The upcoming program will be held

July 5 - 25, 2020!

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ADVANCErs Create Fabulous Memories

Right: Jordan Otelo busts some moves. Below: 5th year students (from left): Sam Lau, Alyssa Reid, Victoria Bell, Hailey Pritchard, Angelo Schibetta. My how time flies, and you guys will be missed!

Left: Shriya Gogineni beautifully sings “White Houses” by Vanessa Compton. Below: This group of young men enthusiastically enjoy the dance.

Right: Some film studies students on NSU’s campus filming “Swept Through Time.” From left: Nick Cheramie (TA), Jayme French, Victoria Bell, Jack Randazzo.

Visiting a local farm to buy fresh fruits and vegetables are (front row from left): Libby Labranche, Kristin Schmidt. Back rows (from left): Madison Lemoine (RA), Renee Angerer, Anthony Thompson, Brianna Stephan, Cat Perilloux, Hannah Hartley, Samantha Bui, Laura Gboloo, Sidha Kunada.
Faculty and Administration

ADVANCE continues to challenge gifted students while helping them have a fabulous summer experience. Right: James MacDonald lectures to history students. Below (from left): René Lewis (nurse), Harriette Palmer (associate director), Kesha Walker (counselor), Celia Mangham (coordinator of residential life).

Instructors (first row from left): Chris Hynes (director), Jessica Bass (algebra 1), Dave Andersen (Java), Andrew Galatas (chemistry). Second row: Li Ma (biology), Valerie Johnson (algebra 2), Greg Thompson (physics), James MacDonald (the American West). Third row: Ralph Adamo (creative writing), Bill Housel (film studies), Seth DuBois (geometry), Tom Tiefenwerth (criminalistics), Steve Gruesbeck (psychology).
CLASSES

Algebra 1

Algebra 2

The American West
Seated (from left): Anthony Thompson, Alexa Lundblade, Rory Denison, Katherine Hughes. Standing (from left): Jonas Ampuero, James Mac Donald (Instructor), Hannah Hartley, Kris Cayette, Ava Reid, Grayson King, Kendsi Zibet, Bailie Marsh (TA).

Biology
Seated (from left): Anthony Thompson, Alexa Lundblade, Rory Denison, Katherine Hughes. Standing (from left): Jonas Ampuero, James Mac Donald (Instructor), Hannah Hartley, Kris Cayette, Ava Reid, Grayson King, Kendsi Zibet, Bailie Marsh (TA).
Criminalistics and Forensic Science


Visit http://advance.nsula.edu, and click on Film Studies Movies in the menu box to view many films created throughout the history of ADVANCE.

Chemistry

From left: Bonnie Dorman (TA), Laura Gboloo, Kristin Schmidt, Chandler Burgess, Alex Bui, Hailey Dangerfield, Ernesto Zukreta, Brianna Stephan, Samantha Bui, Cat Perilloux, Andrew Galatas (Instructor).

Creative Writing


The class members read original works at a coffee house during the program and created an anthology, Plot Twist I'm a Bird. You may view it online at http://advance.nsula.edu (Click on “Archives” in the menu box.)

Film Studies


The class wrote, acted, filmed, and edited two short film projects. One, titled Moon Landing Murder, will be entered in the Louisiana Film Prize Junior competition in April 2020. Good luck, class!
Geometry
Front rows (from left): Anne Michelle Long, Christina Liu, Sam Bell, Ava Pham, Kaden Chance, Sree Karnatt. Back rows (from left): Lilly Erickson, Sidha Kunada, Evan Shelton, Seth Dubois [Instructor], Jordan Oteio, Emma Bright, Vincent Chen, Erin Tappel [TA].

Java
Seated (from left): Greta Hsieh, Bo Collinsworth, Nicholas Ambriz, Paul Berend. Standing (from left): Allison Todd [TA], Brynn Beatty, Allison Johnson, Jacob Major, D. J. Hill, Dave Andersen [Instructor].

Physics
Front row (from left): Sam Lau, Elaine Gboloo, Jordan Hsieh. Back row (from left): Greg Thompson [Instructor], Iliyan Basaria, Emily Zhang, Ella Barnes, Nick Rodriguez, Archie Torbett [TA].

