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Celebration of the Arts

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Welcome

Dr. Lauren Conrad, Department of Education

Dr. Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education
Delaware Department of Education

Reflections



Edward Alban



High School: Sussex Central High School

College: Maryland Institute College of Art

Area of Study: Video Game Design and UX/UI Design

Scholarships Earned: MICA Visionary Scholarship

“I’d like to thank my friends and family for supporting me throughout my high school journey. I am excited for this next chapter in my life and I would never have been able to do it without you. You guys are great.”



Grace Bentley



the scent of cheap liquor and singed flesh dance
through the room like two lovers on a ballroom
floor.
drunken, yet silky smooth in their motion.
they are happy to take up as much space as they
can,
no care for tomorrow's hangover or sore feet.

tonight, they will dance like no one is watching,
despite all they have known to do,
the wooden partygoers are not fond of the
couple, it seems.
their actions do not fit their flame-resistant
constraints.
the couple does not care.

tomorrow, this building will be reduced to ash and
rubble.
a matchstick set to molotov cocktail is inevitably
explosive
but until the effect is seen,
the band will continue to play
drinks will be served
and the couple will dance the night away.

-until tomorrow.

High School: MOT Charter School

College: University of Delaware

Areas of Study: English with a concentration in Creative Writing/Playwriting

Scholarships: Merit Scholar

“Thank you to my wonderful family, amazing friends and some of the best educators a student could ask for - especially Tracy Friswell, Miss A and Eric Walter.”

Ana Betancourt



High School: Dover High School

College: University of the Arts or Wilmington University

Area of Study: Graphic Design, Animation, Character Design

Nia-Rechelle Blassingale



High School: Odyssey Charter School

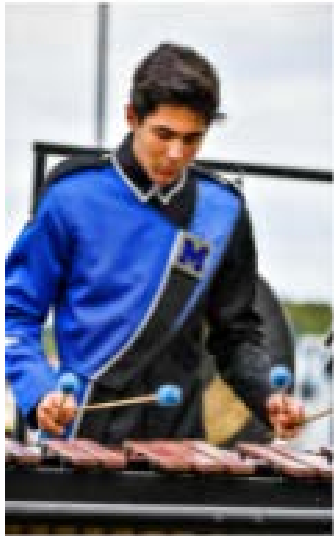
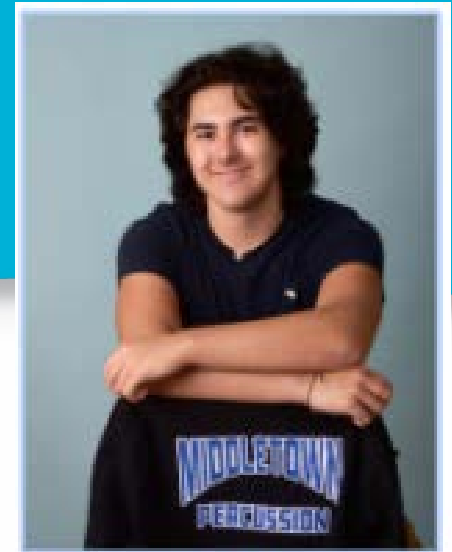
College: Millersville University/UD

Area of Study: Digital Media Arts

“I would like to say thank you to my family, friends, as well as my art teachers who have continued to encourage me. Without their support I wouldn’t have been able to grow as an artist.



Zachary Bowser



High School: Middletown High School

College: Berklee College of Music

Area of Study: Film Scoring

“Thank you to my parents for always believing in me and supporting me, As well as Mr. Endlein and the rest of the music department at Middletown High School for helping me develop into the musician I am today.”

Aidan Breakie



High School: MOT Charter High School

College: University of Delaware

Area of Study: Associates in Arts Program

Connor Bumgarner



High School: Dover High School

College: Undecided

Area of Study: Visual Art and Marine Biology

Rachel Chisholm

High School: Caravel Academy

College: Hofstra University

Area of Study: Jazz and Contemporary Music

**Scholarships: Hofstra University Provost
Scholarship, \$29,000/year**

“I would like to thank my parents for always supporting me and sending me to all of the trips and games and for never missing a performance. I would also like to thank Mr. Merritt, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Busovsky for all their years of helping me grow and become more musical each day.”



