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June 7 - 27, 2015

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!
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 (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 Hocomb (Physics), Rondo Keck (Logic and Puzzles), Bill Housel (Film Studies).

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.
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.
COLONIAL AMERICA

First row (from left): Katie Assaf, Bonnie Rae Dorman, Nona Goodwin, Lauren Sakryd, Casey Green (instructor). Back row (from left): Jordan 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: Rise of the Dadgum Burd.

Above (from left): Greg Willis, Foluwad Desalu, Juliet Flanagan, Maggie Chadwick, Pius Liu, Rakhith Srinivasu, Ralph Adamo (instructor), Angelina Wood, Adam Cox. On ground: Amelia Hall (TA).

ETYMOLOGY

**FILM STUDIES**


**GEOMETRY**


**LOGIC & PUZZLES**

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

**PHYSICS**

PROGRAMMING WITH ALICE


SHAKESPEARE & PERFORMANCE


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): Briah Cooley and Teena Li participate in the flame chemistry lab.

Teaching Assistants
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.

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

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


David

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

Heidi

Keaton


Kerry


Maya


Mikesh

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

Right: (seated from left): Joe Hawkins, Haafiz Hashim, Susheel Deshpande, Taaha Ahmed, Omar Shbeeb, Richard Hart. Standing (from left): Matt Eymard, Chris Myers (TA), Nick Bailey (RA), Ben Harold, Ben Ambrose, Henry Hadlett, Cleveland Lavalle, Alex Wuliod.
Residential Assistants


Activities Provide Something for Everyone

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

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

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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 Dutru, and Katie Ketso work on an engineering project. Below right: ADVANCErs love each other...and to get messy!

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 Mikes 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): 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.


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 Nogues, Evy Tran, Heidi Dunne (RA), Caroline Sauter, and Juliet Flanagan unwind in the dance studio.
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.

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


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).

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.

ADVANCErs Love the Dances

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....

Above: Evy Tran and Dexter Troxclair.
You Can Always Be Yourself at ADVANCE


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

Right (from left): Marshall Rouse and David Huh (RA). Far right: Grayson Connly.

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.


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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.
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!

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, Marshall
Rouse, Tyler Shoemaker,
Grayson Conly. Back
row (from left): Shelby
Whiteaker, Catherine
Ebarb, Alyssa Walker,
Jessica Todd, Katie
Kelso, Camille Guidry,
Nona Goodwin.

Left (from left): Tina Li and Melissa Horton with some
moves at a dance. Below (from left): Ben Ambrose,
Brooke Wang, Aanya Bhandari, Cleveland
Lavalais, Nick Bailey (RA), Leila Kataria, and Sahana
Padumane endure the heat to be with mother nature at
Kisatchie National Forest.
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The next program will be held June 7 - 27, 2015
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!

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.

A Farewell in Plaid

See You Next Summer

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