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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!

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

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.

ADVANCErs love each other so much that Twin Day is now an annual event!
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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 Davus (Nurse). Below (from left): Harriette Palmer (Assistant Director), Maggie Hodge (Biology), Jonah Njenga (Algebra 1), David Wood (Director), Jennifer Innerarity (Criminalistics).

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

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

Above (from left): Celia Mangham (Coordinator of Residential Life), Jennifer Ingram (Counselor), Janet Davus (Nurse). Below (from left): Harriette Palmer (Assistant Director), Maggie Hodge (Biology), Jonah Njenga (Algebra 1), David Wood (Director), Jennifer Innerarity (Criminalistics).
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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


BIOLOGY


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.
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.


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

The Film Studies class project, *HVZ*, was written by the students in the class, directed by Mason Joiner [TA], and produced by Bill Housel [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.

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, Derlyn Flanagan, Archie Torbett, Nicholas Cheramie, Jade Duthu, Katie Kelso.

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.

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), Candice 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).

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.

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

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

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 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.

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


Amanda

RA Groups


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).
Above (kneeling from left): Justin Feng, Adam Hardwick, Nicholas Cheramie, Pius Lau. Standing (from left): Benton Troclair (RA), Byron Williams, Tim Ingram, Conor Bertucci, Michael Tonore, Kerji Pearman, Nihkl Gogieni, Michael Mayeux, Alistair Dunn, Logan Burnsed (TA).

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

Reuben


Samuel


Sohni


Srinee

Stephen


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.

Activities Add to the ADVANCE Experience

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 Lu, 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.
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.

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, Derlyn Flanagan, Edouard Ferrell, Sam Yeboah. Back row (from left): Austin Saizan, Joshua Ballagh, Fernando Torres, Tolson Frantzen, Kevin Pan, Alistair Dunn. And yes, it was pitch black when they stopped playing!

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

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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.

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

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 BOHEMIA RHAPSODY (Queen), LOW (Flo Rida), BUMBLE (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!


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

Above (from left): Allison and Jessica Todd dog their way into our hearts.

Above right: Kaitlyn Hall plays an original saxophone number.

Above: 5th year student, Jake Goodwin, will be missed!
Everyone Joins in the Fun

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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