

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KOZAK KORNER

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KIS ADMINISTRATION INFO



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UPDATES FROM KIS ADMINISTRATION

Extension on Quarantine

The Ukrainian government has extended the quarantine until May 11th.

Spring Break Calendar Change Next Week

A reminder that next week, April 27-29th, will be school days. April 30th & May 1st we will not have school.

2020-21 Invoices and Fees

As we approach the 2020-21 school year, the KIS Business Office will be sending out invoices to those families who have completed the re-application process, via your family profile on Moodle. You will receive an email notification once the invoice/agreement has been added to your family profile.

Re-application for 2020-21 School Year

If you have not completed the re-application process, we ask that you take a moment to do this. It is very important for KIS to know how many students we will have in each section and places available for new applications

Week Without Walls Excursions Canceled

KIS has decided to cancel all of our Week Without Walls excursions for Middle School and Secondary students. Though this is not a big surprise for everyone, considering the current safety concerns and limitations in travel. KIS is seeking refunds for already purchased flights, hotels, and other expenses. We will be refunding these trips in full. KIS hopes to finalize and process these refunds, as soon as possible.

KFN Lunch Service Refunds

KFN is an independent entity from KIS and processes its own fees and payments. Please see the statement below from KFN regarding refunds for lunch services. We would like to thank KFN for the continued dedication and support of our community.

INFORMATION FROM KFN



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KFN CAFETERIA

Dear Parents,

We sincerely hope you and your families are healthy and safe during these uncertain and difficult times.

We, like many others, have suffered a negative financial impact as a result of the current coronavirus crisis.

The campus closure was, of course, an unforeseeable circumstance that has required us to work on a solution regarding pre-paid year program.

If you wish to receive a refund, we have landed on the following solution for clients who have paid for full yearly lunch programs.

All payments will be credited for the school year 2020-21 based on the following. We will calculate the amount and deduct the months that we were operational for and during which we provided services to you.

The remaining amount will be credited to you (name of your children) or to the debit card which can then be used for any future purchases, at our snack bar or for any lunch program, when we are back up and running again.

Families that are not attending next year will get the money back via transfer from our bank account. Please, contact us to explain the procedure.

We need the following information from you to do this as efficiently as possible:

A copy of your payment and the name of the student.

The program you paid for.

As soon as we know for certain whether the lockdown will end before the end of the school year or not, we will determine the correct amount to credit to your children account.

Please We need you to send this information before the end of school year or end of quarantine which ever comes first .

Please do not hesitate to contact Oxana or me, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support and take care!

Best regards,
Claudia and KFN team

COMMUNITY NOTICE



ZOOM ROOM COFFEE CHATS

KIS will be hosting two different chats each week using Zoom. We invite you to join this week's coffee chats to talk about how things are going, ask questions, and hear from others.

<https://zoom.us/j/305272176>

THIS WEEK IN THE ZOOM ROOM!



LUKE WOODRUFF

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 - 9:00-10:00

THE PASSWORD FOR THE COFFEE CHAT WAS SENT OUT IN AN EMAIL VIA THE KIS INFORMER.

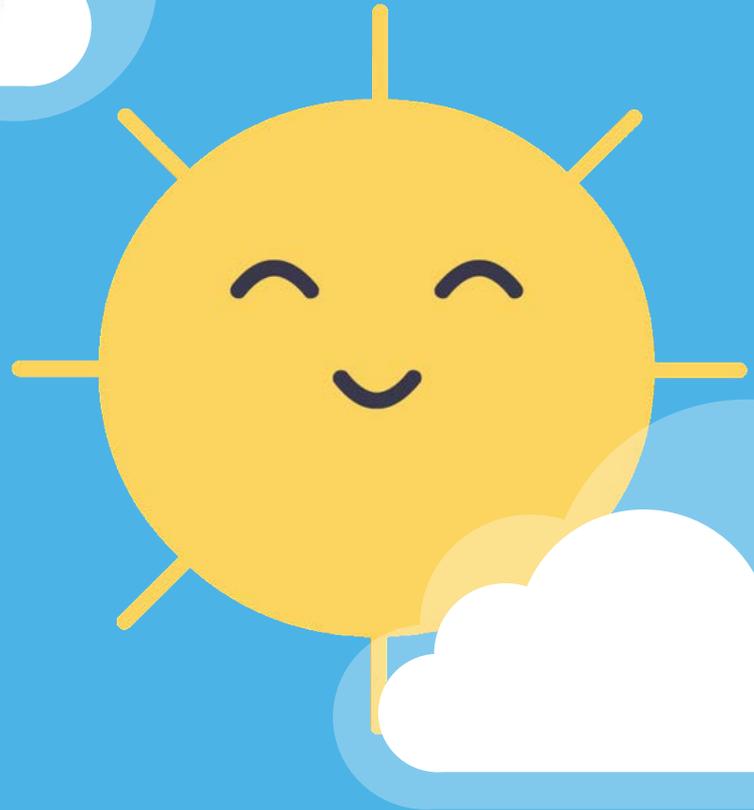


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Flipgrid

A blue circular logo with a white video camera icon, with the word "zoom" in blue lowercase letters below it, set against a white cloud background.

