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A Summer Without ADVANCE...

The students love ADVANCE for a variety of reasons. Classes are challenging, the students live in a dorm with other bright kids, the staff is incredible and offers a wide range of activities, and the dances are awesome. These memories will last a lifetime.

Below (from left): Caitlin Blanchard, Vinny Cannata and Katelyn Bedgood enjoy messy games. Right (from left): Freddy-May AhiSamra and Maya Welch take on the quirky activity Flamingo Croquet...followed by tea, no less!

Above (from left): Taylor Jambon and Joy Stum enjoy Some. Right: The students always love dances at ADVANCE.

Below (from left): Devin Drumat, Head RA, presents fifth year student, Erik Istrut, with a journal and the coveted Golden Flamingo. We will miss you, Erik.

...Inconceivable!

Below (from left): Mikesh Patel, Ricky Patel, Brennan Williams, Onupwa Bw/Otega, Jess Rash (RA), Nick Amin, Anvesh Kompelli and Michael Davy cool off at Capture the Flag.

Left: Pollard Lawson and Natalie Dominguez get sudsy at Slip and Slide.

Above: ADVANCEers explore downtown historic Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Administration

Right (from left): David Wood (Director), Pat Geasman (Counselor), Celia Mangham (Coordinator of Residential Life), Harriette Palmer (Assistant Director), Janet Darfus (Registered Nurse). They represent 60 years of combined service to the ADVANCE Program.

Faculty

ADVANCE is fortunate to have excellent instructors dedicated to meeting the needs of gifted students.

Front row (from left): Emalie Dunn (Algebra I), Angela Watkins (Journalism), Chris Hynes (Chemistry), Leon Hsu (Physics), Michelle Holcomb (Forensic Science). Back row (from left): Virginia Lloyd (Web Design), Billy Pritchard (Civil War and Reconstruction), Seth Dunk (Geometry), Dallas Robertson (Algebra II), David Lambert (Biology), Zack Godshull (Film Studies). Not pictured: Ralph Adams (Creative Writing), Shane Rasmussen (Folklore in Everyday Life).
Teaching Assistants

Front row (from left): Yifei Duan (Biology), Amy King (Folklore in Everyday Life), Katie Finch (Forensic Science), Lauren Riddle (Chemistry), Louise Wang (Physics), John Vargo (Creative Writing). Back row (from left): Dave Ray (Civil War and Reconstruction), Benjamin Williamson (Algebra 1), Vera Herbert (Film Studies), Eric Biroph (Geometry), William Hogan (Web Design), Camille Bullock (Journalism), Maanasa Davuluri (Algebra 2).

Algebra 1

Algebra 2
Front row (from left): Rick Changlami, Patrick Yeung, Judy Wang, Eric Li. Back row (from left): Maanasa Davuluri (TA), Willy Lin, Alex Williams, Cecilia Hanson.

Above: Vera Herbert, TA for Film Studies, tries to recharge her batteries. Right: TAs huddle at staff messy games planning their strategy for world domination.
Civil War and Reconstruction

Natchitoches, the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase, offers a wealth of history for the ADVANCE students. Here, classmates visit the Mansfield, Louisiana battlefield.

Creative Writing

Front row (from left): Phyllis Lee, Corinne Vaughn, Marissa Richerson.
Film Studies

Kneeling (from left): Andrew Holmes, Kerry Ann Richmond, Corinne Bachand, Rachel Johnson, Amanda Marek. Standing (from left): Vera Herbert (TA), Mr. Zack Godshall (Instructor), Matt Helman, Erik Iste, Taylor Jambon (leaning forward), J. J. Gallen, Dan Jaffari, Belal Alammari, Hira Qarni, Esteban Espitia, Kenny Burnscl (on Esteban’s shoulders), Misha Molani.

Forensic Science


Folklore in Everyday Life

Kneeling (from left): Victoria Darby, Greg Hall, Amelia Robert, Katie Hogan, Mallory Hirschler. Standing (from left): Ali Denby, Amy King (TA), Haley Norris, Malary Brouch, Dr. Shane Rasmussen (Instructor), Morgan Westbrook, Nick LaRocca, Claudia Maglione, Nick Gilley.

Geometry

Journalism

Classmates visit a television station in Shreveport, Louisiana.


Physics

This class is truly hands-on learning at its best! Use caution when entering.


Web Design

Seated (from left): Eric Rohli, Kostik Reyes, Leo Park, Austin Lee. Standing (from left): Dr. Virginia Lloyd (Instructor), Connor Appel, Elliot Terral, William Hogan (TA), Chris Myers, David Parsons, James Hallum, Annis Tobias, Keaton McKinney, Felipe Hernandez, Grace Herrington, Josie Herriman, Megan Hoening.

