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# ADVANCERs Create Fabulous Memories

Right: Nicholas Head plays a Slayer medley at the Talent Show. Below: 4th year students (seated from left): Ava Reid, Derrilon Young. Standing (from left): Kendsi Zabel, Brianna Stephan.



Left: Samantha Yeboah at the first dance. Below: Dousing at the Beach Party are (from left): Ava Pham, Donovan Cho, Sree Karnati, Stephanie Okereke. Others beware!



Right (from left): Masen Starks, Oli Walters, Peyton DeSoto, Maggie Charlet ham it up at the annual Coffee House.

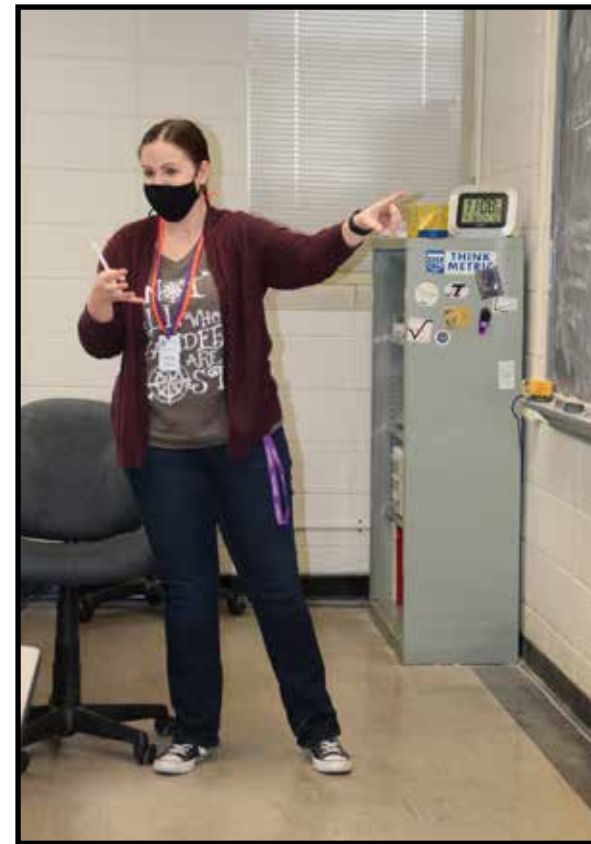


Left (from left): Anjana Danivas and Elena Miller participate in a lab experiment to determine the formula of magnesium oxide.



# Faculty and Administration

ADVANCE continues to meet the needs of academically motivated students thanks to its dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators. Below (from left): Celia Mangham (Coordinator of Residential Life), René Lewis (RN), Harriette Palmer (Associate Director), Lakesha Walker (Counselor). Thanks for 33 years!



Above right: Jessica Bass, Algebra 1 instructor, explains math concepts.



Faculty (from left): Mason Joiner (Marvel Comics & Film Studies), Katy Mulvaney (Mythology), Andrew Galatas (Chemistry), Chris Hynes (Director), Ralph Adamo (Creative Writing), Jessica Bass (Algebra 1), Valerie Johnson (Algebra 2), Neeru Deep (Psychology).



academic life

Decades Day



# CLASSES

## Algebra 1

Kneeling (from left): Sydney LeBlanc, John Hammond. Back row (from left): Bhuvana Danivas, Christian Fulcher (TA), Tobi Adeleye, Alex Langford, Jessica Bass (Instructor).



## Chemistry

Front row (from left): Anjana Danivas, Eunice Yi, Tessa Dilney. Back row (from left): Ahebwa Muhumuza, Elena Miller, Gus Brown (TA), Andrew Galatas (Instructor).

## Algebra 2

Front row (from left): Lily Buckles, Samantha Yeboah, Peyton DeSoto, Masen Starks. Back rows (from left): Isahn Kunada, Valerie Johnson (Instructor), Wesley Maidoh, Emery Haynes (TA), Jonathan Dequeant.



## Creative Writing

The class members created an anthology, *“Joe, Our Beloved”* and read original works at a coffee house during the program. View it online at [advance.nsula.edu](http://advance.nsula.edu). Click on Archives in the menu box, and then click on 2021 Creative Writing Anthology.

Front row (from left): Maggie Charlet, Alyssa Reid (TA), MaKenna Perkins, Oli Walters. Back row (from left): Alison Loucious, Harli Cruse, Ralph Adamo (Instructor), Chris Dunn.



