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Right: Camille Guidry performs *Ho Hey* by The Lumineers at the Talent Show. Below: This group of students enjoy the fort! (In middle): Matthew Onorato. From left: Sheetal Bapu, (partially blocked), Kailin LeBlanc, Cynthia Jin, Angelina Wood, Catherine Ebarb, Alyssa Walker, Bryant Nguyen, Ethan Adams, Ben Harold, Leon Gisclair.



Friends Meet and Reunite at ADVANCE

Left: Makenzie Uwe and Richard Hart enjoy a slow dance. Below: Biology students (from left) Brian Wang, Aanya Bhandari, and Brianna Wang like what they discover during an eye dissection.



Zombies come out at night!



ADVANCERs love each other so much that Twin Day has become an annual event!

Faculty and Administration

ADVANCE remains an academically challenging, yet fun, program for gifted students thanks to our incredible instructors and staff members. Right (from left): Peter Muller (Chemistry), Katy Mulvaney (Shakespeare and Performance), Seth DuBois (Geometry), Ralph Adamo (Creative Writing), Jonathan Akin (Biology), Jonah Njenga (Algebra 1).



Above (from left): Jennifer Ingram (Counselor), Celia Mangham (Coordinator of Residential Life), David Wood (Director), Janet Darfus (Nurse), Harriette Palmer (Associate Director). See tribute to Dr. Wood on page 46.



Above (first row from left): Elizabeth Hall (Etymology), Casey Green (Colonial America), Andrew Stacy (Criminalistics), Dave Andersen (Algebra 2). Back row (from left): David Zolzer (Programming with Alice), Jeff Holcomb (Physics), Rondo Keele (Logic and Puzzles), Bill Housel (Film Studies)



CLASS PHOTOS

ALGEBRA 1

First row (from left): Jonah Njenga (Instructor), Claire Landry (TA). Second row (from left): Caroline Sauter, Maggy Ortiz López, Samuel Russell. Third row (from left): Erika Pendleton, Ajit Alapati, Elizabeth Miller, Alex Jacobs. Fourth row (from left): Anisha Rao, Sam Velingker, Andrea Colmenares. Back row (from left): Vrat Joshi, Daniel Schonefeld, Louis Edwards, Coleman Guidry.



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

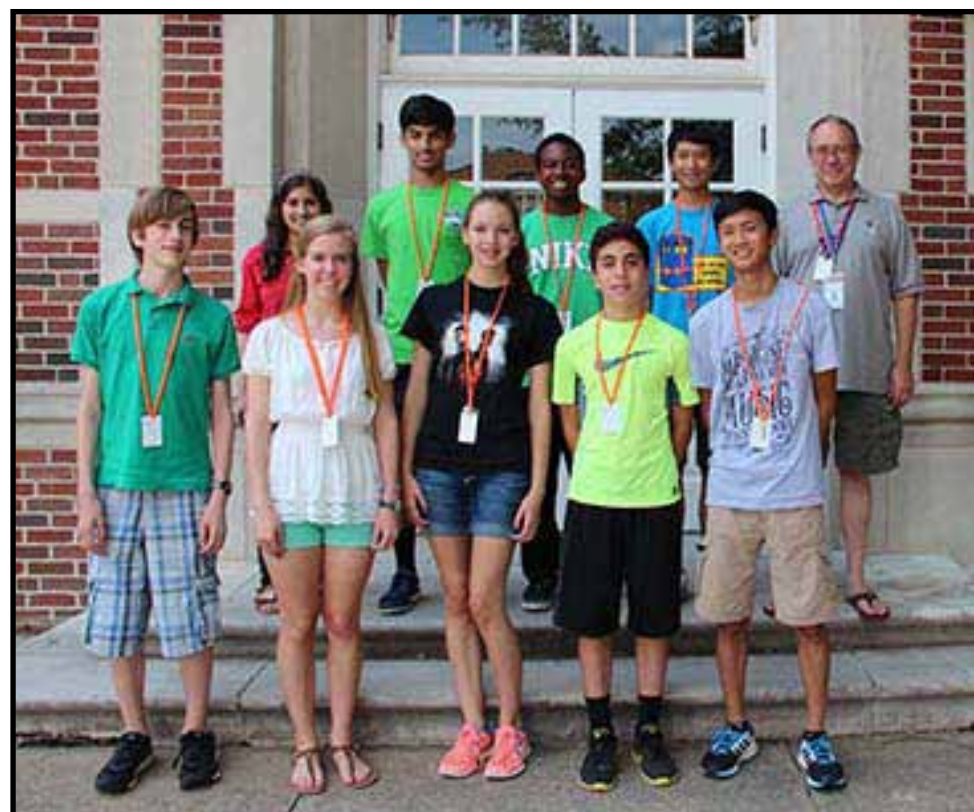
BIOLOGY

Front row (from left): Andrew Malek, Matthew Onorato, Anna Cole, Anusha Zaman, Juan Countee, Brian Wang, Vinit Reddy, Jonathan Akin (Instructor), Candace Stacy (TA). Back row (from left): Albert Xia, Aanya Bhandari, Tina Li, Brianna Wang.