Above (from left): Maunasa Davuluri (TA) in a study group with Algebra 2 students Patrick Yeung, Judy Wang, Rick Changlani and Eric Li.

Above: Forensic Science students (from left) Marc Barnett, Caitlin Blanchard, Taylor McHugh, Ryan Manuel, and Nellie New. ADVANCE students spend 104 hours in class during the three week session.
Field Trips
Enrich Classes

Above left: Folklore in Everyday Life class member, Nick Gilley, at Los Adaes, a colonial Spanish archaeological site near Natchitoches, Louisiana. Above (from left): Biology students James Young and Eleni Mijalis at Bayou Pierre Alligator Park.

Above (from left): Katie Finch (TA), Kelsey Cook, Kelsey Mayfield, Rachel Garson, Ryan Manuel, Coleman McFerrin, Kayla Lankins, Naseem Alaraun, and Kripa Upadhyay listen intently to a lecture at the Regional Crime Lab in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Above: Nathan Schultz, a Forensic Science student, takes in a coffee after visiting the Regional Crime Lab in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Above (from left): Algebra I students Ricky Patel and John Flerek explore the domino effect at Sci-Port Discovery Center also in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Journalism students
(from left): Jaclyn Hernandez, Ariana Hudson, Vinny Cannata, Solani Syed, Maggie Brewer, and Margaret Parsons at a radio station in Shreveport, Louisiana.
Classes Engage Students

Left: Biology students (from left) Karly Caples and Kelsey Phares examine specimens in lab.

Above: Philip Murray demonstrates the conservation laws of angular momentum and mechanical energy in a physics lab while Pollard Lawson and Michelle Khare observe. Left: Film students (from left) Amanda Marek, Taylor Jambon, and Andrew Holmes shooting their class project, "Diana Jones and the Quest for the Golden Flamingo".

Right (from left) Christian Duplessis and Zac Creed dress in Civil War attire. Below (from left) Kelsey Marfield and Rachel Garson research material at NSU's Watson Library for their Forensic Science project.

Above: Patrick Johnson and Amanda Quay create a bright green flame in chemistry lab. Right in foreground (from left) Philip Murray and Dr. Leon Hsi solve momentum problems in physics. In background (from left) are Arvind Kompeli, Louise Wang (TA), and Nick Amin.
Courtyards Provide Respite from Class

ADVANCE students have access to two courtyard to use during classroom breaks and after all meals. Students use this time to visit, read, listen to music or just chill.

Far right: Many students enjoy ADVANCE hall after meals. From left are: Paolo Naccari (RA), Brennan Williams, Logan Burnsed, Karly Caples, James Young, John Florek.

Above left: The ADVANCE ball. Right (front to back): Faith Shaw, Raja Reddy and Sonia Hernandez catch a few z's on their Algebra 1 break. Bottom right (from left): Hannah Roberts, Katie Warner and Lindsey Miller visit after lunch.

Above from left: Belal Ahmimar, Dan Jaffari, Neha Dhawan, Alex Morgan and Eleni Mijalis.

Below: Nick LaRoeca and Amelia Robert visit before returning to class.


residential life

Residential Advisors


Left: Celia Mangham, CRL, helps the program run smoothly.

Left (from left): RAs Jess Rash, Katy Mulvaney, Krystal Simmons, Liz Roberts, and Alexander Haber celebrate a victory.
Alexander


Devin

Front row (from left): Kenny Burns, Esteban Espitia, Phillip Dentino, Polkard Lawson, Michael Dai, Scott Li, Anvesh Kompelli, Nick Amin. Back row (from left): Erik Istre, David Parsons, Patrick Johnson, Devin Drouant (RA), Andrew Holnes, Philip Murray.

Hunter


Jessica Alwell

Jessica
"Jess" Rash

Kneeling (from left): Diana Zacarias, Jessica (Jess) Rash (RA), Raji Reddy.

Krystal
On ground (from left): Mallory Hirschler, Misha Molani, Rachel Johnson.
Second row (from left): Alex Morgan, Joy Shan, Kelsey Mayfield, Cecilia Hanson, Taylor Jambon.

Katy

Liz
Maddy
Front row (from left): Anna Cheng, Caitlin Blanchard, Amanda Quar, Kim Ha. Second row (from left): Lauren Riddle (TA), Katie Hogan, Eleni Mijalis. Third row (from left): Phoebe Roberts, Taylor McHugh, Emily Cowen. Back row (from left): Lindsay Miller, Nellie New, Amanda Williams, Kelsey Cook, Margaret Parsons, Maddie Arivett (RA). Note: This adorable photo is of these ladies on their RA night out at the Royal Tea House.