## Marvel Comics and Film Studies

Front rows (from left): Talise Beverly, Ava Reid, James Lee, Claire Miller (TA), King Nicholas, Ty Russell. Back row (from left): Mason Joiner (Instructor), Donovan Cho, Ethan Elmer.

View the class's film project by visiting our website, [advance.nsula.edu](http://advance.nsula.edu), and click on Film Studies Movies in the menu box. Then tap "Click Here", scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on *Guardians of ADVANCE*.



## Psychology

Front row (from left): Destiny Brown, Maddie Smith, Lane Dominguez, Abbi Boyd, Daniel Norwood, Sam Lau (TA). Middle row (from left): Mackenzie LaCombe, Kendsi Zabel, Celeste Blanchard, Camille Kirzner. Back row (from left): Neeru Deep (Instructor), Savannah Jester, Nathan Wiseman, Elan Monette, Nicholas Head, Brianna Stephan.



## Mythology

Front row (from left): Ava Pham, Remi Swan, Sree Karnati, Stephanie Okereke, Oetuwhrah Clay, Diana Shah, Pranab Mitra. Back row (from left): Josh Hook, Leighanna Kain, Derrilon Young, Elisabeth Miller, Morgan Johnson, Katy Mulvaney (Instructor), Jacob Hypes, Cyrus Sorsby, Harper Luster, Pius Lau (TA).



Above: Attentive Algebra 2 students (from left) are Wesley Maidoh, Jonathan Dequeant, Masen Starks, Peyton DeSoto, Ishan Kunada, Samantha Yeboah. (Not pictured: Lily Buckles.)



## Classroom Participation Provides Results

Right (from left): Chemistry students Ahebwa Muhumuza, Tessa Dilney, and Eunice Yi participate in a chemistry lab.



Left: Filming in Morrison Hall are (from left) King Nicholas, Ty Russell, James Lee, Mason Joiner (Instructor). Below: Katy Mulvaney (Instructor) stands among Mythology students while lecturing.



Above: Bhuvana Danivas takes meticulous notes in Algebra 1. Right: Alison Loucious entertains while reading original pieces for Creative Writing.



Left: Psychology students (from far left) Savannah Jester, Brianna Stephan, Nathan Wiseman, Celeste Blanchard prepare their Power-Point presentations.





*residential life*

## RA Groups



Angelo

Standing (from left): Ishan Kunada, Josh Hook, John Hammond, Wesley Maidoh, Alex Langford, Tobi Adeleye, Morgan Johnson, Jacob Hypes, Pranab Mitra, Pius Lau (TA). Seated: Angelo Schibetta (RA).



Casey

Front row (from left): Alyssa Reid (TA), Harli Cruse, Lily Buckles, Casey Gibson (RA). Second row (from left): Mackenzie LaCombe, Maggie Charlet, Sydney LeBlanc. Third row (from left): Peyton DeSoto, Camille Kirzner, Elena Miller.



## Erin

Front row (from left): Talise Beverly, Abbi Boyd, Oetuwrah Clay. Second row (from left): Erin Tappel (RA), Kendsi Zabel, Ava Reid, Sree Karnati, Ava Pham, Emery Haynes (TA). Back row (from left): Brianna Stephan, Derrilon Young, Elan Monette.



## Sarah

Front row (from left): Tessa Dilney, Bhuvana Danivas, Diana Shah, MaKenna Perkins, Alison Loucious, Daniel Norwood. Back row (from left): Oli Walters, Eunice Yi, Harper Luster, Savannah Jester, Sarah Salvatore (RA), Sam Lau (TA).



## Haley



Front row (from left): Destiny Brown, Samantha Yeboah, Elisabeth Miller, Remi Swan, Stephanie Okereke, Haley Pritchard (RA). Back row (from left): Celeste Blanchard, Cyrus Sorsby, Maddie Smith, Leighanna Kain, Anjana Danivas. Not pictured: Claire Miller (TA).

## Shaur



Front row (from left): Ethan Elmer, King Nicholas, Ty Russell, Shaur Kumar (RA), Lane Dominguez, Nicholas Head. Back row (from left): Masen Starks, Nathan Wiseman, James Lee, Ahebwa Muhumuza, Donovan Cho, Jonathan Dequeant, Chris Dunn. Not pictured: Gus Brown (TA), Christian Fulcher (TA).