ALGEBRA 2

Front row (from left): Tobias Kallenberg, Elizabeth Long, Melissa Horton, Alex Malek, Ben Nguyen. Back row (from left): Freddy-May AbiSamra (TA), Taha Ahmed, Trey Thomas, Dennis Feng, David Andersen (Instructor).



CHEMISTRY

First row (from left): Regan Dean, Teena Li, Sahana Padumane, Conor Bertucci. Second row (from left): Chance Tarver (TA), Bria Cooley, Susheel Deshpande, Peter Muller (Instructor). Back row (from left): Omar Shbeeb, Michael Mayeux, Haafiz Hashim, Tim Ingram.



COLONIAL AMERICA

First row (from left): Katie Assaf, Bonnie Rae Dorman, Nona Goodwin, Lauren Sakryd, Casey Green (Instructor). Back row (from left): Jordyn Bernardi, Grayson Conly, Chris Myers (TA).



CREATIVE WRITING

The class members read original work at a coffee house during the program and created an anthology, *Fish-pocalypse: Ryze of the Dadgum Burd*.



Above (from left): Greg Willis, Foluwa Desalu, Juliet Flanagan, Maggie Chadwick, Pius Lau, Rakshith Srinivasa, Ralph Adamo (Instructor), Angelina Wood, Adam Cox.
On ground: Amelia Hall (TA).



CRIMINALISTICS

First row (from left): Andrew Stacy (Instructor), Caroline Adkins, Cadi Minton, Casey Jones (TA). Second row (from left): Alyssa Macaluso, Kailin LeBlanc. Third row (from left): Amina Jabour-Edgington, Alice Liu. Fourth row (from left): Emily Ann Dart, Paige Peugh, McKayla James, Makenzie Uwe. Back row (from left): Joe Hawkins, Nick DiLeo.



ETYMOLOGY

On ground (from left): Sarah Rogers, Matthew Dreher. Second row (from left): Camille Bullock (TA), Laura Scronce, Karoline Nogues, Erin Tappel, Elizabeth Hall (Instructor). Back row (from left): Erica Landon, Micaela Whiteaker, Kaili Taylor, Catherine Ebarb.

FILM STUDIES

Front row (from left): Shelby Whiteaker, Sadie Gautreaux, Jade Duthu, Jolie Boudreaux. Second row (from left): Gerard Rattler, Ben Ambrose, Andrew Bennett, Justin Feng, Archie Torbett. Third row (from left): Alyssa Walker, Hannah Davey, Leon Gisclair. Back row (from left): Trey Ross, Bill Housel (Instructor), Joe Tappel, Mason Joiner (TA).



LOGIC & PUZZLES

From left: Gus Brown, Alexa Swan (TA), Cleveland Lavalais, Jonathan Okereke, Gillian Weaver, Evy Tran, Victor Xia, Meagan Kropp, Simone Chargois. Not pictured: Rondo Keele (Instructor).



GEOMETRY



First row (from left): Cynthia Jin, Sean Carney, Aman Khan, Keyan Roshan, Jack Wang, Sheetal Bapu. Second row (from left): Seth DuBois (Instructor), Tanner Garmon. Middle: Dexter Troxclair. Third row (from left): Allison Todd, Chelsea Thibodeaux (TA). Back row (from left): Ben Harold, Janice Lin, Saket Gunda, Sarah Handley, Nicole Mulkey, Richard Hart.



PHYSICS

On floor: Andrew Galatas (TA). Standing (from left): Jeff Holcomb (Instructor), Jessica Todd, Camille Guidry, Ethan Adams, Marshal Rouse, Tyler Shoemaker.