Julian Clark

High School: Middletown High School

College: Manhattan Marymount College

Area of Study: Musical Theatre

“Thank you so much to my family and friends: Zachary Bowser, Amanda Chas, Rocky Tejada, Michael Husni, Noah Jackson, Ted Doyle, Spencer Scott, Courtney Parker, Christopher Everett, Jeff Santoro, Dan Sieglen, Jenifer Clark, Jade Eisena, Tracy Clark, Tom Clark, Sue (Wawa) Clark, Tommy Clark, Hannah Harmon, Jenna Harmon, Jordan Harmon, Laurel Clark, Eric Ducos.”



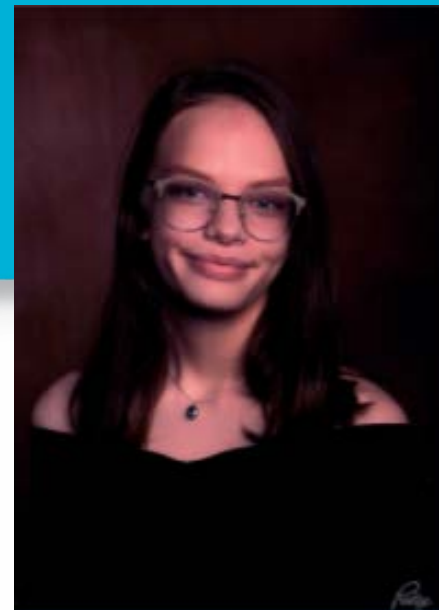
Kylie Daisey

High School: Cape Henlopen High School

College: College of Charleston

Area of Study: Theatre

“Thank you to my family for always supporting my decision to pursue the impossible. Thank you for always coming to my shows, encouraging me to engage in other acting opportunities, and always offering guidance in achieving my goals.”



Michaella Danquah-Tabbi



High School: Appoquinimink High School

College: York College of Pennsylvania

Area of Study: Theatre

Scholarships: York College Award, \$14,000

“I would like to thank God for helping me find my passion in the arts and I would like to thank all of my teachers and my family for guiding me through.”



Hunter Douglas

High School: Middletown High School

College: Drexel University

Area of Study: Photography

Scholarships: Multiple totaling \$50,000 including the Westphal Portfolio Scholarship

“I’d like to thank my family for supporting me and I want to thank Mr. Sams for helping me see that you can make a career out of something you’re passionate about.”



Jared Downward

High School: Concord High School

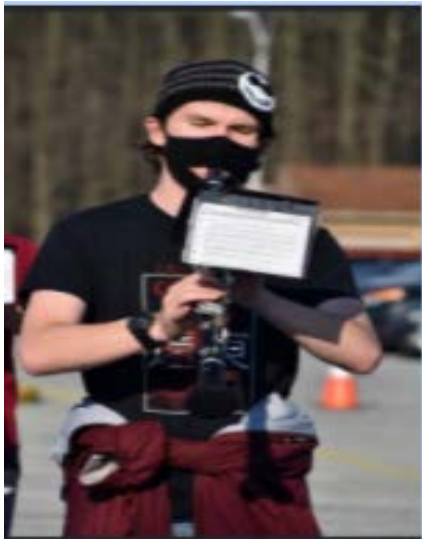
College: Lebanon Valley College

Area of Study: Music

Concentration in Instrumental Pedagogy

Scholarships: Multiple

“I’d like to thank Dr. Domenic Pisano and Dr. Lauren Conrad for providing me opportunities and guidance to grow as a Musician.”



