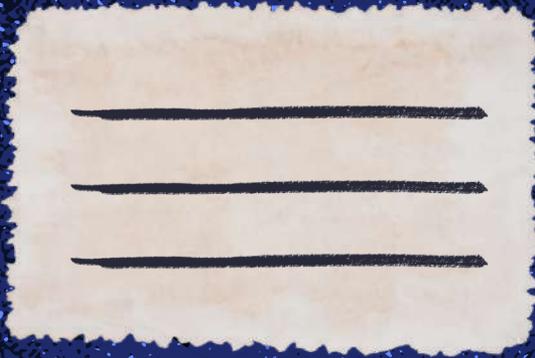


CSM MIDDLE COLLEGE
PRESENTS

Once
Upon a
Time

WHERE EVERYBODY LIVES
HAPPILY EVER AFTER

This Storybook Belongs TO



MC YEARBOOK

2023-24

Autumn

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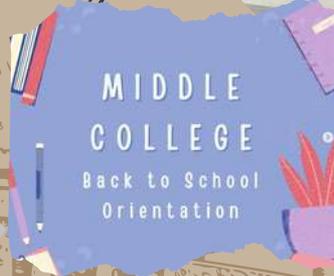
**FALL
ORIENTATION**

2023



THEME:

**BE COURAGEOUS AND OPEN-
MINDED; FOSTER SELF-
AWARENESS; PURSUE AND
BUILD NEW COMMUNITIES
AND CONNECTIONS**



my summer



Clair Floro - Boy Scouts Camp



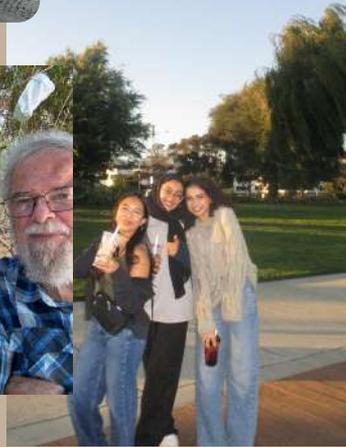
Kaylin Perez - Internship at Stanford



Madison Ghck - Hanging out with friends



Steven Acuna - Yale Summer Program



Jonah Le - Coached at rowing summer camp



Quincy Romero - Chilling with friends



Ryan Luftman - Study Abroad at Ireland



Alexa Barrazaa - Disneyland



Zoe Evanchik - Kayaking on Donner Lake



What did you do
over the summer?



Word Search

HOLIDAYS



FEAST

SKELETON

LOVE

PIE

CHOCOLATE

REINDEER

HEART

WITCH

BUNNY

ROSE

BALLOON

TURKEY

EGG

NOISEMAKER

FAMILY

FIREWORK

FLAG

HUNT

JINGLE

NOEL

PARTY

PUMPKIN

RAINBOW

LUCKY

CLUBS

AT MIDDLE COLLEGE

YEARBOOK CLUB

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MC EFFECT LOCAL

MC EFFECT GLOBAL

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

DND CLUB

GSA CLUB

FILIPINX CLUB

LA RAZA

YEARBOOK

CLUB

For the first time ever, this club made it possible for MC students and staff to have physical copies of the yearbook.



They worked tirelessly no matter the obstacles to create this beautiful project!

Juniors look forward to being part of the yearbook club next year with Mr. Letke!



MIDDLE COLLEGE - 2023-24

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MC Effect Toy Drive

By: Steven Acuna Delgado

As the festive season approaches, Middle College Effect is spreading its love joy through its annual gift drive. From November 20th through 20th, the Middle College Effect is coming together to make a difference in the lives of children.

As part of this charitable drive in their partnership with Toys For Tots, our generous donors are asked to contribute their love to give love, with the intention of giving joy to the children and their families through the gift. All donations will be directed to the children's hospital and sent to our local area. The Middle Effect Club is dedicated to being a source of community.

With love in the community, and need to help grow back to those who are not able to afford such. Our goal is to make the children's lives a special and bring joy to the children of our community. Join Shannah Kwan, the club's lead.

Join us by making a difference in the lives of children. Let's make a difference together. Your presence is a significant impact on the lives of children.



Homeschool Events for Spring 2024!

By: Kiana Gowdy, Writer/Editor

While Middle College offers a plethora of extracurricular opportunities and activities for students to engage in, there are still many ways an athlete can thrive through our home schools. This includes things like clinics, winter activities, tournaments, and events that you can watch or take part in. Whether you wish to participate or just be home-schooled or not is up to you, but not to that it is one year earlier on you have collected a brief overview of what will be happening this spring semester.

District-wide events: High School, GHS on February 22 (see flyer below)



Hillsdale

- Spring Play: One March 21-24
- Knight Home Games: March-April 28-29
- Gender Knight: May 23
- Senior Day: May 29
- Prom: April 12 (subject to change)
- Spring Concert: May 16-22



San Mateo

- Home Games: May 1-4
- Prom: April 17
- Spring Play: Williams Shakespeare's Twelfth Night on What You Will, April 18-21
- Home Activities Day: May 17
- Spring Concerts: May 8
- Graduation ceremonies: May 30



Field Trip to UC Berkeley & Exploratorium

By: Megan Morales, Web Designer

Located around an hour away from our Middle College campus, UC Berkeley is renowned for its world-class faculty, cutting-edge research, and a rich history of academic achievement. With a diverse student body and a commitment to social sciences and innovation, Berkeley stands as an incubator of intellectual growth.

Operation Smile



The club works with Operation Smile Organization, a non-profit that provides free cleft lip and palate repair surgeries to children in more than 30 countries worldwide. Our club is one of thousands across the globe working together to support surgeries that provides children access to essential surgical care.





MC Effect Local

MC Effect Local strives to empower people to enact change in our local community. We plan and provide events through volunteering opportunities, donations and drives, and fundraising, to help and give to charities across the Bay Area. We also help club members find volunteering opportunities and log volunteer hours.



Club Leaders: Shannah Kwan (Prez), Landon Guitierrez (Vice Prez)

Club Members: Shana Singh, Christian Perez, Emily Peng



MC Effect Global



MC Effect Global's mission is to spread awareness about poverty throughout our own community and empower Guatemalan women entrepreneurs through microloans and business education. We fundraise throughout the year to make a direct impact on women's lives by putting on Penny Wars, selling Finals Care Packages, and more! This year our wonderful club members gained networking and presentation skills through preparation for our Taco Dinner Fundraiser and Rotary Club Events. MC Effect partners with Namaste Direct, a non-profit organization based in Guatemala, that distributes microloans and provides business education. Over the summer club members get the opportunity to travel to Guatemala to meet the women their work has impacted!

We have had such an amazing year filled with great success, as we've become closer as a club and made a true impact on the lives of Guatemalan women

**Shannah Kwan, Lorelei Rohrbach,
Isabelle Ly, Julia Jiron**
Club Leaders



Environmental Club

MIDDLE COLLEGE





D&D Club: The place to make friends, fight monsters, and have a great time!



"We love each other :)"



Gender
&
Sexuality
Alliance



Hear me roar. I'm a dinosaur



Filipinx Club

The newly formed Filipinx club emphasizes the cherished values of hospitality and inclusivity, drawing inspiration from the “*bayanihan*” spirit—a cornerstone of Filipino culture emphasizing community support and collective effort. Open to Filipinos and non-Filipinos alike, the club is a vibrant tapestry of cultural exchange and communal harmony. Potlucks have become a major part of the club, bringing together the Middle College community through the simple act of sharing meals. While the students and staff get to enjoy the delicious food, they are also learning more about what Filipino culture is and how amazing Filipino cuisine can be. Each gathering is not just about food but also an opportunity for cultural enrichment through mini-lessons and games about Filipino traditions, history, and arts. This club is more than a social group; it is a dynamic space where diversity is celebrated, bonds are strengthened, and the essence of *bayanihan* thrives, fostering a sense of unity and cooperation among all participants.





LA PLAZA CLUB @ MC!



SUGAR SKULLS!



JARRITOS



CANDY



LOTERIA



FALL SEMESTER

Spirit Week

MONDAY: DRESS UP AS A TEACHER DAY



TUESDAY: TWIN DAY



FALL SEMESTER

Spirit Week

WEDNESDAY: BARBIE + KEN DAY



THURSDAY: JERSEY DAY



FALL SEMESTER

Spirit Week



FRIDAY: PAJAMA DAY



SENIOR SUNRISE



FALL SEMESTER

Spirit Week



**WHICH ONE WAS YOUR
FAVORITE DAY OF THE SPIRIT
WEEK?**



**ADD YOUR FAVORITE
MEMORY HERE!**

Word Search

FAIRYTALE ANIMALS

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DRAGON

FOX

FROG

GRIFFIN

LION

MERMAID

MINOTAUR

PEGASUS

PHOENIX

UNICORN

WOLF

STRESS LESS WEEK

DAY 1: HOT COCOA AND
GILMORE GIRLS



DAY 3: LA RAZA COOKING,
DECORATING, TAMALES AND
ALTAR



DAY 2: SPOOKY COLORING
AND DOOR DECORATING



STRESS LESS WEEK

DAY 4: CSM SUNDAE BAR AT THE THEATRE



DAY 5: KARAOKE! GAME ROOM!
PIZZA PARTY!



Word Search

CHILDHOOD STORIES



PUMPKIN

ALICE

BEARS

WONDERLAND

QUEEN

GOLDBLOCKS

ARIEL

FAIRYTALE

LITTLE PIGS

KING

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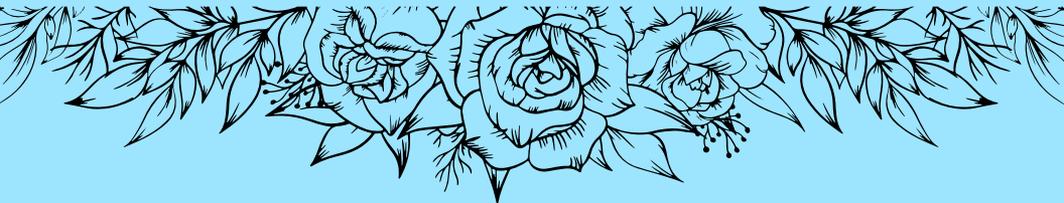
CHARMING

PETER PAN

BEAST

CINDERELLA

STORIES



Classes
@ Middle
College



Junior English Classes



Favorite Assignments: Kindred and the connection to the past, Name that Fallacy Video

Memorable Moments: Group projects, When Mr. Lance picked up a garbage can and dumped it on the floor at the beginning of the Gatsby unit.

Senior English Classes



Favorite Books & Units

"I really enjoyed... 'Why Fish Don't Exist' and the pastiche project. The book talked about how you can't really control chaos and so I wrote about personal experiences with trying to control it and then accepting that you can't." - Kaya Albano

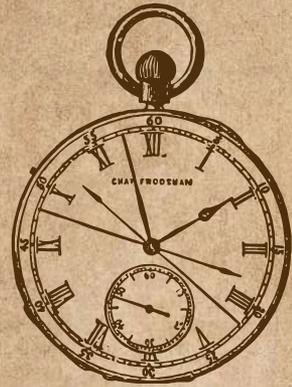
"Postcolonial Theory [was my favorite] because we got to find artifacts, explain, and show [them connecting to the unit]" - Ashley Fuenzalida

US HISTORY CLASSES

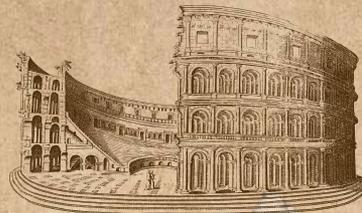
Ocean and Mar film their slang video



Rohrbach's Class



Therapy Peacock during Lien's Class



GOVERNMENT & ECONOMICS CLASS



Can you spot the differences?



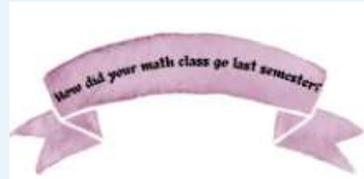
MY
HIDDEN
GAME

THERE'S 5 DIFFERENCES! CHECK OFF THE STARS AS YOU FIND THEM!



Math Classes

The 2023-2024 school year will end faster than we think! It's exciting to hear everybody's experience. Especially when it comes to math! We aimed to get a better insight into the experiences of Middle College students.