PROGRAMMING WITH ALICE

First row (from left): Colin Cargile, Kaitlyn Hall. Second row (from left): Novie Peacock, Abby Adams, Emmanuel Hervey, Leila Kataria. Third row (from left): Tomas Parker, Bryant Nguyen, Kiyah Willis, Matt Eymard. Back rows (from left): Austin Saizan, Robert VanKirk (TA), Henry Hazlett, David Zolzer (Instructor), Tyler Saizan, Alex Walrod.



Small Classes Provide a Fast Academic Pace

Left (from left): Archie Torbett and Justin Feng prepare to shoot a scene in the film studies project movie. Below (from left): Bria Cooley and Teena Li participate in the flame chemistry lab.



On floor (from left): Morgan Ross, Edouard Ferrell, Fernando Torres, Bela Syed. Kneeling (from left): Lily Barnett, Nick Cheramie. Standing (from left): Holly McGinnis, Katie Kelso, Kurt Ristroph (TA), Jesse Young, Josh Ballagh, Amy Liu, Emma Gruesbeck, Katy Mulvaney (Instructor), Lauren McCaghren.



SHAKESPEARE & PERFORMANCE



Teaching Assistants

Seated (from left): Chelsea Thibodeaux, Amelia Hall, Alexa Swan, Andrew Galatas, Camille Bullock, Freddy-May AbiSamra, Claire Landry. Standing (from left): Casey Jones, Kurt Ristroph, Candace Stacy, Mason Joiner, Chris Myers, Chance Tarver, Robert VanKirk.

Students Experience Hands-on Learning Daily

Right: Emily Ann Dart in a Criminalistics lab. Below (from front): Jonathan Okereke, Simone Chargois, Cleveland Lavalais, and Alexa Swan (TA) utilize software, *Tarski's World*, to expedite learning logic.



Left (from left): David Zolzer (Instructor), Colin Cargile, Austin Saizan, Matt Eymard, Tyler Saizan, and Leila Kataria work in the computer programming lab.

Right (from left): Juan Countee, Jonathan Akin (Instructor), and Albert Xia dissect brains in a biology lab.



Above (from left): Jonah Njenga (Instructor) unravels the mystery of mathematics to Elizabeth Miller. Above right (from left): Jack Wang and Chelsea Thibodeaux (TA) strengthen geometry skills with video lectures.

Interactive Learning Proves Successful

Right (from left): Louis Edwards, Vrat Joshi, Jonah Njenga (Algebra 1 instructor), Alex Jacobs, and Daniel Schonefeld use group work to solve equations.
 Below (from left): Classmates Pius Lau, Greg Willis, Rakshith Srinivasa, and Adam Cox enjoy themselves at the Creative Writing poetry reading and coffee house.



Right: Shakespeare and Performance students (from left) Katie Kelso and Emma Gruesbeck entertain the audience with a scene from *Antony and Cleopatra*.



RA Groups

Ariana

Right (seated from left): Erika Pendleton, Nicole Mulkey, Brianna Wang, Tina Li, Kaili Taylor, Aanya Bhandari. Standing (from left): Juliet Flanagan, Meagan Kropp, Jordyn Bernardi, Emma Gruesbeck, Melissa Horton, Anisha Rao, Ariana Hudson (RA). Not pictured: Claire Landry (TA).



David

Left (front row (from left): Marshal Rouse, Bryant Nguyen, Andrew Bennett, Tyler Shoemaker, David Huh (RA), Sean Carney, Kurt Ristroph (TA). Back row (from left): Archie Torbett, Gerard Rattler, Jesse Young, Trey Ross, Leon Gisclair, Grayson Conly, Joe Tappel.



Above on ground: Alex Malek. Kneeling (from left): Keyan Roshan, Brian Wang, Benton Troxclair (RA). Standing (from left): Chance Tarver (TA), Juan Countee, Tomas Parker, Greg Willis, Dennis Feng, Jack Wang, Vinit Reddy, Matthew Dreher, Saket Gunda.



Heidi

Left (front row (from left): Amelia Hall (TA), Erica Landon, Sarah Rogers, Briah Cooley, Cynthia Jin, Maggie Chadwick, Elizabeth Long, Kiyah Willis, Heidi Dunne (RA). Back row (from left): Lauren McCaghren, Novie Peacock, Bonnie Rae Dorman, Laura Scronce, Karoline Nogues.

Keaton

Right on ground: Tanner Garmon.
Kneeling (from left): Emmanuel Hervey, Ethan Adams, Edouard Ferrell, Matthew Onorato. Back row (from left): Fernando Torres, Albert Xia, Aman Khan, Dexter Troxclair, Keaton McKinney (RA), Justin Feng, Nick DiLeo, Tobias Kallenberg. Not pictured: Casey Jones (TA).