zoom



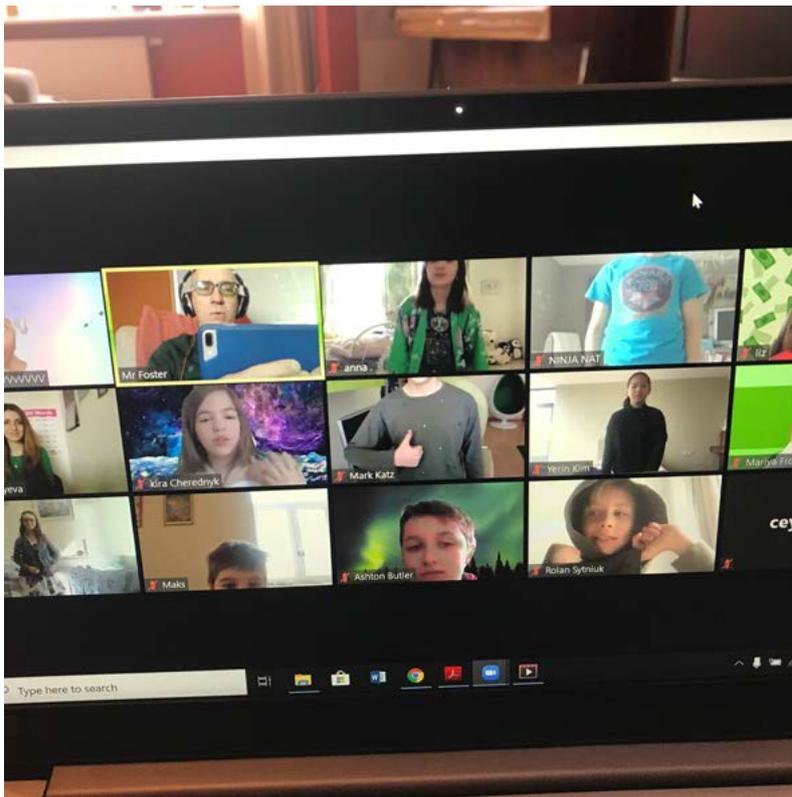
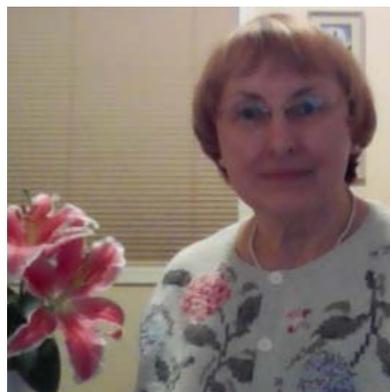
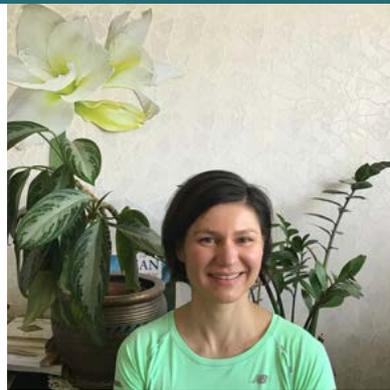
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ACTIVITIES

@ Kyiv International School

qsi.org/kyiv/online-activities



EARTH DAY



Success Orientation Lessons with the Counselor

2-4YO - flipgrid.com/kis234

5-6YO - flipgrid.com/kis56

7-8 YO - flipgrid.com/kis78

9-10YO - flipgrid.com/kis910

Do not forget your monthly lesson with Mrs. Rech!

Cookie Design Challenge

Elementary StuCo—Challenge #2

**Get baking Early & Elementary Kozaks!
Decorate a cookie and upload a video of it to:**

flipgrid.com/kiselementarystuco

Prizes will be awarded by age level.