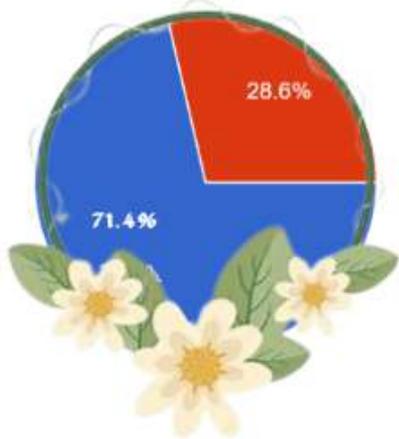
"Bajeera's an amazing teacher and such a character. Honestly, my class was tiny enough to serve as a therapy group. Academically speaking, I could've performed better, but I believe the assignments and material she gave us was enough to get us fairly prepared for pre-calc." - Kai Ocampo



"I was constantly in and out of class to take a so-called "self-care day", and I'm sure my attendance was in its last life. Despite this, what I found easy-going was connecting with new people. I felt as though I could act naturally around people, and it was guaranteed they would do the same; socially, I had no worries"



Math Classes



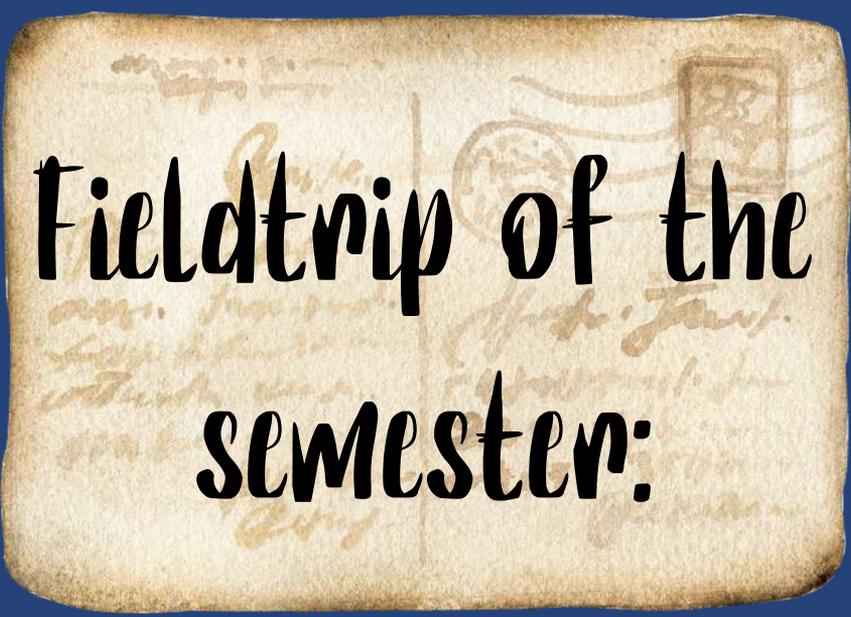
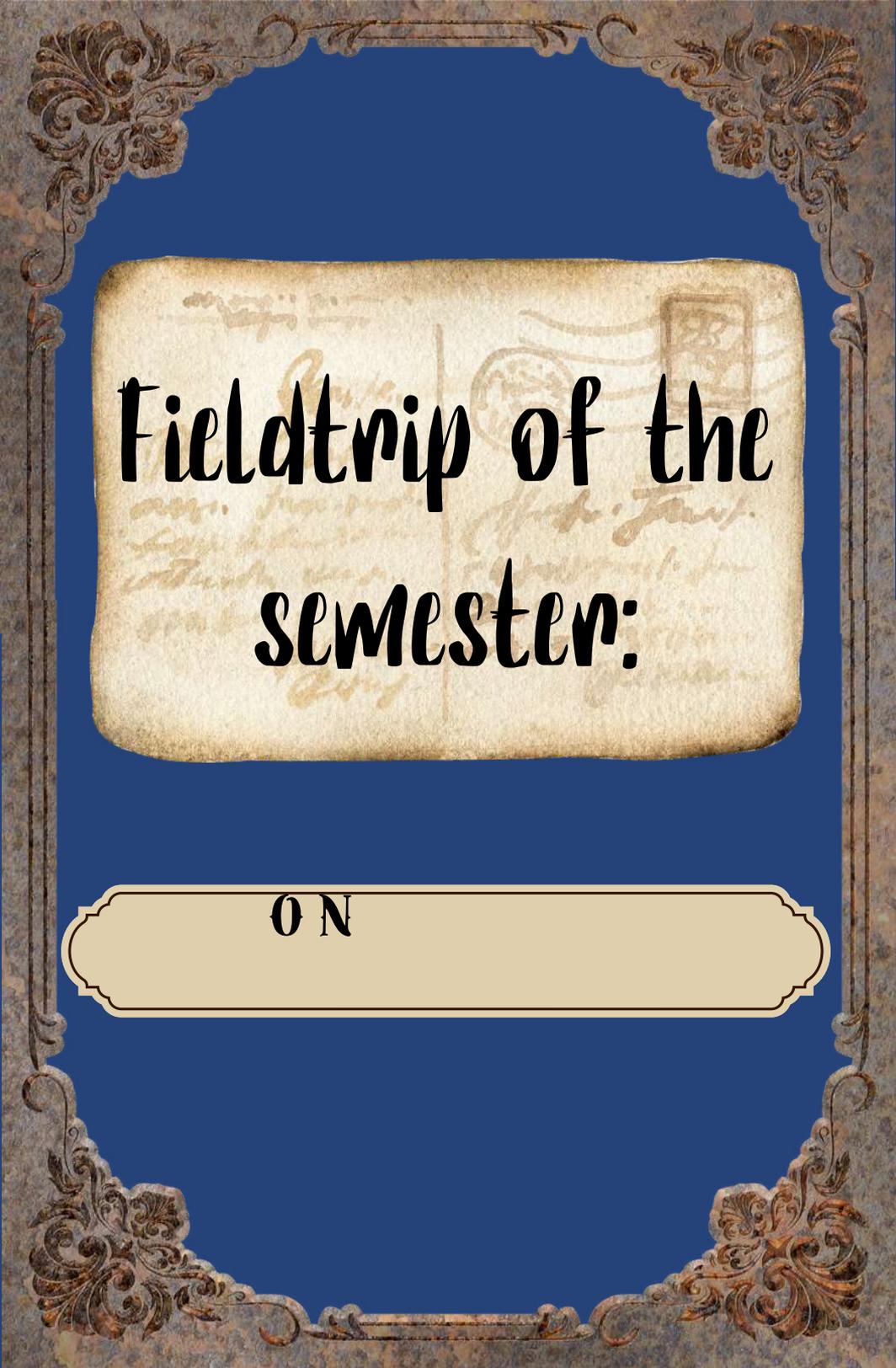
This chart shows the percentage of students who took in-person classes and Synchronous classes.

In-Person: 71.4% of students took their math class in person at CSM.

Synchronous - 28.6% of students and instructors attended together from different locations.

Our Current Middle College professors are Chan and Bajjera. Chan is a CSM professor but she was willing to teach both Statistics and Path to Calculus to students at Middle College! With the assistance of Bajjera, they managed to support the students not only during class, but also during their office hours, and when they had questions. Bajjera's patience and guidance helped students who were struggling with the concepts and formulas. Professor Chan's and Bajjera's enthusiasm of teaching was contagious and motivating for all the students. They guided us during our challenging moments.

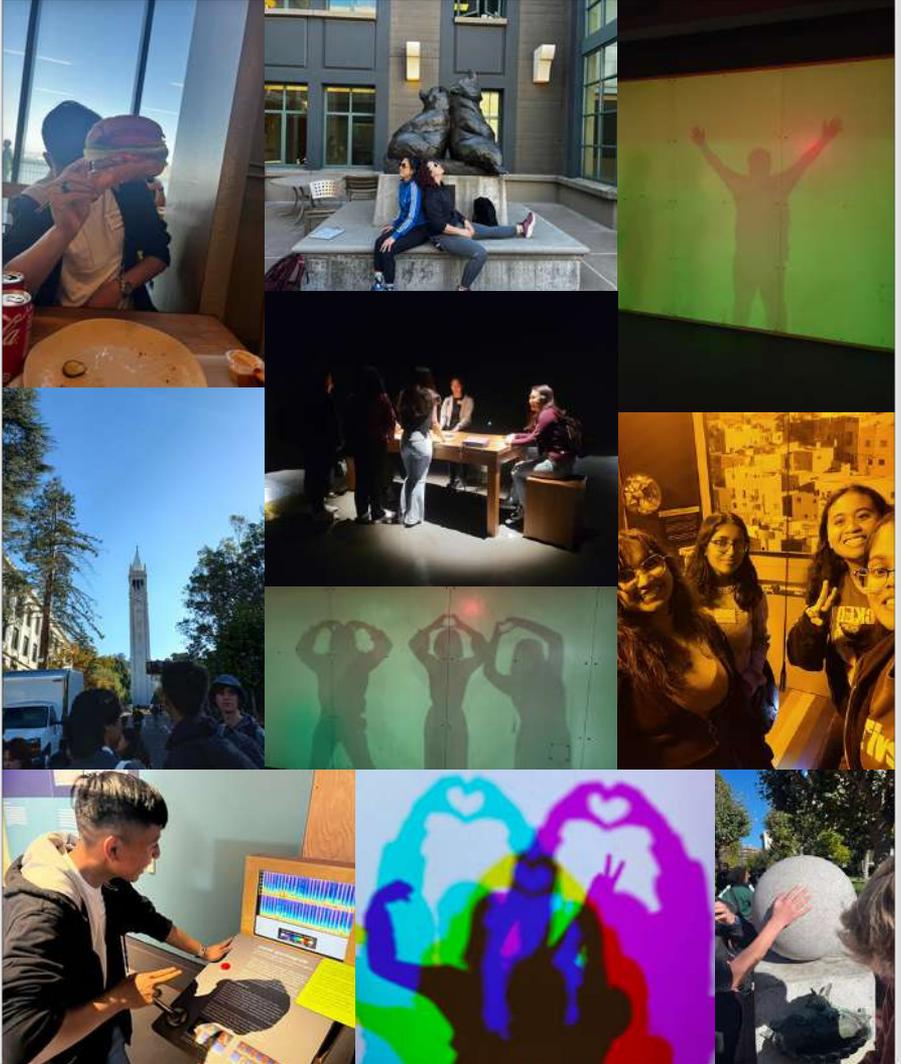




Fieldtrip of the
semester:

ON

UC BERKELEY & EXPLORATORIUM



Thanksgiving

What did you do over Thanksgiving break?

Clair Floro: I had a good meal with my family over Thanksgiving. My brothers came home from work/college, and it was generally just a good time. We played a murder mystery game during dinner and had fun trying to solve the puzzles.

What was the highlight of your Thanksgiving break?

Clair Floro: Driving with my brother in his new car. We went to a parking lot and he let my sister drive too.



Can you spot the differences?



THERE'S 5 DIFFERENCES! CHECK OFF THE STARS AS YOU FIND THEM!



BREAKING NEWS

2023

FALL

DECEMBER



JUNIORS' FIRST FINALS EXPERIENCE AT MIDDLE COLLEGE?

Anusha Prasad: "It was quite hectic because of college finals so I couldn't study enough for my US History final. I did well, but an improvement for next semester would be to have a more organized study schedule."

Ryan Chan: "It was less stressful than at my homesite (Mills). The high school portion of Middle college understands the balance between high school and college classes. I appreciate the emphasis on quality of work here."

SOME STUDY TIPS FROM JUNIORS

Anusha Prasad: "Don't wait for the last minute, start studying at least 3-4 days before the test. Make a study list of concepts you aren't confident about. Don't stay up late studying, sleep early, and eat well before your finals."

Ryan Chan: "Grab a notecard and a pen and write down what you need to study. It's helpful for your brain to get something physically down on paper."

SENIORS' FIRST FINALS EXPERIENCE AT MIDDLE COLLEGE?

Isabelle Ly: "I felt less stressed about my finals compared to when I was in my junior year because I used to overthink them. Now I feel a lot more confident in my classes and that has also allowed me to perform better."

Toyo Adenekan: "Liberating and exciting because I don't have to worry about having to take any exams for a long time. I feel confident about my test-taking abilities now and I feel like I've come a long way since sophomore year."



SOME STUDY TIPS FROM SENIORS

Isabelle Ly: "Start homework and projects early. Don't let the relaxed environment cultivate a habit of procrastination because you will regret it."

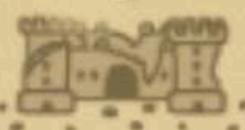
Toyo Adenekan: "As soon as you get your homework, do it and it'll save you a lot of regret and stress. Outside of studying, realize that you don't need to get along with everybody and that you have to feel comfortable with yourself first."



Winter break

Spring

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SPRING ORIENTATION

2024



THEME:

CONNECTING WITH
OUR INNER CHILD







spring orientation
skyzone



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below the s

USF & MOMA



WHERE DID OUR FACULTY GO FOR...

SPRING BREAK

REDGATE



Redgate spent the spring break with her partner trying out new hikes around the Bay Area and going to her ceramics studio. They had a very chill and relaxing “stay”cation.

MS. BLOCK



Ms. Block and her daughter spent the Easter holiday with her family, friends, and an Easter bunny!

The Middle College Dance

WELCOME TO VEGAS

PLANNED BY MIDDLE COLLEGE'S
SUNSHINE CLUB AND LOCATED IN CSM'S
BAYVIEW ROOM, WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL
DANCE WITH ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE



Can you spot the differences?



THERE'S 5 DIFFERENCES! CHECK OFF THE STARS AS YOU FIND THEM!



MC SHADOWING

February 6th-7th

Students who were considering our program came up to visit the beautiful campus and were shown around by our students and staff. All members of Middle College had a different role in fostering and assisting the Sophomores in coming to an informed decision about our program. First, the MC staff members held a meet-and-greet followed by an introduction to the day ahead. Then, Juniors toured the Sophomores around the campus, showing them the incredible library, cafeteria, and lecture halls. Afterward, Seniors participated in a “Senior Panel” where they talked about the benefits and impacts Middle College has had on their lives and future aspirations. Finally, everyone came together to help the Sophomores with burning questions about the application process. Finally, the day concluded with the Sophomores and their tour guides (the Juniors) having lunch.





Do the
practice
tests if
available

FINALS

Spring 2024

Study Tips!

Plan a
study
schedule!

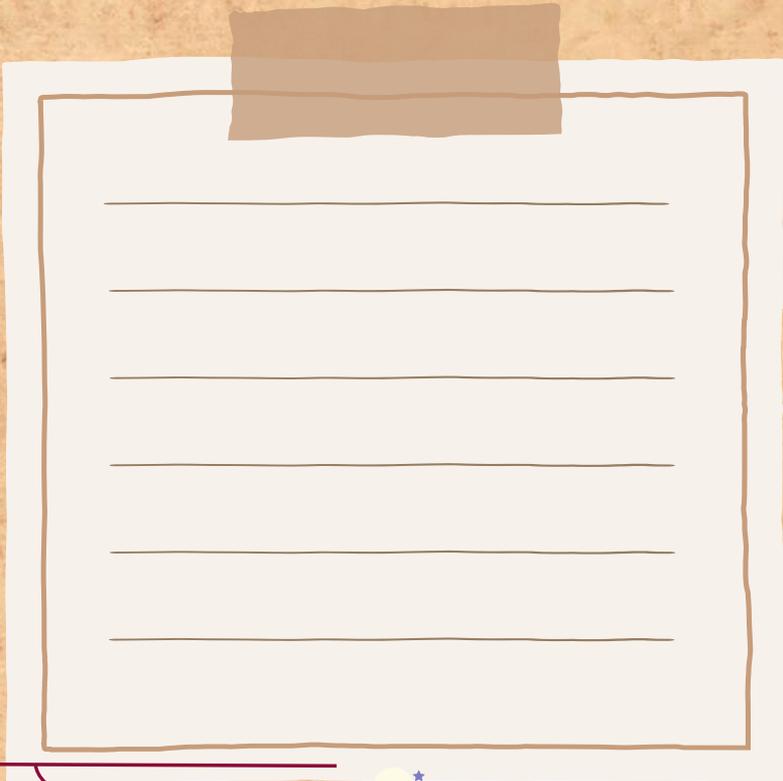
Eat well the
morning of
the exam!

