

# Verbatim

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: being in or following the exact words : WORD-FOR-WORD  
// a *verbatim* report of life at Cardigan

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## Mr. Rinkin: *A Journey Through Cardigan*

Diego Escalante '20  
*Reporter*

### What makes Cardigan the place it is?

It's definitely the people. The people that come here, whether they be the students or faculty. They make it the special place that it is. We've got lots of people from all around the world and the country. They come here with different experiences. We learn from each other and we grow together. We have this shared experience here on the point. It makes the connections that we have very special, because we are living within this small Cardigan universe together. So I would say that that's really the special ingredient to Cardigan. The people that come here, and the people that want to help each other grow.

### What did you do during your Cardigan career?

Initially, I started as the summer session coordinator. I was the interim director while Cardigan was looking for a Director of Summer Programs. I later applied for that position. I worked as the Director of Summer Programs for three years, three summers. Then I applied for the position of Assistant Head of School and Dean of Faculty. I got to work in that role for four years. Then I got the opportunity to move back to the Director of Summer Programs. I love the academic program. I've been a part of it for many years now, but there's something very special about Cardigan's summer session. This campus has a different look and feel during the summer. I think it's the best time to be here. We have both boys and girls here during the summer, which makes it a totally different school. The kids come from a wide variety of places around the country and the world.

***"So Cardigan's summer session for different reasons is a different program. It is really cool and a very special place to be."***

### If you could sum up Cardigan in one quote what would it be?

I really do believe in our mission. There is a set of words in that mission that really sort of stand out to me and its, "close-knit community."

***"I think Cardigan is at its best when our community is really tight."***

We've got wonderful families and young people, and I'm speaking about the faculty. We have this wonderful team of people who are committed to working with the students that come here. So I really enjoy being a part of that "close-knit community." Our strength is that everyone knows everyone.



Mr. Rinkin doing a summer session speech

Photo Smugmug

### How can you find success at Cardigan?

I think it's pretty straight forward. You've got to buy-in. You will have success if you access all of the opportunities that are here. For a student, it's trying new sports. Really branch out and you might find a new passion. Also the play. We are so fortunate to have Mr. Good here on campus putting together the productions.

***"Even if play is not for you, do it! If you've never been in the spelling bee, do it! If you've never participated in polar bear, do it!"***

And for the faculty members, try to do different things as well. Be part of all these different experiences, these shared experiences, because you get out of Cardigan what you put in.

### What is one funny rivalry or story that you have acquired from your many years at Cardigan?

Over the years Mr. Escalante and I have had a rivalry, a tennis rivalry. I often joke that Mr. Escalante has misplaced his backhand and he's looking for it. I'll ask if anyone can find it and if they could give it back to him. Over the years Mr. Escalante, and it's not necessarily one incidence, has felt like he is a good tennis player and certainly he had some skills. But it's been great for me to crush him every time we play each other on the court. I like to let him sort of win a few points, but typically I'll just knock him off the court. It's just been a lot of fun, that rivalry over the years.

## We'll Miss you Mr. Rinkin!

# Culture

## The World According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner  
*“Ph.D. in Knowledge”*

- 1) You get less wet when you run in the rain compared to walking in the rain
- 2) Ramen noodles were once the official food of North Dakota
- 3) The fastest recorded speed of the alpaca falcon is 137 mph
- 4) Dogs can track a smell up to a week later
- 5) Mr. White once won the town spelling bee. The only contestants were Mr. White and the town llama
- 6) Babies can be fluent in sign language at 3 months of age
- 7) The world's heaviest Ox weighed 3546 pounds (1608 kg)
- 8) Calories are a myth
- 9) It is impossible to eat 15 fried Oreos
- 10) There is no greater all-school event than the Sandwich Fair

## Unhealthy Food Choices

Franklin Chow '20  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The chocolate sauce you put on your sandwich every day is extremely unhealthy. It is full of sugar which is a source of body fat. Don't take it from me, TAKE IT FROM SHREK!



Nutella poster

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## Family Weekend

Victor Zhu '20  
*Reporter*

With Family Weekend approaching, most of us couldn't wait to see our parents. We are so excited to talk to them about our dorm life, sports, and most importantly - our grades. Parents' week-end is established to allow the parents to come to the campus and join in one of our classes. One of Cardigan's primary focus is to keep the student constantly engaged in the community. Parents could not love more than seeing their children participating in discussions. Remember, firmly introduce our teachers to them because for many of them it's their first time! Also, don't forget to bring your parents to the auction, it will be a lot of fun. (I heard that one of the auction items is to get to pick your room next year!)

## Sandwich Fair

Diego Escalante '20  
*Reporter*

The sandwich fair is a great day in the history of Cardigan. It is an amazing time to hang out with friends, go on rides and eat some of the best-fried food on the east coast (literally everything is fried). There are a bunch of games and lots to do for a whole day. You can spend your money on rides and food until you vomit, but trust me... it's worth it. You are scared of rides? Don't worry the sandwich fair is still the place for you. If you so choose, you can spend many hours gorging yourself on any food you can find and watch some of our beloved faculty members participate in skillet toss. No matter what it is an enjoyable day that you will remember for years to come.



Sandwich Fair Ride

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Families during Parent Weekends

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