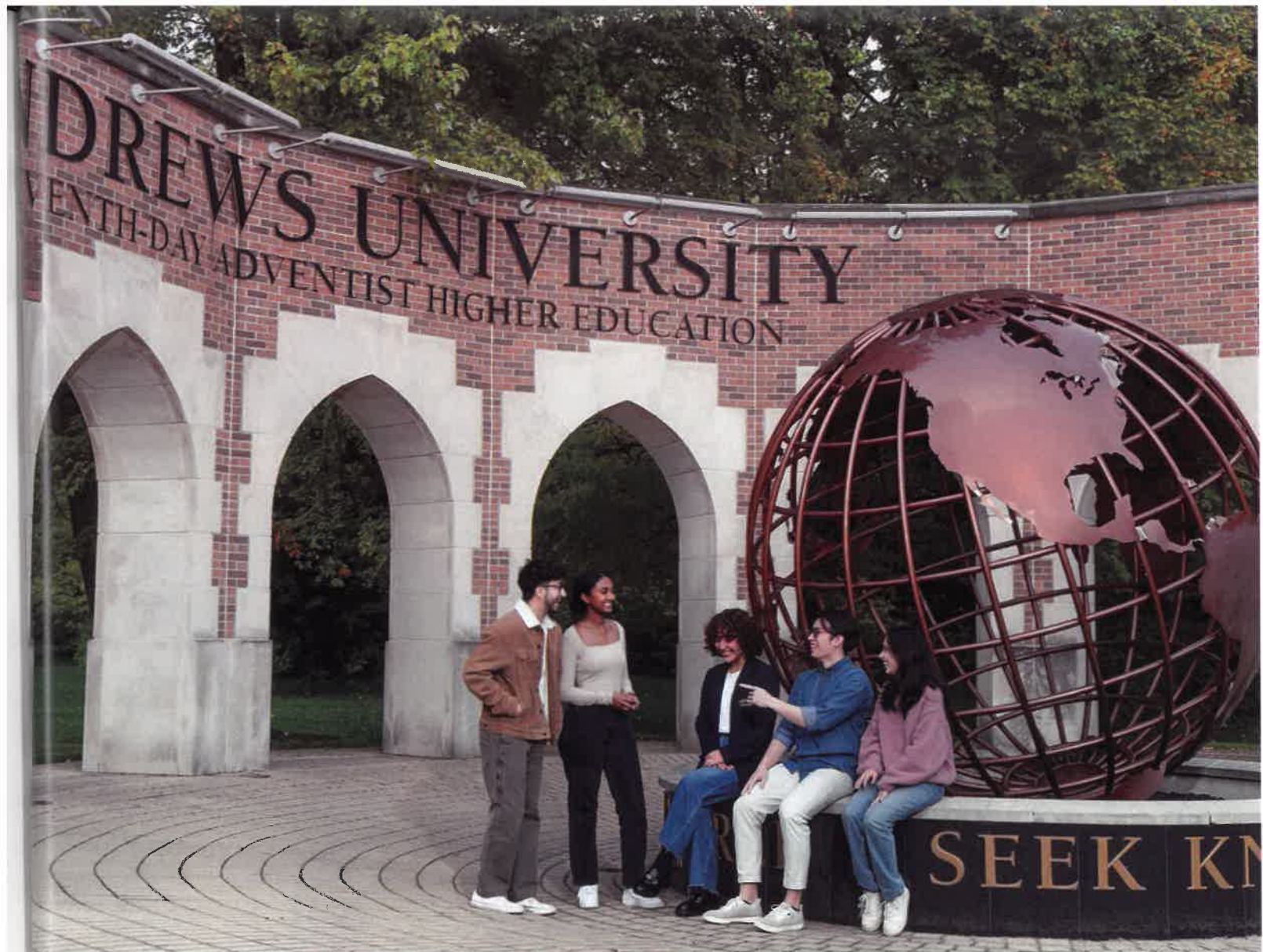
We're so proud of you and all you've accomplished. We can't wait what the future holds for you. Fly High!

Love Dad, Mom & Lauren



Jerimiah 29:11





Congrats, Class of 2024!

There's a place for you at Andrews.

