

ADVANCE...CARRYING ON FOR 25 YEARS

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Wonderful Memories are Made at ADVANCE

Right (from left): Azum Beg and Chas Chapman are worthy opponents in ultimate Frisbee. Below (from left): Micaela Whiteaker, Erin Tappel, Fernando Torres, Ambeka Rajvanshi are all smiles while participating in messy games!



Left: Katie Assaf performs a reading from the film *V for Vendetta* in the Talent Show. Below (from left): Grace Carter, Ben Nguyen, Conor Bertucci beat the heat at Dairy Queen. Ice cream is always a good idea.



Jedi Training
MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

Above (from left): Trai Gerkin, Joshua Ballagh, Matt Doxey, Nick DiLeo, Abby Adams, Katie Kelso, Edouard Ferrell, Kurt Ristroph (TA), Jesse Young, Lauren McCaghren, Matthew Macias, Jake Goodwin, Shelby Whiteaker, Trey Ross.



Twin Day

ADVANCERs love each other so much that Twin Day is now an annual event!

Faculty and Administration

ADVANCE remains an academically challenging, yet fun, program for gifted students thanks to our incredible instructors and staff. Right (from left): Celia Mangham (Coordinator of Residential Life), Jennifer Ingram (Counselor), Janet Darfus (Nurse). Below (from left): Harriette Palmer (Assistant Director), Maggie Hodge (Biology), Jonah Njenga (Algebra 1), David Wood (Director), Jennifer Innerarity (Criminalistics).



Above (front row from left): Seth DuBois (Geometry), Katy Mulvaney (Mythologies), Second row (from left): David Zolzer (Web Design), Peter Muller (Chemistry), Dave Andersen (Algebra 2). Back row (from left): Shane Rasmussen (Folklore), Rondo Keele (Logic).



Above (from left): Ralph Adamo (Creative Writing) and Bill Housel (Film Studies)



CLASSES

The academic curriculum is central to the ADVANCE experience. Courses are designed to challenge and inspire gifted students who are in class for 106 hours during the program.

ALGEBRA 1



Above (front row from left): Alexa Swan (TA), Andrew Ruiz, Dexter Troxclair, Amy Liu, Aman Khan, Kevin Pan, Pius Lau. Back row (from left): Jonah Njenga (Instructor), Sarah Handley, Taelor Nelor, Ben Nguyen, Albert Xia, Allison Todd, Bube Maidoh, Josh Hewitt.

ALGEBRA 2

Right (front row from left): Dave Andersen (Instructor), Lance Myers, Bryanna Rhodes, Malak Alammar, Daniel Jones (TA). Second row (from left): Joe Hawkins, Rhea Kataria, Temi Olatinwo. Third row (from left): Cassie Johnson, Adam Hardwick, Andrew Malek, Tierney Dardar. Back row (from left): Tolson Frantzen, Ambeka Rajvanshi, Gerard Rattler, Marshal Rouse, Joe Tappel.



BIOLOGY

Above (on table): Logan Burnsed (TA). Front row (from left): Maggie Hodge (Instructor), Novie Peacock, Ethan Adams, Jamin Kidd, Conor Bertucci, Teena Li. Back row (from left): Bryant Nguyen, Michael Tonore, Tim Ingram, Azum Beg, Owen James, Michael Mayeux, Bailey Dixon.

CHEMISTRY

Left (front row from left): Aaron Mayer, Adam Molani, Abby Adams, Angela Chin, Mallory Gaspard. Back row (from left): Tyler Shoemaker, Andrew Galatas (TA), Andrew Bennett, Brandon Vo, Peter Muller (Instructor), Jessica Todd.



CREATIVE WRITING

The class members read original work at a coffee house during the program. They also created an anthology, *12 Writers & KeVan*, and classmates were given a copy prior to the end of ADVANCE.



Above (seated from left): Cynthia Jin, Allison Walters, Shelby McHenry. Leaning on couch (from left): Eric Lin, Amber Bardarson, Andrea Colmenares. Standing (from left): Holly McGinnis, Ralph Adamo (Instructor), Lauren Sakryd, Morgan Ross, Greg Maidoh, Amanda Yates, Katie Assaf, Amelia Hall (TA).