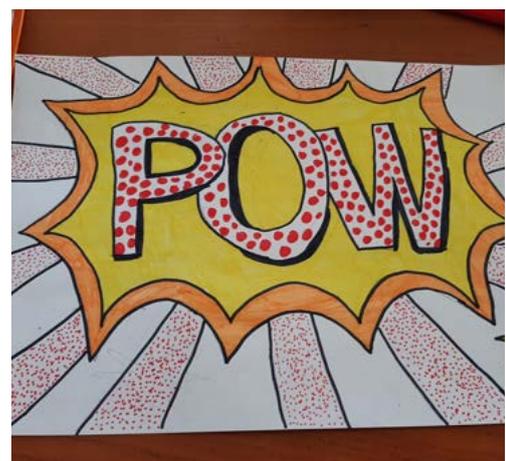
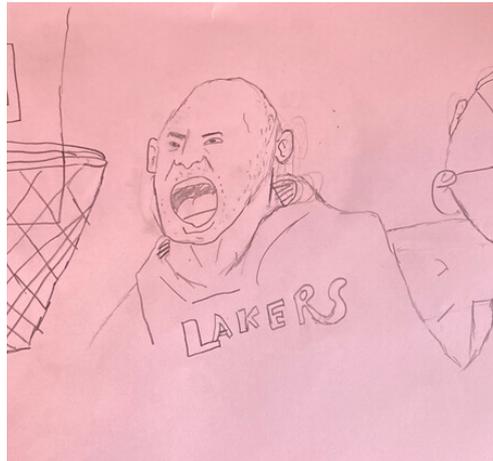
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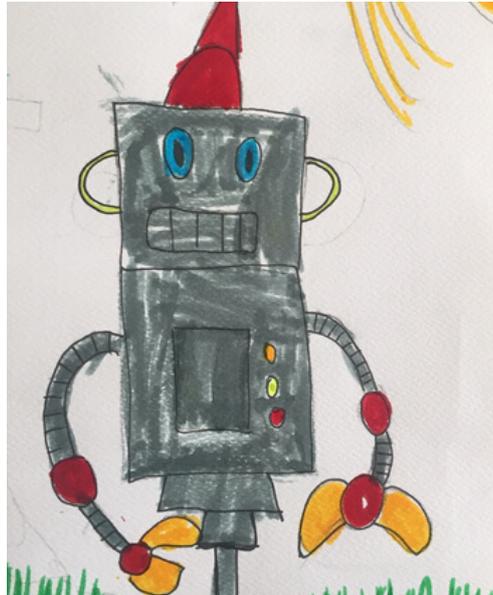
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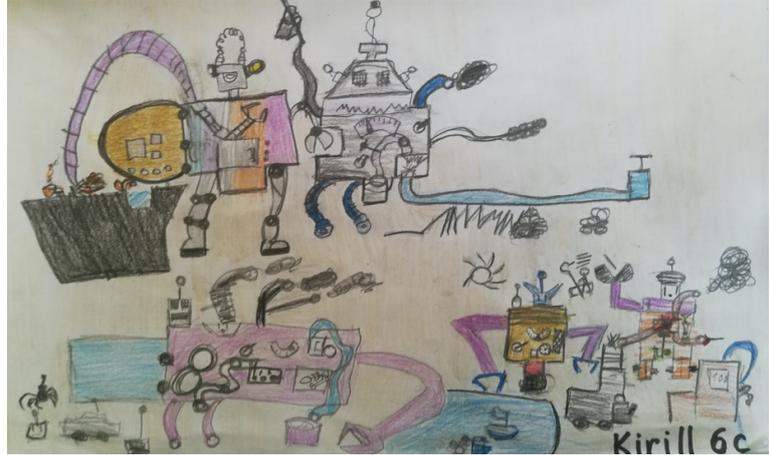
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VIRTUAL ART GALLERY