Megan Erbe

High School: Cape Henlopen High School

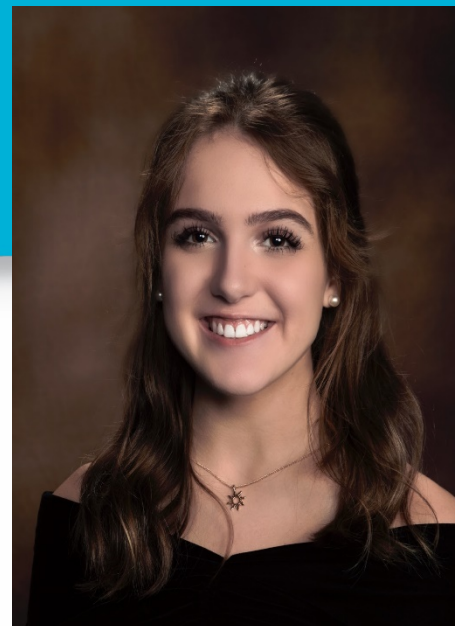
College: University of Delaware

**Area of Study: Applied Instrumental Music
Concentration: Saxophone**

Scholarships: Outstanding Music Scholar-\$23,000

“Thank you to my music teachers, Marian Sunnergren and Christopher Burkhart, who have helped mold me into the musician I am today. They really care about their students receiving the best education possible and that is evident in their teaching. I owe a lot of my success to them and I am eternally grateful I was able to be one of their students the past few years.”

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Christopher Fitzpatrick



High School: Concord High School

College: West Chester University

Area of Study: Music Education- Choral

“I’d like to thank my parents and Dr. Lauren Conrad for getting me to where I am today and for encouraging me to continue on the path my passion has sent me.”

Caelan Flynn



High School: Dover High School

College: Savannah College of Art and Design

Area of Study: Illustration

Scholarship: Academic Scholarship - \$5,000/year

De'Andre Foskey



High School: Seaford High School

College: DelTech

Area of Study: Engineering or Band

Melody Fritz



High School: Appoquinimink High School

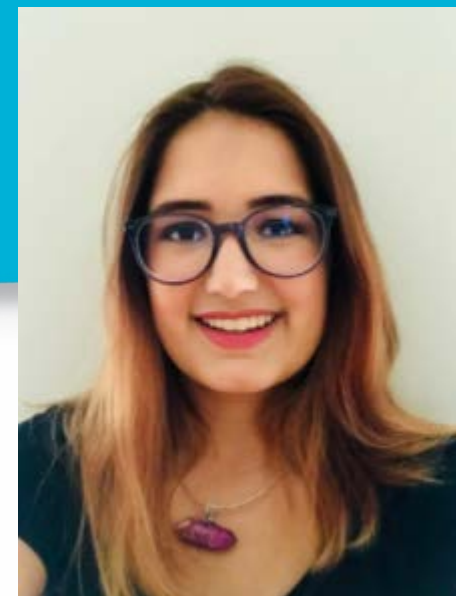
College: Middlesex University London

Area of Study: Theater Design and Production

“I can never thank Ms. Filippone enough for all the opportunities I’ve been offered in our department, and the infinite things I’ve learned through shows and classes. I’ve been given so much support over the years that has made a world of difference to me and truly changed the course of my life. Thank you for everything!”



Isabella Garber



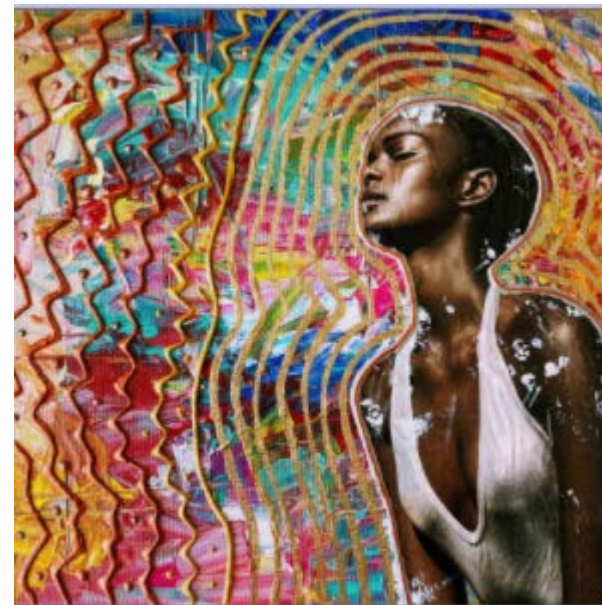
High School: MOT Charter School

College: Shenandoah University

**Area of Study: Theater Design and Production
Technical Theater Design**

Scholarship: Conservatory Scholarship - \$11,000

“I want to thank my family and friends! I never would have done it without you!”