Paolo

Randye

Sam
**RA Night Out**

Right: Some of the ladies in Maddy Arven’s RA group at the Royal Tea House include (from left and clockwise) Amanda Quay, Kelsey Cook, Taylor McHugh, Anna Cheng, Caitlin Blanchard, Margaret Parsons, Nellie New, and Emily Cowen. They are all that, especially in their hats!

Below: Some of the boys in Sam Fick’s group at the bowling alley and arcade room include (from left) Keaton McKinney, Connor Appel, and Marc Barnet (with head down).

**Activities Spice Up Nights and Weekends**

Left: It is hard to tell who is having more fun...Anna Cheng or the horse at Goodwill. Below: Students (from bottom left clockwise) Kostik Reeves, Harrison Griffin, Eric Ristroph (TA), Erik Isene, David Parsons, and Eric Rohh play a game of Munchkin.

Above right: Krystal Simmons’ girls and Hunter Stoch’s boys visited downtown Natchitoches for their night out activity. Front (from left) are Mallory Hirschler and Kelsey Mayfield. Middle is Jason Liu, back (from left) are Katie Warner and Camille Guillot. Right (from left): Cousins Rachel Garson and Caroline Stokes, in Jessica Abell’s group, enjoy going off campus to Chili’s for their night out.

Above: These ladies beat the heat with cool treats at Sonic.

Above (from left): Sam Fick (RA), Connor Appel, Kelsey Phares, Scott Li, Hannah Roberts and Judy Wang enjoy cooking out. Right: Why is that ADVANCE students absolutely LOVE to get messy?

Variety is the Key to Successful Activities

Murder Mysteries are always a favorite activity and this one involves pirates. The mates include kneeling (from left) Hannah Roberts, Kostik Reyes, Lizzi O’Gorman and Nellie New. Standing (from left) are Naseem Alammar, Kelsey Cook, Taylor McHugh, Maya Welch, Amanda Quay, and Kelly Mulvaney (RA).

Basketball enthusiasts participate in the 3-on-3 tournament. They are front row (from left): Randy Rain (RA), Mihesha Patel, Logan Burns; Terry Lin, Leo Park. Second row (from left): Abraham Younes, Ambert Yeh, Andrea Popa, Willy Liu, Alex Williams, Benton Troxclair, Erik Istue, Ricky Patel, Vinny Cannata, Patrick Johnson, Rick Changhani, Sean Rhamne.

Soccer is always popular with the students.

Above (kneeling from left) Willy Lin and Matt Helum. Front row (from left) Belal Alammar, Hiru Patel, Rachel Johnson, Karly Caples, Rachel Segrest, Vineeth Kasarla, Britain Heasby, Coleman McFerrin. Back row (from left) Alex Williams (totally blocked) Sean Rhamne, Patrick Young, Scott Wheat, William Chou, Brennan Williams, Phillip Dentino, David Halsey (partially blocked), and Michael Dasiy.
Activities Help Blow Off Steam After a Full Day of Class

Above right: Let dodgeball (DEATHBALL) begin. Ultimate Frisbee is a perennial favorite at ADVANCE. Above (from left): Jack Jambon, Wally Nguyen, and Michelle Khare on the playing field.


Left: Mikesh Patel takes a shot. Below (from left): Esteban Espitia, Hunter Stoehr (RA), and Erik Istrce have their eyes on the prize. Below right: Anna Cheng, Caitlin Blanchard and Maya Welch enjoy swimming at the Natatorium.

This huge group of students are at the pyramid fountain on NSU’s campus for an afternoon of Capture the Flag.
It's a Wonderful Life at ADVANCE

Annually, an amazing group of students choose to enroll at ADVANCE and they are truly the essence of the program. We thank you for attending.


A Winning Combination: Students, Staff and Faculty

Left (top to bottom): Alexander Harber (RA), Maanasa Dwivedi (TA), Esteban Espitia, Jessica Alwell (RA), Patrick Johnson, Brittany Burrow. Right (top to bottom): Hira Quani, Dr. Wood (Director), Mosaque Claiborne, Timothy O’Young, Claire Landry, Cian O’Donovan. Below top (from left): Instructors Leon Hua, Billy Pritchard and Seth DuBois. Below middle (from left): Benjamin Williamson (TA) and Nick Gilley as twins. Below bottom (from left): Ralph Adano (Instructor) and John Yang (TA) enjoy a break from the Creative Writing class.
Dance Like No One Is Looking But...

James Hallam is in the middle of the circle entertaining the crowd.

