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Wonderful Memories Are Made at ADVANCE


Left (from left): Jon Goldberg and Caymen Hawkins in a biology lab. Below (from left) are the 2016 5th year students: Austin Saizan, Conor Bertucci, Tyler Saizan, Nick Cheramie, Erica Landon, Micaela Whiteaker. You guys will be missed!


Students win the Students vs Staff basketball game!


Students Win!

Serenading is a thing at ADVANCE and these guys impressed with their talent and charm! From left: Louis Edwards, Daniel Schonefeld, Keyan Roshan, Ajit Alapati, Jez Pham, Dennis Semenov, Mahad Ahmed, Atula Danwira, Jonathan Okereke, Laya Tommala.
ADVANCE loves serving gifted students and we are indebted to our fabulous instructors, staff, and administrators. Thanks for 28 years! (Left) from left: Harriette Palmer (Associate Director), Danielle Coutee (Office Manager).

Above (from left): Jennifer Ingram (Counselor), Janet Darfus (Nurse), Celia Mangham (Coordinator of Residential Life).

First row (from left): Dave Andersen (C++), Chris Hynes (Director), Katy Mulvaney (Shakespeare in Performance), Andrew Galatas (Chemistry), Eleanor Jones (Trigonometry).

Second row (from left): Jonah Njenga (Algebra 1), Hannah Kelly (Etymology), Neeru Deep (Psychology), Greg Thompson (Physics). Back rows (from left): Seth DuBois (Geometry), Bill House (Films), Ralph Adamo (Creative Writing), William Hogan (Age of Empires), Valerie Johnson (Algebra 2), Andrew Stacy (Biology).
CLASSES

AGE OF EMPIRES


ALGEBRA 1


ALGEBRA 2


BIOLOGY

LEARNING C++ THROUGH GAME PROGRAMMING

CHEMISTRY

CREATIVE WRITING

ETYMOLOGY

The class members read original work at a coffee house during the program and created an anthology, *Fourth Wheel of a Tricycle*.
FILM STUDIES

The classmates wrote, acted, filmed and edited two short films during the program. One will be entered in the Louisiana Junior Film Prize competition next spring.

Inner circle (from left): Nick Cheramie, Erica Landon, Sarah Handley, Jhajuan Countee, Erin Tappel, Micaela Whiteaker, Lindsey Oxford. Outer circle (from left): Conor Bertucci, Bill Housel (Instructor), Mason Joiner (TA).

GEOMETRY


PHYSICS

Left [left side front to back]: Sanyoni Desai, Brian Wang, Greg Thompson (Instructor). Right side [front to back]: John Galatas (TA), Brianna Wang, Louis Edwards. Middle [front to back]: Josh Wang, Allison Todd, Morgan Ross.

PSYCHOLOGY

The class performed excerpts from three plays, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and *Othello*.


TRIGONOMETRY


Teaching Assistants

First row (from left): Catherine Ebarb (Psychology), Jessie Chen (Biology), John Galatas (Physics), Freddy-May AbiSamra (Shakespeare). Second row (from left): Ashley Adams (Geometry), Phoebe Wooldridge (C++), Unai Neketan (Age of Empires), Leanny Muñoz (Etymology). Third row (from left): Andrew Bennett (Trigonometry), Waania Beg (Algebra 1), Michael Thrower (Creative Writing), Mason Joiner (Film Studies). Back row (from left): Kurt Ristroph (Chemistry and Head TA), Archie Torbett (Algebra 2).

Left: Camille Head works through a difficult problem in Algebra 2. Above (from left): Marley Knittle, Lauren Mathews, John Venegas Juarez dance in a Shakespeare scene.
Right (from left): Wish Wood and Marley Knittle perform a scene in the Shakespeare production. Below (from left): Alex Yu and Atula Danivas participate in a chemistry lab.


ADVANCE Is Not Your Typical Day at School

Left (from left): Mason Joiner (TA), Nick Cheramie, Erin Tappel prepare to shoot a scene for the film studies class project.