Colleen Griffith



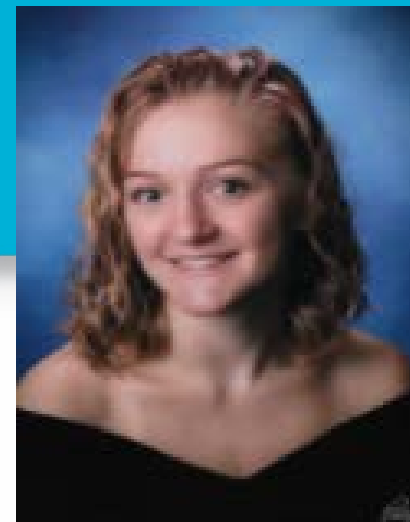
High School: Appoquinimink High School

**College: Delaware College of Art and Design
(DCAD)**

Area of Study: Photography

Scholarship: DCAD - \$5,000/year

Emmalie Huber



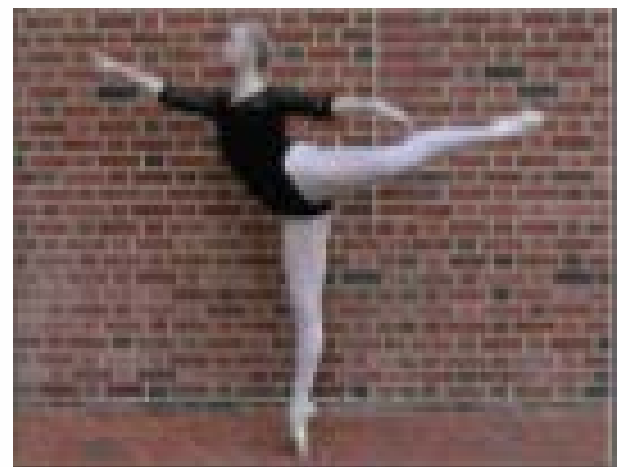
High School: Dover High School

College: University of Arizona

Area of Study: Double Major in Geoscience and Dance

Scholarship: Merit Scholarship - \$20,000/year

“I would like to thank my parents for supporting me throughout my dance training so far. I would also like to thank my dance teachers, Teresa Emmons and Allycia Powell for getting me to where I am now.”



Noah Jackson

High School: Middletown High School

**College: New York University,
Tisch School of the Arts**

Area of Study: Drama/Musical Theatre

Scholarship: Tisch Scholarship, \$73,000/year

“I’d like to thank my teachers Mrs. Chas for always finding a purpose behind my art, Mr. Husni for always pushing me out of my comfort zone for growth, and Mr. Tejada for my tremendous musical knowledge that I can apply to my future endeavors.”

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Jacqueline Johnson

High School: Cape Henlopen High School

College: Temple University

Area of Study: Music Education

Concentration: Jazz Voice

Scholarship: Full Tuition from Temple

“I’d like to thank Chris Burkhart and Marian Sunnergren for being such amazing mentors and always believing in me. I’d especially like to thank Mr. Burkhart for giving me the opportunity to sing with the Jazz Band my sophomore year because since then I’ve been given more opportunities and found what I really love to do. I wouldn’t be where I am today without them and I will always be really grateful for that.”

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Bridget Knutsen



High School: Cape Henlopen High School

College: University of Delaware

Area of Study: Music Education- Choral

“I would like to thank everyone who has supported me thus far and helped shape me into who I am today.”

Taylor Lampron



High School: Cape Henlopen High School

College: Susquehanna University

**Areas of Study: Creative Writing Major
Film Studies Minor**

“I would like to send a big thank you to Ms. Andros, my high school theatre teacher. The first day I met her, I immediately knew I was going to like her. She has always been so upbeat and encouraging towards all of her students. I have always felt like I can share my feelings, laugh, and just be myself around her. She’s definitely one of the people I will miss the most when I go away to college!