# Burn Some Steam or Chill with Friends

Right (from left): Ava Reid and Talise Beverly enjoy a treat from Smoothie King. Below (from left): Remi Swan, Tessa Dilney, Elisabeth Miller, Daniel Norwood, Diana Shah are proud of the gratitude jars they made at an activity.



Left: King Nicholas takes basketball to new heights as Emery Haynes (TA) watches. Below (from left): Masen Starks, Savannah Jester, James Lee, Jacob Hypes, Alex Langford enjoy conquering their enemies' territories.



Above: Making collages are (from left) Lily Buckles, Peyton DeSoto, Sydney LeBlanc, Ava Pham, Leighanna Kain, Remi Swan, Bhuvana Danivas.



This activity brings out the competitive spirit and ZOMBIES!

Front: Pius Lau (TA). Kneeling (from left): Tessa Dilney, Harper Luster, Mackenzie LaCombe, Lane Dominguez, Destiny Brown, Elisabeth Miller, Chris Hynes (Director), Sree Karnati, Stephanie Okereke. Second row (from left): Pranab Mitra, Eunice Yi, Elena Miller, Maggie Charlet, King Nicholas, Elan Monette. Back row (from left): Morgan Johnson, Jacob Hypes, Ahebwa Muhumuza, Wesley Maidoh, Tobi Adeleye, Ethan Elmer, Donovan Cho, Alex Langford, Josh Hook, Ishan Kunada.



# Express Yourself

Right (from left): Dancing to karaoke are (from left) Mackenzie LaCombe, Maggie Charlet, Peyton DeSoto, Elisabeth Miller, Elena Miller. Below: Ty Russell is a worthy opponent at dodgeball - beware!



Above: Unwinding while learning basic yoga poses are (from left) Eunice Yi, Anjana Danivas, Bhuvana Danivas, Stephanie Okereke, Donovan Cho, Tessa Dilney, Erin Tappel (RA), Remi Swan, Oli Walters, Leighanna Kain, Sree Karnati.



Left (from left): Destiny Brown, Eunice Yi, Bhuvana Danivas, Celia Mangham (CRL), Talise Beverly master tie dye. Below (from left): Donovan Cho and Jacob Hypes enjoy Northwestern State's new e-Sports venue.



Capture the Flag

Participants are Shaur Kumar (foreground). Kneeling (from left): Lily Buckles, James Lee, King Nicholas, Ty Russell, Elena Miller, Lane Dominguez, Mackenzie LaCombe, Pranab Mitra. Back rows (from left): Wesley Maidoh, Harper Luster, Alex Langford, Bhuvana Danivas, Ahebwa Muhumuza, Samantha Yeboah, Donovan Cho, Eunice Yi, Ethan Elmer, Tobi Adeleye, Ishan Kunada, Jacob Hypes, Stephanie Okereke, Elisabeth Miller, Elan Monette, Maggie Charlet, Josh Hook, Morgan Johnson.



# A Variety of Activities Keep Students Happy

Right (from left): Camille Kirzner and Celeste Blanchard dress for Decades Day. Below (from left): Ethan Elmer, Ty Russell, Tobi Adeleye, King Nicholas dominate the students' vs staff basketball game. Congratulations!



Left (from left): Samantha Yeboah and Maddie Smith enjoy hitting some balls. Below: Winners of assassins, a weekend event, are (front row from left) Anjana Danivas, Harper Lou Luster. Back row (from left): Abbi Boyd, Cyrus Sorsby, Maggie Charlet, Diana Shah.



Right: Thanks go to Victoria and Samantha Bell, who donated a game table, and Sam and Pius Lau, who let the program use their Mahjong tiles. Students (from left) Ishan Kunada, Eunice Yi, Wesley Maidoh, Savannah Jester, Bhuvana Danivas learn to play Mahjong.



All smiles at kickball are (front row from left): Ahebwa Muhumuza, Josh Hook, Lane Dominguez, Stephanie Okereke. Back row (from left): Alex Langford, Morgan Johnson, Wesley Maidoh, Tobi Adeleye, Pranab Mitra, Ishan Kunada, Mackenzie LaCombe, Angelo Schibetta (RA).



# Classroom Breaks at the Courtyard and Kyser Bricks

Right (from left): Wesley Maidoh, Ishan Kunada, Tobi Adeleye, Jonathan Dequeant, Alex Langford. Far right (from left): Stephanie Okereke, Ava Pham, Remi Swan, Sree Karnati.



