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THE STORY OF US



“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

— Carl Bard



Dear Class of 2026,

We want to express our deepest gratitude to Mrs. Honsel and Mr. Guldin for their hard work and dedication to our class this year. Your commitment to building our school culture has been the backbone of our class, and we couldn't have reached this milestone without you.

We also want to thank the Communications Department for allowing our favorite St. Andrew's moments to live on. Whether it was catching candid moments of us roaming campus, or a shot of us cheering from the student section, you've given us a window into these four years. Because of your work, the memories we've made won't just live in our heads—they are preserved in a way that allows us to revisit this home whenever we need it.

This book is more than the faces and names of the Class of 2026. It's a living archive of our shared history and of the unique bond we have for each other and for our school.

Ever since freshman year, we've been the spontaneous type, even if it didn't always go our way. We weren't just participants in SAS culture—we were agitators of joy. We learned early on that things don't always go according to plan, but our grade's defining characteristic is that we go all in, regardless of the outcome. Whether it was running through the sprinklers after the Frosty Run, a quick paddle tennis tournament, or a late-night trip to Waffle House, we've always tried to seize the moment.

Along the way, we've grown into leaders on dorms, in our clubs, and on our teams. We've stayed up late working on college essays, supported each other through tough decisions, and learned what it means to show up for our community.

We've soaked up our SAS experience through heated Spikeball matches, bonfires, impromptu dance parties, over-enthusiastic cheering at School Meeting, and finally, after waiting long enough, our pond jump.

As co-presidents, we've had the pleasure of facing a crowd full of excited faces every Thursday afternoon since the fall, and we've loved every minute of it. But more than that, we've loved watching our class come together, whether we're celebrating wins or getting through the hard moments as one.

This is our story. Thanks for being part of it.

Abe & Lila

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Eden Appiah

Hoboken, New Jersey

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

The swinging bench that overlooks Noxontown Pond. I go there to think, and it always calms me down. It also gives me a good view of the Front Lawn and T-Dock, so along with the beauty of the campus, I can also see the beauty of our community.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS:
Spontaneity.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY?

The snowball fights that occurred after Ms. McGrath announced the winter Free Day. The junior year snowball fight was special because it was spontaneous, and the Free Day was announced earlier that night. I planned the senior year snowball fight to recreate the junior year one. It was special and sentimental because after getting pelted by snowballs, I got the chance to dance and sing in the snow with my friends.

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO? Mrs. Duprey is my second mother. She interviewed me, and I have been in her advisory since freshman year. She has been with me through all the laughs and tears and continues to motivate me to be the best version of myself. I love her with all my heart.