Paige Landau

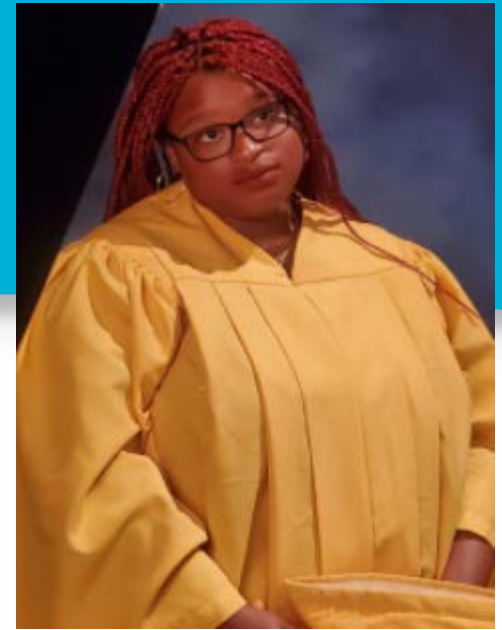


High School: Appoquinimink High School

College: University of Delaware

Area of Study: Music Management

Hylea Lisenby



High School: Cape Henlopen High School

College: University of North Carolina- Greensboro

Area of Study: Music Education

Scholarship: UNCG Housing Grant and Music Scholarship

“Thank you to my family, friend, and music teachers who have inspired me in my high school journey. I wouldn’t have made it this far without your support and getting me on the right track.”



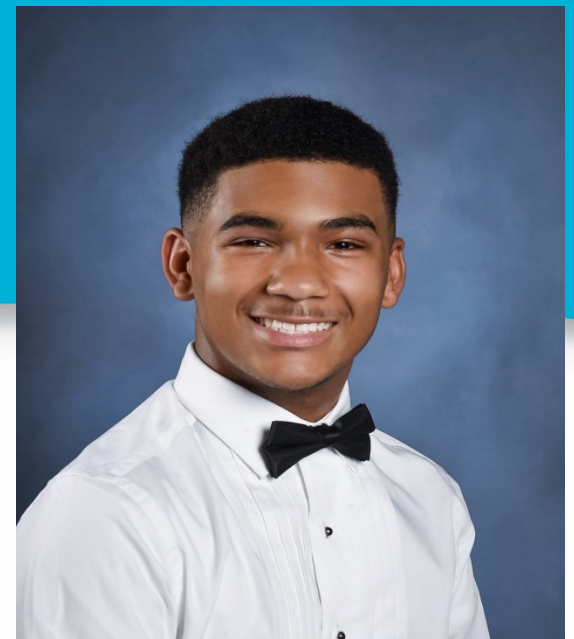
Timothy Loosararian

High School: MOT Charter School

College: DeSales University

Area of Study: Acting Screen and Stage

“I’d like to thank my family, my friends, all my teachers, especially Mrs. Friswell-Jacobs, Ms. Hoke, and Mrs. Andreavich for teaching, guiding and encouraging me.”



Tyler Loosararian



High School: MOT Charter School

College: Thomas Jefferson University

Area of Study: Graphic Design

“I would like to thank my family and friends, my teachers in particular Mr. Klink and Mrs. Andreavich for inspiring me to work hard in school. I am grateful for all their help and support.”



Ruby Lundeen



High School: Cape Henlopen High School

College: Columbia College - Chicago

Area of Study: Theater
Concentration in Stage Design

Scholarships: Dean's Scholarship
Columbia Scholar Award

“Thank you to my family and friends for always supporting me throughout my journey and encouraging me to do what I love.”

Lily McIntosh

High School: MOT Charter School

College: Temple University

Area of Study: Music Education

**Scholarship: Dean's Scholarship
\$7,000/semester**

"Lily would like to thank all of her friends and teachers that have pushed her to pursue her interest in music."