Right (from left): Luke Babin, Simone Chargois, Juliet Ume-Ezeoke, Candace Stacy (TA), Tanner Garmon, Courtney Caraway, Emma Pitney, Erin Tappel. Not pictured: Jennifer Innerarity (Instructor).



FILM STUDIES

Left (front row from left): Shelby Whiteaker, Jake Goodwin, Trey Ross, Jeffrey Patrick, Lily Barnett. Standing (from left): Laura Scronce, Mason Joiner (TA), Anna Cole, Jesse Young, Emily Ann Dart, Hunter Lewis, Lizzie Kelso, Myra West-erfield, Edouard Ferrell (being held), Bella Killeen, Bill House! (Instructor).



The Film Studies class project, *HVZ*, was written by the students in the class, directed by Mason Joiner (TA), and produced by Bill House! (Instructor). You may view the film online at <http://advance.nsula.edu>. Click on 2013 Film Studies Movie in the menu box. Wear foil while viewing..just in case!

FOLKLORE

Left (seated from left): Matthew Macias, Cici Williams, Grace Carter, Morgan Bernard. Standing (from left): Hannah Davey, Abraham Younes (TA), Hailey Mothershead, Shane Rasmussen (Instructor), Catherine Ebarb, Jacob Kesten, Kaitlyn Hall.



GEOMETRY



Above (front row from left): Seth Dubois (Instructor), Elizabeth Long, Emily Wingrove, Kristine Chin, Carly Branch, Camille Guidry, Tori Ward (TA).
Back row (from left): Kiyah Willis, Nikhil Gogineni, Susheel Deshpande, Chris Huh, Kabir Shah.

LOGIC & PUZZLES

Right (seated from left): Connor Hayes, Jessica Zhang, Jessica Lin, Emmanuel Hervey.
Standing (from left): Rondo Keele (Instructor), Byron Williams, Kenji Pearman, Nick DiLeo, Trey Thomas, Lindsey Oxford, Nona Goodwin, Victoria Kwentua (TA), Bela Syed.



Above (kneeling from left): Kurt Ristroph (TA), Katy Mulvaney (Instructor). From top of lightning clockwise: Erica Landon, Bonnie Rae Dorman, Matthew Doxey, Micaela Whiteaker, Ben Cheng, Alyssa Walker, Lauren McCaghren, Joshua Ballagh, Fernando Torres, Derilyn Flanagan, Archie Torbett, Nicholas Cheramie, Jade Duthu, Katie Kelso.

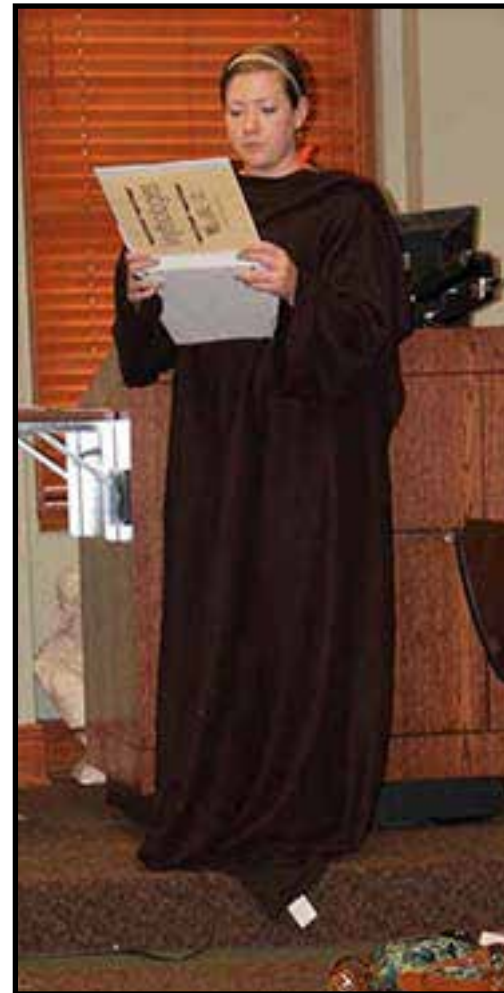
WEB DESIGN

Left (front row from left): Bria Cooley, Matt Eymard, Austin Saizan. Second row (from left): Chas Chapman, Justin Feng, Sam Yeboah. Third row (from left): Gray Conly, Tyler Saizan, Cyrus Roshan, Trai Gerkin. Fourth row (from left): Sarah Rogers, Dusty Newsom, Alastair Dunn. Back row (from left): Ali Cates (TA), Mark Kuebel, David Zolzer (Instructor).