Below (from left): Meagan Kropp receives assistance preparing her presentation from psychology instructor, Neeru Deep.

Left (from left): Isabel Davis, Tara Roshan, Jesse Chen (TA) work through a biology lab.
Participation Promotes Learning

Above: Etymology classmates learn about ancient civilizations as well as word origins. Seated (from left): Jasmine Kong, Josh Henry, Seh Kuada. Standing (from left): Leanny Muñoz (TA), Alexis Fletcher, Natalie Meculoso, Nory Brockman, Victoria Bell, Ali Coughlin, Daniel Schonefeld.

Right (from left): Eric Cody, Jonah Njenga (Instructor), Hannah Lewis, Mary Grace Long learn Algebra 1 while finding ways to make it fun!

Above (from left): Chandler Burgess, Claire Guyton, Lauren Watson, Karina Guerrero present their findings in Psychology.
RA Groups


First row (from left): Michael Thrower (TA), Thomas Dally, Caymen Hawkins, Shaurya Kumar, Marshal Westerchil, Karan Baker, André Bourque.
Back row (from left): Sam Konur, Clayton Nolan, Angelo Schibetta, Trei Lee, Greg Hewitt, Ben Bordes, Kolby Carter (RA).


Marissa


Maya

Shiva


Tamara


Left (from left): Casey Gibson and Kurt Ristroph (TA) on Character Day. Above (kneeling from left): Chris Kang, Ariel Sepulveda, Sherwin Roshan, Olivia Kim, Trey Ross (RA). Standing (from left): Riley Louviere, Josh Sadler, Nick Rodriguez, Kris Cayette, Ralph Brockman, Renee Angerer, Cat Karam, Angelo Schibetta, Dennis Semenov. Making and flying paper airplanes is always a good idea!
Left: Kendrick Foster earns the Golden Paddle Award for winning the ping pong tournament. Below (from left): Nia Passman, Madison Lemoine, Brianna Wang, Marley Knittle, Emmanuel Hervey, McKayla James, Paige Peugh proudly display purchases they made at the Louisiana Folk Festival held at NSU.

Burn Some Steam or Chill with Friends

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Above from left: Josh Henry, Shervin Roshan, Ethan Tay, Ariel Sepulveda, Tomaso Brown enjoy chess in the dorm. Right (from left): Eve Goodwin, Na’Riah Matthews, Allison Johnson, Alexis Fletcher are all smiles at Taco Bell.
Select
Traditional or
Unusual Activities

Right (from front from left): Emma Gruesbeck, Wish Wood. Middle row (from left): André Bourque, Kailin LeBlanc. Back row (from left): Hannah Kitakule, Divya Kasarla, Kathryn Lee get coffee at Café DeMon. Below right (from left corner clockwise): Trei Lee, Andrew Stacy (Instructor), Shaurya Kumar, Chandler Burgess, Carson Foster, Joshua Posten enjoy cards.

Above (from left): Allison Todd and Sanyoni Desai make friendship bracelets and braid hair.

The forces of good and evil apparently train at ADVANCE. Jedi training participants (from left): Zach Guo, Hannah Lewis, Nick Rodriguez, Austin Boswell, Jon Goldberg, Lauren Mathews, John Fleming, Ariel Sepulveda, Josh Henry, Kurt Bistroph (TA), Ethan Tay.

Left (from left): Wish Wood, Karina Guerrero, Sarah Salvatore, Grace Shin, Alexis Fletcher take in yoga and paint! Below left (from left): Nick Castro, Dennis Semenov, Thomas Dally build and then test their boat. Below (from left): Jackie Wang, Ana Reinecke make and eat chocolate spoons.