Billy Metten

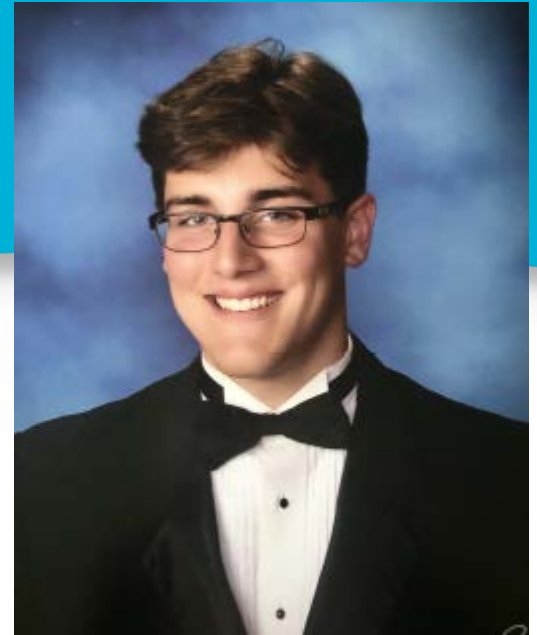
High School: Appoquinimink High School

College: University of Delaware, Honors College

Area of Study: Music Education- Instrumental and Jazz

**Scholarship: UD's Outstanding Music Scholar- \$18,000
Ariana Alliance Music Scholarship**

"I'd like to thank my parents, Mr. Moseley, Gary O, and all those who have guided me along my high school journey, and most importantly I'd like to thank me, for putting all the hard work in."



Ashlyn Moore

High School: Cape Henlopen High School

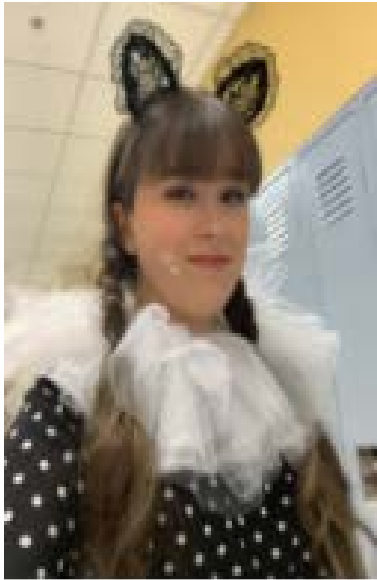
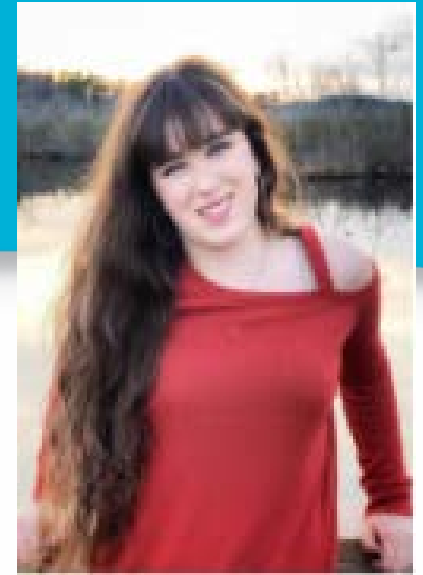
College: Messiah University

Area of Study: Double Major in Theater and Business

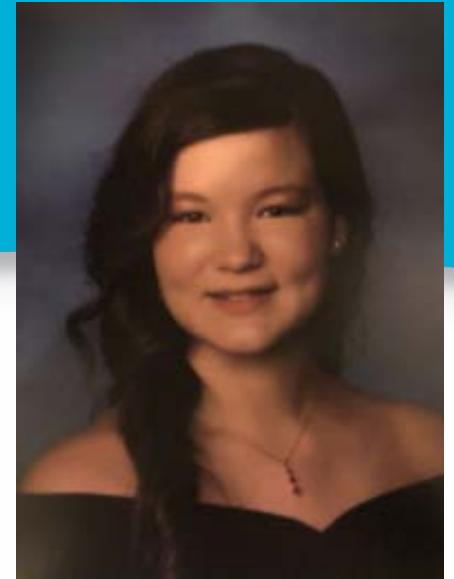
Scholarships: Provost's Scholarship- \$15,000/year

Schaffer-Goodling Theater E.S. Scholarship- \$2,500

"I want to thank both of my parents and Ms. Andros for helping me getting where I am today. Without them, I would not have the skills or work ethic to take on a double major at Messiah University, or the confidence to pursue my love of the stage."



Bella Myers



High School: Cape Henlopen High School

College: Coastal Carolina

Area of Study: Theater Arts

**Scholarship: Coastal Carolina Presidents Scholarship -
60% of Tuition paid**

“Thank you to my family, friends, and teachers who have all supported me in my endeavors and given me the confidence and opportunity to be the performer and person I am today.”



