



# 2 Academy Awards - The Contestants



## Tommy Zakowski

**Tommy, who's your celebrity crush?** Eliza Gonzalez

**The theme song of your life...** "Good Life" by OneRepublic

**If a movie were made about your life, what actor would get the lead role?** Chase Crawford

**Coke or Pepsi?** Coke

**If you could have one superpower, what would it be?** Mind control

**What's the best advice you've gotten and from whom?** "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." - Confucius

**What's the worst purchase you've ever made?** My middle school education

**10 years from now, you'll be...** 28

**Got any hidden talents?** Armpit noises

**What makes you cry every time it happens?** Watching the movie *Hachi*

**What's your favorite app on your phone?** Doodle Jump

**What's your go-to tv show/movie?** *Stepbrothers*

**What's your dream job?** Gentleman Spy  
**"If it ain't broke..."** it probably goes to Notre Dame Academy.



## Jacob Massart

**Jacob, what's the last lie you told?** "Yes, Maggie, I loved your original fan fiction about Evan Peters and yourself."

**Who's your celebrity crush?** Shrek

**If a movie were made about your life, what actor would get the lead role?** Myself. No one can match my energy.

**Coke or Pepsi, Jacob?** Coke. If you say Pepsi, I'm convinced you're a psychopath.

**What's the best advice you've gotten and from whom?** "Don't confuse a ratchet strap with a jockstrap." Inspiring words from my Dad.

**What's your biggest pet peeve?** No writing on yourself. If you write a note on your hand or arm, I cannot be friends with you.

**How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?** Just bite it. Like really?

**Who's your celebrity look-alike?** Dua Lipa. I don't see any other celebrity in myself besides her.

**What's the worst purchase you've ever made?** Every purchase I've ever made has been pointless, but I truly do regret buying my sister's Christmas gift. She didn't match my gift in price.

**Got any hidden talents?** I've got a killer Elmo impression.

**What makes you cry every time it happens?**

In the morning when I look in the mirror.

**What's your favorite app on your phone?** TikTok (go follow it @jakeyb0i)

**What's your go-to tv show/movie?** *Wall-E*. The robot love story reminds me that if a robot can find love, so can I.



## Jack Fitzgerald

**Jack, who's your celebrity crush?** Nancy Pelosi

**The theme song of your life...** "Anaconda" by Niki Manaj

**Top bucket list item...** To get 1000 tickets on the big bass wheel

**If a movie were made about your life, what actor would get the lead role?** Shaq or Betty White

**What's the best advice you've gotten and from whom?** My mom always tells me, "You have the rest of your life to become the person you want to be."

**Who's your celebrity look-alike?** The Chef from *Ratatouille*

**What makes you cry every time it happens?** Opening powerschool really gets the tears going

**What's your favorite app on your phone?** Christian Mingle

**"It takes two to..."** ride a tandem bike.

**"The early bird..."** will talk about getting no sleep last night like it's an achievement.

**"If you want something done right..."** pay a professional.

**"A picture is worth a thousand..."** dollars, if it's of me, of course.



## Joey Bonadonna

**Joey, what's the last lie you told?** "Yes, Mom, I did turn in my article for Mrs. Brown on time."

**Who's your celebrity crush?** In first grade, it was Selena Gomez. I do not have one now.

**Top bucket list item...** See every major pro sports stadium/arena in North America.

**Coke or Pepsi?** I hate soda, so both can rot in their graves.

**What's your most embarrassing NDA memory?** Getting clapped in football by Braedon Curtin freshman year, resulting in my second concussion in three weeks and the end of my football playing career.