Maya

Below (front row from left): Maya Welch (RA), Freddy-May AbiSamra (TA), Micaela Whiteaker, Evy Tran, Elizabeth Miller, Sahana Padumane. Second row (from left): Janice Lin, Allison Todd, Sadie Gautreaux, Regan Dean. Back row (from left): Amina Jabour-Edgington, Paige Peugh, McKayla James, Simone Chargois, Hannah Davey, Lily Barnett.

Kerry



Foreground (from left): Camille Bullock (TA), Kerry Richmond (RA). Second row (from left): Jolie Boudreaux, Bela Syed, Amy Liu, Leila Kataria. Third row (from left): Katie Assaf, Anna Cole, Sarah Handley, Andrea Colmenares, Kaitlyn Hall. Back row (from left): Emily Ann Dart, Erin Tappel, Makenzie Uwe, Morgan Ross, Gillian Weaver.



Mikesh

Above foreground (from left): Pius Lau, Michael Mayeux. First row (from left): Conor Bertucci, Nick Cheramie, Josh Ballagh, Ben Nguyen, Trey Thomas, Colin Cargile. Back row (from left): Austin Saizan, Andrew Malek, Tim Ingram, Tyler Saizan, Mikesh Patel (RA), Mason Joiner (TA).



Right: (seated from left): Lauren Sakryd, Catherine Ebarb, Teena Li, Nona Goodwin, Chelsea Thibodeaux (TA). Standing (from left): Abby Adams, Shelby Whiteaker, Katie Kelso, Alyssa Walker, Morgan Westbrook (RA), Camille Guidry, Holly McGinnis, Jade Duthu, Jessica Todd.



Sohni

Left: (kneeling from left): Cadi Minton, Caroline Adkins, Maggy Ortiz López, Alexa Swan (TA), Alyssa Macaluso. Standing (from left): Sheetal Bapu, Sohni Syed (RA), Angelina Wood, Kailin LeBlanc, Sam Velingker, Alice Liu, Caroline Sauter, Anusha Zaman, Foluwa Desalu.



Nick

Right: (seated from left): Joe Hawkins, Haafiz Hashim, Susheel Deshpande, Taha Ahmed, Omar Shbeeb, Richard Hart. Standing (from left): Matt Eymard, Chris Myers (TA), Nick Bailey (RA), Ben Harold, Ben Ambrose, Henry Hazlett, Cleveland Lavalais, Alex Walrod.



Above (from left): Robert VanKirk (TA), Terry Lin (RA), Coleman Guidry, Samuel Russell, Louis Edwards, Adam Cox, Jonathan Okereke, Ajit Alapati, Gus Brown, Alex Jacobs, Victor Xia, Vrat Joshi, Rakshith Srinivasa, Daniel Schonefeld.

Terry

Right (from left): Kaitlyn Hall, Arian Hudson (RA), Meagan Kropp, Kaili Taylor, Nicole Mulkey, Tina Li, and Melissa Horton make snowflakes while singing the soundtrack from *Frozen*. Below (from left): Matthew Dreher, Sarah Handley, Kerry Richmond (RA), Anna Cole, Gillian Weaver, and Jolie Boudreaux make and devour cupcakes!



Activities Provide Something for Everyone

Left: Ajit Alapati on the tennis court. Below (from left): Aman Khan, Coleman Guidry, Alex Jacobs, Brian Wang, Jonathan Okereke, Alex Malek, Rakshith Srinivasa, and Gus Brown burn some energy playing a game of flag football.



Residential Assistants

Seated (from left): Sohni Syed, Heidi Dunne, Ariana Hudson, Maya Welch, Morgan Westbrook, Kerry Richmond. Standing (from left): Mikesh Patel, Terry Lin, David Huh, Nick Bailey, Benton Troxclair, Keaton McKinney.



Left: Enjoying a picnic in historic Natchitoches are (from left): Maya Welch (RA), Hannah Davey, Sadie Gautreaux, Makenzie Uwe, Amina Jabour Edgington, Kailin LeBlanc, Emmanuel Herve, Alyssa Macaluso, Anusha Zaman, Cadi Minton, Jessica Todd, Allison Todd, and Foluwa Desalu.

Students Like Unique Ways to Amuse Themselves

Right (from left): Caroline Sauter and Alice Liu like crafting with beads. Below (from left): Nick DiLeo, Jade Duthu, and Katie Kelso work on an engineering project. Below right: ADVANCERs love each other...and to get messy!