Maximiliano Negrete-Espinosa



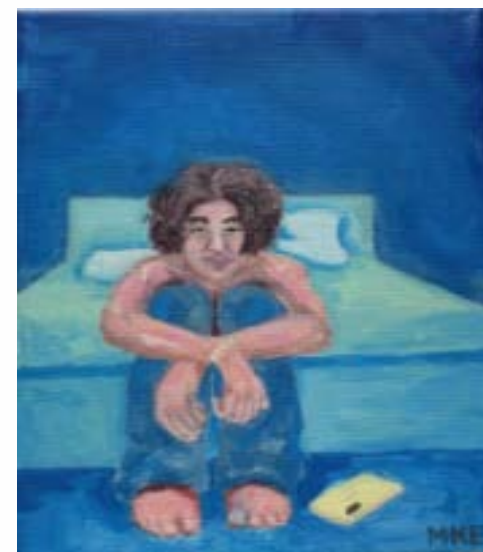
High School: Appoquinimink High School

College: Delaware College of Art and Design

Area of Study: Illustration or Painting

Scholarship: DCAD Full Merit-Based Scholarship

“Thank you to all the wonderful artists and performers I’ve worked with through the years, whether it was my peers or my teachers, I’ve learned something from all of you and I’ll carry you all as an inspiration.”



Elysia Paquette



High School: Smyrna High School

College:

Area of Study:

“Thank you, Mum Mum, for staying strong and always being there when I needed you. And thank you, mom and dad for always building me up and not letting me fall. I’ll make you all proud.”

Abria Pegues



High School: Dover High School

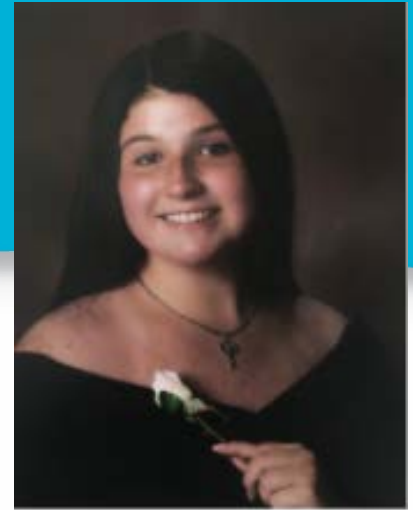
College: Nazareth College (Rochester)

Area of Study: Double Major- Dance and Psychology

“I would like to thank Mrs. Emmons, Ms. Greene, and Ms. Alycia for always believing in me, and for pushing me to be the best dancer I can be.”



Victoria Petty



High School: Polytech High School

College: University of Delaware

Area of Study: Music Education

Scholarship: UD Music Scholarship- \$3,000/year

“I would like to thank every band teacher I’ve ever had for giving me different inspirations for wanting to be a band teacher! I’d also like to thank my family for being supportive for what I want to do with my life!”



Sabrina Pusey



High School: MOT Charter High School

College: AMDA College of the Performing Arts

Area of Study: Music Theatre

Scholarship: AMDA Scholarship

“Thank you to my friends and family for supporting me on my journey to college!”

Sam Reed

High School: Smyrna High School

College: University of Delaware

Area of Study: Art/Animation

Scholarship: Various - \$4,000

“Thank you to my parents and my family who have supported me all these years. Ms. Dierkes, Mrs. Hughes, and all the other art and music teachers I’ve had throughout my school career.”



Gabriel Robinson



High School: Middletown High School

College: Full Sail University

Area of Study: Music Production

Kyleigh Slack

High School: Newark High School

College: University of Delaware

Area of Study: Art or Visual Communication

Scholarship: Merit Scholarship - \$4,000

“I’d like to thank my mom for getting me where I am right now. She is my number one supporter and she is always there to root me on.”



Rebekah Smith



High School: Sussex Central High School

College: Anderson University

Area of Study: Graphic Design

**Scholarships: AU Provost Scholarship- \$10,000
AU Portfolio Scholarship- \$3,000**

“I am extremely thankful for my art and design teachers for helping me reach my creative potential.”



Donna Snyder

High School: Cape Henlopen High School

College: Hofstra University

Area of Study: Theatre Production and Design

**Scholarship: Provost Scholarship- \$29,000/year
Department Talent Award- \$5,000**

“Thank you to my dad and mommom for supporting my love of theatre and always helping me out.”