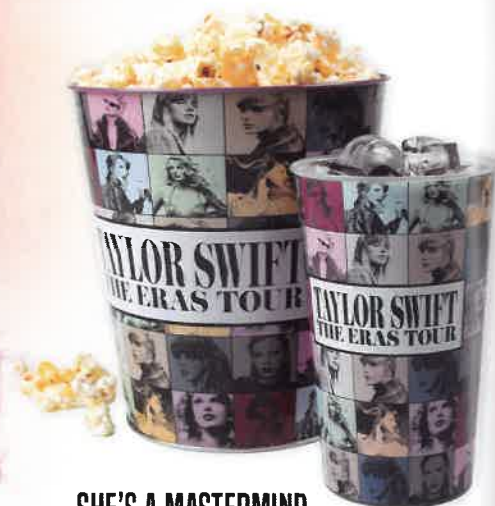
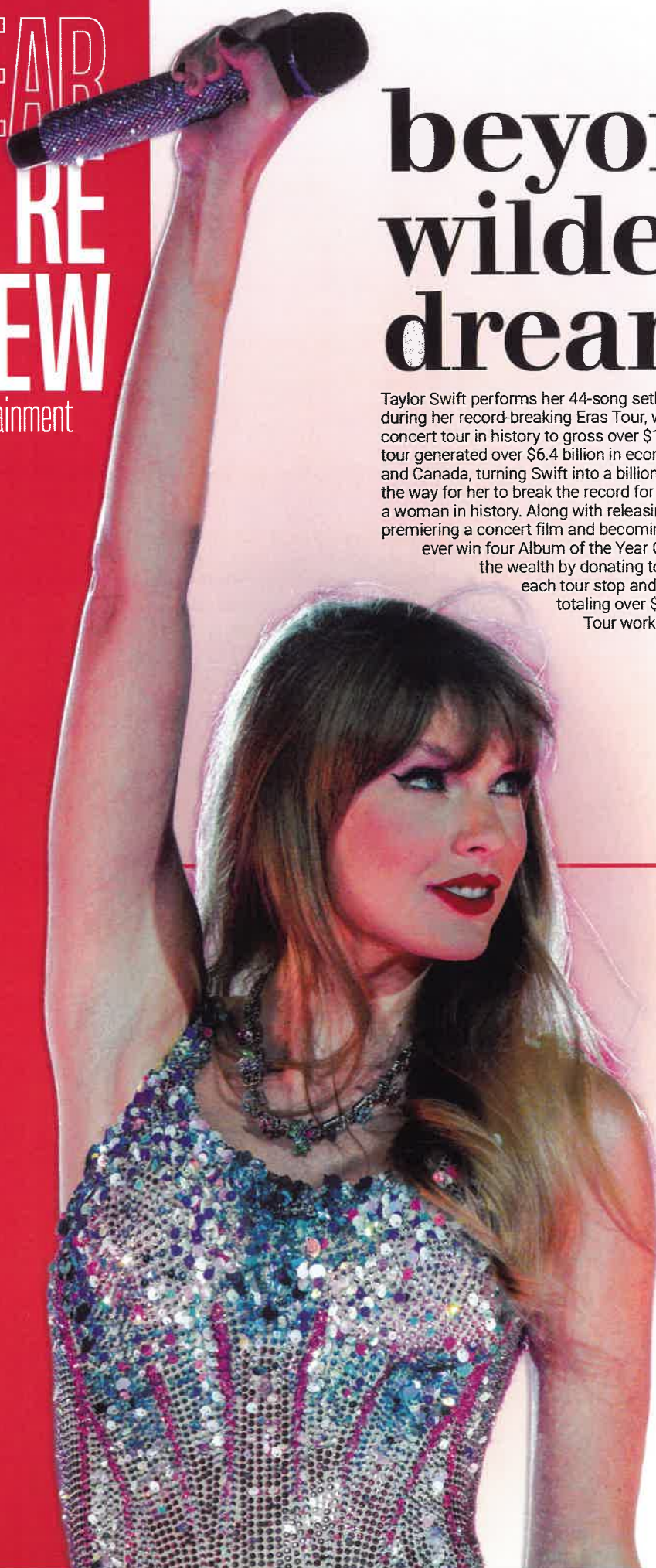