Right (from left): Michael Mayeux, Edouard Ferrell, Erin Tappel, Makenzie Uwe, Lauren Sakryd, Nick Cheramie, Kurt Ristroph (TA), Josh Ballagh, Ben Harold, Colin Cargile, Katie Kelsie, Jessica Todd, and Victor Xia participate in Jedi training. Why not?



Left: The 3-on-3 basketball tournament is an annual event and the winning student's team then challenges the staff. From left are: Andrew Bennet, Gerard Rattler, Terry Lin (RA, partially blocked), and Mikesch Patel (RA). The students were triumphant this year! Below: The start of a new dodgeball game is a bit chaotic!



Activities Spice Up Nights and Weekends

Right (from left): Vrat Joshi is being chased by Amina Jabour Edgington and Emily Ann Dart at Humans vs. Zombies. Below (from left): Nick DiLeo, Tobias Kallenberg, Keyan Roshan, Jack Wang, Ben Nguyen, Victor Xia, Henry Hazlett, Matthew Onorato, Bryant Nguyen, Leon Gisclair, and Mikesh Patel (RA) take in a movie.



Left (from left): Abby Adams, Leila Katara, Andrew Stacy (Instructor), Andrea Colmenares, Robert VanKirk (TA), Tyler Shoemaker, Matt Eymard, Bryant Nguyen, Richard Hart, Sean Carney, and Alex Walrod dress as Captain Planet and pick up trash for an activity. Really! Below left (from left): Karoline Noguez, Evy Tran, Heidi Dunne (RA), Caroline Sauter, and Juliet Flanagan unwind in the dance studio.



Right (from left): Tyler Shoemaker, Marshal Rouse, Alex Malek, Bryant Nguyen, Ben Harold, Juan Countee, Ethan Adams, and Gerard Rattler participate in the orange pass during Messy Games.



Above (from left): Kaili Taylor and Maggy Ortiz López make banana boats. Left (front row from left): Alyssa Walker, Catherine Ebarb, Juan Countee, Amy Liu, Conor Bertucci, Ariana Hudson (RA). Back row (from left): Colin Cargile, Grey Willis, Andrew Malek, Trey Ross, Tim Ingram, Trey Thomas, Morgan Ross, and Saket Gunda outside of Hana Sushi Bar and Grill in downtown Natchitoches.

The Talent Show, a culminating event at ADVANCE, allows students to showcase their talents. Right: Ethan Adams plays a trumpet solo, *Ballad*. Below: Emmanuel Hervey soulfully plays and sings an original piece of work.



Students Take the Stage

Left: Tanner Garmon belts out *Make Them Hear You* from Ragtime. Below: Sisters (from left): Allison and Jessica Todd dance to *Let Me Show You a Few Things*, by Justin Timberlake. Bottom left (from left): Kiyah Willis nails the Victoria Martin Math Team Queen monologue while Lauren McCaghren plays and sings *Voice of Truth* by Casting Crowns. Bottom right: Emma Gruesbeck entertains the audience with *Spanish Romance*.



Right (from left): Brothers Victor and Albert Xia perform the theme song from *Doctor Who*. Albert also plays a solo, *Tarantella*, by William Henry Squire.



Far right: Talent Show emcees are (from left): Gerard Rattler, Marshal Rouse, Leila Kataria, Trey Ross, and Trey Thomas.



More Talent

Right: Angelina Wood performs *Say Something* by A Great Big World. Far right: Jack Wang plays *Concerto in G Minor*. Below right: Kaitlyn Hall performs *Desperado* by The Eagles.



Above: Siblings Brianna and Brian Wang both perform solos. Brianna sings and plays *Feed the Birds*. Later, Brian performs *Sonata in D Major* by Haydn. Right: Trey Ross, a 4th year, sings *Leaving on a Jet Plane* while accompanied by David Huh (RA).



ADVANCERS Love the Dances

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: On the ground now, but soon to be jumping. Below left: Students like various line dances. Below right (from left): Friends McKayla James, Simone Chargois, Paige Peugh, and Ben Ambrose.



They can wobble.
They can wobble.
They can wobble.
They can wobble!



Go Ahead and Express Yourself

Left (from left): Caroline Adkins and Nick Cheramie.
Below: Everybody clap your hands....



Top left: These gentlemen are perfecting their moves. Top right: YMCA never gets old. Above (strip from left): Erika Pendleton, Vinit Reddy and Tim Ingram, Jessica Lin, Omar Shbeeb, Jordyn Bernardi. Right. Foot-loose is a perennial favorite at ADVANCE.