Left (from left): Camille Kirzner, Celeste Blanchard, Maddie Smith, Samantha Yeboah. Far left (from left): Oli Walters, Wesley Maidoh, Sydney LeBlanc.



Right: Elan Monette. Far right (from left): Anjana Danivas, Eunice Yi, Gus Brown (TA), Ahebe-wa Muhumuza, Tessa Dilney.



Left (from left): Masen Starks, Peyton DeSoto, Sydney LeBlanc, John Hammond, Ishan Kunada. Far left: John Hammond.



Right (from left): Alison Loucious, MaKenna Perkins, Alyssa Reid (TA), Harli Cruse. Far right (from left): Pranab Mitra, Josh Hook, Jacob Hypes, Morgan Johnson.



Thor vs. Odin





## Students Present a Variety of Acts at the Talent Show

The Talent Show is a culminating event that allows students an opportunity to showcase their talents. Right: Qetuwrah Clay dances to *Dance Alone* by Tayla Parx. Below: Ahebwa Muhumuza beautifully plays *Mazurka in G Minor* by Faber.



Left: Abbi Boyd plays and sings *House of Gold* by 21 Pilots. Below (from left): Harli Cruse and Chris Dunn take suggestions from the audience and then present an improv skit.



Above: Lane Dominguez performs *Boy* by Lee Brice. Right: Cyrus Sorsby sings *She Waits* by Lowden Swain to an appreciative audience.



Above: In less than two minutes, Lily Buckles draws a picture that is projected to a drop down screen for everyone to view. Incredible!





# Well Done, Students

Right: Sydney LeBlanc sings and strums *Anchor*. Below (from left): Emcees Tobi Adeleye, Destiny Brown, Samantha Yeboah help keep the Talent Show moving smoothly.



Above: As always, the entire staff joins aging out students to sing *Leaving on a Jet Plane* by John Denver. Right: Maddie Smith beautifully signs the lyrics to *A Whole New World* from the Disney movie *Aladdin*.



# ADVANCE Dances are A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!

Current hits are played, but classics such as *Time of Your Life* (Green day), *Time Warp* (Little Nell), *Bohemian Rhapsody* (Queen), *Istanbul* (They Might be Giants) are hugely popular. *It's the End of the World* (R.E.M.) is always the last song.







Dance the Night Away





Coffee House







## Staffers are the Heart of ADVANCE!

Staffers give 200%, serve as positive role models, offer fabulous activities, and have an incredible time working very long hours at ADVANCE. Thanks for your hard work and for making the magic happen again this year!



First row (from left): Emery Haynes (TA-Algebra 2), Alyssa Reid (TA-Creative Writing), Sam Lau (TA-Psychology), Claire Miller (TA-Marvel Comics/Film Studies), Shaur Kumar (RA), Haley Pritchard (RA), Casey Gibson (RA). Back row (from left): Pius Lau (Head TA-Mythology), Angelo Schibetta (RA), Christian Fulcher (TA-Algebra 1), Erin Tappel (Head RA), Sarah Salvatore (RA), Gus Brown (TA-Chemistry).



Right Leighanna Kain sings *You All Over Me* by Taylor Swift at the Talent Show. Below: Taking to the soccer field are (from left) Lily Buckles, Christian Fulcher (TA), Lane Dominguez, Elan Monette, Jacob Hypes, Destiny Brown.



## Thanks for the Memories!

Left: Harper Luster nails it playing volleyball. Below: Simming to beat the heat are first row (from left): Mackenzie LaCombe, Lane Dominguez. Second row (from left): Alex Langford, Kendsi Zabel, Brianna Stephan, Oetuwrah Clay. Back row (from left): Ty Russell, Tobi Adeleye, Kingston Nicholas, Angelo Schibetta (RA).



Above (from left): Tessa Dilney, Daniel Norwood, Chris Dunn attack others with water guns at the Beach Party. Right: Talise Beverly checks the light and prepares for a scene for the Marvel Comics class project.



Above: Our fabulous 4th year students and others who are aging out of the program. Kneeling (from left): 4th year students include Kendsi Zabel, Brianna Stephan, Ava Reid, Derrilon Young. Standing (from left): Abbi Boyd, Ethan Elmer, Nicholas Head, Oetuwrah Clay, Ty Russell, King Nicholas. We will miss these students!



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