



Spring Showcase

May 6, 2026



EMMA WILLARD
SCHOOL

Signature

Signature, Emma Willard School's capstone program for juniors and seniors, encourages deep exploration of a personal passion. Signature students work on a project for two semesters with an on-campus mentor or an expert off campus, and share the summation of their work in a presentation to the entire school community. This opportunity is for students who have a demonstrated passion for a topic, have worked with experts in the field, and have dedicated significant scholarly effort to the completion of their project.

Emma Artists

The Emma Artists program is for students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts who wish to pursue advanced, individual study beyond and apart from their arts coursework. Each year, students perform and show the culmination of their work to the community.



Read more about the students' Signature projects and artists' statements on our website at emmawillard.org/showcase

Spring Showcase Schedule

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8:30–11:00 a.m.	Registration and Refreshments	Lyon-Remington
9:30–10:30 a.m.	Signature Presentations Session 1	
	Signature Lab (Weaver)	
	Kellas Commons (Kellas)	
	Student Center (Sage)	
	Upper Library (Dietel)	
	Lower Library (Dietel)	
9:30–10:30 a.m.	Emma Artist Recital Session 1	
	Klingenstein Concert Hall (Wallace)	
9:30–10:30 a.m.	Emma Artist Theatre Production	
	Bennack Theater (Wallace)	
10:45–11:45 a.m.	Signature Presentations Session 2	
	Signature Lab (Weaver)	
	Kellas Commons (Kellas)	
	Student Center (Sage)	
	Upper Library (Dietel)	
	Lower Library (Dietel)	
10:45–11:45 a.m.	Emma Artist Recital Session 2	
	Klingenstein Concert Hall (Wallace)	
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Luncheon	Mott Gymnasium
	with Emma Students and Guests	
11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.	Emma Artists Visual Gallery and Desserts	Dietel Gallery
1:30–2:30 p.m.	Signature Presentations Session 3	
	Signature Lab (Weaver)	
	Kellas Commons (Kellas)	
	Student Center (Sage)	
	Lower Library (Dietel)	
1:30–2:30 p.m.	Emma Artist Recital Session 3	
	Klingenstein Concert Hall (Wallace)	
2:30–3:30 p.m.	Jestermester Fair and Snacks	Kiggins (Slocum)
2:30–3:30 p.m.	Parent Coffee	Lyon-Remington (Slocum)

Signature Projects

In Alphabetical Order by Group Topic with
Students in Alphabetical Order by Last Name

ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS I

1:30 p.m. Lower Library (Dietel)

Keemayaa J. '27: Project Purple: Epilepsy and Seizure Awareness
Nahee J. '26: Feline Parvovirus Awareness Project
Nigel L. '27: 3rd Space Revival
Jen N. '27: The 4 Ws: How do both the US and Vietnam's smoking campaigns affect the decision and behavior of an individual in tobacco usage?
Juliet P. '27: Chronic Illness Diaries: Helping to Navigate the World With a Chronic Illness Diagnosis

ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS II

10:45 a.m. Signature Lab (Weaver)

Zahari F. '26: Immigrants of Albany
Jessie H. '27: Traditional Culture in the Modern World
Eden K. '27: Tell the Government What to Do!
Anastasia Y. '26: The Unheard Stories of Palestine

CREATION AND ACTIVISM

10:45 a.m. Lower Library (Dietel)

Abbe A-N. '27: Reviving with Retro
Ella B. '26: Painting for Progress
Nica C. '26: Art as Activism
Callie H. '26: Exploring Fear's Influence on the Human Body Through Horror Movies
Lillian H. '27: Victorian Hair Art
Hazel L. '27: Threads of Culture: Reimagining Traditional Elements for Modern Use

DATA, ECONOMICS, AND PHILOSOPHY

10:45 a.m. Upper Library (Dietel)

JiSu B. '27: Euler, Explained
Amy H. '27: Free Will: A Philosophical Intersection between Physics and Psychology
Linh N. '27: The Psychology of Business Success
Coco S. '26: Art Biz: Income and Outcomes
Hannah X '27: Decoding the Market: A Data-Driven Exploration of Investment Strategies
Judy Z. '26: Building Financial Habits: Spend Or Save: A Board Game To Help With Spending Decisions

EDUCATION AND GLOBAL OUTREACH

1:30 p.m. Kellas Commons (Kellas)

Najia K. '27: Hope in Motion
Melanie M. '27: Education for Kenyan Healthcare Workers
Leah S. '26: Adaptations and Education: Teaching "The Great Gatsby" Through Its Musical Adaptation
George T. '26: ART: From Apprehensive to Thriving
Haoyang X. '26: Anti-Domestic Violence and Education Continued

EMMA WILLARD COMMUNITY

1:30 p.m. Student Center (Sage)

Lisa B. '27: Poverty And Privilege: 1990s Troy, NY, Economic Crisis and How It Impacted Emma Students
Catherine C. '26: Prep, Perform, Prevail
Amy C. '27: Diving Through Yourself: Mental Health and Depression
Yoonah L. '27: Before We Arrive: The People Who Sustain Emma

ENGINEERING, TECH, AND MAKERSPACE

9:30 a.m. Signature Lab (Weaver)

Emma A. '27: Berry Hollow Golf Course
Stacy C. '26: Empowering Engineering: Stories of Women in STEM
Candy L. '26: Examining TPMS Structures and Their Application in Microfiltration
Sophia M. '27 and Katya B. '27: Upgrading the Makerspace

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

9:30 a.m. Lower Library (Dietel)

