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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VERBATIM IS BACK - BUT WHAT IS IT?

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WHAT DOES VERBATIM DO?

Verbatim provides an opportunity to share the stories and interests of Cardigan's diverse community while highlighting our unique characters and special events happening on campus. It also benefits the community in several ways. It encourages students to analyze original texts more deeply, fostering critical thinking. Additionally, it enhances communication in the community by helping them develop better writing skills and convey their ideas more clearly. Moreover, Verbatim is a platform for students to express their opinions and highlight issues that matter to us, fostering a stronger sense of community. Perhaps most importantly, it allows students to unleash their creativity through writing, photography, and artwork, encouraging them to think outside the box. Verbatim is not limited to the news and information within the Cardigan community. Our goal is to explore so much more. In the past, Verbatim reporters have written about political events, including the Russo-Ukrainian Conflict, and other global issues.

WHAT IS 'VERBATIM'?

Verbatim refers to "word for word." In simple terms, it means repeating something exactly as it was said or written. "Verbatim" is the Cardigan newspaper, founded in 2019 by a Cardigan student.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CARDIGAN'S VERBATIM

The name was coined by Tony He, Cardigan Class of 2019, during Mr. Perricone's French class. He discovered a computer program called Verbatim, which is a debate template that simplifies note-taking and assists debaters in competitions. Tony thought the term would be a fitting name for our school newspaper, primarily focusing on candid interviews and character profiles. He graduated from Deerfield Academy in 2022, and he is now a student at Columbia University. He is also still active with the Cardigan community in Shanghai.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Allen Liu

Why is a school newspaper important? It is more than just words and photos on a page; it's a vital part of our school community. It is important to understand why and how this is true. A school newspaper keeps everyone in the loop about what is happening, from sports games, clubs, GATES, healthcare, student achievements, and important announcements. It is where we welcome all to find out what is going on, feel connected, and get excited about upcoming events. So, why does it matter? Our school newspaper is more than just news. It is a place where students connect, share, and grow. Whether creating or reading it, you are all a part of something bigger. We hope to bring you together.



Photos by Daniel Joon Lee & Allen Liu



The lawn games in the beginning of the year were a great experience for bonding within the dorms– and it built a bit of dorm spirit for the Dorm Olympics!

Cardigan's Hidden Heroes

Eric (Hanjun) Lee

Cardigan's Hidden Heroes is a regular feature in *Verbatim* designed to help students get to know the adults in our community who work behind the scenes. We aim to foster relationships and build a deeper sense of connection by highlighting those who support us in vital, often unseen ways. This includes our Dining Services Team, Facilities staff, Health Center, Housekeeping, Development team, and many others. Through this feature, we aim to show our gratitude for their hard work and help the community appreciate their contributions.

This initiative also hopes to uncover the many wonderful, often overlooked gems of the Cardigan community. It's essential that everyone feels recognized and appreciated, and Cardigan's Hidden Heroes aims to do just that. We hope this feature will be a significant and valuable addition to our school. We are confident that our readers will share this sentiment and believe this program will not only strengthen relationships but also make us all proud of the many hidden treasures within our school that make Cardigan special.

We are committed to ensuring that this program will be a consistent and lasting part of Cardigan, providing you with a sense of security and confidence in its continuity. We hope it will grow into a long-standing tradition. While this program is still being finalized, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions. We need your feedback and want to help introduce the community to as many Hidden Heroes as possible. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to email me.



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New Community Perspectives

Daniel Joon Lee

Just a little over three weeks ago, a whole new group of students joined the Cardigan community– just like any other year. Everyone on this campus has been in that spot during at least one point in their Cardigan journey, and for many, it's not easy. Some of us are leaving home behind and staying in a rural town in the middle of New Hampshire– and for others, Cardigan is just a few minutes away from home. This new section of Verbatim aims to share the perspectives of new students this year and show how they slowly assimilate to be part of the Cardigan family throughout the year. I will start by sharing my own.

Coming in as a new student in ninth grade will always be a completely different experience at Cardigan. I came to Cardigan from a large British boarding school in Korea, so it was an especially huge change for me. Moving into my dorm almost felt surreal– the residence I was used to in Jeju was so much larger, like an apartment, and I lived in the same building as 40 students, most of whom were from Korea. But here at Cardigan, it almost felt like a home from the start. The first few days here at Cardigan actually felt very fast and accelerated to me. Being part of different leadership activities, and Dorm Olympics events was extremely immersive, but it was also just a great experience in general. I thought it'd be hard to fit into a community where everyone had already formed their own inner circles and friend groups, but what was different about Cardigan was that it was like a family that welcomed everyone. Not only is it such a diverse society, but the genuine way everyone greeted and treated me and the other new students was such a great example of the Cardigan mindset.

Each week I will interview a new student or faculty member on their experiences at Cardigan. We hope to learn as much as possible and make sure that we get to know each other better. I hope this feature will help us break down barriers, build connections, and remember that every member of the community makes a difference and matters.

Fun Fact Jamboree

Bob Liu

- Bananas are berries, but strawberries aren't.
- Honey never spoils.
- Neil Armstrong's hair was sold in 2004 for $3,000.
- The longest English word is 189,819 letters long.
- It would take 19 minutes to fall to the center of the earth.
- You can only take off the blazers on Thursday when Mr.Day does so.
- Cardigan was founded on land provided by Dartmouth College.