Get quality
sleep the
night
before



What are some study tips that work for you?

write it down to remember for upcoming years!!!



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Word Search

MIDDLE COLLEGE STAFF

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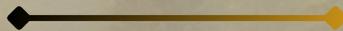
REDGATE

BLOCK

POBLETE



Middle College Staff Realm



Don Scatena

Favorite Childhood Story: Joe the Truck Driver

Memorable Memory: His children choosing to go to schools in the same school district where he works

Guiding Philosophy: 'Less is more.' Because he learned from his teacher when he was a student teacher that it is better to 'dig a mile deep, an inch long rather than digging an inch deep, a mile long, which means that it is easier to focus on one aspect in depth when teaching student.

Middle College Staff Realm



Emilie Bohorquez

Favorite Childhood Story: Disney movies such as *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast*

Memorable Memory: She remembers that on the way back from last year's field trip to UC Davis and St. Mary's that the bus was going on narrow winding roads. It was quite scary and everyone thought they were going to die.

Motivation to Work: Seeing her students grow everyday motivates her to come to work everyday and she feels empowered by how hard students work at Middle College due to the autonomy they have over their education.

Laura Kauth

Favorite Childhood Story: Disney Classics like *The Little Mermaid* and *The Beauty and the Beast*

Memorable Memory: About 10 years ago, she worked as a site manager for boys and girls club at middle school where she got involved in a dance off. She also enjoyed the lip sync, student staff basketball game at the MC orientation.



Motivation to Work: She wants to be the trusted adult and resources for her students and she enjoys her work even more when her students follow her advice and she gets to see the student grow everyday.

Middle College Staff Realm

Alison Block

Favorite Childhood Story: Enjoyed watching films instead of fairy tales

Memorable Memory: "Once I thought I could break up a fight between some juniors and seniors, but I got knocked into a bush during the fight. I ended up sinking inside this large fluffy bush that surrounded me."

Guiding Philosophy: 'Kindness and fairness and compassion are important above all else.' Because she believes that life can be hard and unfair at times, and she strives to lessen the burden by treating others with kindness, fairness, and compassion.



Jordana Garcia

Favorite Childhood Story: The Beauty and the Beast

Memorable Memory: Being able to interact with the students at Middle College everyday.

Motivation to Work: The students and the positive environment at Middle College motivates her to come to work everyday.



Middle College Staff Realm

Brittany Redgate

Favorite Childhood Story: Greek Mythology

Memorable Memory: Helping pull off the 2022 graduation with Mr. Lien and Mr. Lance as the other staff members were sick due to COVID.

Guiding Philosophy: Liberatory Pedagogy. She believes that education is about freedom and the teachers shouldn't emphasize their authority over the students as it creates an unfair power dynamic. Her favorite quote is "the true focus of revolutionary change is never merely the oppressive situations that we seek to escape, but that piece of the oppressor which is planted deep within each of us" by Audre Lorde.

Melissa Poblete

Favorite Childhood Story: A Wrinkle in Time

Memorable Memory: After teaching her juniors online, she was happy to see them graduate as seniors.

Guiding Philosophy: Her favorite quote is, "Students have a wealth of life experiences that they bring to education." She understands that students have many parts to their lives besides being students. As a teacher, she wants to create a space for students to use their experiences from other aspects of their lives in their education.



Middle College Staff Realm

Jennifer Rohrbach

Favorite Fairy Tale: Mulan

Memorable Memory: When she was teaching at Burlingame, she had a favorite student but he cut class very often and almost didn't pass her class. But then, he brought cake and flowers to apologize to her for skipping her class.

Favorite Quote: 'Democracy dies in darkness.'

Motivation to Work: She enjoys history because it is a story and it is a way to learn how to do better in society. She wants her students to see themselves being part of history and that we all stand on shoulders of predecessors and if we don't give a gift to make it better than what are we doing.



Jason Letke

Favorite Childhood Story: Three Little Pigs

Memorable Memory: When he was at Capuchino's football game, Jerry Rice's kid was playing football and he was standing in the stands with Jerry Rice.

Teaching Philosophy: He wants to be able to connect with his students based on who they are and their interests.

Middle College Staff Realm

Greg Lance



Favorite Childhood Story: Rumpelstiltskin

Memorable Memory: "One time I had a ghost of a student's grandmother visit class during a student's presentation about her." The student was presenting about breast cancer which her grandmother died from. During the presentation, the poster about early detection started peeling off to which the student said that her grandmother visited them during the presentation.

Guiding Philosophy: "If you have come here to help me then you are wasting your time. If you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine then let us work together" - Lilla watson

Terence Lien

Favorite Childhood Story: The Little Engine That Could

Memorable Memory: Once, someone broke into lockers in the girls locker room. He was coaching football at South Bay at that time and he was the only teacher when it was reported. He went to locker room and called the office who called the administration saying that he was in the girl's locker room. But it was because someone was stealing in the locker room.



Guiding Philosophy: "Because nice matters" - Athletic director at his first school, who encouraged him to coach football

Middle College Staff Realm

Kyra Bajeera

Favorite Childhood Story: Disney movies such as *The Little Mermaid*, the villain story of Ursula, and Cruella

Memorable Memory: She was in Mission High School in SF mission district where her teacher was a prominent drag queen in the city and got to do drag shows. Ms. Bajeera got to do drag workshops which she really enjoyed as she got a chance to feel for other personas.



Guiding Philosophy: 'Be who you needed when you are younger.' As she taught, she realized that though parents are a part of a student's identity, the student has their own individuality. Internal motivation helps a lot more than parents simply yelling at them.



Who's most likely to...

NOT GIVE WEEKEND HOMEWORK

Block

FRIEND YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Bajeera

YELL FOR NO REASON

Letke

BE MISTAKEN FOR A STUDENT

Poblete

TALK ABOUT THEIR PET AS THEIR CHILD

Redgate

BREAK OUT IN A DANCE

Rohrbach

DO AN EXPERIMENT THAT MAKES THE CUSTODIAN CRINGE

Lance

WIN A RAP BATTLE

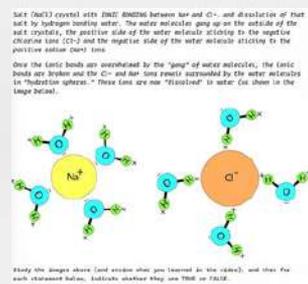
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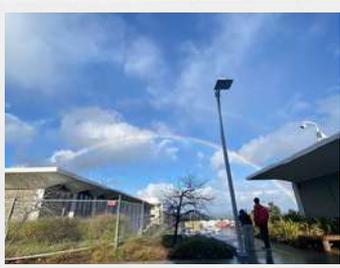


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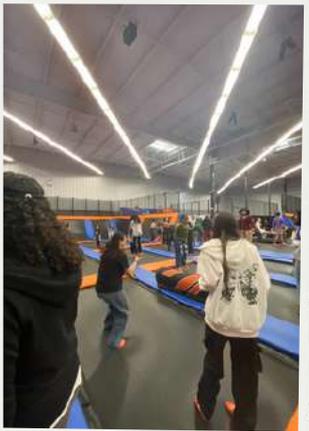
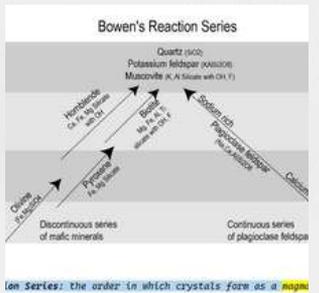




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Adrian Benenati



Kiera Chin



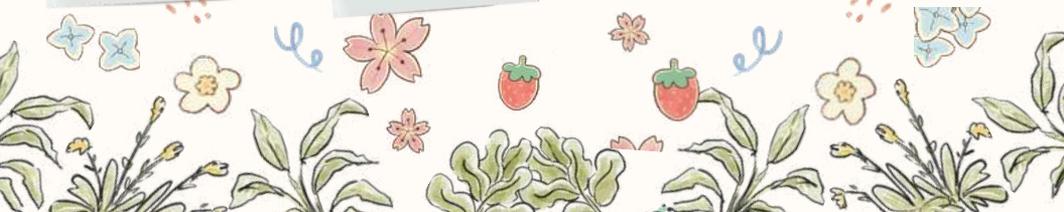
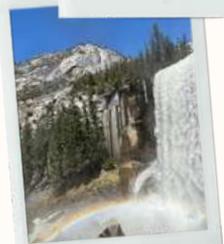
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*Nightfall in the
Enchanted Forest*



Spencer Coral



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BULLDOG



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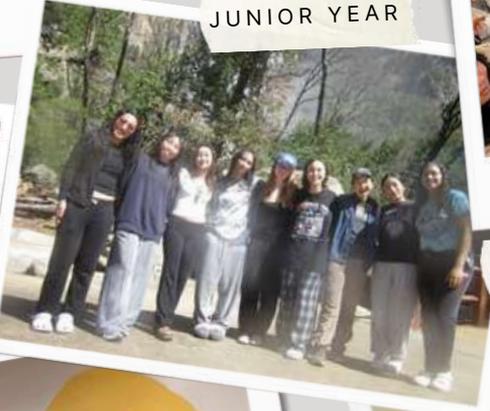


SOFIA DIOLI

Class of 2025



JUNIOR YEAR



ROHRBACHERS

FOODIES



Zoe Evanchik



I'm enjoying my time in Middle College. It's great to be able to have a flexible schedule and get to take classes that fit my interests.

A few of my favorite things in life:

- Sea Scouts -D & D club
- the Sojourn to the Past trip
- Marching in the Pride Parade
- Baking and Cooking
- Art - Crochet and Knitting
- My cats





Kiana Gowdy

JUNIOR YEAR



← FIELD TRIPS →



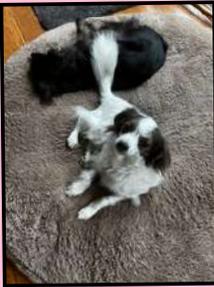
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FREE FOOD



FRIENDS



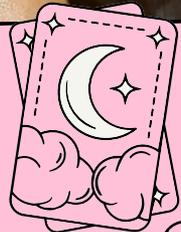
DOGS



FAMILY



First Year at middle college with new friends (and some old), a new job (that i quit), and tons of cool events.



coming to middle college is the best choice i've ever made. i'm so lucky to be a part of this community and to be experiencing the joy, growth, and challenge that middle college opens up to me. for the first time in a long time, i feel good about the future and my place in it. thank you <3



“there are systems in this world that have everything to gain from your disembodiment, because empty bodies are easier to use. stay whole.”



mar Today at 12:53 PM

don't joseph stalin my fries!!!



mar 06/05/2023 11:05 PM

i bet there's a few seconds on that medieval torture stretcher where it feels amazing and your whole spine is wrung out i'd try ngl

mar hudson
they/he



EMILY HUYNH

2023-2024



Grant Lau





EMMA MCNAMARA

Even though fall semester wasn't necessarily the best, this semester completely turned around the Middle College experience. I am so thankful for all the people I have met, all the memories I have made, and the year to come. I look forward to seeing what senior year will bring and what everyone's next chapter is.



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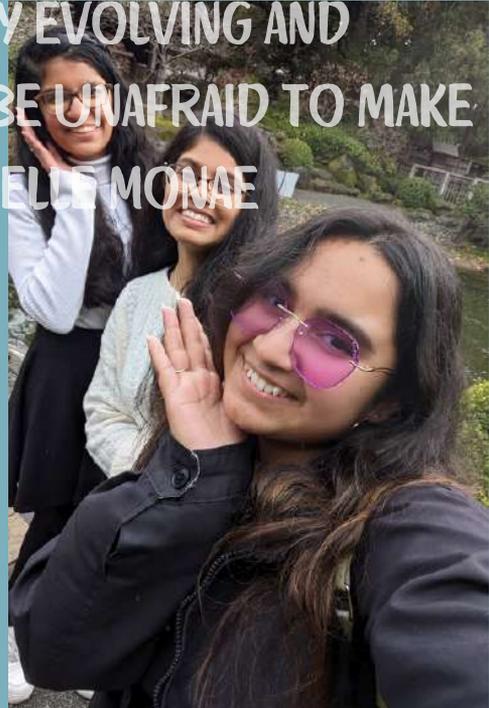
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"I FEEL MYSELF BECOMING THE FEARLESS PERSON I HAVE DREAMT OF BEING. HAVE I ARRIVED? NO, BUT I'M CONSTANTLY EVOLVING AND CHALLENGING MYSELF TO BE UNAFRAID TO MAKE MISTAKES." - JANELLE MONAE



Puja Prasad

WHY ARE WE HERE?