Above: Evy Tran and Dexter Troxclair.

You Can Always Be Yourself at ADVANCE

Right (from left): Sarah Rogers, Novie Peacock, Lauren Sakryd, Holly McGinnis, Chance Tarver (TA). Far right (from left): Rakshith Srinivasa, Maggie Chadwick.



Left (from left): Briah Cooley and Gerard Rattler. Far left (from left): Matthew Dreher and Camille Bullock (TA).

Right (from left): Marshal Rouse and David Huh (RA). Far right: Grayson Conly.



Left (from left): Allison Todd and Emma Gruesbeck. Far left (from left): Fernando Torres, Maggie Chadwick, Laura Scronce.

Right (from left): Anusha Zaman, Anisha Rao. Far right (from left): 5th year students Catherine Ebarb, Archie Torbett, Shelby Whiteaker, Andrew Bennett.



BEACH PARTY

Right: Omar Shbeeb. Far right (from left): Micaela Whiteaker, Erica Landon, Elizabeth Long.



Left (from left): Alyssa Walker, Catherine Ebarb. Far left (from left): Bela Syed, Trey Thomas.

Right (from left): Sam Velingker, Meagan Kropp, Erika Pendleton. Far right (from left): Caroline Sauter, Alyssa Macaluso.



Left (from left): Morgan Westbrook (RA), Mikesh Patel (RA), Chance Tarver (TA). Far left (from left): Joe Tappel, Joe Hawkins, Benton Troxclair, (RA).

Right (from left): Cynthia Jin, Teena Li. Far right (from left): Sohni Syed (RA), Sean Carney, Terry Lin (RA).



Staff members work extremely long hours, put a lot of heart into their jobs, and have a wonderful time. Thank you for creating the magic for the ADVANCE students!



Staffers Are the Heart and Soul of ADVANCE

Staffers enjoy the dances, too. Left (from left): Alexa Swan, Mikesh Patel, Kerry Richmond. Below (from left): Ariana Hudson and Sohni Syed on Twin Day.



Kneeling: Mikesh Patel. First row (from left): Freddy-May AbiSammra, Heidi Dunne, David Huh, Terry Lin, Claire Landry, Andrew Galatas. In laps: Alexa Swan. Second row (from left): Ariana Hudson (being held), Nick Bailey, Sohni Syed, Chelsea Thibodeaux, Casey Jones, Amelia Hall, Maya Welch, Camille Bullock, Robert VanKirk, Kerry Richmond, Morgan Westbrook, Benton Troxclair, Chance Tarver, Chris Myers. Back row (from left): Candace Stacy, Mason Joiner, Kurt Ristroph, Keaton McKinney.

We Hope to See You June 7 - 27, 2015!

Right: Ethan Adams, Aman Khan, Tobias Kallenberg love slip and slide! Below: These young ladies react to being serenaded. Simply an unforgettable experience!



Left (from left): Tina Li and Melissa Horton with some moves at a dance. Below (from left): Ben Ambrose, Brianna Wang, Nicole Mulkey, Aanya Bhandari, Cleveland Lavalais, Nick Bailey (RA), Leila Kataria, and Sahana Padumane endure the heat to be with mother nature at Kisatchie National Forest.



Above: A rather George Orwell-ish moment. Right: Tyler Shoemaker does some nice finger work to Van Halen's *Eruption* during the Talent Show.



Left: Our fabulous 4th and 5th year students are (seated from left): Archie Torbett, Andrew Bennett, Trey Ross, Gerard Rattler, Joe Tappel. Second row (from left): Leon Gisclair, Jesse Young, Marshal Rouse, Tyler Shoemaker, Grayson Conly. Back row (from left): Shelby Whiteaker, Catherine Ebarb, Alyssa Walker, Jessica Todd, Katie Kelso, Camille Guidry, Nona Goodwin.



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Plaid is typically Dr. Wood's choice of shirt. Therefore, would be (pun intended) imposters abound in tribute to his twenty-six years of service to ADVANCE. Below (from left): Casey Jones, Dr. Wood, and Keaton McKinney. Right (from left): Dr. Wood and Harriette Palmer (Associate Director) complete twenty years together.



See You Next Summer



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Dr. Wood's dedication to ADVANCE and gifted education is unparalleled as is his unfaltering leadership. While his quick wit, gentle spirit, and ready smile will be greatly missed by his ADVANCE family, we wish him the very best!