Psychology
Teaching Assistants


Biology students participate in an interactive anatomy and physiology lab. From left: Pius Lau (TA), Jazzlynn Temple, Dr. Millard Mangrum (guest lecturer), Paresh Kolluru, Elijah Burks, Jordan Harrold, Remi Swan.

Seated from left: Alex DunnMiller, Joey Chen, and Kushal Upadhyay enjoy solving equations with their algebra 1 instructor, Jessica Bass.

Left: Filming in the July heat are (from left) Jordan Hunter, Angelo Schibetta, John Fleming. Below (from left): Paul Berend and Nicholas Ambriz master programming while learning Java.
Fast Paced Classes Challenge Students

Right: The creative writing class hosts a reading of original works every year, and the crowd is most appreciative. Below (from left): Algebra 2 students Ethan Elmer and Ty Russell solve problems outside.

Right: Criminalistics students (from left): Will Zimmer, Renee Angerer, Zach Petty, Thomas Dally examine evidence at a mock crime scene.

American West students apply knowledge learned while playing Reacting to the Past. Above (from left): Grayson Kring, Kris Cayette, Rory Denison, Kendsi Zabel, Katherine Hughes, Ava Reid, Hannah Hartley, Anthony Thompson, Jonas Ampuero.
Participation Promotes Learning

Right (from left) Emily Zhang, Elaine Gboloo, Nick Rodriguez work together in a physics momentum lab. Below (from left): Kiyan Rice, Leo Yabut, Getuwarin Clay, Derrilon Young listen to an algebra 2 lecture before proceeding with calculations.

Psychology students work on their papers to present to classmates at the end of ADVANCE. Above (from left): Lexi Rubin (TA), Sommer Dull, Stephanie Okereke, Olivia Miller, Mason McCart, Michael Venson.

residential life
RA Groups

Front row (from left): Ryder Robbins, Ravi Baker, Danison Zhang, Rory Denison, Lane Dominguez, Jonas Ampuero, Pius Lau (TA). Back row (from left): Caleb Howell (RA), Kerry Pan, Nicholas Bennett, Jordan Harrold, Mason McCart, Alex DunnMiller, Evan Shelton.


Madison


Marshall


Miriam

**ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars**

**Sarah**


**Morgan**


**Nona**


**Residential Assistants**

From far left (clockwise): Josh Ballagh, Caleb Howell, Kaleb Fletcher, Dexter Troxclair, Miriam Islas, Madeline Fralia, Morgan Ross, Marshal Rouse, Madison Lemoine, Nona Goodwin (Head RA), Sarah Handley.
Activities Provide Rest and Relaxation

Shopping at Goodwill is a favorite weekend activity! Below (from left): Sommer Dull, Kasey Pinac, Christina Liu. Right (from left): D.J. Hill and Kyle Rachal at the hoop in the staff vs student basketball game.

Enjoying snow cones are (seated from left): Ernesto Zulueta, Ryder Robbins, Rishona Mopur, Jordan Harrold, Brynn Tighe. Back row (from left): Ethan Elmer, Elijah Burks, Pierre Charbonnet, Morgan Ross (RA), Lane Dominguez, Mackenzie LaCombe.

Left (from left): Rory Denison (from the United Kingdom) borrows boots and a hat from Lane Dominguez on Twin Day to create a cowboy look. Below (from left): Romi Swan, Leighanna Kain, Alexa Lundblade, Hannah Hartley, Shriya Gogineni, Morgan Ross (RA), enjoy chilling while making friendship bracelets.

Below: Messy activities are always a good idea (from left) Libby Labranche, Brynn Beatty, Ella Barnes. Right (from left): Thomas Daily and Vincent Chen battle for the ball.

The students vs staff basketball game is always highly anticipated. From left: Nick Cheramie, Kyle Rachal, Jhajuan Countee, Kaleb Fletcher, Madison Lemoine, Archie Torbett, Kingston Nicholas, Kiyon Rice, Ty Russell, Greg Thompson, D. J. Hill, Lexi Rubin.