CLASS OF 2025





Rishika
Sahu
Class of 2025





2023 - 2024
Michelle
Yeung
 CLASS OF 2025 (11TH GRADE)



CLASS OF 2025

Hana Alkhani
Jeyden Alvarado-Morales
Alexa Barraza
Estefani Barrios
Enzo Belluomini
Adrian Benenati
Emma Bingham
Julian Bleeess
Andrea Cabeza-Alcantar
Yulissa Castenada Mota
Ryan Chan
Charlotte Chan
Kieffer Chan
Mika Liwen Chia
Kiera Chiu
Spencer Coral
DD Cruz
Stefany Da Silva Pereira
Rebekah Dilbertt
Sofia Dioli
Dylan Domingo
Natasha Efron
Zoe Evanchik
Garrett Field
Emmanuel Fitzgerald
Clair Floro
Kekira Fong
Anthony Friis
Caitlyn Fung
Jessica Aracely Garcia
Connor Gilbert
Kiana Gowdy
Lucas Haasch
Mari He
Fiona Hennelly
Darren Hernandez Noguez
Mar Hudson
Emily Huynh
Andrew Michael Jarrett
Elena Grace Kim
Karis Kim
Lila Rose Kim
Grant Lau
Jaime Lazaro Jr.
Jonah Le
Ethan Lee
Ethan R Lee
Chloe Levadoux

Caitlin Lien
Monica Trisha Lim
Samantha Lin
Shane Lo
Viviana Lopez
Nellzon Lopez
Annika Maars
Petal Rheya Madison
Maxim Magidin
Edwin Osniel Mancia Soto
Ayah Zaina Masri
Emma McNamara
Jake Meyers
Isis Moran
Javier Munoz-Sandoval
Roxana Najian
Vanessa Nguyen
Kailyn Ocampo
Ella Oddo
Lily Rose Papazian
Isabella Pask
Noe Peretz
Eitan Petel
Abigail Joanna Pineda
Anusha Prasad
Puja Prasad
Quincy Romero
Nyssa Rosenbaum
Rishika Sahu
Damian Samano-Ocampo
Maelene Sanchez
Aidan Santos-Stevenson
Benjamin Scott
Sabeeha Sheikh
Madison Shek
Joey Situ
Isabella Tam
Justin Tchang
Abigail Velasquez
Sol Virgen
Ocean Wilberg
Skyy Yee
Michelle Yeung
Brian Young
Sophia Young
Philip Zhang
Erica Zhao
Shastha Suresh
Ian Kim

Can you spot the differences?



THERE'S 5 DIFFERENCES! CHECK OFF THE STARS AS YOU FIND THEM!

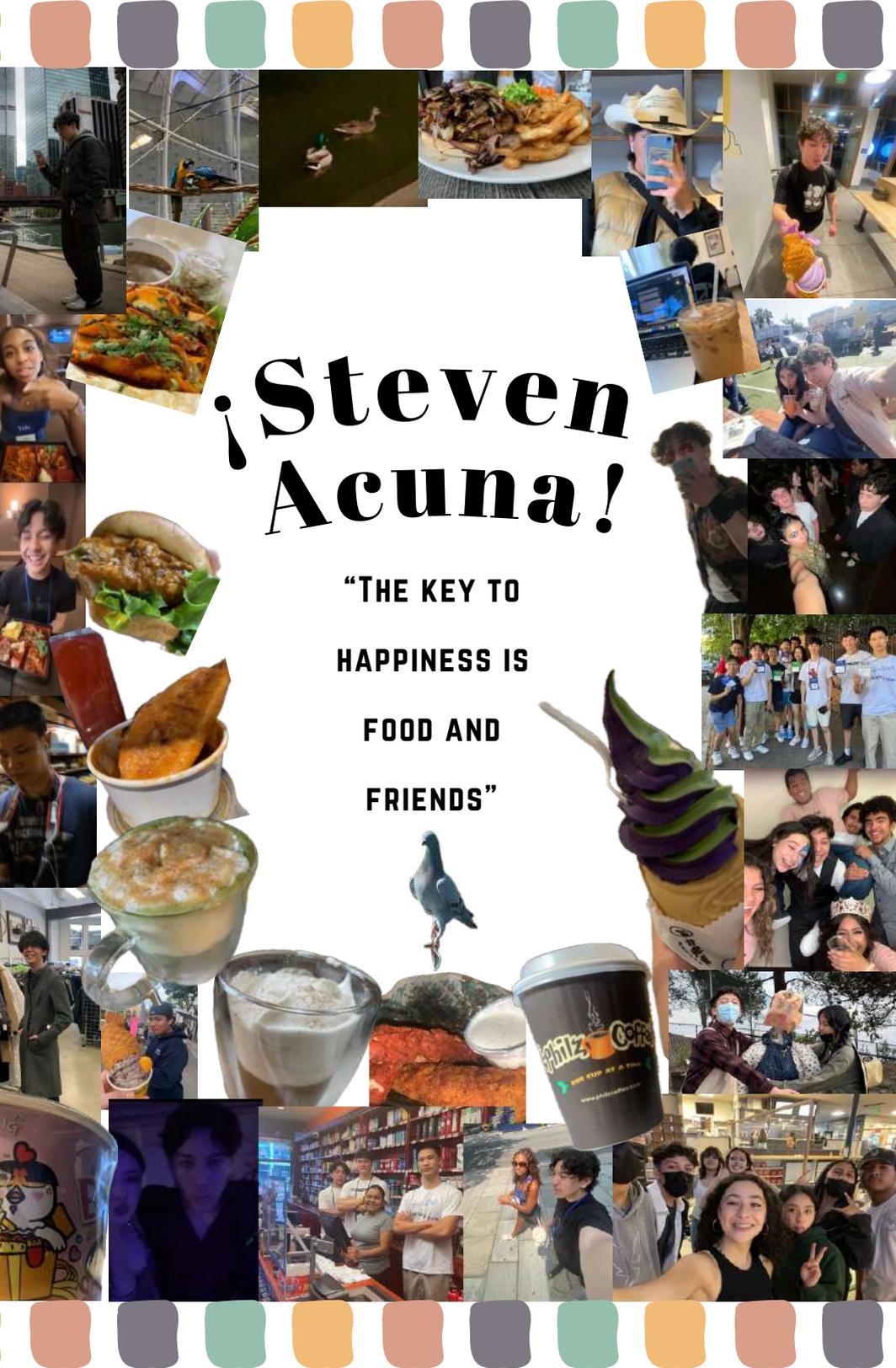






PIA ABRANTES
SENIOR YR 2024





¡Steven Acuna!

“THE KEY TO
HAPPINESS IS
FOOD AND
FRIENDS”



Kaya Albano

c/o 2024

Dear Middle College,

You will be missed — from the student-painted walls est. Fall '22 to the couch in room 221. Thank you for the best, yet most unconventional years of high school I never knew I needed. Congratulations to the class of 2024!

Sincerely,

Kaya ☆.

P.S.

Big thank you to all the teachers here that helped me out ❤️

I'll be attending UC Santa Cruz in the fall majoring in Plant Sciences!



at your choice
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to



2024 The Year Of No Regrets



With Love,

Anar Attankhuyag

SENIOR yr



NEW CHAPTER 



Life is good



2024



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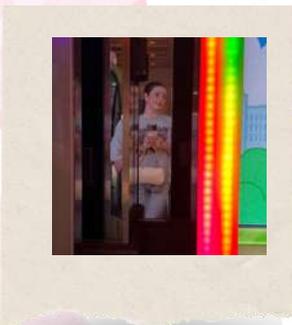




KOEN BALES SENIOR YEAR

23-24



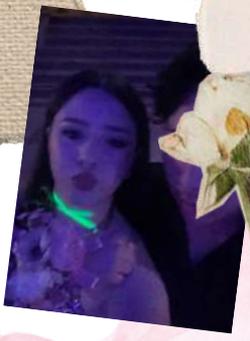
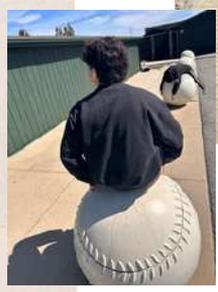


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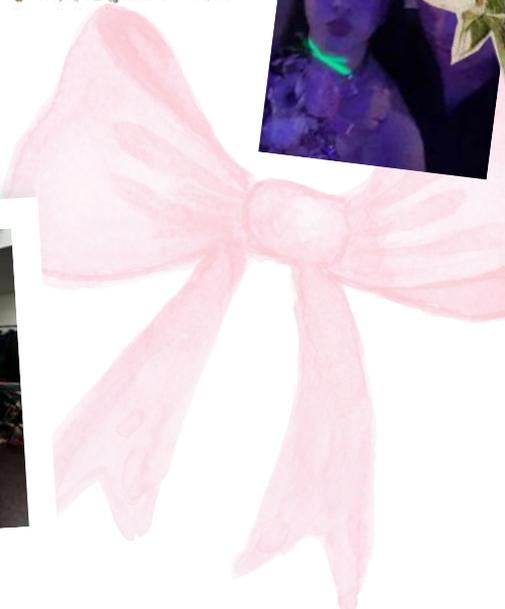


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Ariana Barajas
Co: 2024



MM XX





class of '24



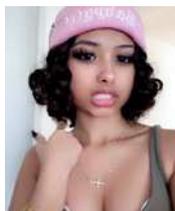
Yasmin Juana

Bello-Leon

Being apart of the middle college community has been the highlight of the past two years of my life. It's hard to let go of this chapter of my life, but Middle College prepared me for the next. I'm so grateful for this community!! Congratulations Class of 2024



THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY MIDDLE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE SO SPECIAL ❤️



LEENA BOLA

Sam Carrington



Thanks for
the memories



MARLO COWAN



My time at Middle College has been priceless. The friends and memories I've made here are invaluable; not only have they prepared me for my next journey, but they've been some of my best experiences in high school.



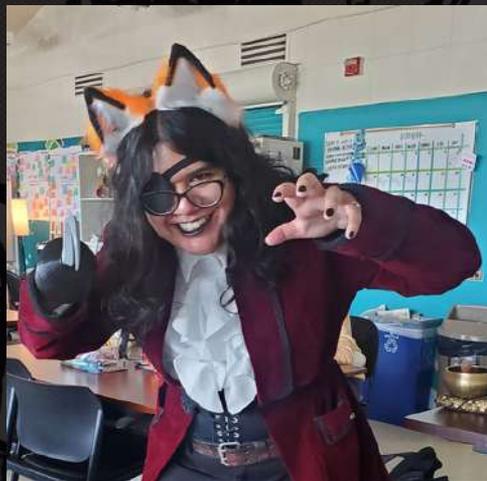
CORVIDAE LUZ DULCEY

SHE/THEY

"HOW MUTABLE ARE OUR FEELINGS, AND HOW STRANGE IS OUR FEELINGS, AND HOW STRANGE IS THAT CLINGING LOVE WE HAVE OF LIFE EVEN IN THE EXCESS OF MISERY!" —MARY SHELLEY, FRANKENSTEIN



"IT TOOK ME ALL THIS TIME TO REALIZE / THAT I MIGHT NOT BE DOOMED / IF I TRUST THE GROUND BENEATH MY FEET / IT JUST MIGHT STAY TO CARRY ME" —JHARIAH, "SASUKE"



"THEY WHO DREAM BY DAY ARE COGNIZANT OF THOSE WHO DREAM BY DAY ARE COGNIZANT OF MANY THINGS WHICH ESCAPE THOSE WHO DREAM ONLY BY NIGHT. —EDGAR ALLAN POE, "ELEONORA"



Evelyn Fenol

“I DREAM IT, I WORK HARD, I GRIND 'TIL I OWN IT.” -

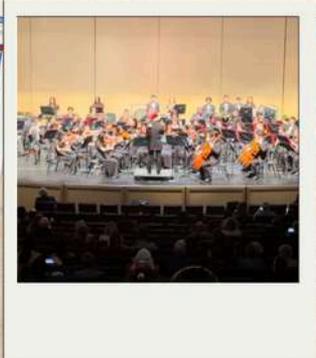
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AGE: 18

GRADE: SENIOR

HOBBIES: BADMINTON, GAMING,
FILM, MUSIC, AND FOOD

MY BESTIES: ALYSSA, SHANNAH, &
CHRISTIAN





Lily Grey

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LIT FR



APRIL 6, 2024



Sarah Grover



guess who

“
TODAY IS
NEVER
TOO LATE
TO BE
BRAND
NEW
”
-T.S.



take the
moment
and taste it,
you've got
no reason
to be afraid

Chance





“Seems like everyone enjoys me being here, but then again who wouldn’t?”- Scott Disick



NEVAEH JENKINS





* AJ



“You can't stay
in your corner of
the Forest
waiting for
others to come to
you. You have to
go to them
sometimes.”
—Winnie the Pooh