Fast Paced Classes Challenge Gifted Students

Right: Erica Landon reads in character in the Mythologies class. Below (from left): Angela Chin, Tyler Shoemaker, Adam Molani, Peter Muller (Instructor), Jessica Todd participate in a chemistry lab.



Hands-on Learning is Typical at ADVANCE

Left (from left): Jennifer Innerarity (Instructor), Courtney Caraway, Tanner Garmon, Juliet Ume-Ezeoke view their own fingerprints. Below left (from left): Tori Ward (TA), Nikhil Gogineni, Carly Branch make Geometry interactive by using video lectures.



Teaching Assistants

TAs are an integral part of ADVANCE. Right (seated from left): Ali Cates (Web Design), Amelia Hall (Creative Writing), Alexa Swan (Algebra 1), Tori Ward (Geometry), Candace Stacy (Criminalistics), Victoria Kwentua (Logic). Back row (from left): Abraham Younes (Folklore), Kurt Ristroph (Mythologies), Logan Burnsed (Biology), Mason Joiner, Head TA (Film Studies), Daniel Jones (Algebra 2), Andrew Galatas (Chemistry).



Above (from left): Jake Goodwin, Mason Joiner (TA), Jesse Young prepare to film a scene.

Left (from left): Azum Beg, Jamin Kidd, Conor Bertucci perform a dissection on a starfish during a Biology lab.

Right (from left): Adam Hardwick, Marshal Rouse, Rhea Kataria, Daniel Jones (TA), Gerard Rattler are mathematical warriors in algebra 2. Below (from left): Emily Wingrove and Susheel Deshpande work through geometry problems in their class' computer lab. Below right: Derilyn Flanagan reads aloud to his classmates.



ADVANCE Enables Learning



Above: Emmanuel Hervey participates in a Logic class discussion.