Enid Appiah

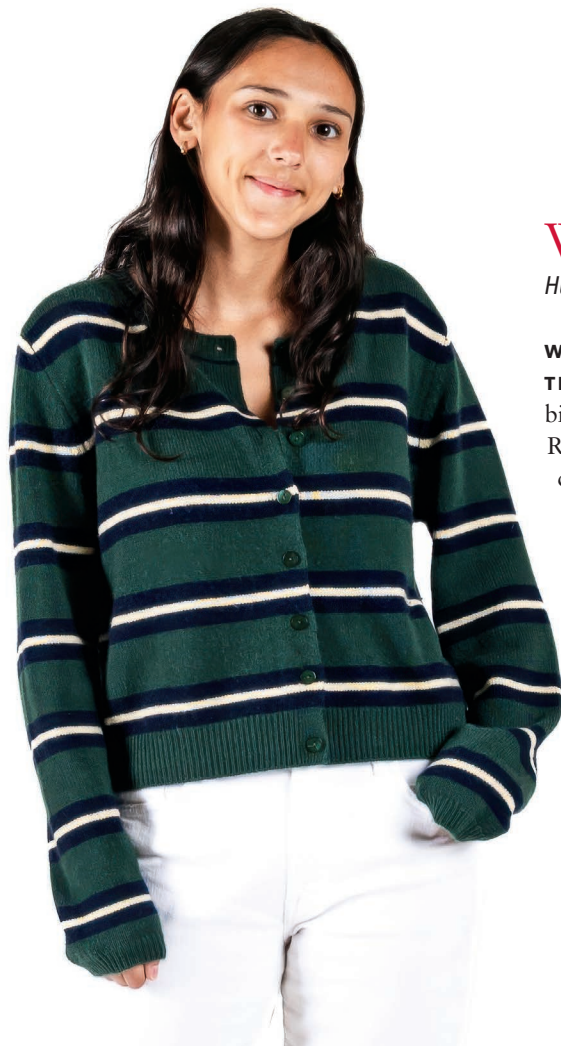
Hoboken, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? My Photo Major class with Mr. Meier was a place of unexpected philosophical and existential realizations, along with fun art.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Don't be afraid to try new things! I ended up finding many things that I love to do that I could have had more time with if I had started earlier. There are so many opportunities for you to take!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The area behind Mr. Gilheany's house. I don't think I've ever felt more peace than I have when staring at the view from there. It's the perfect place to meditate and reset.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AT SAS? Although I didn't win the McLean Science Lecture, giving that presentation was my proudest accomplishment. I inevitably had nerves, but while I was on stage, I loved it. It was such a good feeling getting to teach people something new while sharing a story that has been overlooked. It was kind of an aha moment: I realized people were truly listening to what I had to say. It was also a moment where I realized how much I had evolved since freshman year.



Willakenzie Archer

Hudson, Ohio

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION? Even though it's bittersweet, I absolutely love Senior Retro. Getting to see the senior class as a whole the night before graduation is extremely special.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The Fortress of Solitude. It is the the best place for me to clear my mind when I am stressed or have had a busy week.

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO? Mrs. Tower! She is the best advisor I could ever ask for and is always there when I need her. I will miss her dearly after graduation, and I hope to keep in touch with her in the years to come.



Isla Balderson

Falls Church, Virginia

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Girls varsity soccer. I love getting to know the different underclassmen, and playing with these girls makes me excited for practice every day. I love all the girls on the team, and the coaches are amazing.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION? Silent Disco!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? I love riding bikes with friends through the corn fields in the evening. It's so cool to see all the stars, and it is the perfect place for deep conversations.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: The faculty dogs. It is so much fun to take a faculty dog on a walk with friends.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Remember to have fun! There is never so much work that you have to sit inside studying all weekend, every weekend. Go outside and play Spikeball, walk to town, or go talk to people on the T-Dock. When I look back on my time here, I won't be thinking of a math assignment or English essay; I'll remember biking around campus with friends and talking in the Dining Hall.



Daphne Banfield

Fairfield, Connecticut

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Since freshman year, the girls soccer team has given me a strong, supportive, and amazing group of girls. The second the final whistle blew and we won the quarter-final round of the state tournament on our home field my sophomore year was the most exciting moment ever. I am so happy I was a part of it.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? Hosting the Haunted Trail.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION? The Square Dance!

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO?

Ms. Hastings and Coach Altig! Ms. Hastings, thank you for being the best advisor. You have been there when I needed you most, and have supported me and my growth. To Coach Altig, thank you for believing in my abilities on the soccer field and in life. Your support has never been taken for granted.

Hector Beasley

Carlisle, Massachusetts

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? My journey throughout various studio art programs was fantastic. I took Drawing 1 as a sophomore, Painting 1 as a junior, and now I'm an Art Major. As an Art Major, I can combine my favorite parts of each class, and incorporate new mediums, to fully express my creativity.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The South pond trail, and the other trails that run along Noxontown Pond. I love being outside, and these trails never fail to put me in a good mood. Whether I'm skipping rocks on the pond, admiring the walnut grove, or just sitting and taking it all in, somewhere I'm bound to find a moment of peace.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Connected, selfless, busy.