Emily Stone



High School: Middletown High School

College: Stony Brook University

Area of Study: Vocal Performance

Scholarship: Presidential Merit Scholarship - \$16,000/year

Madelyn Testa



High School: Concord High School

College: University of Delaware

Area of Study: Music Education- Choral

**Scholarship: UD Outstanding Music Scholar Award
\$20,000/ 4 years**

“I would like to thank all of my music teachers I’ve had throughout the years, and all of the friends I’ve made along the way.”



Novie Truitt

High School: Sussex Central High School

College: Johns Hopkins University

**Areas of Study: Double Major in Film & Media Studies
and English**

**Scholarship: George E. Gordy Trust Scholarship-
\$2,000/year**

**“I’m incredibly grateful for my parents and my band
directors for instilling in me an appreciation for
creativity and the arts over the last several years.”**



Michaela Tucci



High School: Caesar Rodney High School

College: St. Olaf College

Area of Study: Vocal Performance

“Thank you to my parents and family for pushing me to pursue my dreams!”



Savannah Whitaker



High School: Smyrna High School

**College: SEED Program- 2 Years at DelTech and 2 Years
at the University of Delaware**

Area of Study: Film making with a Minor in Art

Scholarship: SEED Scholarship

Sydney White



High School: MOT Charter High School

College: Missouri State University

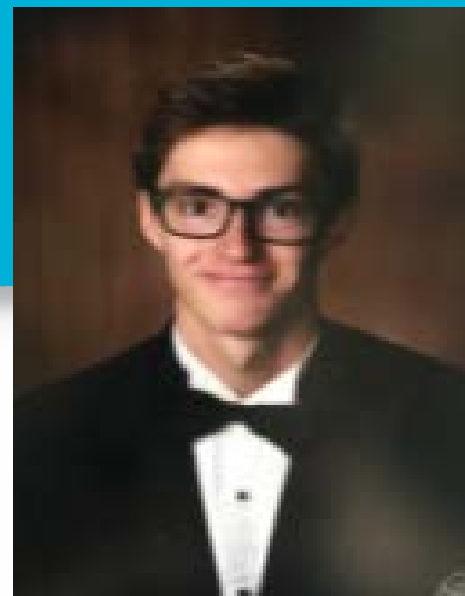
Area of Study: Musical Theatre

Scholarship: Dean's Scholarship

"I just want to thank my amazing theater teacher Mrs. Friz for never letting me quit and helping me when things got bad. And of course my parents for knowing nothing about theatre and learning with me. Love you all.



Liam Wiedmann



High School: Cape Henlopen High School

College: Temple University

Area of Study: Music Technology

**Scholarship: TU Founders Scholarship \$9,000/year
Music School Scholarship \$4,000/year**

“I would like to thank all of my music teachers, Mr. Hetfield, Mr. Barbarita, Ms. Sunnergren, and Mr. Burkhart all for helping me develop who I am today both musically and personally.



Brynne Williams



High School: Middletown High School

College: University of Delaware

Area of Study: Music Education

“A huge thank you to the people who inspired me to love music- thank you Mr. Tejada and Mrs. Sebastiano. Thank you to my friends who kept my head straight when it came to my major.

Abby Wilson



High School: Indian River High School

College: James Madison University

Area of Study: Music Education- Vocal

**Scholarship: American Association of University Women-
\$2,000**

“Thank you to my family and friends for your endless support and encouragement in my musical and educational endeavors! Thank you to the IRHS music department Mrs. Laura Carey and Ms. Jillian Bacon for providing me a home to grow, learn, and make memories that will last a lifetime.”



To all of our honorees,

Thank you for your dedication to your art. Thank you for the tireless hours of Creating, Presenting, Performing, Responding, and Connecting to and with art. Thank you for continuing to grow the field through your college endeavors and beyond. We look forward to celebrating even more of your accomplishments in the future.

We at the Department of Education wish you the best of luck and encourage you to “break a leg” as you leave our schools and amazing educators for new and exciting places and challenges!

Thank you

Dr. Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education

Dr. Christine Alois, Deputy Secretary of Education

Karen Keegan and the Delaware Student Success Team

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Delaware Arts Educators

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