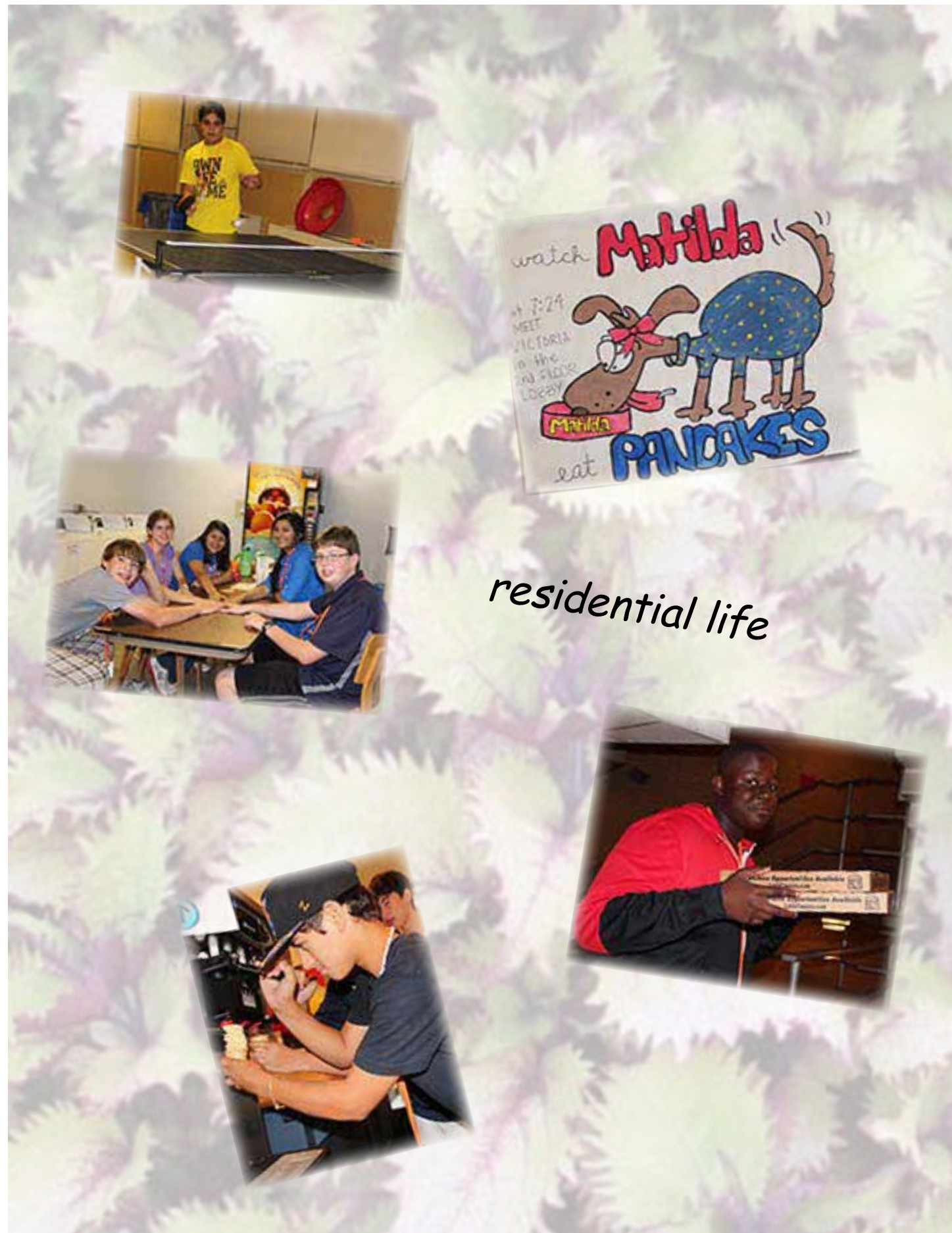
Above: Criminalistics students (from left) Erin Tappel, Emma Pitney, Tanner Garmon, Simone Chargois engage in learning while on a field trip to Sci-Port in Shreveport, Louisiana.



Above (from left): Morgan Ross, Lauren Sakryd, Katie Assaf enjoy themselves at the Creative Writing poetry reading and coffee house.

Above left (from left): Lab partners Andrew Bennett and Brandon Vo love this chemistry lab.

Above (from left): Emily Ann Dart and Laura Scronce get cozy in Film Studies to view and then critique a movie.



residential life



**RA
Groups**

Amanda

Above (front row from left): Lizzie Kelso, Nona Goodwin, Catherine Ebarb, Mallory Gaspard. Second row (from left): Abby Adams, Bella Killeen, Shelby McHenry, Alyssa Walker. Standing (from left): Amanda Marek (RA), Shelby Whiteaker, Katie Kelso, Myra Westerfield, Camille Guidry, Tori Ward (TA).



Ariana

Above (from left): Kristine Chin, Katilyn Hall, Jessica Lin, Emily Ann Dart, Amy Liu, Morgan Ross, Bela Syed, Lindsey Oxford, Morgan Bernard, Andrea Colmenares, Alexa Swan (TA), Ariana Hudson (RA).

Benton



Above (kneeling from left): Justin Feng, Adam Hardwick, Nicholas Cheramie, Pius Lau. Standing (from left): Benton Troxclair (RA), Byron Williams, Tim Ingram, Conor Bertucci, Michael Tonore, Kenji Pearman, Nikhil Gogineni, Michael Mayeux, Alastair Dunn, Logan Burns (TA).

Justin

Right (front row from left): Trai Gerkin, Azum Beg, Tyler Shoemaker, Jamin Kidd, Adam Molani. Second row (from left): Justin Vance (RA), Joe Tappel, Marshal Rouse, Gray Conly. Back row (from left): Trey Ross, Gerard Rattler, Andrew Bennett, Greg Maidoh, Daniel Jones (TA).