Let’s Have Fun
Left: Bo Collinsworth valiantly battles zombies. Below (from left): Kimberley Sorsby, Nicholas Bennett, Brynn Tighe, Renee Angerer relax while playing a game of cards.

ADVANCErs love to chill out in the pool! Front row (from left): Houston Hearn, Alexa Lundblade, Lane Dominguez, Emmy Eason, Angie Hulikiewicz. Back row (from left): John Fleming, Nicholas Ambriz, Dawn Comings, Qetuwrah Clay, Pierre Charbonnet, Angelo Schibetta, Jonas Ampuero.

Students vs Staff Basketball Game
A Variety of Activities Are Offered

Balloon painting is a creative and relaxing activity. Right (clockwise from top left): Emma Bright, Anne Michelle Long, Christina Liu, Lilly Erickson, Miriam Islas (RA), Emily Xu, Brynn Tighe. Below: Jacob Major makes a throw in mid-air at ultimate Frisbee.

Right: Thanks go to Victoria and Samantha Bell, who donated a game table, and Sam and Pius Lau, who let the program use their Mahjong tiles. Students (from left) Zach Petty, Anthony Thompson, Will Zimmer, Grayson Kring, Carson Foster, Victoria Bell rotate to the table to learn, and try to master, Mahjong.

Humans vs Zombies is always a favorite activity at ADVANCE! The game ends when the last human becomes “infected” and turns into a zombie. Then, a new game begins and they play until dark.

Left (from left): Kushal Upadhyay and Maggie Charlet at Capture the Flag. Below (from left): Kasey Pinac, Sommer Dull, Adriana Hernandez, Michael Venson visit the newly opened Chick-fil-A.

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The Courtyard and Kyser Bricks

Right (from left): Sommer Dull, Olivia Miller, Stephanie Okereke, Cory Jones, Maggie Charlet, Kayla Crane, Mason McCart. Far right (from left): Laura Gboloo, Samantha Bui, Hailey Dangefield, Alex Bui, Kristin Schmidt.


Beach Party

Right (from left): Danizon Zhang, Alston Zhang, Vincent Chen, Dalton Kennedy. Far right (from bottom left): Hannah Hartley, Kendsi Zabel, Ava Reid, Katherine Hughes, Rory Denison, Bailie Marsh (TA), Alexa Lundblade.

Left (from left): Elaine Gboloo, Sam Lau, Iliyan Basaria, Emily Zhang, Greta Hsieh, Jorden Hsieh. Far left (from left): Cody Lyons, Eesha Kumar, Kushal Upadhyay, Joey Chen.

Right (from left): Iliyan Basaria, Pierre Charbonnet, Carson Foster, Nick Rodriguez, Will Zimmer, Thomas Dally, Grayson Kring, Kris Cayette. Far right (from left): Adriana Hernández, Kasey Prac, Michael Venson, Garrett Thomas.
ADVANCErs Have Abundant Talent

The Talent Show is a long-hallowed tradition and allows students to showcase their talents. Right (from left): Tré French and Eesha Kumar perform *I’m In Too Deep* by Why Don’t We. Below: Allison Johnson artfully sings and plays *I’m Yours* by Jason Mraz.

Above (from left): Cory Jones, Cat Karam, Cole Cargile, Kris Cayette, Hailey Pritchard serve as emcees and help keep the show on schedule. Right: Elijah Burks masters *River Flows in You* by Yiruma.

Left: Ravi Baker introduces the piano piece, *Graceful Ghost* by George Winston, prior to his performance. Below: Nicholas Head breaks a board, held by Sensei James, in a well executed Kung Fu routine.


Below: Allison Johnson artfully sings and plays *I’m Yours* by Jason Mraz.
Well Done, Students

Right: Alex DunnMiller skillfully performs his original guitar piece, Autumn Bird. Below: Staff members, who historically close the show with a fun act, enter the stage while playing kazoots.

Did Someone Say Dance?

ADVANCE hosts three incredibly fun dances, and the students simply love them! We play some current hits, but classics such as Don’t Stop Believing (Journey), Time of Your Life (Green day), Bohemian Rhapsody (Queen), Superman (Soulja Boy), Footloose (Kenny Loggins), are hugely popular. It’s the End of the World (R.E.M.) is always the last song.