Bahar Bekirefendi

Wayne, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Baseball. I remember the nerves I felt when I first made the trek to the baseball field my freshman year. However, with Mr. Edmonds and Profe's warmth and support, it didn't take long for those nerves to subside. I was blessed with incredible teammates. Whether it was watching them come up with the absurd chants that somehow rhymed, or needing a shoulder to cry on, I could always count on my teammates, especially the five other seniors. I will never forget the last game of my junior year. I finally got to play after six weeks spent recovering from an injury. I felt the same nervousness I did freshman year, and I questioned my abilities. But I had the strength to try because I had my coaches and teammates behind me. I got the final out of that game. Thanks to baseball, I learned that adversity must be faced alongside fear, and not behind it.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Formative, loving, intentional.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE

SAS MEMORY? The School Meeting when I got to sing my Noxontones solo and sing with Granville Jam, the faculty band! It was the most fun I had doing what I love the most. I remember pacing back and forth and attempting to perfect every note before the performance. I believed perfection was necessary for a good performance. But the second I began singing, I realized having fun was what made a performance good.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD?

The act of giving grace and kindness to oneself and the world, especially at times when it may not be the easiest thing to do.



Redda Brigety

McLean, Virginia

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Trudging through Astronomy only to realize I wanted to study astrophysics in college.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? Biking in the rain.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The T-Dock.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: Having roommates to talk to at night.

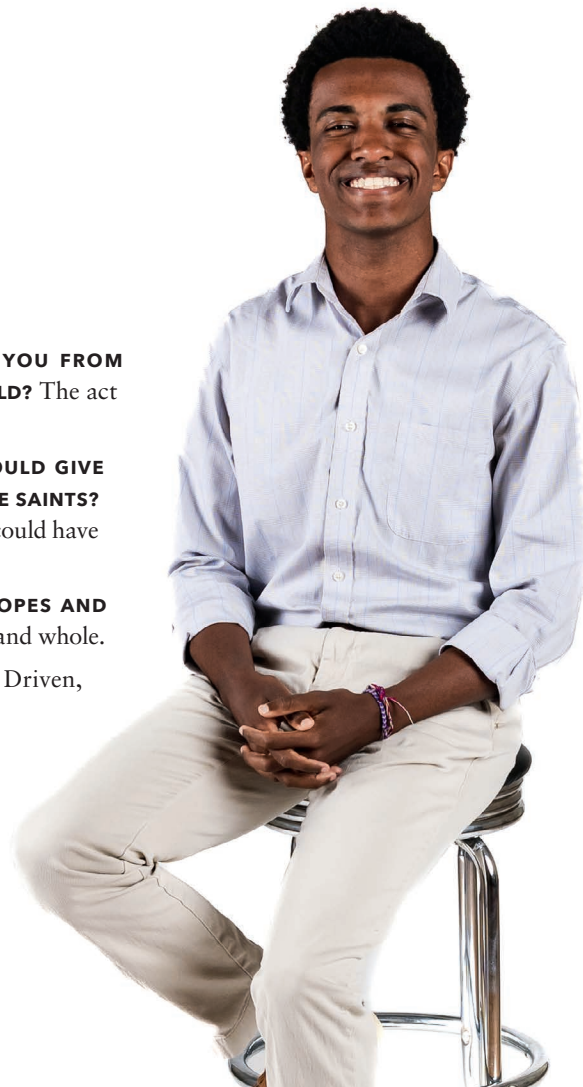
WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AT SAS? My friends from home telling me that I've become a better person.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD? The act of leading with kindness.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Never leave a place knowing you could have done more.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS? Be healthy, happy, and whole.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Driven, loving, pretty.



Phineas Brown

Hillsborough, North Carolina

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

The SAS Founders cross-country team is quite possibly the most odd, yet amazing group of people on the planet! With Mr. O'Connell at the wheel, the team tries its best to perform well at races, but under all of that lies a community more robust than anything I've ever experienced. The constant encouragement, chasing PRs together, inside jokes, trips, and long runs are just a few of the things I will miss so much.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Do not spend all your time on weekends or free periods doing work. St. Andrew's is so much more than academics, so use your free time to talk to someone new, hang out with a friend, or catch up on some needed sleep. Think of how you would like to look back on your high school experience, and then create those memories for yourself. The academic work will get done, I promise.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM

HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS? I hope to move through the remaining years of my life purposefully, yet lightly. Not taking any moment for granted, and still learning to let things go. I hope that I find a career that keeps the eternal flame of my curiosity alive, continue to learn about myself, and help the world in the process. On a less serious note, I hope I have fun along the way.