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beyond wildest dreams

Taylor Swift performs her 44-song setlist to a sold-out crowd during her record-breaking Eras Tour, which became the first concert tour in history to gross over \$1 billion. The ongoing tour generated over \$6.4 billion in economic impact in the U.S. and Canada, turning Swift into a billionaire herself and paving the way for her to break the record for most No. 1 albums by a woman in history. Along with releasing three new albums, premiering a concert film and becoming the first person to ever win four Album of the Year Grammys, Swift shared the wealth by donating to local food banks at each tour stop and providing bonuses totaling over \$55 million to her Eras Tour workers. Photo credit: Newscom



SHE'S A MASTERMIND

Taylor Swift announces the *Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour* concert film, with tickets selling for \$19.99 in honor of her 1989 (*Taylor's Version*) album. The movie notably cut out major distributors as Swift secretly worked with AMC Theatres directly. This meant she negotiated to keep 57% of the movie revenue, money that otherwise would have gone to a distributor, spurring other performers, like Beyoncé, to do the same.

Photo credit: Zach Field



IT'S A BARBIE WORLD

Actor Margot Robbie stars as Stereotypical Barbie in the Greta Gerwig-directed hit movie *Barbie*. Moviegoers everywhere painted theaters pink as they flocked to see the film, which raked in over \$1.4 billion worldwide and marked a historic milestone as the highest-grossing female-directed film of all time. The movie's soundtrack also broke records, with hits like Dua Lipa's "Dance The Night" and Billie Eilish's "What Was I Made For?" gaining viral popularity through streaming and social media platforms.

Photo credit: Newscom

BARBENHEIMER BONANZA

The simultaneous release of Greta Gerwig's *Barbie* and Christopher Nolan's *Oppenheimer* on July 21, dubbed "Barbenheimer" by fans, quickly becomes the cultural phenomenon of the summer. The contrasting worlds of the glittery-pink, feel-good musical comedy and the dark, historical biopic took social media by storm and sparked an unexpected alliance between the two films. Deemed as the "great pop culture unifier of the year," the frenzy offered a box office revival as the fourth-strongest opening weekend ever in cinemas.

Photo credit: Newscom



100 YEARS OF MAGIC

Disney celebrates its 100th anniversary on Oct. 16. The company, founded in 1923 by Walt Disney, became known for creating classic animated films like *Snow White* and *Cinderella*, as well as contemporary fan favorites, including the *Frozen* franchise. Disney celebrated this anniversary with special events at their theme parks, exclusive merchandise and the release of *Once Upon a Studio*, an original short film that followed Mickey Mouse as he gathered some of Disney's most legendary characters for a group photo.

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POPULAR ARTISTS OF THE YEAR

ARIANA GRANDE	OLIVIA RODRIGO
BAD BUNNY	PESO PLUMA
ED SHEERAN	POST MALONE
FEID	SZA
HARRY STYLES	TAYLOR SWIFT
JUNGKOOK	THE WEEKND
KAROL G	ZACH BRYAN
LANA DEL REY	
MILEY CYRUS	



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A NEW RENAISSANCE

Thirty-two-time Grammy winner Beyoncé performs to one of five sold-out crowds at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, England, during her 56-show *Renaissance* World Tour. The global tour stopped at a number of cities scattered across the U.S. and Europe, grossing a whopping \$579 million and boosting the American economy by \$4.5 billion. Her first solo headline tour in seven years, Beyoncé's *Renaissance* spanned almost three hours in length and saw fans of all ages dressed head to toe in dazzling sci-fi disco-themed outfits fit for a queen.

Photo credit: Newscom



THAT'S MY QUARTERBACK

American football players Marcus Mariota, Patrick Mahomes and Kirk Cousins attend the Hollywood premiere of Netflix's new television documentary series "Quarterback." The show became a hit as it took viewers behind the scenes of what life was like in the NFL for the three pro quarterbacks, with plans for a second season soon announced. Netflix's "Beckham," another sports documentary series that followed soccer icon David Beckham's meteoric rise and career, hit #1 on Netflix charts while garnering 30 million views and 145 million hours of viewing time in just three weeks.