...Know That They Are!

Getting folks on the dance floor is not a problem at ADVANCE.
Different music requires different dances. Here, a conga line weaves through the ballroom.

**Talent Show**
A long-hallowed tradition at ADVANCE, the talent show lets the students shine on the last night of the program.

Above left: Erin Carcel plays "Black Bird".
Above right: Sydney Breaxx sings "Bobby".
Far left: Mahry Brosach astounds the audience with her rendition of "Oh Darling".
Left: Bailey Henery impresses everyone with her dance number.
Below foreground (from left): Nick LaRocca, Camille Guillot and Amelia Robert lead everyone in "Leavin' on a Jet Plane" with the help of the staff.
Right: Freddy-May AbiSamra performs "Elie the Barred Boy". Below: Members of Maddy Arivett's RA group (from left) Nellie New, Margaret Parsons, Caitlin Blanchard, Maddy Arivett (RA), Phoebe Roberts, Taylor McHugh, Amanda Quay and Emily Cowen perform an original dance number. Below left: Eleni Mijals sings "Did You Know".

Simply Amazing


Left (from left): Kerry Ann Richmond, Katie Hogan, Mallory Hirschler, and Kelsey Mayfield ence the talent show.

Above: The staff dance to the tune "Friend Like Me" from the movie Aladdin. Left: Faith Shaw performs an original number "Our Lives". Far left: Connor Appel plays the Zelda medley.
Staffers Also
Create Memories

Left (top to bottom): Camille Bullock (TA) and Randye Rand (RA), Sam Fick (RA), Louise Wang (TA), Devin Drozant (Head RA), Amy King (TA), Yifei Duan (TA). Right (top to bottom): Dave Ray (TA), Katy Mulvaney (RA) and Benjamin Williamson (TA), Krystal Simmons (RA) and Katie Finch (TA), Eric Reistroph (TA), Maddy Arivett (RA), Paolo Naccari (RA). Below top: The staffers chillin out. Below middle (from left): Maddy Arivett (RA), with TAs Vera Herbert, Camille Bullock, William Hogan, John Yang. Below bottom (from left): Alexander Harber (RA), Katie Finch (TA), RAs Liz Roberts, Jess Rash, Sam Fick.

Staff Members are
Quite Indispensable

Staff members are selected from a large pool of well qualified undergraduate and graduate applicants. We feel our students work hard, play hard, and go home happy. The same applies to ADVANCE's wonderful staff members and they are truly the heart of the program. Staffers continually give their all so that the students have a fantastic and memorable experience.

Left: No one knows why Liz Roberts (RA) is pleading with Celia Mangham, CRL. Below from left: Randye Rand (RA), Yifei Duan (TA), Hunter Stochr (RA) compete in staff twister.

Above (front left and clockwise): Katy Mulvaney (RA), Camille Bullock (TA), Katie Finch (TA), and Leon Hsu (Instructor) celebrate after completing a puzzle.

Above (from left): Jess Rash (RA) and Vera Herbert (TA) growl dance.
Far right: RAs Maddy Arrivett and Devin Drozent at a dance. Right: Amy King (TA), the Puzzle Queen, works on the final puzzle. Below: Staffers greet and help students move in on registration Sunday.

Below top (from left): Yifei Duan (TA) and Sam Fick (RA) on Twin Day. Below bottom (from left): Katy Mulvaney (RA) presents Harriette Palmer, Assistant Director, with an original and quite covered Princess Bride T-shirt design.

Staffers Give Their All

Below (from left): Raji Reddy, Benjamin Williams (TA) and Claudia Maguire say goodbye on the last day of ADVANCE.

Above (from left): TAs John Yargo, Camille Bullock and William Hogan as the gentlemen battle for Camille’s heart.

Above: Lauren Riddle (TA) helps Patrick Johnson with the mysteries of chemistry.

The staff act traditionally closes the talent show. The number, choreographed by Randye Rand (RA), was the best performance by the staffers to date and it brought the house down.

The staff water orchestra performs for students. Qualifications include the ability to gangle, hum, and spit. Members are (from left): RAs Katy Mulvaney, Alexander Harber, Hunter Stoehr, Sam Fick, Liz Roberts and Randye Rand. They are directed by Celia Mangham, CRL.
**Until Next Year, Remember the Flamingo!**

Right (from left): Andreea Popa and Julienne Louis protect their flamingo at Capture the Flag (rather... flamingo). Below (from left): Kerry Ann Richmond, Faith Shaw, Hannah Roberts and Katie Hogan enjoy the beach party on the deck behind Caddo dorm.


Far left (from left): David Parsons and Felipe Hernandez on Twin Day.

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