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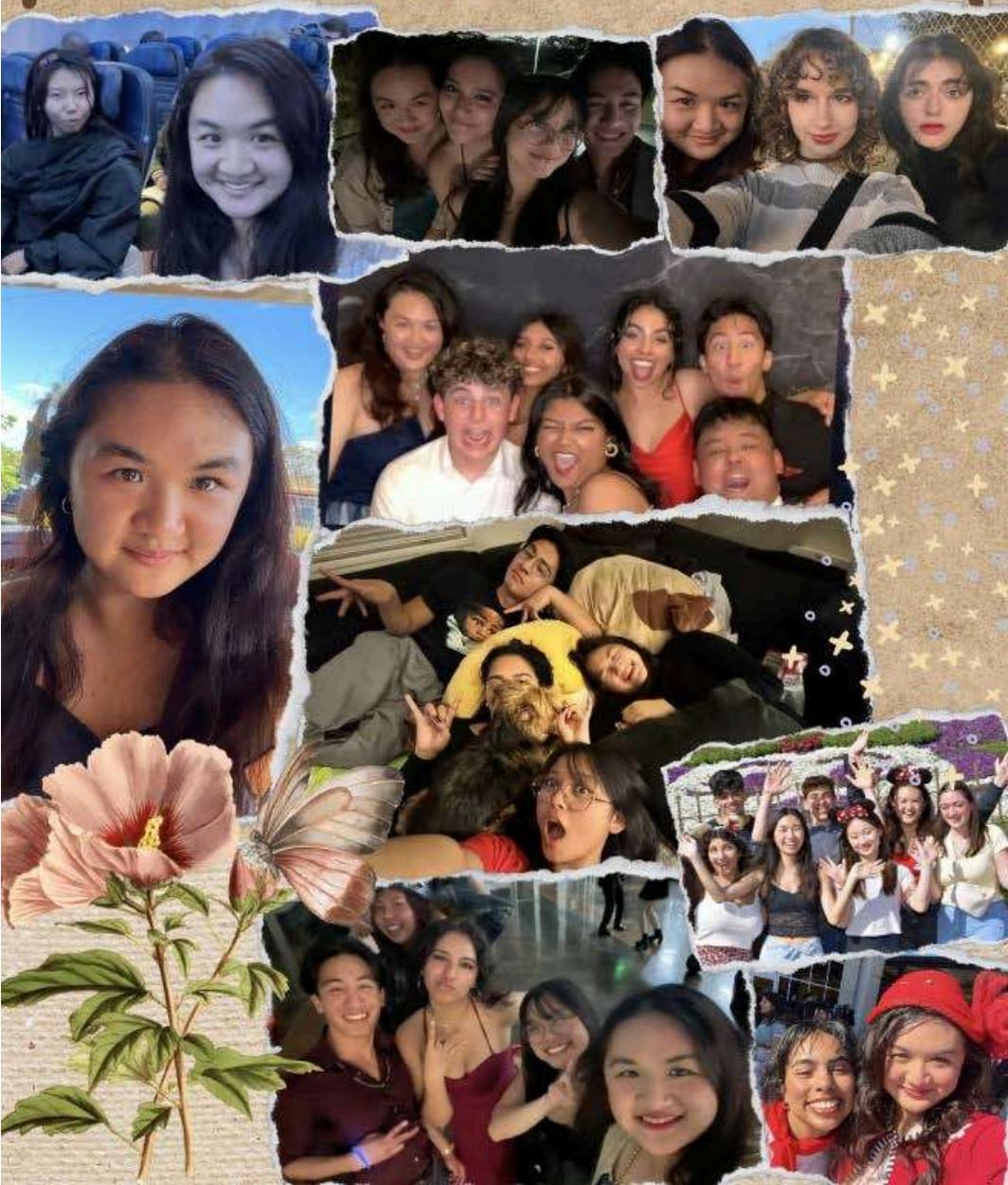


ALEX
JWEINAT



Shannah Kwan

*"Oh a million dreams for the world
we're gonna make."*







Do it for Fig



Isabelle Ly

"Behind every
great woman
is herself"



GT
Georgia
Tech.



Carnegie Mellon University
TARTANS



Class of 2024

Chemical
Engineering and
Biomedical
Engineering



Good Luck and Make the most of it!



Maxwell Miller

IZZY MOLINA





Will

THANK YOU TO PLUTO
AND BACK



2024





CANVA STORES



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Brian Palacio



A decorative collage featuring a central name 'Brian Palacio' on a piece of paper, surrounded by various photos of a young man in different settings. The collage is framed by black floral and vine patterns at the top and bottom. The background has a textured, parchment-like appearance with faint, illegible handwriting and stamps.

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SENIOR YEAR!!

With love,
Valerie Pereira

Only three things matter to me
in life.

Swimming, bowling, and my
girlfriend Taco Bell



My friends are cool too I guess



Francis Rosta

Middle College
made me want to
learn and grow



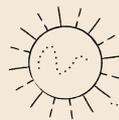
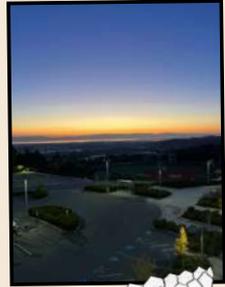
I started
getting out
of my
comfort
zone and
went to my
first dance



I made
lifelong
friends here

Rome

JUST ROLL WITH IT



CLASS OF 2024

»»» Lily Sanchez «««

"it's a weird life, but it's where i'm at right now"

- Nick Miller (New Girl)



Alyssa Sanchez

“MR. LETKE WAS RIGHT; GRADUATION WAS NEXT YEAR, NEXT SEMESTER, NEXT MONTH, NEXT WEEK, AND NOW IT’S HERE”



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Class of 2024
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Thank you for all the wonderful memories I created within our colorful hallways, and the unique people I met and now call my friends (aka goons). Most of all thank you to all the teachers who provided us with unconditional love and support through our journeys! I can happily say that I was lucky enough to be part of our MC family.

-xoxo,

Shana Singh

Class of 2024

"All of these things we do in a different, unique, specific way that is personally ours"

- Beyonce



P5 PLUS



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P5 PLUS



P5 PLUS



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Aidan Stys



"If life gave you 11 lemons, how many lemons would you have? You would have 0 lemons because you would make lemonade!" - me





...nt your choice

V Zeltzer



"You cannot make everyone think and feel as deeply as you do" - unknown



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...is southern be...

SENIOR CLASS OF 2024

Pia Abrantes
Steven Acuna
Toyo Adenekan
Kaya Ysabel Albano
Anar Altankhuyag
Amina Amani
Alexa Anzora
Pablo C. Arroyo
Ariana Ascencio
Yasmina Asfour
Koen Scott Bales
Ariana Barajas Angolo
Yasmin Juana Bello-Leon
Siddharth Vinod Bharwani
Owen Bloch
Leena Bola
Gianna Bottarini
John Broussard
Gianna Ashley Bueno
Alec Burgos
Raphael MMVII Cabaccang Cabitac
Samantha Lynne Carrington
Chloe Chan
Doug Cheung
Leah Chili
Gabiella Chivi
Marlo Cowan
Lucas Alcantara DePaula
Corvidae Luz Dulcey
Nicholas Errington
Evelyn Rae Fenol
Elena Fu
Ashley Carol Fuenzalida
Jasper Y. Gan
Gema Azrielle Garibay
Michaela Grace Gonzalez
Nikolas Gonzalez
Lilian (Lily) Grey
Sarah Grover
Landon Gutierrez
Diego Guzman
Zoe Naomi Hsieh
Chance Hubbard
Nevaeh Jenkins
Julia Jiron
Austin V. Spingola
Alex James Jweinat
Melia Kramer
Dayna Kurniawan
Shannah Shok Yan Kwan
Jordan Jacob Lichaa
Olivia Lipton
Annely Lopez Ayala
Mariana Lopez Ovalle
Sydney Lotti
Ryan Craig Luftman
Isabelle Ly
Alejo J. Manuel
Chris A. Master
Myles W. McGill
Daniel Adger Middleton
Maxwell Miller
Izzy Molina
Megan Juliana Morales
Chelsea Castro Nascimiento
Jack Neciuk
Kelly Nelson
William Newman Silva
Jonathan Nguyen
Lily Nguyen
Noah Nunes
Marilena Nubia O'Meany-Jimenez-Tercero
Brian Palacio
Emily Yu Peng
Valerie Pereira
Kaylin Perez
Christian Samuel Perez
Francois Presta
Anastasia A. Prusakova
Ashley Rabara
Romana Relaford
Jesus Enrique Reyes Samano
Loralei Ann Rohrbach
Aaron Roytman
Lily Sanchez
Alyssa Sanchez
Neil S. Sandal
Isabella Santos
George Schmidt
Dylan L. Sherrill
Jose David Sicajau-Macario
Samira Siefker
Shana Sophie Singh
Seth Smith
Aidan Z. Stys
Nathan Tan
Austin Tchang
Lupita Torres Salgado
Tatupu Michael Vaili
Clara Velloso
Gabiella Wang
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Can you spot the differences?



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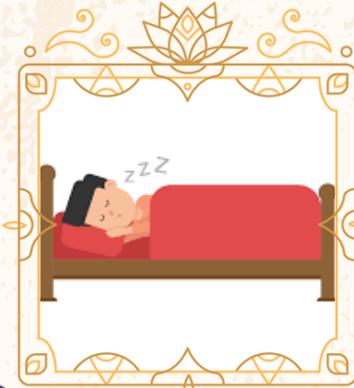




SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

who's most likely to?

Most likely to sleep
through an
earthquake



Austin Tchang

Most likely to become
a motivational
speaker



Ryan Luftman

Senior Superlatives

Most likely to
travel the world



Michaela Gonzalez

Most likely to cure
cancer



Aaron Roytman

Most likely to fall
asleep in class



Jonathan Nguyen

Most likely to win
an Oscar/Grammy



Koen Bales

Senior Superlatives

Most likely to be late for class



Alejo Manuel

Most likely to never have a bad hair day



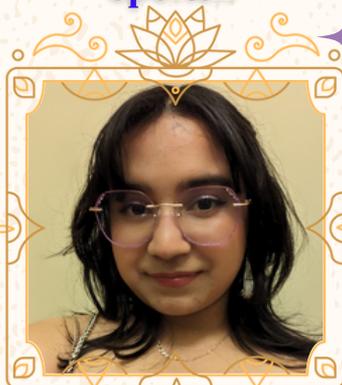
Olivia Lipton

Most likely to become an influencer



Samira Stofker

Most Languages Spoken



Sarah Grover



Acceptance of Class of 2024

Whispers of praise

(Graduation Blurbs)

Acceptance of class of 2024

Middle College houses a mere 105 seniors and 97 juniors within its mystical walls. This year, a grand spectacle unfolds as the largest cohort prepares to depart on their next odyssey. Within this intimate enclave, bonds blossom effortlessly among comrades and mentors alike. Such intimacy manifests gloriously during the ethereal graduation ritual of Middle College, where the triumvirate of senior advisors weave tales for each graduate as they ascend the stage. Behold, the whispers of wisdom and praise that adorned this year's graduation ceremony:

Pia Nicole Abrantes

Pia has a kind and soft way of viewing the world. She values her family, her loved ones, her friends and her dogs with consistent loyalty. She courageously pushed herself out of her comfort zone to come to Middle College and has grown into a more confident and independent person while part of the community & will be serving our country with the US Navy moving forward.

Steven Acuna

Friends describe Steven as supportive, friendly, & funny. They also really admire his determination to be the best version of himself. We appreciate him for his empathy and his compassion, and we hope he continues sharing that with others at the College of San Mateo next year.

Toyo Adenekan

The first word that comes to mind when we think of Toyo is authentic. She is purposeful, driven, and reflective in all that she does, be it in making her own clothing from scratch, in voicing her opinion about matters she cares deeply for, or in building meaningful, honest connections with the humans in her community, which is so much better with her in it. We have no doubt that she'll continue to accomplish whatever she puts her mind to in the fashion industry.

Kaya Albano

There is an expansive openness to Kaya that reflects a deeply old soul. Her creative spirit is only outpaced by her kindness and compassion. The ways that she inspires others towards healing and love is effortless, and we know she'll continue to mend ecosystems at UC Santa Cruz next year.

Class of 2024 Whispers of praise

(Graduation Blurbs)

Anar Altankhuyag

Anar is decribed by her peers as being intelligent & brave & someone who is always willing to try something for the first time. I guess she's also quite the joke teller who has a knack of finding humor in just about anything!

Amina Amani

Not only is Amina going to be one of the most compassionate nurses you will ever meet, she is also going to be one of the most well-read. We won't be at all surprised to find her organizing a book club at a community hospital one day, nudging patients and employees alike to disentangle themselves from the male gaze and colonialist ideologies at CSM and beyond.

Alexa Anzora

Alexa is a bridge builder, both literally and metaphorically. Yes, she did build a replica of the Golden Gate Bridge using mathematical concepts from Bajera's class, but she also bridges the divide between the artificial chasms our society too often believes are essential in the way her amazing mind works, in the way she explores important ideas by going down the most fascinating YouTube rabbit holes, and by the way she is her authentic self, everyday.

Pablo Arroyo

Pablo is a future chemist, and he has all the elements necessary for that. He is solid when hardwork is required, fluid when new ways of thinking need to be employed, and ready to put on the gas when a demanding professor expects meticulous understanding of the material. Above all, Pablo is a kind and good natured human being who moves through the world with a respect for his fellow human beings. We wish him all the best at CSM next year!

Ariana Ascencio

Ariana is known as a hard-working, helpful & focused student who is seen as a truly selfless person by her best friends. Beyond being a great student, Ariana has dedicated countless hours to her community through her work in her church & is someone who has had real impact on so many people. We know she'll continue to do so at San Francisco State and beyond.

Yasmina Asfour

Yasmina is a self-starter, an enthusiastic go-getter; she's the kind of person who has a vision and sees it through to fruition. She is passionate, joyful and confident in doing what is right. We will miss Yasmina's intellectual curiosity and creative spirit that brought so much light to Middle College these past two years.

Class of 2024 Whispers of praise

(Graduation Blurbs)

Koen Bales

There needs to be a special award for this guy. The "even though it is 8am and I am a senior, I am still in a good mood and engaged in learning and ready to spread some of that good vibe to my friends" award. Koen is a connector, building community and goodwill wherever he is. Moreover, he is always learning, always growing, always expanding his understanding of the world around him and himself & that will continue at CSU Northridge next year

Ariana Barajas

Ariana lives her life with a sweetness and loving compassion that is unmatched. She brings such laughter and light to everyone she's around, and whether it's playing Bad Bunny or dancing folklorico, we know she will continue to bring joy to every community who is lucky enough to have her.

Yasmin Bello- Leon

Yasmin has a strong voice for issues of equity and social justice. She aims to make the world a better place. We admire her drive to correct injustices and the humor and heart she takes with her in her work. She is a true changemaker in this world.

Siddarth Bharwani

Beneath his super-competitive academic exterior, Sid is a kind and loving young man. His ambition, energy and gumption lead him to make things happen, from starting and leading our investors club to developing the maker's space on the CSM campus. Undoubtedly a future CEO, we know that Sid will not be the sort of leader that runs on ego, but rather the sort who leads with a heart and compassion.

Owen Bloch

Owen is a kid who "makes Middle College a happier place." This came from one of his peers who also described Owen as having a great sense of humor & someone who perseveres through ANYTHING. We know he will go on to do great things at Trinity College.

Aleena Bola

Aleena takes a real pride in her learning & is also someone who always finds way to make learning fun, for herself & for her friends. Aleena is someone who is eager to have a positive impact on her family & on her community & will bring that same energy to the University of San Francisco.