Photo credit: Newscom

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STRIKING IN SOLIDARITY

Actors Adam Sandler and Ben Stiller walk the picket line of the SAG-AFTRA strike in New York City. The Writers Guild of America (WGA) and the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) both went on strike in the summer over wages, streaming residuals and job security related to AI. Both groups reached agreements with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) in the fall and called off the strike. *Photo credit: Newscom*



driving change

President Joe Biden becomes the first sitting president to join a picket line as he speaks to union workers from three major car companies leading a historic strike under Union Auto Workers President Shawn Fain on Sept. 15. The strike began when dissatisfaction with stagnant wages and rising profits led the workforce to unite and cease operations. Striking came to an end on Oct. 30, as Ford, Stellantis and General Motors tentatively agreed to deals in line with UAW demands.

Photo credit: Adam Schultz/The White House



MCCARTHY OUSTED, JOHNSON SWORN IN

Congress successfully elects Rep. Mike Johnson as Speaker of the House following the failed attempts of three other Republican nominees. On Oct. 3, former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy was voted out of his position as a result of a motion filed by Rep. Matt Gaetz, leaving the House unable to conduct business for three weeks. This was the first time in American history a House speaker was removed from office before the end of their term.

Photo credit: Newscom

ENTER THE SPHERE

The Sphere in Las Vegas, Nevada, opens on Sept. 29, boasting an 18,600-seat auditorium with cutting-edge audio and video technologies. The Sphere was designed for award shows, concerts and various entertainment events, including ring sports and esports tournaments. The Sphere's innovative design and state-of-the-art features made it a versatile venue that creates an unparalleled immersive experience for a wide range of audiences. *Photo credit: Harold Litwiler/Flickr*



LET'S TALK TIKTOK

- **GET READY WITH ME**
#grwm - 183.9 billion views
- **ROMAN EMPIRE**
#romanempire - 4.1 billion views
- **GIRL DINNER**
#girldinner - 3.1 billion views
- **BEIGE FLAG**
#beigeflag - 1.9 billion views
- **CANON EVENT**
#canonevent - 1.1 billion views

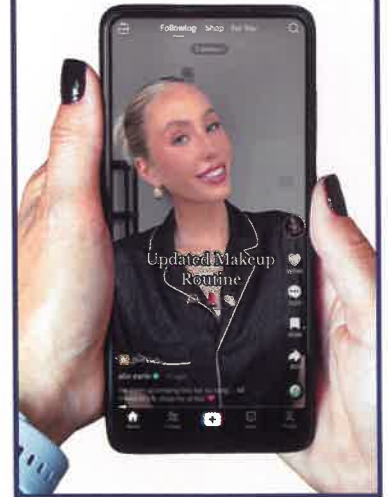


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UNDER PRESSURE

A recent study reveals that New York City, home to 421 skyscrapers, is sinking under the weight of its own buildings. Researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey and the University of Rhode Island studying sea-level rise in coastal cities found that the collective weight of the city's 1,084,954 buildings – amounting to a staggering 1.68 trillion pounds – was causing NYC to gradually sink by up to 2 millimeters per year. This, compounded with melting ice sheets linked to rising sea levels, posed a heightened flood risk to the Big Apple.

Photo credit: Adam Schultz/The White House



First Lady
Rosalynn Carter

U.S. Supreme Court
Associate Justice
Sandra Day O'Connor

U.S. Senator
Dianne Feinstein

WOMEN OF LEGACY

The nation pays its final respects to former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, retired U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and sitting U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, all of whom died in 2023. Carter was known for her advocacy of mental health during a time when it was not widely discussed, while O'Connor was the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. At the age of 90, Feinstein was the oldest sitting senator and longest-serving female senator in U.S. history, but had recently faced calls to step down amid health concerns. *Photo credits: Newscom*

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PAINT THE NIGHT

Swirling colors dance across the Alaskan night sky on Sept. 5. The rare celestial sight, usually reserved for higher latitudes, was seen all around the world for several nights this fall and winter thanks to a strong geomagnetic storm. Scientists predicted these shows to be the brightest in 20 years, with parts of the northern lights even reaching into Oklahoma. *Photo credit: Newscom*

ON THE BRINK OF ERUPTION

Following an initial eruption on Dec. 18, the Icelandic Meteorological Office warns of heightened volcanic activity as magma accumulates beneath the Earth's surface in Grindavik, Iceland. Situated atop tectonic plates, the town was rattled by thousands of earthquakes over the course of a few weeks, triggering a Civil Protection Service Level of Emergency to evacuate citizens. While the initial eruption released pressure, scientists noted rising land as magma continued to pool underneath the Svartsengi geothermal power plant. *Photo credit: Newscom*



the future of medicine

Scientists and doctors around the world research ribonucleic acid (RNA) therapies to treat a variety of viruses, diseases and other health issues. RNA medicines gained huge momentum in 2021 with the successful development of the COVID-19 vaccine, a messenger RNA (mRNA) treatment. Researchers continued to find new uses for this highly-targeted form of treatment and predicted its potential for immunotherapy, anti-viral treatments and tissue regeneration.