Roberto Buccini

Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Every religion class with Mr. Doughty—more specifically, the meditations at the start of class.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Performing at Lessons & Carols sophomore year.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? The 2026 lacrosse team. It is such a special team. There's so much talent and energy. I am so proud of the boys.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS? League of Lumberjacks. I love the camaraderie.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? Giving my first Tuesday announcement as an RL. I wanted to do them since freshman year, and it really put everything St. Andrew's has done for me into perspective.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The football and lacrosse field. So many memories on that field.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AT SAS? Finding Calder Lopez. I do not know who I would be without him.

WHAT FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO? Greg Guldin. He has been a great advisor and mentor for two years now.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD? Being really good at talking in T's, and the incredible friends I have made.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Get outside. No assignment is more important than the memories waiting to be made.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS? Move out to the middle of nowhere (Wyoming maybe) and live in a log cabin with Liam Robinson and Calder Lopez. Ideally, continue to serve "Cowboy Coffee and Flapjacks" to weary travelers.

Widalvis Burgos

New York City, New York

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? The baseball team. I stopped playing baseball when I got to middle school, and my SAS teammates made me fall in love with the sport again because of how much fun we had, despite the ups and downs.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The T-Dock because it is a great place to relax. You never realize how big and beautiful our campus is until you see the pond and the forest from the T-Dock.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT SAS? I'm less arrogant, and that's thanks to the many seniors and adults that have helped me realize my immaturity. Mr. Lewis, Tyrus '25, Derek '23, Mr. Mufuka, and Mr. Garrett are some of those people. Now I use what I've learned from them to help the underclassmen who are at the same stage that I once was.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Ethereal, life-changing, unforgettable.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD? Thanks to St. Andrew's, I've realized that despite everyone's many differences in appearance and where they are from, we are all alike, and it's helped me find long-lasting friendships.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? All the late-night talks that I had with my friends because it brought us closer, and we understood each other better, even though we are from all over the world.



Ian Cairnduff

Charlotte, North Carolina

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? The boys soccer team. It was that team that taught me what it meant to be a part of a community, and how to be my best self when competing against others.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The T-Dock. I get to interact with my friends as well as take in the beauty the campus has to offer.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Inclusive, competitive, community.





Julia “Tanner” Caldwell

Charlotte, North Carolina

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

Humanities. Ms. Pressman is an incredible teacher who changed the way I view analyzing novels with historical context. On every paper she gives back, she offers an entire page of notes. Although the class required many late nights and time spent pondering, it pushed my analysis and perspective to the next level.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Girls varsity soccer. The unexpected friendships and success I have found will forever have a special place in my heart. The coaches, especially Mrs. Altig, are some of the most supportive adults I have on campus. Although we may not be the most skilled team, I have never been a part of a team that works harder for the other 10 people on the field 100 percent of the time. I love this team!

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS?