Kerry

Left (seated from left): Laura Scronce, Micaela Whiteaker, Allison Walters, Briah Cooley, Jessica Zhang, Novie Peacock. Standing (from left): Lauren McCaghren, Kerry Richmond (RA), Amber Bardarson, Courtney Caraway, Taelor Nelor, Juliet Ume-Ezeoke, Elizabeth Long, Kiyah Willis, Sarah Rogers, Amelia Hall (TA).



Morgan

Left (front row from left): Morgan Westbrook (RA), Bube Maidoh, Sarah Handley, Katie Assaf, Hannah Davey, Ali Cates (TA). Back row (from left): Anna Cole, Simone Chargois, Amanda Yates, Allison Todd, Erin Tappel, Lily Barnett.

Reuben

Right (from bottom to top): Tanner Garmon, Aman Khan, Luke Babin, Emmanuel Hervey, Connor Hayes, Reuben Cheng (RA), Fernando Torres, Kabir Shah, Ben Nguyen, Albert Xia, Andrew Galatas (TA), Dexter Troxclair.



Samuel

Right (first row seated from left): Bryant Nguyen, Ben Cheng, Jesse Young. Second row (seated from left): Jacob Kesten, Brandon Vo, Matthew Macias, Cyrus Roshan, Jeffrey Patrick. Standing (from left): Samuel Fick (RA), Chris Huh, Dusty Newsom, Abraham Younes (TA). On wall: Archie Torbett, Jake Goodwin, 5th Year Student.



Sohni



Left (seated from left): Holly McGinnis, Cassie Johnson, Bryanna Rhodes, Emily Wingrove, Bonnie Rae Dorman, Jade Duthu. Standing (from left): Victoria Kwentua (TA), Angela Chin, Rhea Kataria, Sohn Siyed (RA), Temi Olatinwo, Bailey Dixon, Jessica Todd. Not pictured: Cici Williams.

Srinee

Left (on ground): Ambeka Rajvanshi. First row (from left): Tierney Dardar, Srinee Bajaj (RA), Malak Alammar, Cynthia Jin, Teena Li, Carly Branch, Candace Stacy (TA), Hunter Lewis. Back row (from left): Erica Landon, Emma Pitney, Grace Carter, Lauren Sakryd, Hailey Motherhead.



Stephen

Right (first row from left): Stephen Maxon (RA), Aaron Mayer, Derilyn Flanagan, Ethan Adams, Kurt Ristroph (TA). Second row (from left): Lance Myers, Andrew Ruiz, Kevin Pan, Edouard Ferrell. Back (from left): Nick DiLeo, Tolson Frantzen, Andrew Malek, Eric Lin, Chas Chapman.



Activities Add to the ADVANCE Experience



Warren

Above (seated from left): Mason Joiner (TA), Susheel Deshpande, Trey Thomas, Sam Yeboah, Matthew Doxey, Matt Eymard, Warren Clardy (RA). Standing (from left): Tyler Saizan, Joshua Ballagh, Austin Saizan, Mark Kuebel, Joe Hawkins, Owen James, Josh Hewitt.



Above (seated from left): Srinee Bajaj, Sohni Syed, Morgan Westbrook, Ariana Hudson, Amanda Marek, Kerry Richmond. Standing (from left): Stephen Maxon, Benton Troxclair, Reuben Cheng, Justin Vance, Warren Clardy, Samuel Fick.

RA night out is a long standing ADVANCE tradition. Everyone in an RA group plans a special activity for their group. Ariana's RA group enjoyed Cane's chicken on the Cane River in historic Natchitoches. Above (from left): Ariana Hudson (RA), Jessica Lin, Morgan Ross, Amy Liu, Bela Syed, Morgan Bernard. Above left (from left): Gerard Rattler and Benton Troxclair (RA) battle it out in the basketball playoff game.

Residential Assistants

RAs offer activities that help students form lasting friendships!

Burn Some Steam or Chill with Friends

Below (from bottom left clockwise): Lily Barnett, Amanda Yates, Hannah Davey, Mason Joiner (TA), Simone Chargois, Bube Maidoh, Katie Assaf, Anna Cole make friendship bracelets. Below left: Tolson Frantzen breaks from his opponents in football.