Photo credit: Newscom



CLASH OF THE GIANTS

Threads makes its debut in early July shortly before its direct competitor Twitter officially rebrands to X. Launched by Meta, which also owns Instagram and Facebook, the brand-new social media platform was designed for sharing short text updates and joining public conversations. Meanwhile, X introduced a subscription model, which included features like removing ads, longer posts and the coveted blue checkmark. *Photo credit: Newscom*



BREAKING FREE

After being anchored to the ocean floor for three decades, the largest iceberg in the world breaks free of Antarctica and makes its way toward the open ocean. Scientists reported the iceberg, scientifically known as A-23a and weighing close to a trillion tons, was traveling northward at approximately 30 miles per day, propelled by strong wind and ocean currents. The mass was roughly three times the size of New York City and ranked among the world's oldest icebergs. *Photo credit: Newscom*



OPEN FOR BUSINESS

TikTok launches its e-commerce platform, TikTok Shop, in the U.S., seeking to turn its cultural influence into sales. Available to 40% of the app's users, the Shop tab reached all 150 million U.S. users by October, and over 200,000 sellers and 100,000 content creators applied for the program. TikTok Shop's launch came amidst U.S. government negotiations and criticisms, with the platform assuring users of a secure checkout process and Oracle-managed U.S. user data storage. *Photo credit: Newscom*



SUPER HEAVY TEST

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launches from the pad at Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Nov. 12. SpaceX continued to push boundaries with its vehicle testing. The SpaceX super heavy Starship, the largest vehicle ever to have flown into space, made it into orbit on an unmanned test flight but was unable to make it through a planned 90-minute test. *Photo credit: Newscom*

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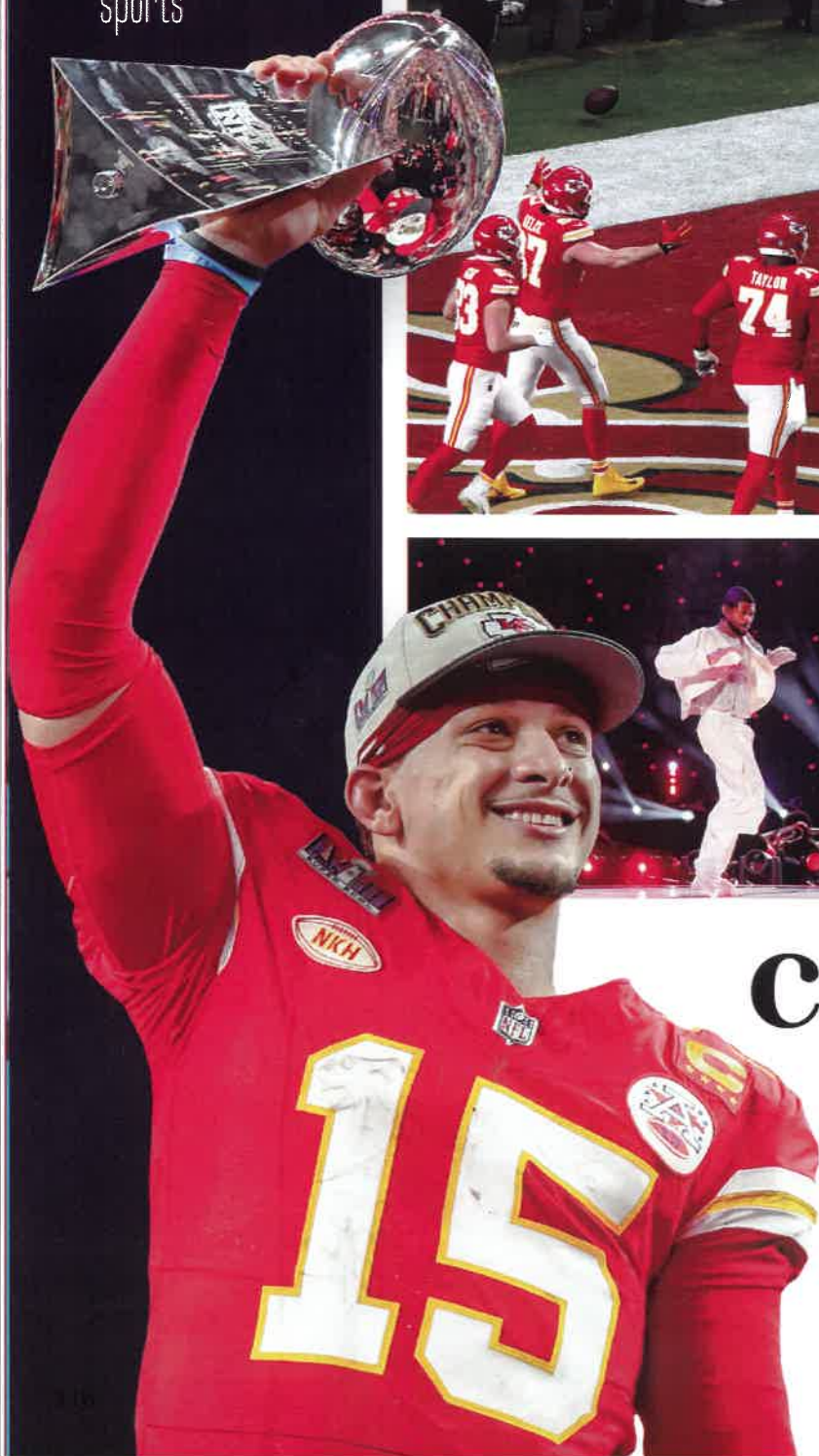
SHO-TIME!

