



Congratulations to
PJA Class of 2022

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Judah Barnett graduated from Grant High School and will take a gap year. In high school, Judah wrestled on the varsity team for four years and served as a team captain. He was also named OSAA Athlete of the Week. Judah credits PJA for helping him learn how to be part of a classroom discussion.



Emeri Berkson-Klaus graduated from Cleveland High School and will attend Portland State University to major in Psychology. During high school, Emeri participated in the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation, competed on Cleveland's track and field team, and sang in choir for two years. She remembers PJA for teaching her the value of personal growth. Stepping outside her comfort zone helped her build resilience and adaptability, lessons that have guided her through new experiences and toward her goals.



Ariel Carroll graduated from Oregon Episcopal School and will attend Washington University in St. Louis. In high school, Ariel served on the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation leadership council, co-led Jewish Student Union, worked as an OES student admissions ambassador, led design for the OES yearbook, played varsity soccer and lacrosse, and worked as a counselor at Camp Solomon Schechter. She was also a National Merit Finalist and earned academic and service honors. Ariel remembers PJA for teaching her strong note-taking and time-management strategies that helped her succeed throughout high school.



Jake Chisholm graduated from Northwest Academy and will attend the University of Redlands. During high school, Jake continued to grow as a musician and currently drums in two active touring bands. His creativity, dedication, and commitment to collaboration will serve him well in this next chapter. Jake remembers PJA for teaching him the value of true friendships.



Marlo Dabareiner graduated from St. Mary's Academy and will attend Wesleyan University, where she hopes to study Political Science, English, or History, with a minor in Theater. In high school, Marlo specialized in technical theater and became stage manager for her department, led a charity group through the Schnitzer Cares grantmaking program, ran the school newspaper, participated in Jewish life through Havurah Shalom, joined creative writing programs and had some of her work published, and worked with Lakewood Theater. Marlo remembers PJA for teaching her excellent note-taking and self-advocacy skills, providing her with the opportunity to grow in her own faith, and the strong relationships she built with teachers and friends. "I am eternally grateful to you guys for building a community full of amazing people."



Rosa Eisenbach-Budner graduated from Milwaukie High School in June 2025 and began college at Portland State University where she is on the dance team. In high school, Rosa participated in varsity cheerleading, varsity dance, varsity wrestling, golf, track and field, and REAP (a multicultural leadership program). Rosa remembers PJA for encouraging her to advocate for herself and be an active participant in her classes.



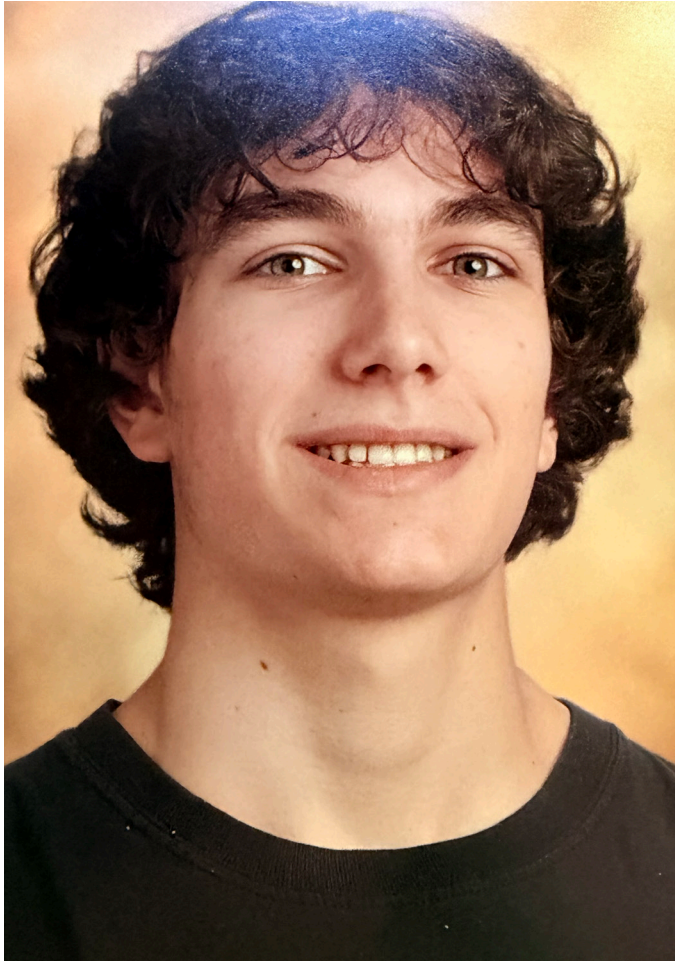
Jonathan Faclieru graduated from Sunset High School and will attend San Diego State University to major in Civil Engineering. In high school, Jonathan played high school and club soccer for four years, worked at McDonald's and the Columbia employee store, participated in the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation, and joined a variety of clubs. Jonathan credits PJA for helping him achieve a high level of math in high school, and for the friendships that remain strong today.