A myriad of activities are offered when students are not in class. Left (from left): Archie Torbett and Sam Yeboah on the advance at Dodgeball. Below (from left): Folklore classmates Catherine Ebarb, Hailey Mothershead, Cici Williams, Jacob Kesten play a game of cards in the big lobby.



Right: Enjoying a French themed picnic near Chaplin's Lake on NSU's campus are (from left) Alyssa Walker, Kaitlyn Hall, Catherine Ebarb, Jessica Zhang, Bryant Nguyen, Joe Hawkins, Laura Scronce, Eric Lin, Edouard Ferrell, Emily Wingrove, Chris Huh.



Capture the Flag

As usual, there are too many folks to name!

Activities Offer Something for Everyone

Right (from left): Benton Troxclair (RA), Andrew Bennett, Tim Ingram, Greg Maidoh take shoot to win. Below: Kabir Shah at the ever popular *Humans vs Zombies*.



Left: Kevin Pan dons the headpiece he made of balloons. Below left: Hunter Lewis and Lauren Sakryd indulge in some girl time at the dorm. Below (from left): Jessica Zhang, Kenji Pearman, Joshua Ballagh participate in a round robin writing workshop at Magee's. It seems they like what they hear!



Above first row (from left): Alexa Swan (TA), Jonah Njenga (Instructor), Matt Eymard, Aman Khan, Andrew Malek. Second row (from left): Trey Thomas, Tyler Saizan, Albert Xia, Derilyn Flanagan, Edouard Ferrell, Sam Yeboah. Back row (from left): Austin Saizan, Joshua Ballagh, Fernando Torres, Tolson Frantzen, Kevin Pan, Alastair Dunn. And yes, it was pitch black when they stopped playing!



Above (from bottom left clockwise): Lauren McGaghren, Lance Myers, Owen James, Novie Peacock, Josh Hewitt, Katie Assaf, Kaitlyn Hall chill and visit while drawing.

ADVANCE Is a Program for TALENTED and Gifted

The Talent Show is a long hallowed tradition held on the last night of the program and it allows students an opportunity to shine on stage. Right: Camille Guidry performs *Stay* by Rihanna. Below: Tyler Shoemaker plays *Selfless Echo*.



Left: Jeffrey Patrick sizzles in a stand up routine. Below: Albert Xia plays a beautiful classical cello piece.



Right: Cyrus Rosan impresses the audience with his classical guitar skills. Far right: Erica Landon sings *Jet Plan* which is always the final student act of the show.



Left: Luke Babin masters Beatboxing. Above left: Tanner Garmon performs *Count on Me* by Bruno Mars. Above right: Lauren McCaghren soulfully plays *Thousand Years*.

More Talent

Right: Aman Khan wows the audience with *Minuet* in *G*. Far right: Jacob Kesten performs *Puck*.



ADVANCE Dances are Unforgettable

ADVANCE hosts three dances during the program and the students simply love them. For many, it is a time to learn some traditional dances to music such as BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (Queen), LOW (Flo Rida), ISTANBUL (They Might Be Giants), FOOTLOOSE (Kenny Loggins), TIME WARP (Little Nell) to name a few. The dances always close with It's THE END OF THE WORLD (R.E.M.) Left: This group has something to clap about. Below left: Many songs lend themselves to dancing in circles. Below right: Other songs just give everyone a reason to belt out the words!



Above (from left): Allison and Jessica Todd dog their way into our hearts. Above right: Kaitlyn Hall plays an original saxophone number.



Above: Serving as the Emcees for the Talent Show are first row (from left): Marshal Rouse, Gerard Rattler, Ambeka Rajvanshi, Trey Ross. Standing: Trey Thomas.



Above: 5th year student, Jake Goodwin, will be missed!

Everyone Joins in the Fun



Left (from left): Ambeka Rajvanshi and Andrew Malek. Below (from left): Byron Williams, Kenji Pearman, Michael Tonore, Alastair Dunn, Kurt Ristroph (TA), Mark Kuebel, Matt Eymard work on their line dance moves.