Sith training participants (front row from left): Carson Foster, Haley Pritchard, Shaurya Kumar, Sam Konur, Dennis Semenov, Greg Hewitt. Back row (from left): Victoria Bell, Ariel Sepulveda, William Brown, Josh Henry, John Fleming, Eric Cody, Matt Rickman, Angelo Schibetta, a mystery student as Darth Vader, Trey Ross (RA), Mason Joiner (TA).
ADVANCERS Have Talent

The Talent Show is a long-hallowed tradition and allows students to showcase their talents. Right: Brianna Wang masters Chopin’s Fantasie Impromptu. Below (from left): Emcees Plus Lau, Morgan Ross, Erin Tappel, and Nick Cheramie introduce acts and keep the show running smoothly. Below right: Angelo Schibetta demonstrates Tae Kwan Do.

Right: Erin Mayeux dances beautifully. Far right: Rithika Nayar performs Popular from the musical Wicked.

Left: Louis Edwards performs an original spoken word and vocal percussion piece titled Jazz Man. Below (from left): Ryann Hamilton, Kaitlyn Hawkins, and Brittney Hall sing and play Stay.

ADVANCE Dances Are Incredible

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), Istanbul (They Might Be Giants), Footloose (Kenny Loggins), Don’t Stop Believing (Journey), Y.M.C.A. (Village People) to name a few. The dances always close with It’s the End of the World (R.E.M.)

By All Means, Have Some Fun


Above (from left): Jonathan Okereke; Zach Guo; Tina Li and Nai Passman; Caymen Hawkins; Kai Hall. Right (from left): Harlan Picht, Jez Pham, Keyan Ro- shan, Brian Wang, Nick Rodriguez, Seth Kuada, Carson Foster, Josh Henry.

Above (from left): Mark Hesser; Lindsey Oxford; Na’Riah Matthews and Greg Hewitt; Ytzi Montes-Victoria; Victoria Bell and Trei Lee.
This is How Memories are Made

Right (from left): Victoria Bell, Lauren Stroupe. Far right (from left): Shaurya Kumar, Tara Roshan.

Left (from left): Kaitlyn Hawkins, Brittney Hall, Amelia Haymach. Far left: Ayush Suresh, Ajit Alapati, Jez Pham.

Right (from left): Goldie Howard, Alexis King. Far right (from left): Sarah Salvatore, Joel Zishuk, Austin Saizan.

Left (from left): Greg Willis, Sam Konur. Far left (from left): Alyssa Reid, Chris Young, Lauren Mathews.

Right (from left): Allison Zanyk, Yasi Montes-Victoria, Renee Angerer. Far right (from left): Austin Boswell, Morgan Ross, Allison Todd.

Beach Party

Right: Ashton Fremin. Far right (from left): Too many folks to name, but everyone enjoys the pool!

Left: Isabel Davis. Far left: Big kids love the kiddie pool and waterguns.

Right (from left): Josh Wang and Clayton Nolan. Far right: The watermelon eating contest was a huge success!


Right (from left): Jez Pham and Steven Lin. Far right: Camille Jordan.
Staffers Are the Heart and Soul of ADVANCE

Staffers give 200% and are positive role models for the students. Thanks for your hard work!

The decades dance is popular with staff and students.
Left (from left): Kimmie Davidson and Archie Torbett.
Below (from left): Tamara Zishuk, Trey Ross, Maya Welch.

We Hope to See You
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Right (from left): Louise Olivier and Meagan Kropp present their research in Psychology class. Below: Jon Goldberg makes a statement at the Beach Party.

Above: Our fabulous 4th and 5th year students (kneeling from left): Austin Saizan, Micaela Whiteaker, Nick Cheramie, Tyler Saizan. Standing (from left): Pius Lau, Conor Bertucci, Sarah Handley, Erica Landon, Morgan Ross, Allison Todd, Erin Tappel, Kai Hall. Right (from left): Madison Woodard and Karina Guerrero belt out words to a song at a dance.

Left: Beware of Sam Lau at dodgeball. Below (back to front): Rithika Nayar, Austin Saizan, Sanyoni Desai, Siobahn Stanley chillin’ in the pool.

Left (from left): Foluwa Desai is being chased by Zombies Gus Brown and Ashley Adams (TA) at Humans vs Zombies.
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