Japanese baseball star Shohei Ohtani laughs after an MLB game between the Los Angeles Angels and the Atlanta Braves on July 31. A free agent once the season was over, Ohtani had plenty of reason to celebrate after he signed a 10-year, \$700 million contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers. It was the largest contract in pro sports history for the two-way All-Star player who both hits and pitches. *Photo credit: Newscom*



call it a dynasty

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes shows off the Lombardi Trophy after leading his team to a 25-22 overtime victory over the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl LVIII on Feb. 11 in Las Vegas. After a halftime performance by Usher, the game came to a dramatic end when Mahomes threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to receiver Mecole Hardman to clinch the win. For Mahomes and the Chiefs, it was their second-straight Super Bowl title and third in five years. *Photo credits: Newscom*





A MAGICAL MATCH-UP

Inter Miami CF owners Jorge Mas, Jose Mas and David Beckham introduce Argentine soccer star Lionel Messi as the club's newest signing to a sold-out crowd at DRV PNK Stadium. The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner and FIFA World Cup champion signed a multiyear contract in July that will earn him upwards of \$60 million per year from his salary, signing bonus and team equity. The acquisition became the biggest signing in MLS history since Beckham's arrival at LA Galaxy back in 2007. *Photo credit: Newscom*

HAIL TO THE WOLVERINES

Michigan quarterback J.J. McCarthy hands the ball off to running back Donovan Edwards during the first quarter of the College Football National Championship Game on Jan. 8 in Houston. Edwards scored a 41-yard touchdown on the play, which got the Wolverines off and running to a 34-13 victory over the Washington Huskies. Michigan finished the season 15-0 and claimed its first football national title in 27 years.

Photo credit: Newscom



A NEW LEGEND

Nineteen-year-old Coco Gauff kisses her trophy after winning the U.S. Open on Sept. 9. The win made Gauff the first American teenager to secure the Grand Slam title since Serena Williams in 1999. After beating Aryna Sabalenka in the final round, Gauff held career-high rankings of world No. 3 in singles and world No. 1 in doubles by the Women's Tennis Association. *Photo credit: Newscom*