Class of 2024 Whispers of praise

(Graduation Blurbs)

Giana Bottarini

Gigi is generous, sensitive and thoughtful. Her ability to motivate and get things done are qualities we admire. Not only is she independent and self-driven, she is also a mastermind at artful and absurd video making and editing. Both analytic and creative, Gigi will continue to make the same remarkable impact at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

John Broussard

John is a philosopher, but not the sort that climbs up on a mountain top or holes up in some ivory tower. No, John wants to use his mind to make the world a better place. He embodies the meaning of the word philosophy...love of knowledge...and his ability to combine that with a love for his fellow human beings is going to make us all glad he is reading Nietzsche or Bell Hooks or whatever else is on his nightstand while attending UC San Diego next year.

Gianna Bueno

Gianna is a compassionate and forgiving soul, with an attention to detail that results in wonderful work. These magnificent qualities in her are going to serve her so well in her future in the medical field!

Alec Burgos

Alec's path to this stage has not been an easy one. He may have attended more schools in his 12 years of education than anyone else on this stage. I'm pretty sure that he is the only one that drives out to Modesto to work on a hay farm. While the experiences he has had might have hardened some, Alec has grown through and beyond them to be a kind person, a good friend, and someone who makes a community better for his being in it. His hardwork, resiliency and perseverance will serve him well as he moves on to San Francisco State next year.

Raphael Cabitac

Rafael has a quiet strength, a warm and loving spirit, and strong dedication to his Christian faith. We will miss his unwavering kindness, his crocheting, and, of course, his Bass Pro Shop gear.

Samantha Carrington

Sam is kind, caring, and often unintentionally funny. An apt description of Sam is being someone who will accidentally discover a cure for cancer. Even if that doesn't happen, they will certainly be successful and effortlessly unique. Sam will be continuing her college journey next year at UC Berkeley.

Class of 2024 Whispers of praise

(Graduation Blurbs)

Chloe Chan

Chloe is someone who is always on top of her work. She is determined, and some might describe her as a hustler. She is committed to her academic success, but always prioritizes others as well. She is kind, resilient, and even has a wildly profitable lash business on the side & will be probably adding more Lashed By CC clients while attending the University of San Francisco

Doug Cheung

While you might not know it just from talking to him after the ceremony, Doug is a performer and artist who comes alive when holding an instrument, dancing on a stage during Middle College lip sync contests, or leading his section in marching band. We wish Doug well and hope that he will keep finding spaces to cultivate this side of himself!

Leah Chili

Leah is a powerhouse. Dedicated, hard-working, and also unwaveringly kind, she approaches everything with a steadfast commitment. She is outgoing and involved, and when she sees something is lacking, or a problem needing to be solved, she tackles it head on and with positivity & we know she will continue to do this at the University of San Francisco.

Gabriella Chivi

Gabby is driven by her own internal conscience. Her calm mindfulness and confidence speak to the wisdom she holds beyond her 18 years. Gabby is the truest of the true and the realest of the real. We know she will continue to embrace adventure on her journey after Middle College.

Marlo Cowan

Marlo is described by her peers as being both mature & goofy at the same time. She's also supposedly got quite the Boba addiction & has been tabbed to be the first Boba addicted Supreme Court justice in the future. We are excited to hear about your adventures studying in Paris with Sciences Po over the next couple of years

Lucas DePaula

Lucas is an athlete, scholar and someone whose family means everything to him. He has learned and grown so much in his time with us. This young man, who didn't speak English 6 years ago, is headed to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he is going to major in accounting and go on to do great things so he can help his family and his community even more.

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(Graduation Blurbs)

Corvidae Luz Dulcey

In just the short year since we've known her, Corvidae has made an indelible impression on our community for her intelligence, creativity, and honesty. Her commitment to fighting bigotry in the world is unwavering, and we know she will continue to carve her own path at the University of Maryland, as she works toward an eventual PhD in the field of bioengineering.

Nick Errington

While you might not know it by his exterior, Nick wears his heart on his sleeve, feels all the feels, and sees everything going on around him with clear eyes. At the young age of 18, he is already a successful entrepreneur, and his business has landed him 3 job offers right out of high school. Instead, he is headed to Indiana University to develop even more business skills. Don't be surprised to see him on a who's who list of the most successful entrepreneurs under 30 soon!!

Evelyn Fenol

Evelyn loves in 'n' out burgers! Like, she's probably going there after the ceremony! She's also someone who truly is admired by her peers & has natural leadership abilities that really came to the surface this year. This will serve her well over the next few years as she will be serving our country in the US Navy!

Elena Fu

Elena is a true artist; not only are they constantly drawing or painting, but they are deeply observant of the world and constantly translating their observations into poetic musings and gorgeous images that convey a depth of critical thinking that is unparalleled. We look forward to seeing all the beauty that they will continue to bring to this world at the Laguna College of Art and Design.

Ashley Fuenzalida

Ashley is a loyal friend who is admired for being hard working, supportive & ambitious. She is also the definition of PROACTIVE...I guess that's why she's always "so chill," because everything is already done. Ashley is a giving person who is genuine & authentic & truly fun to be around, and we know she will thrive at San Jose State.

Jasper Gan

Jasper is exactly who you want to sit next to at a cocktail party, without the cocktails of course. He is wicked smart, witty, and very aware of all that is going on in the world. But he is also gracious and a good listener. An Eagle Scout with leadership skills and a kind heart, he is exactly the sort of leader we need more of in this world and we can't wait to see where his talents lead him!

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Gema Garibay

Gema may still be a teenager, but she has the heart, mind and soul of a full grown woman.

In spite of struggles she has faced, she has persevered and emerged with a maturity, serenity and awesome sense of style that belie her 18 short years. Whether it be in the field of women's health or beauty..or some completely original amalgamation of the two, we have no doubt that she will continue to be a shining star in all she does!

Sarah Grover

Sarah is highly motivated & intelligent student who has gone out of her way to be a positive role model for many of the juniors in our Middle College community. She loves having authentic conversations about her learning & is someone who is always looking to be challenged academically so she can continue growing as a student & a person over the few years UC San Diego.

Michaela Gonzalez

Michaela has an outgoing personality that people gravitate towards. She brings so much positive energy to our community & is someone who is destined to succeed as she brings these same traits to her new community at George Washington University next year.



Landon Gutierrez

Landon's friends describe him as funny and energetic, someone who is willing to help out anyone who needs it and stays true to himself. We would also add that he's incredibly loving and loyal, and willing to ponder the big questions.

Nikolas Gonzalez

To know Nik is to love - nay, absolutely adore Nik. He is kind and compassionate, and engages with the world in a way that is sincere and open-minded. A philosopher at heart, we are thrilled that he is planning to make a career of ethical hacking, where he will continue to make the world a safer, more principled place.

Diego Guzman

Behind his sometimes lassiez-faire exterior, Diego is a thoughtful, reflective and ambitious man. He has a warm spirit and a great sense of humor. We know he will make his family proud in his college studies at SF State and that his ambition to become a dentist is one that he will surely achieve!

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Zoe Hsieh

Zoe is an open book. She is eager to learn from both her peers & her advisors here at Middle College. While it hasn't always been easy, Zoe has always been ready to be vulnerable so she can come out the other side in a better place, and we are sure she will continue to inspire others at the New School in New York.

Chance Hubbard

When describing him, Chance's friends tend to use phrases like "stand up guy" and "ability to keep it real." That is Chance in class too. He has the ability to engage genuinely with issues that impact our society, even at 8am, and perhaps even after having been playing with his band until late at night. His capacity to run on little sleep his capacity to think critically will both serve him well next year!

Nevaeh Jenkins

*Nevaeh is on a journey, in the words of her favorite book, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, to becoming infinite. She realizes that vulnerability will help her on that journey and that shopping probably won't. She is a wonderfully alive human being who is ready to let the world see all that she has to offer and to help others feel infinite as well.*

Julia Jiron

Julia is known to be smart, friendly & hard-working. She is always looking to challenge herself so she can grow as a student & as a person. Plus, she is quite the comic book expert!

Austin V. Spingola

*Austin is described by friends as being genuine, unwavering, & confident. Austin is a humanitarian who also can do a deep critical analysis of the socialist utopia presented to us in *My Little Pony* cinematic universe. Now that's keeping it real! Austin will be studying at Lewis & Clark College next year.*

Alex Jweinat

Alex's friends describe him as "considerate, fun and responsible." He gives good advice and his witty humor naturally draws people to him. Even when he's busy with sports, he always makes time to be there for his friends. He stands strong and tall for the people he cares for & that will he serve him well over the next few years at Arizona State University.

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(Graduation Blurbs)

Melia Kramar

Melia really emerged as one of Middle College's 'quiet leaders'. She's hard working, engaging, & pleasant. All of these traits led Melia to take a natural leadership role whenever there was group discussions in her classes. Melia is one of those people who cultivates a genuine academic discussion by making sure everyone has a voice. This trait will take her far in the future beginning in Boston while she attends Northeastern University

Dayna Kurniawan

Dayna's quiet exterior belies an active mind; she is smart, caring and honest, and if you happen to make her laugh, you will see a smile that lights up any room. Her grounded determination and sense of self will serve her well in whatever path she pursues.

Shannah Kwan

Shannah is one of the most dependable & talented students we have at Middle College. She has shown real leadership in her role in MC Effect & her ability to balance both theater & college classes has led Shannah to be a real inspiration to many of her peers.

Jordan Lichaa

Jordan is an affable leader, the captain of his home school's football team, and will be, undoubtedly, a leader in the future. Not just any leader, but the kind we need...one who sees that leading is not about ego or a desire for power, but about the good of all. Jordan is the glue that holds friends and family together, and we are so glad to have had a second Lichaa as part of the Middle College family. UC Davis will be lucky to have him!

Olivia Lipton

Loving Liv is not a hard thing to do; her open heart and warm smile make her an infectious joyous person who people just want to be around. She is also an incredibly curious critical thinker, and her ability to be playful while exploring the world deeply will make her a phenomenal marine biologist at Cal State Long Beach.

Annelly Lopez

Do not be fooled by the seemingly quiet nature of Annelly; she has big ideas, big dreams and big ambitions. There are many sides to her: resilient student, aspiring nurse, exemplary older sibling, and creative singer and leader in church and community. We are excited to see how Annelly continues to grow as a nurse in the future.

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Mariana Lopez Ovalle

Mariana engages with the world with such a depth and intentionality that makes it clear to us this is not her first lifetime. Her profound wisdom seems connected to a larger fabric; her grace, generosity and incredible emotional intelligence are obvious when you get to know her, and we truly consider ourselves lucky to be a part of her community.

Sydney Lotti

If you find yourself in a hospital about 5 years from now, (and we sincerely hope you don't), but if you do, you will want Nurse Lotti at your bedside. Sydney is meticulous and caring, smart and compassionate, and cheerful and sincere—all qualities we know are going to serve her well at the University of Nevada, Reno on her journey to becoming a nurse.

Ryan Luftman

Ryan has a genuine passion for learning that really resonates not only with his teachers but also his peers. He is known to be kind, thoughtful, & someone who will go out of his way to be a good, caring friend, and we have no doubt he'll build community quickly at UC Berkeley.

Isabelle Ly

One student described Isabelle as the "most put-together person" they had ever met. Isabelle has a cheerful disposition that is genuine & truly appreciated by her peers. Many of her friends commented on her ability to cheer them up whenever they are feeling a little down. Oh yeah...she's a great student too! And we have no doubt she'll thrive at Georgia Tech.

Alejo Manuel

We can't wait to see the beautiful life of music Alejo composes after he walks across this stage.

His aptitude for music is amazing. His performance skills and his soul shine when he holds a musical instrument (and, there are like, what, 6, 7 of them he can play?!). Alejo gives through his music and every other area of his life and we have been blessed to have him in our community.

Chris Master

The knowledge that Chris carries around in his brain is remarkable. Don't be surprised if, in any conversation, he brings up the ongoing impact of colonial monetary policy in Africa or the fact that identical twins don't have the same fingerprints...that's just how Chris rolls. When he is not reading Wikipedia pages or going to the gym, you may find him pulling you over one day for a California stop. He's already a pretty nice guy, but be nice to him just in case!

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Myles McGill

Myles is passionate, driven and hi-LAR-ious. They are always authentically being themselves.

They are remarkable because they never give anything less than 100% in anything they love.

They are easily the funniest and most serious person in the room & that will serve them well at

Occidental College. Honto ni omedetou gozaimashita.

Daniel Adger Middleton

Adger's friendly smile and wave have been a staple in our Middle College hallway. He is intelligent, funny and has an uncanny ability to bounce back from setbacks, and to carve new and oftentimes better paths, from them. Wherever life takes him, we know the journey will be exciting.

Maxwell Miller

English teachers love having future scientists and mathematicians who are also open to looking at the world through a humanities lens. Max is just that sort of person! While writing an essay is certainly not his favorite activity, he is sincere and curious in exploring ideas, perspectives and philosophies and we feel heartened to know that he will be among the scientific thinkers shaping our future at Carnegie-Mellon University and beyond.

Isabela Molina

To know Izzy is to know a deep, critical thinker who is constantly deconstructing the power dynamics around her and making meaning of them in significant ways. She is someone who is incredibly grounded in her sense of self, and who is not afraid of honesty. We know that her bravery, integrity, and intellect will take her far in this world, and we are so excited to see what she will do..

Megan Morales

The first word that comes to mind when we think of Megan is "hysterical." Her keen sense of humor pairs beautifully with her fierce intellect.

We have loved watching her hone her voice these past two years and are so grateful that it keeps getting louder as she shares it with the world. We look forward to seeing her name in the big lights as a filmmaker.

Chelsea Nascimientto

In her year with Middle College, we have learned that Chelsea is thoughtful, kind, compassionate, and full of love...which are only a few of the reasons why we love her so much in return. Her ability to observe the world around her with intellectual curiosity will make her successful in whatever she decides to do, be it in business or psychology.