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

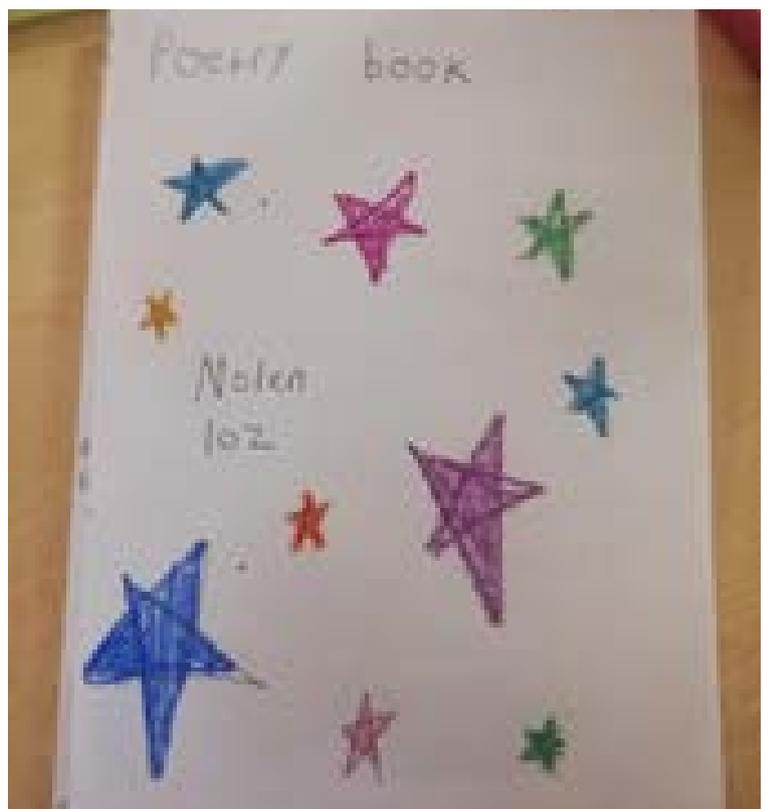


ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



10Z CLASS POETRY

The 10Z class has been working on Poetry this last week. They are finding that this time away from school has inspired them to reflect on their feelings about what is happening in the world right now. We are all in this together.





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CHELSEY ZOROMSKI

College Board will be releasing another update for AP Coordinators on May 1. For now, if your student has questions encourage them to talk to their AP teacher, Ms. Zoromski, and Mr. Legan.

Recently, more colleges have released statements saying they are supporting College Board's decision to administer AP exams online.

"In this chaos, College Board has adapted admirably, finding a way to keep students on course to focus on their studies in the midst of distraction. We are looking forward to receiving AP scores from students, awarding credit, and enrolling them in classes that move them toward in-depth study and special opportunities that will soon be available again—research, internships, cooperative education, and much, much more."

-Suzanne McCray, University of Arkansas

"Seeing how the organization is working to provide an exam for students who have literally spent their entire high school years preparing for this has been heartening and rewarding."

-Gisela Hoehler-Alden, Boston University

"I encourage us to be flexible and explore ways, maybe even novel ways, to give students credit for their learning in these university and AP courses. All of us have had our lives disrupted by this pandemic, let us find ways to help others as we all struggle with the health, societal, and economic impacts of COVID-19."

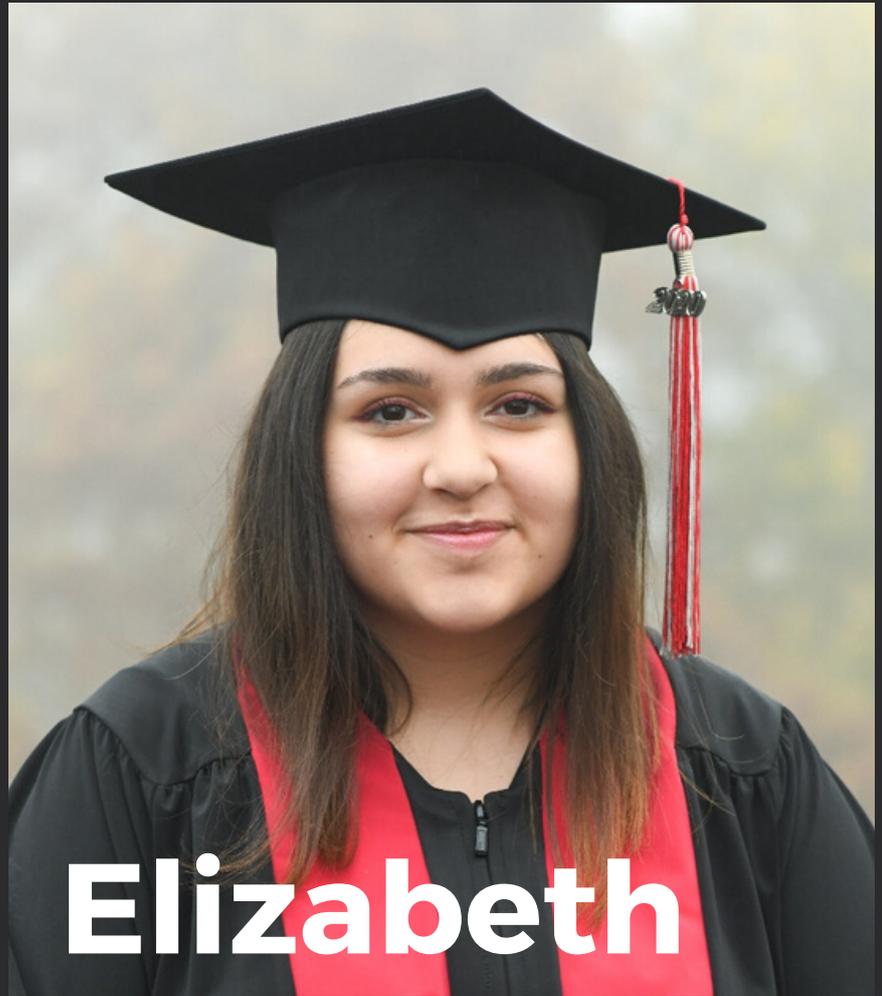
-Michael Dorff, Brigham Young University (and President of the Mathematical Association of America)