**What's the best advice you've gotten and from whom?** "Don't ever, for any reason, do anything to anyone for any reason ever, no matter what, no matter where, or who, or who you are with, or where you are going, or where you've been... ever, for any reason whatsoever..." - Michael Scott

**What's your biggest pet peeve?** People chewing their fingernails

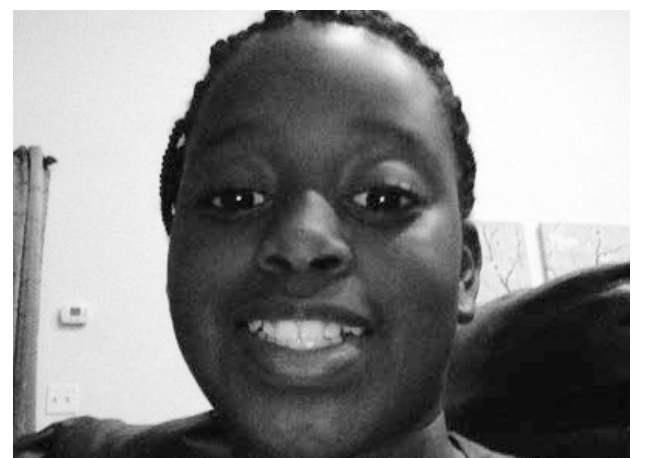
**What's the worst purchase you've ever made?** A Tim Tebow Jets jersey

**10 years from now, you'll be...** Either on ESPN or in an NFL front office.

**Got any hidden talents?** It's not a talent but people are enamored with my extreme hitchhiker's thumbs.

**What makes you cry every time it happens?** The Packers losing in the NFC Championship, even though, at this point, I expect it every year.

**"Better late than..."** never, which unfortunately is the same philosophy I apply to my homework.



## Tola Adejumo

**Tola, what's the last lie you told?** "Yeah, I did my math homework, Konshak."

**Top bucket list item...** Using the restroom in every state.



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**If a movie were made about your life, Tola, what actor would get the lead role?** Obviously Meryl Streep. She can do it all.  
**Coke or Pepsi?** Neither. They're both vomit-inducing.

**What's your most embarrassing NDA memory?** Freshman year, my ankle gave out for no reason in the middle of Konop. Shoutout to Tracy for being the only person who didn't laugh.

**What's the best advice you've gotten and from whom?** "Blame others for your problems, take credit for the solutions." -Mr. (younger) Geiser

**How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?** Depends on the day. I'd say a solid 15 licks though.

**What's the worst purchase you've ever made?** Fidget spinner phone case. Times were rough.

**10 years from now, you'll be...** Asking Sofia if my outfit makes me look fat

**Who's your celebrity look-alike?** Queen Elizabeth

**What makes you cry every time it happens?** Walking into The Atrium on a Monday morning

**What's your favorite app on your phone?** Twitter. Lots of entertaining misinformation on there.



Will Zellner

**Will, what's the last lie you told?**

"Hey, Will Drake, lookin' good today, bro!"

**Who's your celebrity crush?**

Blake Lively or Selena Gomez

**The theme song of your life...**

"Scream and Shout"

**Top bucket list item...**

Skydiving or Cliff Jumping in Europe

**Coke or Pepsi?** Dr. Pepper

**You can time travel...where are you going?**

The 1940s

**What's your biggest pet peeve?** When my mom doesn't fill out Magnus.

**How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?** I'm a biter.

**Who's your celebrity look-alike?** Paul Walker

**What makes you cry every time it happens?** When Marley dies in *Marley and Me*.

**What's your favorite app on your phone?** Magnus Mobile

**What's your go-to tv show/movie?** *Entourage*



Seth Baeten

**Seth, what's the last lie you told?** "No, Danny, I don't think you look like the mayor from *The Lorax*."

**Who's your celebrity crush?** Lana

**The theme song of your life...** "Hard In Da Paint" by Waka Flocka Flame

**If a movie were made about your life, what actor would get the lead role?** Michael Cera

**Coke or Pepsi?** Coke

**If you could have one superpower, what would it be?** X-Ray vision

**You can time travel...where are you going?** Back to my first time seeing Sra. Stover.

**What's the best advice you've gotten and from whom?** "If you do crossfit, you are guaranteed to start balding by 20." - Mr. Konshak

**Who's your celebrity look-alike?** Ellen DeGeneres.

**Got any hidden talents?** I've been compared to the Waka Flocka Flame of my generation. So rapping I guess?

**What makes you cry every time it happens?**

Having one of those Triton raps pop up on my Instagram feed (no offense, Jack)

**What's your go-to tv show/movie?** *Mac and Devin go to High School*

"A picture is worth a thousand..." likes, if it has a cool enough caption.