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Jack Neciuk

Jack has found his passion here at Middle College. Yes, he loves football & hanging out with his friends but he has also learned that he really enjoys learning about Real Estate & now has a plan to pursue that as his career. Jack's outgoing personality makes him a NATURAL for this kind of career. Good luck in the future,

Jack!

Kelly Nelson

Kelly probably wakes up before every single person here today. Nearly every day she has row practice at 5:30 in the morning. While it may not always be fun to be up so early, it's a sign of the dedication & commitment it takes to be a top athlete & it has paid off as she will be part of the crew team at St Mary's College.

Noah Nunes

Noah is a generous and outgoing young man with a heart of gold who is always willing to lend a hand to his friends when they need him. He has really come a long way over these last two years, and we're excited to see where life takes you, Noah.

Jonathan Nguyen

Jonathan is observant, reflective and kind. He loves to be around other people who share his humor and carefree attitude. He extends his loyalty and generosity in unique ways to all those he cares for.

Lily Nguyen

Lily has proven to be a thoughtful & personable student who is positioned to thrive over the next few years in a university environment. What we're most excited about for Lily is the opportunity to get on a college campus & to have the chance to fully embrace her passions (in this case, architecture).

Congrats Lily.

William Newman

*In the book *The Little Prince*, a fox shares a secret with the Little Prince: One sees clearly only with the heart. Anything essential is invisible to the eyes." Will knows this secret well and sees quite clearly. It comes out in his words, in his remarkable art, and in his interactions with all whom he encounters & with all the people he will be meeting next year at Lewis & Clark College.*

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Marilena O'Meany

Described by her friends as someone who is welcoming, and creates a safe space for others, Marilena is also compassionate, hardworking, and truly resilient. Her intelligence, both academic and emotional, will take her far.

Brian Palacio

His peers identify him as "most likely to help out if you need it." Watching countless YouTube videos of surgeries may just have given him more knowledge than a first year medical student. Brian is both kind-hearted and wicked smart. Middle College has been a better place for his presence!

Emily Peng

Under Emily's quiet demeanor lies an incredibly fierce intellect and a wicked sense of humor. In her year at Middle College, she's learned how to persevere through a schedule packed with upper level math and science classes, and she did it all while balancing a busy life of sports and robotics. However she's never sacrificed her presence and her kindness, and we are truly impressed by her ability to be authentic in the face of all the chaos.

Valerie Pereira

Valerie is creative, strong, and kind. She genuinely cares for everyone in her life. Anytime she walks into a room it just lights up. Her friends say that "while she may try to hide it, she is one of the smartest most hardworking people you will ever meet." Valerie will be attending UC Santa Cruz next year.

Kaylin Perez

Courageous, strong, brilliant. Kaylin Perez is unafraid to examine the world around her, unafraid to seek and speak her truth and unafraid to be different. As a teacher, as a doctor, as an activist, Kaylin will surely make a difference in our world beyond high school.

Christian Samuel Perez

Christian is just so full of heart. Quick to laugh and easy to talk to, his compassion, thoughtfulness and vulnerability make him an incredible friend and teammate, and we are absolutely certain it will make him an incredible doctor one day.

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Frankie Presta

Frankie is described as being kind, humble, & funny by his peers. Frankie is also encouraging of others & his friends believe that Frankie has a great chance of starting a career covering basketball in the future. He will be attending the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Anastasia Prusakova

Anastasia moves through the world with grace and aplomb. Her academic work is careful, precise and deeply thought out. She has the kindest of hearts, and cares deeply about the healing of others, which will make her exactly the sort of nurse, friend, sister or daughter you would want by your side, making even difficult times into something beautiful. We wish you all the best at UC Davis, Anastasia.

Ashley Rabara

Ash can be a tough nut to crack, but, when you do, you can't help but just love everything about her. She is a very loyal friend and teammate who is deeply committed to supporting those she loves while working hard towards her goals. We have no doubt that her incredible work ethic will take her far in life as she starts this new chapter in San Francisco.

Romana Relaford

Rome does not color in the lines, nor we would ever want them to. A deeply intellectual and empathic person, Rome not only stands (and dances) courageously in the gray areas of life, but also inspires others to disrupt the patterns that no longer serve them...just by being Rome. We are all braver, better people with Rome in our community.

Jesus Reyes

Jesus was meant to be at Middle College. He is self-directed, resilient and reflective. Over the past two years, we have watched him grow into an even more motivated and independent person. We will miss his care for others, his lightheartedness, and his infectious smile and positive attitude.

Loralei Rohrbach

Loralei takes a lot of pride in always looking to challenge herself & she has a sincere desire to learn. She is intelligent & thorough & loves being part of a highly academic community. She's also a genuinely warm-hearted person that people love being around. We will all miss our conversations with you about college, sports & life. Fight on at USC Lorelei!

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Aaron Roytman

Aaron is known for his authenticity and his fierce honesty. He uplifts the spirits of those around him, and can always be relied upon.

With your intelligence, dedication, and supportive nature, St. Louis is lucky to get you, Aaron, and we know you'll do well studying Medicine at Washington University.

Samira Siefker

Samira's quiet demeanor belies a deep, introspective interior world. Her friends describe her as passionate, resilient, and kind; she's known for being able to read people whenever they're feeling down and will always find a way to bring them up with her wit and wisdom. We are so grateful you chose us for your senior year, Samira, and we are so excited to see what wonderful things you will do.

Alyssa Sanchez

Alyssa's quiet and calm exterior belies a passionate, powerful spirit. She has endless amounts of empathy is always there to support her friends when they need help. We are so grateful we've had the pleasure of watching her hone her voice as an advocate for social justice and we know she will do great things at UC Davis & beyond.

Neil Sandal

Neil is a scientist with a heart. You are just as likely to see him assisting professors with telescopes during a solar eclipse as you are to find him dressed in a toga, playing the part of Oedipus in an English class. He probes for new understanding of our universe and of our minds, and the worlds we construct with them, questioning, considering and making new connections. We cannot wait to see how Neil blends and bends science and philosophy to better serve human beings and our planet as he heads off to study at Purdue University.

✿ Isabella Santos

In her year at Middle College, Isa has shown us to be someone who is funny, caring, considerate and sweet. She is an incredibly observant person who will listen to others with thoughtful intention and an open mind, and we know her work ethic is going to take her incredibly far as she begins her new chapter in Santa Barbara.

Dylan Sherril

Friends describe Dylan as unique, authentic, and hardworking. He is also never afraid to argue his point or speak his mind, and will be the first person to offer help to a complete stranger.

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(Graduation Blurbs)

Jose Sicajau- Macario

First off, if you're smart, you'll ask Jose for stock tips. Jose is man of style, of kindness, and an uncommon dedication to his work. We are certain that he has bright future ahead of him in the business world.

Aidan Stys

Aidan has grown so much in his time with us. He was already a bright and curious young man when he arrived, but he has begun to learn the lesson that so many of us are on the path to learn...who we really are, what really makes us tick, and how we can best love ourselves in order to become what we are truly capable of becoming. Aidan has been courageous in embarking on that journey in his time with us at Middle College, and we are so proud to watch him cross this stage today.

Lily Sanchez

Lily may be soft-spoken, but she is sharp in mind. She makes connections between school and the world and can convey why and how things matter. Lily has a brave and beautiful soul and will continue to move forward with strength and perseverance in life.

Shana Singh

Shana started high school on the quiet side...more ready to hide away from her peers than embrace the newness of meeting people. All that changed at Middle College, as Shana became one of those people who is so outgoing that they actually play a big role in bringing others out of their shells. The joy she has for life is unparalleled, and we know she'll continue to bring it to her community at George Washington University.

George Schmidt

Underneath George's buoyant sense of humor lies a deeply compassionate heart and a curious, philosophical mind. He is an incredibly loving young person who has a strong ethical compass and will be one of the first to speak out against injustices. We are all more thoughtful people because of George.

Seth Smith

Seth moves through the world the same way he moves through water—with steady, smooth and powerful strokes. No matter what comes his way, he maintains a buoyancy that not only keeps him afloat but moving forward. His achievements have been significant, both in the pool and in the classroom, and we have no doubt great things are yet to come as he heads off to Cleveland State.

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Nathan Tan

Nathan is a hard working, diligent and even-keeled young man. Exactly the sort of person you want to be piloting your 747 across the country or around the world at 30,000 feet...and that is exactly what Nathan will be doing after he graduates from Emory Riddle University 4 years from now!

Austin Tehang

Austin is a man of few words, but he is dedicated and hardworking, for both his family and his academic pursuits. We have no doubt he will use these qualities to not only his own benefit but for the betterment of his family and his community.

Guadalupe Torres Salgado

A true Sagittarius, friends describe Lupita as being charming, uplifting and a free spirit! She is also admired for her perseverance in any tasks she starts and her unreal talents as a dancer. Lupita is a true inspiration and will continue to bring light and laughter to her community at UC Berkeley.

Tatupu Vaili

Underneath Tupu's witty exterior is a deeply intelligent and thoughtful philosopher of the world. He is truly a renaissance man whose many talents range from singing like an angel to boxing like a champ. Our community is better with Tupu in it, and we are certain he will achieve great heights at the College of San Mateo and beyond!

Clara Velloso

Clara is an intelligent, talented, and courageous young woman. Even though she was only here at Middle College for one year, it felt like she had a real opportunity to hit reset on life and really focus on her passions. It's going to be exciting to see where her talents take her over the next few years as she pursues theater at NYU.

Gaby Wang

Gaby is one of those rare people who has an equal love for words and ideas as she does for math and science, which leads her to see how artificially constructed academic divisions are. We can't wait to see what kind of wonderful alchemy she performs in blending different epistemologies and perspectives as she seeks deeper truths to make the world a better.

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Sayuri Watanabe

Sayuri continues to impress us with her confidence; she is someone who's determination and work ethic allows her to pursue many passions with her whole heart, whether that's taking care of animals, baking delicious food, camping with her family, or mentoring her younger brother. We are confident she will make an incredible vet one day.

Cooper Wong

Cooper's peers describe him as being intelligent & ambitious & see him as becoming the world's first trillionaire. He's also someone who has come so far over his two years at Middle College & is primed to really thrive over the next few years at UC Berkeley.

Naomi Yap

Naomi's peers describe her as "driven, talented, and creative" and this is not at all surprising, because her calendar has been consistently jam packed with school, work, ballet and theater, to name just a few of her many activities. Her work ethic is impressive and will serve her very well at UC San Diego over next few years.

V Zelter

V is just undeniably cool. He is quick to laugh and down to problem solve, and will always work to make sure that the people he loves are happy. We know that his honesty, trustworthiness, and incredible kindness will allow him to build authentic community wherever he goes.