Chelsey Zoromski
Middle School Counselor
AP Coordinator

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

While at KIS Elizabeth participated in the production of the Alice drama musical.

Elizabeth plans to attend Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, where she will major in Psychology.



Elizabeth



Artem

Artem was a member of the Cross Fit group

Artem plans to attend cooking school Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, after which he is dedicated to become a professional chef and open a restaurant in Kyiv to promote Ukrainian produce and ingredients.

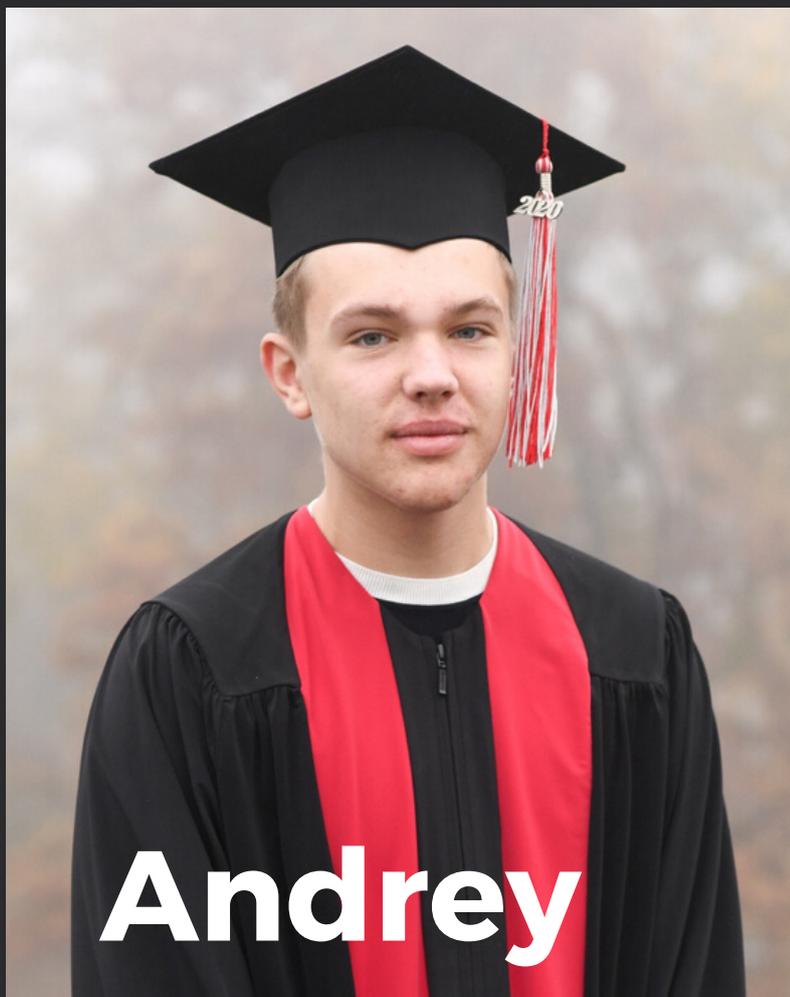
A brief message to the KIS community
"I just want to say that, no matter what your first impression of the school may be, you and only you are responsible for your own comfort and satisfying experience at any educational institution, KIS included. Saying this, I mean that anyone should strive to go out of one's comfort zone if they want to achieve something, and that you first of all, must rely on yourself and improve your own qualities."