Cooper Bukowski

**Cooper, who's your celebrity crush?** Jennifer Aniston

**The theme song of your life...** "Party in the U.S.A."

**Top bucket list item...** Be in Mr. NDA

**What's the best advice you've gotten and from whom?** "Do or do not. There is no try." I learned that one from Yoda.

**Coke or Pepsi, Cooper?** Coke. Pepsi is just off brand Coke.

**If you could have one superpower, what would it be?** Cross-dimensional awareness

**What's your biggest pet peeve?** People chewing with their mouth open

**Who's your celebrity look-alike?** Ivan Drago from *Rocky 4*

**What makes you cry everytime it happens?** The ending of *Friends*

**What's your favorite app on your phone?** Christian Mingle

**What's your go-to tv show/movie?** *Wolf of Wall Street*

"It takes two to..." make a thing go right.



Will Drake

**Will, what's the last lie you told?** That I'm going to miss Tre.

**The theme song of your life...** "All I Do Is Win" by DJ Khaled

**Top bucket list item...** Going 2.7 seconds on a bull named Fumanchu

**If a movie were made about your life, who would get the lead role?** Mark Wahlberg

**If you could have one superpower, what would it be?** Being Arnold Schwarzenegger

**You can time travel...where are you going?** The 1990s.

**What's the best advice you've gotten and from whom?** "You're too legit to quit" - MC Hammer

**What's the worst purchase you've ever made?** I got convinced into buying \$35 worth of fudge, and I don't even like fudge.

**Who's your celebrity look-alike?** I've been told I look like Nelly.

**What's your go-to tv show/movie?** *Dancing With the Stars*

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## What is your favorite Mr. NDA or Academy Awards Memory?

**Simon Dvorak, senior:** “Definitely Fuzz French in Mr. NDA. Apart from the skits being insanely enjoyable, enjoying it with friends made it that much better.”

**Maggie Gallagher, senior:** “My favorite was definitely Joel Meglic’s performance; it really made me laugh.”

**Nick Massabni, junior:** “The best Academy Awards acts were Owen Campbell’s or Theo Van Straten’s or Josh Cribben’s.”

**Melanie Burnell, senior:** “My favorite was Charlie Lemkuil’s performance my sophomore year.”

**Grace Gunville, junior:** “I definitely liked Owen Campbell’s performance the most out of all the years I have been at NDA.”

**Emma Skaletski, sophomore:** “My favorite performance was Joel Meglic’s Zumba dance.”

**Emma Cooper, senior:** “Charlie Lemkuil is at the top of my list of favorite performances out of all of the Mr. NDA shows.”

**Harrison James, junior:** “I think Owen Campbell’s performance was my ultimate favorite.”

**Olivia Berndt, senior:** “My favorite? A tie between Sonja Gapinski and Owen Campbell. I loved Owen’s because it was the funniest thing I have ever seen, and Sonja’s was amazing because I got to be a part of it all. It was so fun.”

**Kylie Callaway, junior:** “My favorite performance was totally Owen Brummel’s.”

**Alex Schrader, senior:** “I loved Evan Walczek’s performance; it was absolutely hilarious.”

**Anna Lippert, junior:** “The year my brother sang so well that everyone thought he was lip syncing.”

**Alex Brabant, senior:** “Ben Lelinski’s singing ‘Piano Man’ after inhaling helium.”

**Anna Zimmermann, senior:** “Charlie Lemkuil’s water fountain act and Henry Wied’s standup routine.”

**Maddie Gage, senior:** “Riley Onell’s ‘Blades of Glory’ skating routine.”

**Hannah Weisse, senior:** “Charlie Lemkuil’s water fountain act.”

**Anna Gruesen, junior:** “Charlie Lemkuil’s act was the best.”

**Molly Kukiela, junior:** “I really liked Owen Brummel’s and Henry Wied’s performances.”

**Sylvia Peterson, freshman:** “The aerobics dance that Owen Brummel was in.”

**Matthew Gugliuzza, freshman:** “Owen Campbell’s act last year.”

**Madeline Scripp, freshman:** “Ish-

mael Nur was funny.”