Eitan Miller Feder graduated from Grant High School and will attend Carleton College. In high school, Eitan participated in Jewish Student Alliance, Teacher Story Time Club, National Honor Society, Dungeons & Dragons Club, Havurah High School, the Bronfman Fellowship, and Advanced Chemistry and Physics Club. He is working as a teacher at PJA Summer Discovery this summer! Eitan remembers PJA for helping him build a love of learning and strong study skills.



Owen Feinblatt graduated from Wilsonville High School and will study Biomedical Engineering at the University of Colorado Boulder. In high school, Owen played varsity lacrosse and varsity snowboarding, joined National Honor Society, served as president of the Cultural Exploration Club, worked as a shift lead at Crumbl Cookies, and played with a national select lacrosse club. Owen credits PJA for setting him on a road to success.



Gavin Galdersi graduated from Ida B. Wells and will attend the University of Utah. In high school, Gavin participated in snowboarding and lacrosse and worked at Dairy Hill. As he heads into college, he brings with him lessons from school, athletics, work, and community. Gavin remembers PJA for teaching him that community is important.



Madilynn Gilbert graduated from St. Mary's Academy and will attend Willamette University, where she plans to play lacrosse, major in Business, and minor in Economics. In high school, Madi participated in varsity lacrosse, varsity basketball, cross country, and served as varsity lacrosse captain. She was also a school ambassador, UNITE workshop leader and director, spirit squad co-captain, and involved in Lead Like a Girl. Madi credits PJA for helping connect her more deeply to her Judaism.



Henry Gilroy graduated from Benson Polytechnic High School and will attend Western Washington University in the fall. Henry heads into his next chapter with the foundation of his PJA and high school experiences behind him. We look forward to seeing what he does next at Western Washington University.



Lucy Herzig graduated from St. Mary's Academy and will attend Boston College to study Physics and Child Life Development on the pre-med track. In high school, Lucy continued artistic swimming, earning three national medals and representing the U.S. delegation at the Pan American Championships, as well as receiving the Harry Glickman Scholar Athlete Award. She coached and managed gymnastics, participated in BBYO, worked as a nanny, led Jewish Student Union and the All Brains and Body Affinity Group, served as an ambassador, and joined National Honor Society. Lucy remembers PJA for teaching her not to be afraid to ask for help and support.



Gabe Horwitz graduated from Ida B. Wells High School and will attend Vanderbilt University in Nashville, where he plans to major in Economics. During high school, Gabe founded Story Capsules, a volunteer initiative connecting students with elders through storytelling projects, building on his Capstone Project. He also served as varsity tennis captain, president of Jewish Student Union, ASB Treasurer, a member of the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation leadership council, and interned for U.S. Senator Ron Wyden. Gabe remembers that PJA taught him that being kind and curious with strangers is rewarding and can open unexpected doors.



Anna Kappler graduated from Oregon Episcopal School and will attend Claremont McKenna College, where she plans to dual major in Economics and Integrated Sciences. In high school, Anna served as yearbook editor, worked as an OES admissions ambassador, performed in many theater productions, and served as co-chair of the Hillsboro Youth Advisory Council. She remembers PJA for instilling values such as tikkun olam, community service, kindness, critical thinking, and advocacy for others.



JJ Komitor graduated from Lake Oswego High School and will attend the University of Oregon. During high school, JJ served as vice president of the student body, president of the junior class council, and founder and president of both Tech Time with Seniors and Jewish Student Union. He also participated in varsity soccer, JV baseball, snowboarding, and JV golf. JJ credits PJA for teaching him to carry his Jewish identity everywhere he goes and to be proud of who he is.