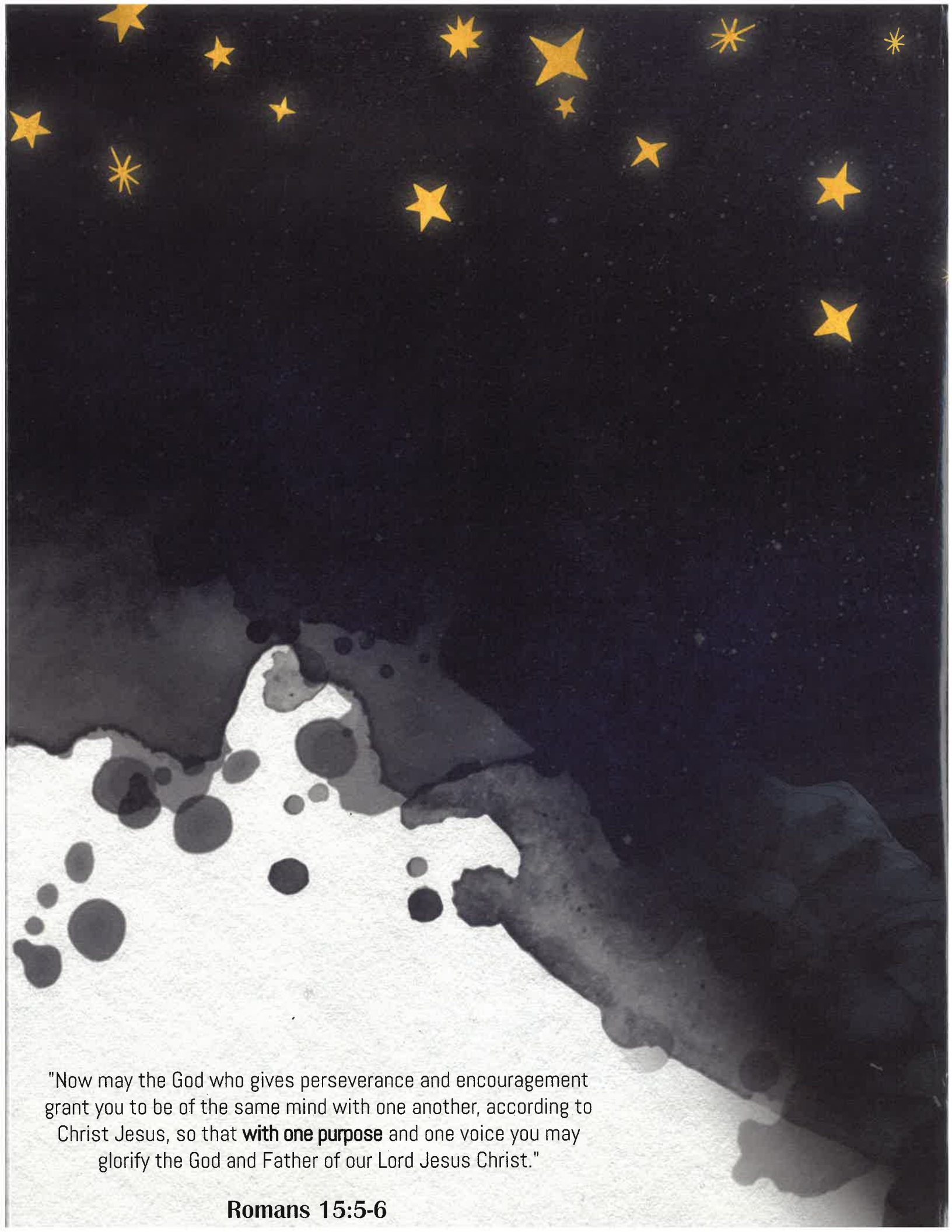
HUSKERS MAKE HISTORY

A Nebraska National Guard KC-135R Stratotanker and a South Dakota National Guard F-16 capture an aerial view of Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Aug. 30. The flyover celebrated Volleyball Day at the University of Nebraska, a historic event where an attendance of 92,003 fans became the largest crowd in the world to witness a women's sporting event. In addition to breaking the world record, the Nebraska Cornhuskers also reigned victorious in their match against the University of Nebraska at Omaha, winning in a 3-0 sweep. *Photo credit: Jeremiah Johnson/The National Guard*



LONE STAR LEGENDS

Players from the Texas Rangers celebrate after defeating the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-0 in Game 5 of the World Series on Nov. 1 to clinch the series win. It was the first world championship in team history for the Rangers, who were founded in 1961. Shortstop Cory Seager won series MVP for the Rangers by slugging three home runs. *Photo credit: Newscom*



"Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, so that **with one purpose** and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 15:5-6