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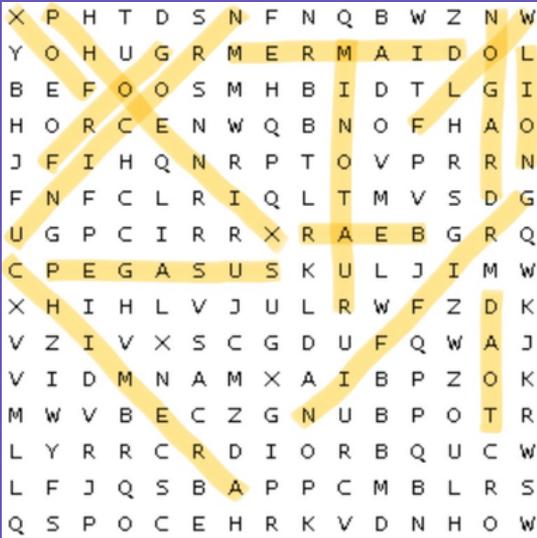
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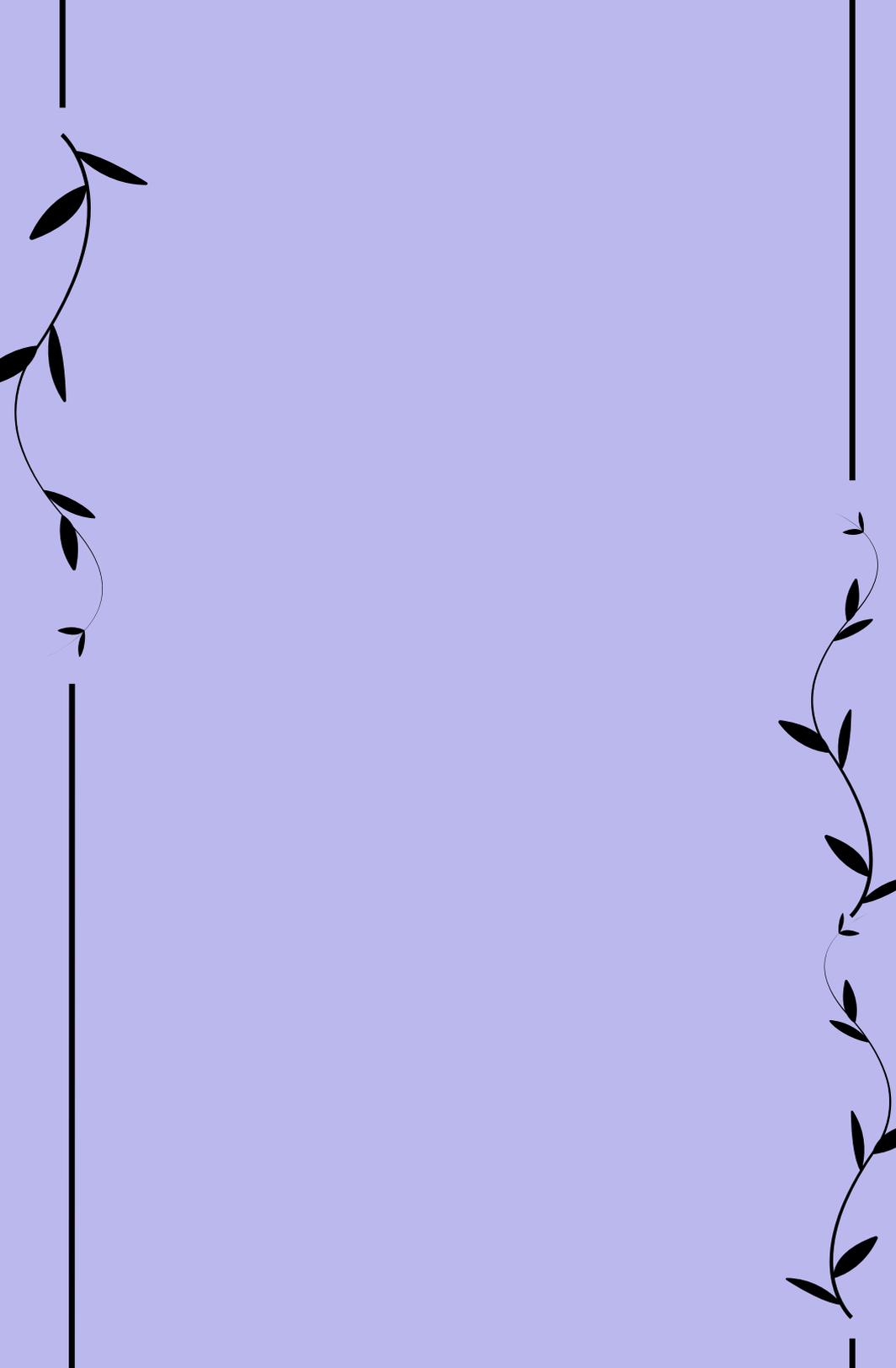
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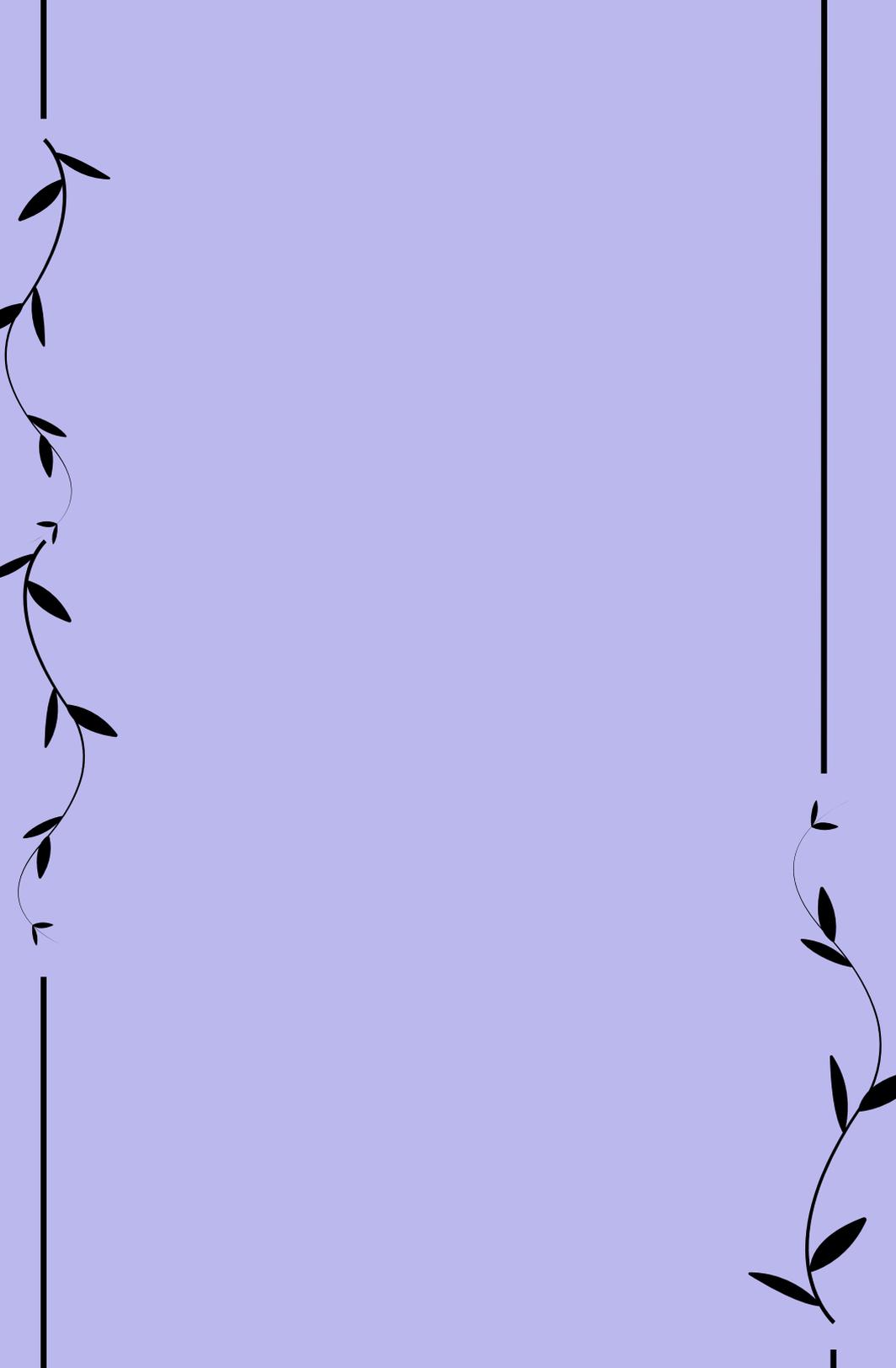
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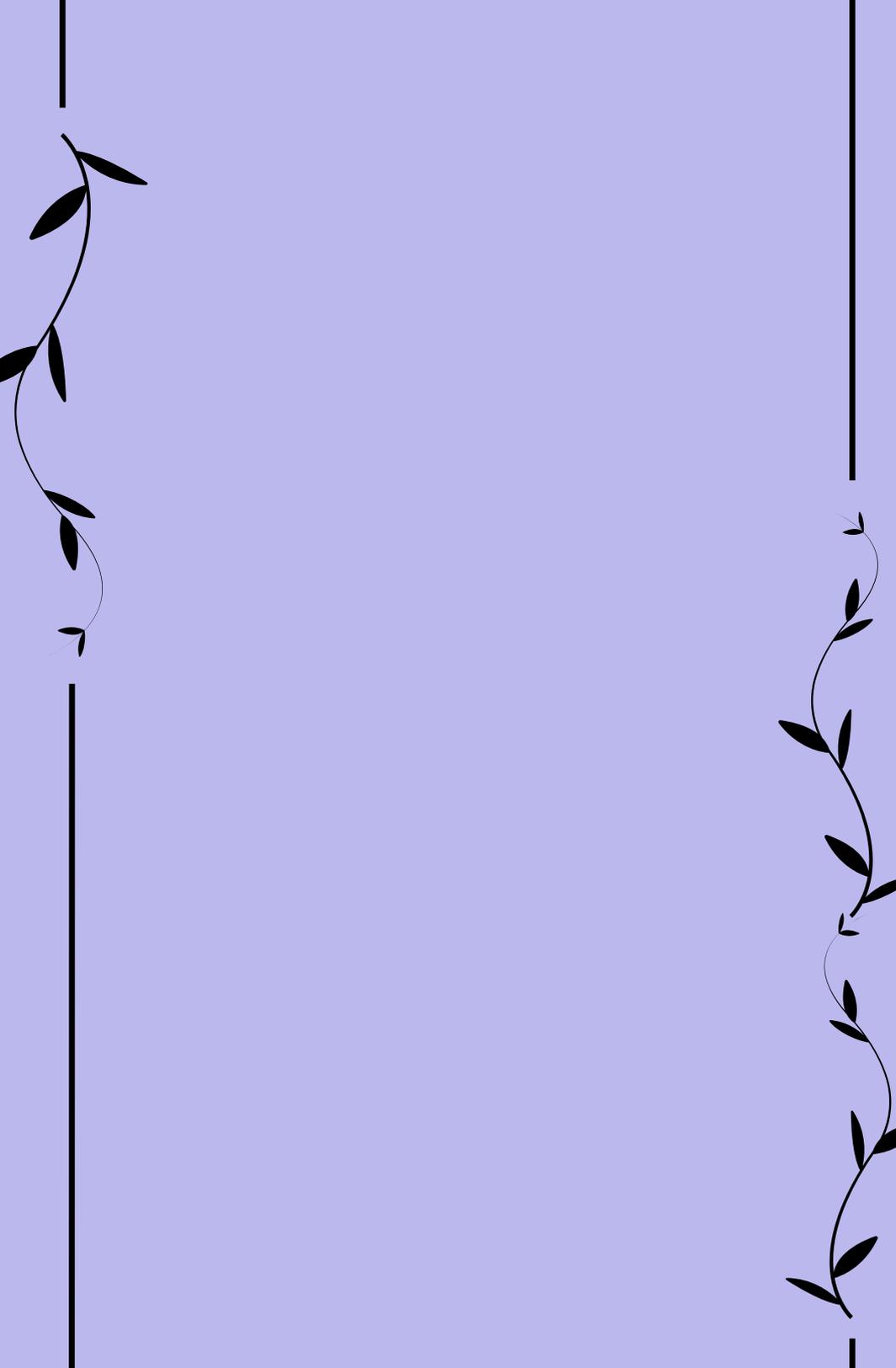


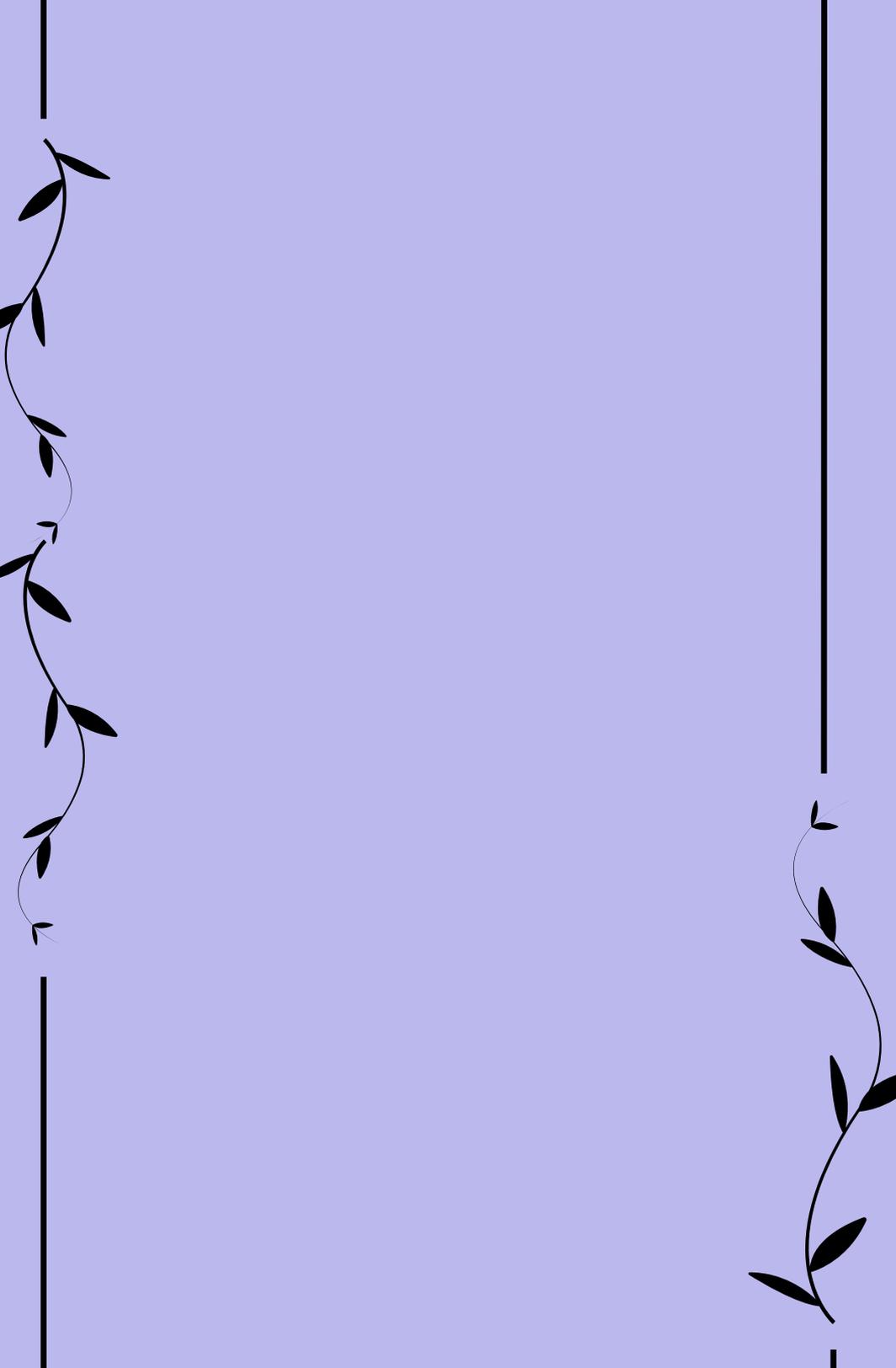
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Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

“Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale,” says Hans Christian Andersen. Middle College had been a fairytale experience for many of us, for it has given us the enchantment that our homeschools couldn’t quite do. My last two years were greater than I could’ve ever imagined. All the laughs and all the cries, all the silence and all the yapping- I’ll never forget it. Yes, now Middle College is just a story we will tell our kids one day, but I’m sure it will be the best one we have to tell. If I could go back in time, I wouldn’t change a thing.

Michaela Gonzalez and I, Co-Editors-in-Chief for the Middle College Newsletter and Yearbook, came from different home schools with almost nothing in common except for our shared love for Newsletter and Yearbook. This common ground was our way of managing both publications, with Michaela in-charge of Newsletter and I in-charge of Yearbook.

This Yearbook reflects the hard work that the Yearbook team has put into creating a book that tells all of our stories. May this tome bring you as much joy as our team found in crafting it. And remember, graduates, while the scary news is that you’re all on your own now, the cool news is you’re on your own now.

Best Regards,

Sarah Grover

YEARBOOK EDITOR-IN-CHIEF