**Bella McCarron, senior:** “My favorite was definitely Henry Wied’s from my junior year!”

**Emma Goffard, sophomore:** “I can’t exactly remember who performed, but I recall the lighting, comedy choices and the music being my favorite aspects of the show!”

**Madison Waldrop, senior:** “Owen Campbell’s performance in last year’s Academy Awards is still my favorite. His editing skills blew me away!”

**Meredith James, senior:** “My favorite performance had to be Owen Brummel’s. His artistic talents blow me away!”

**Alex Brabant, senior:** “My favorite act of all time was Eric Wyker’s

intro.”

**Evie Rickards, sophomore:** “My favorite would have to be Charlie Lemkuil when he and his friends were all spitting water at each other. It was hilarious!”

**Elizabeth Rickards, senior:** “Owen Brummel’s was my favorite. His performance almost made me cry. It was so heartwarming and sweet.”

**Andrew Delvoe, junior:** “I 100% loved Owen Campbell’s performance.”

**Aidan Guiou, senior:** “I have to say Ben Lelinski, the dude who rocked the kilt, was amazing.”

**Emma Vanhoof, junior:** “Owen Campbell’s performance totally blew me away! Best one yet!”

**Maggie Tressler, junior:** “Owen

Campbell’s dance was cool.”

**Caden Capomaccio, junior:** “I liked Owen Brummel’s drawings of the teachers.”

**Elizabeth Williams, junior:** “My favorite was Joel Meglic’s Jazzercise act last year.”

**Jack FitzGerald, junior:** “Henry Wied’s stand-up act.”

**Caleb Steffel, senior:** “A tie between Cribben’s anger translator act and Fuzz’s Chris Farley impression.”

**Stanley Bailey, senior:** “Fuzz’s Chris Farley impression.”

**Chris Charles, junior:** “My favorite was Henry Wied’s stand-up routine.”

**Gabe Phillips, junior:** “Riley O’Nell’s and Bo Buckley’s skating act freshman year”

**Charlie DeRuyter, junior:** “I would say my favorite was also Henry Wied’s stand-up.”

**Mary Popkey, junior:** “Henry Wied saying ‘driving home’ was his favorite part about his day at NDA.”

**Sophia Richards, junior:** “Howie’s rampwalk to ‘Suit and Tie’ last year”

**Sam Smet, junior:** “A shocker. Henry Wied’s stand-up act. I also liked Katherine Zeise and Mitch Chosa’s act freshman year.”

**Maggie Thillman, junior:** “Fritz.”

**Lucia Bosco, junior:** “My favorite act was Nate Ihlenfeldt’s.”

**John Sack, junior:** “My favorite performance was by Joel Meglic.”

**Sophie Rotherham, senior:** “My favorite was Owen Campbell’s junior year.”

**Eddie Noble, senior:** “Tommy Zakowski’s act will be the best act... good luck, Tommy!”

**Julia Augustian, senior:** “My favorite was Henry Wied’s last year.”

**Joseph Re, senior:** “Grady Brick’s dance routine was absolutely astonishing.”



Last year’s winner, Owen Campbell, stands with his predecessor, Owen Brummel, at the conclusion of the 2020 Academy Awards.

## The Show Goes On...

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had an extremely successful show, so I am a bit spoiled. I have loved every minute I have spent working on the show. I try to consult with our tech crew and work with our contestants to put together a great stage show. During the show I work with the backstage crew to get props out and calm the nerves of the contestants. I have had many great memories. I enjoyed seeing my daughter be a part of the show a couple times, and last year I loved the opening as I did the music for it, and Jake created a stunning light show.