Left: Gabe Hext hams it up at the intergalactic dance. Below left (from left): Rishona Mopur, Joey Chen, Emily Xu, Elaine Berend, Vivian Heurtevant.

Right: Leaving on a Jet Plane, always the last student act, is performed by 5th year students and others aging out of the program. From left: Lindsay Miller, Cat Karam, Sam Lau, Thomas Daily, Alyssa Reid, Victoria Bell, Haley Pritchard, Angelo Schibetta.

Above (from left): Kingson Nicholas, Jacob Major, Kris Cayette take center stage. Left: Footloose, a perennial favorite at ADVANCE, always gets students on the floor.
Move Those Feet

Far left (from left): Brynn Beaty and Allison Johnson work the floor. Left (from left): Pierre Charbonnet and Renee Angerer show some footwork.


Above (from left): Kendsi Zabel; Nicholas Ambriz; Lindsay Miller; Ty Russell, Kingston Nicholas; Samantha Bell. Right: One of the crab moves on the dance floor.

Right: A good play list gets students moving. Below: Get out of the way of (from left): Will Zimmer and Angelo Schibetta.

Coffee House is held the night before finals, and it gives classmates time to review material with their TA.
It’s a Wonderful Life...

Right (from left): Sam Lau, Jordan Harold, Alyssa Reid, Elaine Gboloo, Jordan Hsieh. Far right (from left): Hailey Dangerfield, Leo Yabut.


Left (from left): Remi Swan, Ava Pham, Sree Karnati. Far left (from left): Iliyan Basaria, Will Zimmer, D. J. Hill.

Left (from left): Maggie Charlet, Jordan Hunter, Kaden Chance, Ava Reid, Kendsi Zabel, Katherine Hughes. Far left (from left): Christina Liu, Emma Bright, Kasey Pinac.

Right (from left): Danison Zhang, Ravi Baker, Kerry Pan. Far right (from left): Alastair Dunn, Josh Ballagh, Nutella, Jacob Major.

Right (from left): Derrilon Young, Dawn Commings, Hailey Dangerfield, Qetuwrah Clay. Far right: Anthony Thompson.

Right (from left): Eesha Kumar, Angie Hulkewicz, Emmy Eason. Far right (from left): Abby Hinton, Ryder Robbins, Jayme French.

...at ADVANCE!


Left (from left): Anne Michelle Long, Laura Gboloo. Far left (from left): Nicholas Bennett, Leighanna Kain, Emily Xu, Kimberley Sorsby, Tre French, Alastair Dunn.
Staffers Are the Heart and Soul of ADVANCE

Staffers serve as positive role models and mentors for our students. Thanks for your hard work and for making the magic happen again this year!

Left: Nick Cheramie with a broken egg at messy games. Below: Staff members energize themselves before the daily morning meeting.

We Hope to See You
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Right: Alex Bui participates in a chemistry lab. Below: Students never tire of the rush of Bohemian Rhapsody!

Above (from left): Ravi Baker and Jazzlynn Temple view specimens with the microscope in biology. Right (from left): Cat Picht, Ada Chen, Kaden Chance, John Fleming, Jacob Otelo have fun at the annual Beach Party.

Left: Sidha Kunada expresses herself on the dance floor. Below: Creative writers Alastair Dunn (TA), Alston Zhang, Ryder Robbins, Lindsay Miller, Shriya Gogineni visit downtown Natchitoches.

Above are our fabulous 5th year, 4th year, and other students who are aging out of the program. Kneeling (from left): Angelo Schibetta, Alyssa Reid, Sam Lau, Haley Pritchard. Standing (from left): Nick Rodriguez, Allison Johnson, Carson Foster, John Fleming, Thomas Daily, Kris Cayette, Chandler Burgess, Will Zimmer, Brynn Beatty, Victoria Bell, Zach Petty, Lindsay Miller, Grayson Kring, Jacob Major, Cat Karam. We will miss those who cannot return next summer.
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