- Ésme A. '27: Investing Climate: Researching How Emma Willard Can Invest Consciously as an Institution
Marigold P. '27: Understanding the Global Plastics Treaty
Skylar T. '27: Restaurants to Restoration
Avery W. '27: Becoming a Zinester: Inspiring Climate Action through Zines
Josie Y. '27: Bioyarn: A Sustainable Fiber Alternative

HEALTH, MEDICINE, AND NEUROSCIENCE

10:45 a.m. Kellas Commons (Kellas)

- Bilan A. '26: What Makes a Hospital Work?: A Look Inside Healthcare in Somaliland
Ryder C. '26: Internship In A Molecular Neuroscience Lab: Image Analysis for Alzheimer's Prevention
Sophia D. '27: Operating at the Genetic Level: Gene Editing in Surgical Treatment
Shitong H. '27: Inside Emergency Medicine
Joanna K. '27: Comparative Veterinary Medicine

MEDIA, JOURNALISM, AND LANGUAGE

1:30 p.m. Signature Lab (Weaver)

- Emma C. '27: Building a Language, *Spiretz*
Lola H. '27: Accessibility in Film Development
Di H. '26: Breaking News, Breaking Norms
Jane K. '26: Fluency in French
Clara X. '26: *The Current Journal*: Every Story Catches the Next Wave

NARRATIVE AND LITERARY EXPLORATION

9:30 a.m. Upper Library (Dietel)

- Comet D. '26: A Teenager's Attempt at Writing a Book
Tess E. '26: Gus the Goose Flies South: A Children's Book About Courage
Alexa F. '26: Once Upon a Draft: From Idea to Manuscript
Hanna H. '27: Stories in the Season: A 24 Solar-Term Writing Practice
Emma O. '27: When Mom Has Cancer: A Guide For Little Helpers
Layeqa R. '27: Diary Pages of an Afghan Girl

PSYCHOLOGY AND MENTAL WELLBEING I

9:30 a.m. Student Center (Sage)

- Edith G. '27: Exploring the Correlation Between Tokenism and Depressive Symptoms
Yui Nga Grace S. '26: Sleep and the Lack of Sleep at Emma
Soleil T. '26: Combatting Test Anxiety
Mino Y. '27: Why Is Comprehensive Sex-Ed Essential? A Direct Correlation Between Sex Education and Mental Health and Wellbeing
Selina Z. '27: Identifying Our Emotions

PSYCHOLOGY AND MENTAL WELLBEING II

10:45 a.m. Student Center (Sage)

- Sophia A. '27: A Documentary: The Impacts of Child Labor on Cognitive Development in Pakistan
Pressley F. '26: The Positivity Project
Betty L. '27: Understanding ADHD: Beyond Stereotypes
Victoria L. '26: Vita: Wanna Sip on Some Tea for Energy?
Lily M. '26: The Podcast: Understanding Different Brains
Delphine P. '27: Modeling the Forgetting Curve

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

9:30 a.m. Kellas Commons (Kellas)

- Iris C. '27: Emma's History Through Dance
Liji H. '27: Sipping Through Time: A Global Exploration of Historical Beverages
Aniken J. '27: Napoleon, A Successful Failure?
Eloise N. '26: History in the Classroom: Who Decides how Racism and Social Injustice are Taught?
Abbi P. R. '26: The Dominican Diaspora: A Study of how American Race Relations are Projected onto Latin America



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9:30 a.m. Recital (Klingenstein)

Sophia D. '27, violin
Nahee J. '26, haegum
Amber T. '29, violin
Sophie T. '29, soprano
Yue Ashley Y. '28, violin
Lillian H. '27, piano
Jenny Z. '28, piano
Keemayaa J. '27, piano

9:30 a.m. Theatre (Bennack)

Renata L. '26, theatrical
performance

10:45 a.m. Recital (Klingenstein)

Catherine C. '26, composer and
guitar
Yerin C. '26, cello
Clara X. '26, soprano
Anika S. '27, viola
Sophia H. '27, clarinet
Emma C. '27, composer
Magdalena C. '28, violin
Mohan (Edith) G. '27, piano
Duoji Zoe X. '26
Phoebe Z. '28, piano

11:45 a.m. Visual Art Exhibit (Dietel Gallery)

Thanh B. '26
Rapple D. '26
Jessie H. '27
Katie H. '26
Nahee J. '26
Clara L. '26
Marin M. '26
Gisele N. '26
Abigail P. '26
Coco S. '26
George T. '26
Jasmine Z. '26

1:30 p.m. Recital (Klingenstein)

Fiona K. '26, piano
Willow S. '26, piano
Iris L. '26, mezzo soprano
Keya M. '26, soprano
Yui Nga Grace S. '26, violin
Stacy C. '26, choreographer,
dancer
Kamryn D. '26, choreographer,
dancer
Abigail P. R. '26, choreographer,
dancer
Alexa F. '26, choreographer,
dancer
Emily C. '26, choreographer,
dancer
Iris C. '27, choreographer, dancer
Esmé A. '27, dancer
Sophia C. '28, dancer
Halina H. '29, dancer



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- ★ 1 Alice Dodge Wallace '38 Center for the Performing Arts
- 2 Alumnae House
- ★ 3 Campus Safety | Main Entrance
- 4 Cluett House
- ★ 5 Snell Dietel Maguire Library & Gallery
- 6 Health Center
- 7 Hunter Science Center
- ★ 8 Kellas
- 9 Elizabeth Parry Field Robison Track
- ★ 10 Mott Gymnasium
- 11 Sage Hall
- 12 Senior Triangle
- ★ 13 Slocum Hall
- 14 Tennis Courts
- 15 The Bridges
- 16 The School Store
- ★ 17 Weaver
- 18 Wellington-Lay



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