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

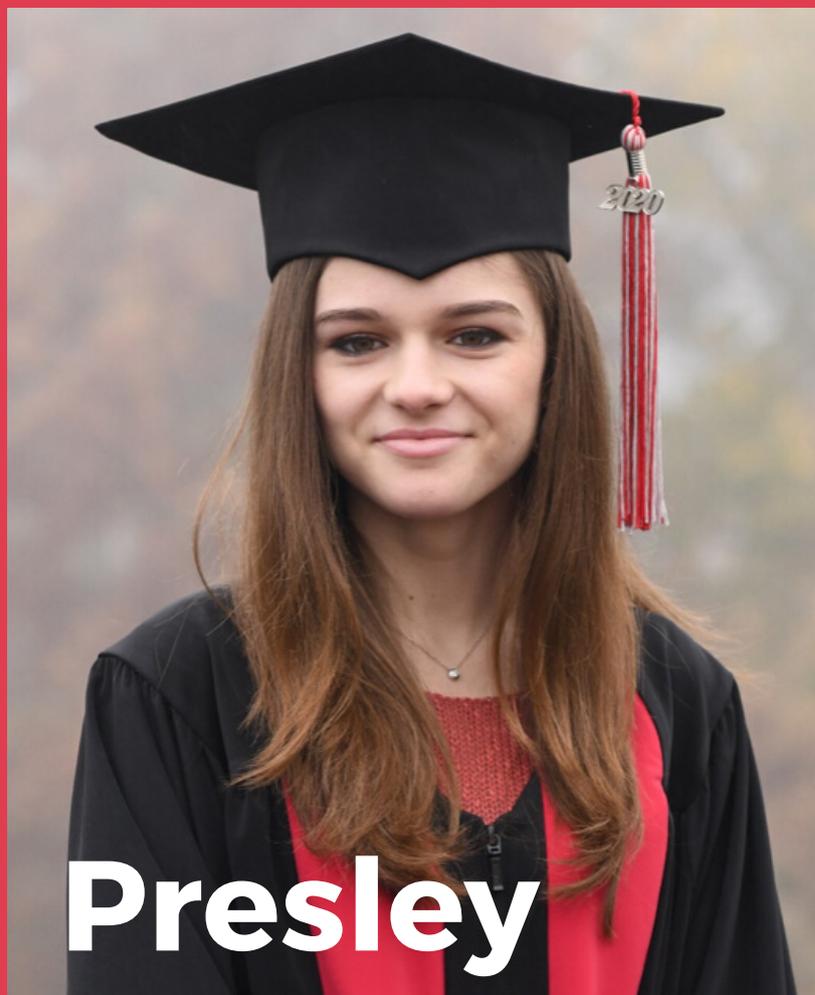
Andrey was a member of KIS varsity basketball team, financial advisor for MUN, and first-ever speech and debate co-organizer.

Andrey is accepted to Royal Holloway in England, Lucerne Switzerland, Klagbefurt Vienna, and is waiting for acceptance to WU Vienna in Economics and Business.

A brief message to the KIS community “I would like to thank my close friends for being with me on such a long journey, thus transforming me into the character I am today. I also want to thank my family for supporting me through the years of studying and allowing me to prioritize studying first. Finally, the KIS faculty consisting of pure professionals and people that wanted me to succeed and grow as a character doing everything that possible. Now that this challenging, and somewhat entertaining, chapter of my life is done I am looking forward to what happens next.”



Andrey



Presley

Presley was a captain of KIS swimming team, participated in speech and debate (MVP and two 3rd place medals), MUN (best delegate award), NHS member.

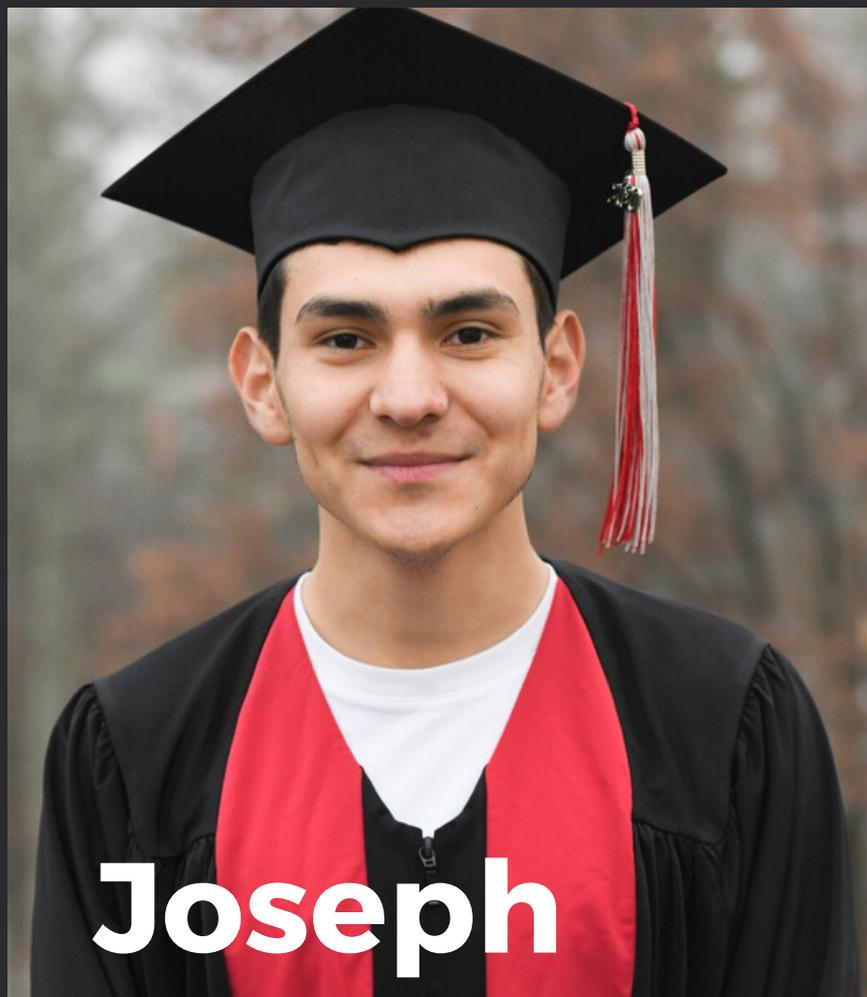
Presley will attend UMASS Amherst, majoring in political science. She plans to get her law degree then go into the FBI.