I actually prefer the nights leading up to the show maybe even more than the show itself. Hanging out with everyone and seeing the enthusiasm build is amazing, and it leads to a really huge rush the night of the show.

I think the beauty of the women I work with is how we all play a pivotal role in putting on a great performance. No one’s role is less important than the other. It is a true equal collaboration where we all can showcase our particular talents, and quite frankly they are just amazing women!

I am so proud of the kids that are doing it this year. They went in knowing it wouldn’t be the same but wanted to put on a great show, nonetheless.

My favorite act of all time was Joe Curtin’s routine from “Singing in the Rain, Make ‘em Laugh.” It was so unique and so well choreographed.

I am always in awe of what Jake Gerlikovski does with his stage designs. He is a true talent and works countless hours along with his crew to truly make the show happen.

### Sarah VanGrunsven

My first year at NDA, Carolyn Brown asked me to be a staff judge. I absolutely loved the show and that is when Carolyn asked me to join the team of a fantastic group of advisors. That was 12 years ago.

The Academy Awards has always been one of my favorite parts of NDA. I have had the pleasure of getting to know so many students over the years that I would not have had the chance to know otherwise.

From sewing sequins on a costume hours before the show, rewriting songs the night before the show, the late nights and group bonding - I have wonderful memories of this show.

Each year, the camaraderie of the group is amazing. I am always thrilled that so many contestants help other contestants with their acts. The amount of time the contestants, crew and tech put into the show is beyond belief. The memories these students make will last for a lifetime.

Although this year will not be a live show, I am so impressed by each contestant for still participating in the show.

## ACADEMY AWARDS WINNERS

JEFF LUTSEY - I

ANDREW MOHR - II

JAKE BUTZ - III

ANDREW BUTCHER - IV

MIKE TUCHALSKI - V

TOMMY DURKIN - VI

MAX PRANGE - VII

SHAWN CONNELLY - VIII

TODD SCHMIDT - IX

ALEX ERDMAN - X

STEVEN SCHUMACHER - XI

BERNDT BRUMMEL - XII

BOBBY ELLIOTT - XIII

CHRIS REFSGUARD - XIV

HUNTER YEWMAN - XV

ROSS WARPINSKI - XVI

CAYMAN BERG - XVII

KIERAN DEGROOT - XVIII

GREG YOUNG - XIX

JACK PAVEK - XX

NATE IHLENFELDT - XXI

BEN LELINSKI - XXII

OWEN BRUMMEL - XXIII

OWEN CAMPBELL - XXIV

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## Tech Crew Shines

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everything is running smoothly in every department (audio systems, wireless coordination, lighting systems, rigging systems and video systems). He also manages both the student technicians and the crew technicians that make the show possible.

“I am ultimately responsible for any issues,” he explained. “It is also my responsibility to work with the director and to be sure the overall design aspect is being met.”

Being a technical director doesn’t feel like work to Gerlikovski.

“Yes, some days or nights are long and frustrating, but this career is fun,” he explained. “I go to concerts, design lighting and work

with various performing acts.” Although this might seem like a fun job, he understands there is a lot of tough work involved.

“Yes, on the outside it is going to concerts, designing lights, and working with acts; however, at times, it can be 15-18 hour days, multiple days in a row, in 100-degree weather, with semi-trucks full of equipment,” said Gerlikovski.

For him, it is important that people enjoy his work.

“I think loving what you do is something people struggle with. I can not imagine working a job that I dread going into work for. There is no excitement there,” he said. “That is something I try to teach and explain over and over to the student techs.”

## Emcees Promise Unique Show, Same Fun



This year’s emcees, chosen in tryouts by a panel of teachers and staff members, are seniors Lainey Chosa and Sam Ruffell. They have a unique challenge: doing the show in a pandemic.

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