Top left (from left): Juliet Ume-Ezeoke, Kiyah Willis, Taelor Nelor, Courtney Caraway look lovely at a dance. Top right: Tyler Shoemaker and Abby Adams enjoy a slow number. Above (strip from left): Kristine Chin, Connor Hayes, Greg Maidoh, Lily Barnett. Right (from left): Joe Hawkins, Matt Eymard, Andrew Ruiz, Emily Wingrove, Chas Chapman.



Above: Trey Ross lookin' good at a dance. Left: *Footloose* is a classic that the students love.

ADVANCErs Like Chillin' Together

Right (from left): Cynthia Jin, Teena Li, Eric Lin, Bryant Nguyen. Far right (from left): Warren Clardy (RA), Anna Cole, Jade Duthu.



Left (from left): Elizabeth Long, Allison Walters, Amber Bardarson. Far left (from left): Ethan Adams, Aaron Mayer, Joe Tappel, Kevin Pan.



Right (from left): Jake Goodwin, Shelby Whiteaker, Stephen Maxon (RA), Marshal Rouse. Far right (from left): Nikhil Gogineni, Sam Yeboah, Justin Feng, Kabir Shah, Susheel Deshpande.



Left (from left): Rhea Kataria, Bryanna Rhodes. Far left (from left): Bonnie Rae Dorman, Nona Goodwin.



Right (from left): Lizzie Kelso, Bella Killeen, Myra Westerfield. Far right (from left): Holly McGinnis, Emily Wingrove, Bailey Dixon.



BEACH PARTY

Right (from left): Michael Tonore, Michael Mayeux. Far right: Grace Carter



Left: Ben Cheng. Far left (from left): Sam Yeboah, Celia Mangham (CRL), Trey Ross, Susheel Deshpande, Matt Eymard.



Right (from left): Aman Khan, Kabir Shah, Andrew Ruiz, Albert Xia. Far right (from left): Pius Lau, Emmanuel Hervey.



Left (from left): Joe Hawkins, Carly Branch. Far left (from left): Dexter Troxclair, Emily Ann Dart.



Right : Candace Stacy (TA). Far right: Samuel Fick (Grill Master and RA) cooks for the crowd.





While staff members work extremely long hours, they also manage to have fun and become great friends.

Staffers Work and Play Hard, Too

Left: Reuben Cheng (RA) hams it up during the staff act in the Talent Show. Below (from left): TAs Tori Ward and Alexa Swan compete in messy games during staff orientation.



Left: The incredibly wonderful 2013 staff members include (seated from left): Srinee Bajaj, Sohni Syed, Alexa Swan, Ariana Hudson, Tori Ward, Amanda Marek. Second row (from left): Justin Vance, Abraham Younes, Ali Cates, Morgan Westbrook, Amelia Hall, Reuben Cheng, Andrew Galatas. Third row (from left): Candace Stacy, Kerry Richmond, Logan Burnsed, Daniel Jones, Benton Troxclair, Samuel Fick, Victoria Kwentua. Back row (from left): Kurt Ristroph, Stephen Maxon, Mason Joiner, Warren Clardy.

We Hope to See You June 8 - 28, 2014!

We hope everyone has a wonderful school year, but that you will count the days until ADVANCE next summer! Right: Samuel fick (RA) teaches Mallory Gaspard to knit. Below (from left): Novie Peacock, Sarah Rogers, Myra Westerfield soar to new heights while participating in a Public Pottering activity.



Left (from left): Juliet Ume-Ezeoke and Shelby McHenry take advantage of the photo op at a dance. Below (from left): Katie Assaf, Nona Goodwin, Amanda Yates, Abby Adams, Hannah Davey are proud of their handmade cat costumes.



Above: Josh Hewitt competes in a spider web activity while other participants wait their turn. Right: Ben Nguyen and Pius Lau after a successful run down the slip and slide.



Our fabulous 4th and 5th year students are (from left): Jake Goodwin (5th Year), Andrew Bennett, Catherine Ebarb, Lizzie Kelso, Matthew Macias, Dusty Newsom, Archie Torbett, Myra Westerfield. Not pictured: Shelby Whiteaker.

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