A brief message to the KIS community “Thanks to Mr. Prima for shouting at me for breathing too much every day of swim practice. It built a further endurance towards pressure in my life.”

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Joseph was a member of KIS football team, Kyiv Youth Forum participant, and NHS president.

Joseph is going to attend university with a major in management.



Joseph



Marina

Marina ran cross country, track & field, and did CrossFit. She was the Treasurer of ESI, and was part of the drama team.

Marina plans to study Veterinary Medicine in the Latvian University of Life Sciences and Technologies.

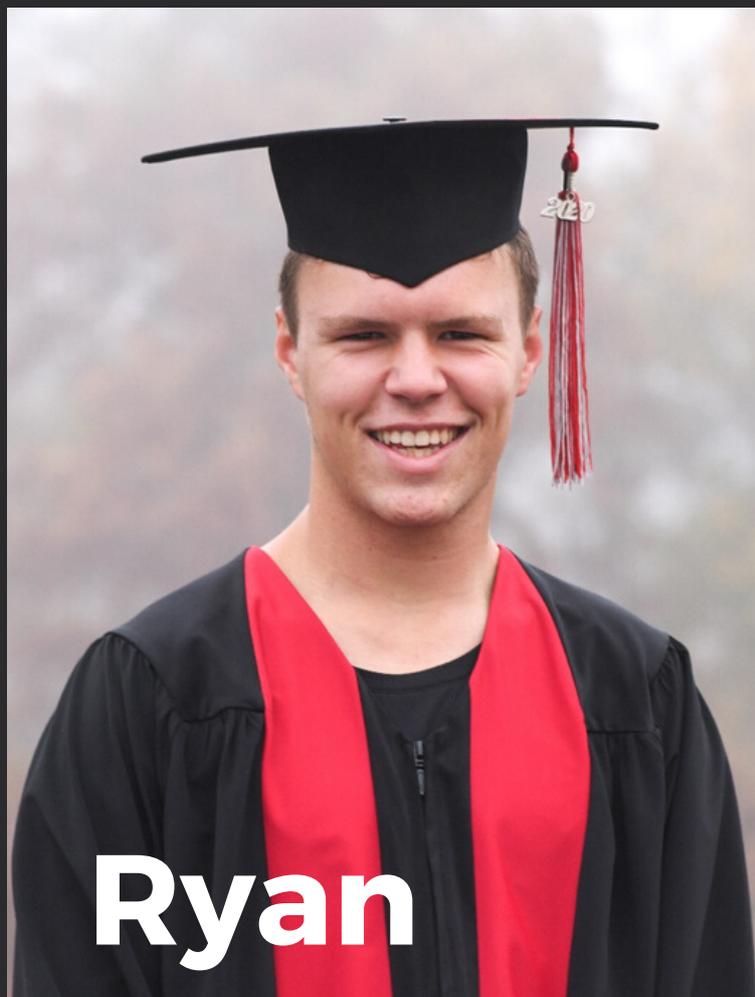
A brief message to the KIS community "I would like to thank everyone who has been with me all these years and supported me through confusing and doubtful times. I want to thank my mom for believing in me, my teachers-those who are still in KIS and even those abroad (whom there are too many to mention), and to the wonderful assistants (Hanna and Nastya) who were always there for me. This was a special and close-knitted community that has largely shaped who I am today and I thank you all for it<3"

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Ryan ran on the track and field team and was captain of both the varsity football and knowledge bowl teams. He participated in both badminton and table tennis (but prefers that we don't talk about the ping pong baller email chain), and served as a student council executive for two years, as the secretary and the president respectively. Ryan also contributed to the school yearbook, calendar, and newsletter as a member of the KIS photography team. During his junior year, Ryan was presented with the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Ryan will be attending the University of Portland in Oregon, where he will major in environmental science and work as a photographer and videographer for the school newspaper. He has also accepted a 4 year Army ROTC scholarship and will begin military service upon his graduation in 2024.

