

## Alexa Gan

Finding the courage to express yourself fully in the face of doubt or fear can be tough, but for The Meadows School senior Alexa Gan, it's a skill she greatly admires and has been working toward her entire life. From her early years performing onstage to now, her ambition has shined bright as she proves that with passion, hard work and sacrifice, no challenge is too great and no accomplishment is out of reach. Whether the task requires working on the weekends in her free time, getting a quick reading assignment in before school, or working steadfastly on her craft, she is willing to do whatever is necessary to succeed, and for that, Alexa Gan is— A Step Above.

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## **Activities/Clubs:**

- Nevada Ballet Theatre, 2008-Present
- 1st Chair-Alto Saxophone (Meadows Jazz Band), 2021-Present
- 1st Chair-Clarinet (Meadows Symphonic Band), 2021-Present
- Quads and Snare Drum (Meadows Pep Band), 2020-Present
- NBT's Alice in Wonderland-Sandwich Card, 2019
- NBT's *The Wizard of Oz*–Baby Ballerina, 2023
- NBT's The Nutcracker–Party Scene Girl, Cousin, Doll, Soldier, Mother Ginger, 2018-Present
- Honor Code Committee, 2021-Present
- National Honor Society, 2021-Present; National Spanish Honor Society, 2021-Present; National English Honor Society, 2023
- Rho Kappa, 2023
- National Society of High School Scholars, 2023
- Green Club, 2020-Present

## Scholarship/Awards/Community Service:

- Nancy Houssels Scholarship (Dance), 2022
- AP Psychology, 2022
- AP Scholar with Honor, 2022
- Leukemia Lymphoma Society, 2021-Present
- Puerto Rico Service Trip, 2022

What accomplishment are you most proud of and why? "I was most proud of the moment when I was awarded the Nancy Houssels Scholarship at my dance academy, Nevada Ballet Theater. I've been dancing at NBT since I was about 3, and it meant so much to me that all my hard work through the years paid off."

What are you most passionate about? "Whether it be dancing or playing clarinet and saxophone in the school band, I love the arts, because I get a chance to freely express myself and show my creative side-something I don't necessarily have the chance to do often in an academic setting. Engaging in the arts also gives me valuable time to destress; I don't have to worry about upcoming tests nor deadlines when I'm dancing or playing my instruments."

How do you juggle school assignments, extracurriculars and clubs while still making time for your family and friends? "[It] can be hectic, but I believe that good time management skills make it all manageable. While I was on scholarship at NBT, a good attendance record was required, but I found it difficult at first to get all my work done while making it to all of my classes at the academy. It took work, but I eventually realized how to maximize my time."