Maya Mackey-Nadler attended both St. Mary's Academy and Lincoln High School and will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to major in Animal Science. In high school, Maya was active in horseback riding, worked as an assistant at her barn, taught children how to ride horses, and served as a youth board member for the Interscholastic Equestrian Association. She remembers PJA's strong science program and hands-on curriculum, which helped her feel prepared for high school. She is grateful for all of the PJA teachers and staff who supported her.



Rami Mandelsberg graduated from Grant High School and will attend the University of Oregon to study Human Physiology. In high school, Rami completed an OHSU internship in molecular biology, played soccer all four years, tutored, and participated in Jewish Student Alliance. Rami remembers PJA for teaching him how to cite sources, a skill that supported his academic work in high school.



Lily Manne graduated from St. Mary's Academy and will attend the University of Chicago to study Chemistry and possibly Linguistics. In high school, Lily participated in theater tech, including sound design, choir, dance, Science Olympiad, improv club, and chess club. She also worked at Babica Hen Cafe, taught herself Swedish, became a National Merit Finalist, and wrote music for an album she hopes to record. Lily remembers PJA as the place that taught her she is capable of anything and helped her believe in herself.



Assaf Nachum graduated from Riverdale and will attend Western Washington University to study Physiology. Assaf's next step reflects a continued interest in science and learning. We wish him all the best as he begins this new chapter at Western Washington University.



Noam Peleg graduated from Sunset High School and will attend the University of Colorado Boulder to study Engineering Physics. In high school, Noam played water polo, founded and led Sunset's Jewish Student Union, participated in Student-to-Student, worked as a lifeguard, swim instructor, and swim coach, and advocated against antisemitism before local and state education boards. He was also a two-time USA Water Polo Academic All-American. Throughout high school, he provided care packages to aid the homeless during heat waves, a continuation of his PJA Capstone Project. Noam credits PJA for teaching him to be proactive, take initiative, and stay deeply connected to his Jewish identity.



Sunny Press graduated from Ida B. Wells High School and will study Chemical Engineering at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. In high school, Sunny participated in theater, served as an Outdoor School student leader, worked as a summer camp counselor, and was involved in Jewish Student Union. She also won second place in the Oregon Thespians playwriting competition and competed with her play internationally. Sunny remembers that PJA taught her to love learning, which opened the door to opportunities and interests she may not have otherwise pursued.



Eden Siegel-Lukin graduated from Milwaukie Academy of the Arts and will attend the University of Toronto to study Life Sciences. In high school, Eden pursued aerial acrobatics and aerial dance, created 2D art, and worked as a barista. She brings both creativity and curiosity into this next chapter. Eden's PJA take-away is the lesson that people should not be judged by who they were in middle school.



Zoe Sweek will graduate this June from Boston Ballet's pre-professional division at Walnut Hill School for the Arts, where she danced 6 days a week. In the fall, she will attend Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University in Bloomington for their ballet program. She will double major in ballet and another field. This summer, Zoe has a scholarship to be part of Canada's National Ballet's summer intensive in Toronto.



Max Symmes graduated from Cleveland High School and will attend Temple University in Philadelphia, where he plans to major in International Business and row in the fall. In high school, Max participated in rowing, completed the full IB diploma program, and worked as a manager at a Bellagios location in Sellwood. Max remembers PJA for teaching him how to work with others and better understand the people around him.



Dillon Thompson graduated from Franklin High School and is heading to California State University, Fullerton. During high school, Dillon worked at a record store and developed a lifelong passion for reading and movies. He shared that he is grateful for the many books PJA introduced him to and for the strong foundation he received in core classes like math, science, and social studies. Dillon remembers PJA as a place where learning in every subject helped prepare him for high school and beyond.



Louisa Way graduated from Ida B. Wells High School and will attend Minneapolis College of Art and Design to study Illustration. In high school, Lulu participated in Science Olympiad, played ultimate frisbee, attended a pre-college summer program at MCAD, and worked at BB Day Camp at Neveh Shalom. She also earned multiple Scholastic Art Awards. Lulu is grateful for PJA as the place where she met some of her best friends, people she expects to stay connected with into college.



Talia Weinstein graduated from Ida B. Wells and will attend the Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon. In high school, Talia figure skated, competed in Science Olympiad, served on the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation leadership council, and joined the Winterhawks Figure Skating Club junior board. She was also involved in BBYO, worked as a Neveh Shalom Aliyah madricha, and worked at the Portland winter ice rink. Talia remembers PJA for the great friendships and connections she built there.