A brief message to the KIS community "It's been lit".



Ryan



Zuza

Zuza was a member of KIS basketball and volleyball teams, Sport Council, StuCo Treasurer, MUN organizer (didn't happen), and Drama.

Zuza plans to attend the University of Warsaw, where she will major in international relations.

A brief message to the KIS community "Thanks to everyone for dealing with my not-very-fluent English. I appreciate your patience."

This week we would like to celebrate two members of our Kozak Nation who will be graduating in June: Ryan Reynolds and Zuzana Sadowska. We will miss these two committed Kozaks and thank them for their committed and enthusiastic participation in our Kozak Nation!
#kozaknation #kyivisred



Zuzana Sadowska has been active in the athletics and activities program since she arrived at KIS in the winter of 2017.

What has she done?

Basketball (3 years)
Volleyball (4 years)
Drama (2 years)
Sports Council (1 year)
StuCo Executive (1 year)

What do her coaches and activity leaders say?

“wonderful”
“team player”
“committed”
“reliable”
“resilient”
“professional”



Ryan Reynolds has been active in the athletics and activities program since he arrived at KIS in August of 2017.

What has he done?

Football (3 years)
Track and Field (3 years)
Knowledge Bowl (3 years)
StuCo Executive (2 years)
Badminton (1 year)
Initiated and ran the first KSSL Table Tennis Tournament in 2019

What do his coaches and activity leaders say?

“tenacious”
“supportive”
“positive”
“persistent”
“energetic”
“quietly self-confident”
“unstoppable”



CONCEPTUAL PORTRAITS

This week, KIS Photography students were asked to explore and communicate the idea of who someone is...visually.

They were to create a Conceptual Portrait or Self Portrait and share it with the Kozak Community. Enjoy the artistic efforts of our Kozak Creators.



LIZ T - "UNTITLED"



ALEKS A - "FAKING FOR THE CAMERA"



OSKAR M - STRESS



MARTINA C - ALWAYS SEE THE BRIGHT SIDE

Watch KIS social media and your INBOX for important information about how to purchase this year's yearbook..There is a very LIMITED SUPPLY...

...IT'S COMING SOON!

THE YEARBOOK TEAM PRESENTS

2020

VISION

**AVAILABLE STARTING
APRIL 24TH
60\$ UNTIL MAY 4TH**

Living Room's Got Talent

**Until
May 3**

**Up to
5 min
video**

Middle School and Secondary students will have the opportunity to highlight their talents in our KIS Living Room's Got Talent competition. Participants will have until May 3rd to upload their video (maximum 5 minutes) to the FlipGrid page they received when they registered! A panel of judges will choose the winners, who will be announced on May 12th!

For more information please email: rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org

KIS DRAGONS



HUNG GAR KUNG FU

KIS Dragons, our Kyiv International School Kung Fu Club, was founded by Instructor Martin Butler in January 2019. Instructor Butler has been training in 108 Tiger and Crane Form since 2013 and received his instructor certification in 2015; he has a black belt - first degree. KIS Dragons meets twice a week and students work towards achieving different belts. Thus far, 1 student received a purple belt, 9 students a gold belt, and 9 have white belts. In addition, there are 7 beginner students – two who have joined since KIS began remote learning.

KIS Dragons has continued to meet during the quarantine as students and staff get together to practice, have fun and keep fit. Instructor Butler shared these thoughts: In these strange times we often find ourselves fueled by anxiety or panic; Kung Fu helps reintroduce balance into your life. The balance of mind body and spirit. There are 8 fundamentals of Hung Gar Kung Fu the first 4 are particularly relevant at this time: 1) Positive mind, 2) Healthy Body, 3) Balanced Relationship and 4) Meaningful Life.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

Winners



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



3rd Place



KIS QUARANTINE CHESS CLUB

KIS Quarantine Chess Club, under the leadership of Dustin Byers, has held two "arena style" tournaments, where players play short games (5 minutes) against each other. Last week's winner was Andriy Kolenov and this week's winner is Jeb Raphelang Madyo. The club is asking all chess enthusiasts to join!

If you are interested, please contact:
rachel-geary@kis.qsi.org