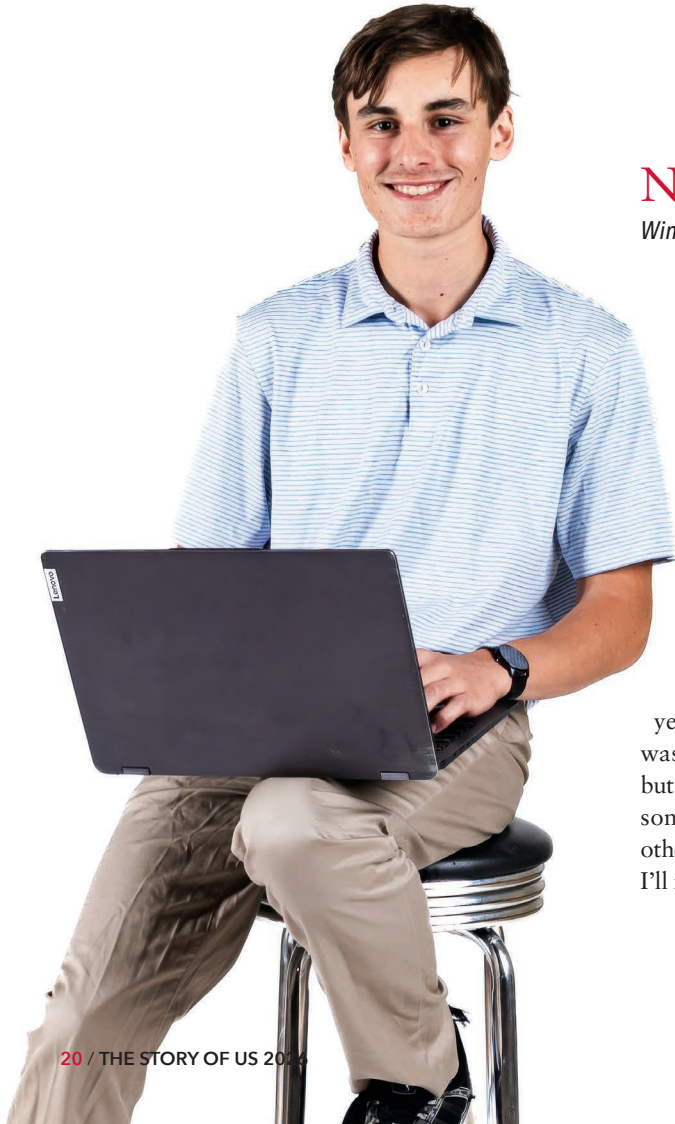
Girl Scouts. I have gone to camp my whole life and loved the outdoors, but never did Girl Scouts as a kid. I joined to get close with the girls in the grade above me, but it ended up being one of the highlights of my time at SAS.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

The grass docks. So peaceful, and so many good memories.

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO?

Mrs. Saliba-Hill. She has been with me from the moment I interviewed to the day I graduated. I was so lucky to have her as my SAS mom. She comforted me in tough moments and never failed to remind me of my strength.

A young man with short brown hair, smiling, is sitting on a black stool. He is wearing a light blue and white striped polo shirt and khaki pants. He has a black laptop on his lap and is looking towards the camera.

Nicholas “Nico” Chapman

Winnetka, Illinois

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

My four-year computer science experience that all built up to my senior spring semester, which I spent working on an independent project, an e-commerce site for students called Hallpay. I've been doing computer science as long as I can remember, and it's nice to have something to show for it.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? I've spent two years as a Noxontones Beatboxer. I wasn't really a musical person before, but now I've even started to write a few songs. I've had a ton of fun with the other beatboxers, and it's something that I'll never forget.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS? The Hawaiian Shirt Society. The beauty of it is that it has very little meaning—it's fun to participate every Friday, and that's it. There are no strings attached. The whole idea is to not care about anything too much.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The woods! I spent a lot of time running, hiking, and walking there. It's a great escape from the stress of academic life.

Bradley Cook

Austin, Texas

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Photography. I had so much fun running around with my camera over our breaks and forcing family and friends to pose for pictures. I maybe took our assignments too seriously. In particular, I remember being at a family friend's house in California and forcing them to go on a nature walk so I could follow and shoot whatever I thought was top-tier photography.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? A random Saturday night sophomore year when my roommate, Burke, and I decided to host people to watch *Hereditary*. It was insanely hot in Voorhees that night, which was worsened by the 20 other sophomores who were crammed in our double. After we finished the movie, we chaperoned each other to the bathroom out of fear.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The red swinging bench on the Front Lawn. Talking is my favorite thing to do, and this is the best spot for chatting with friends while looking out over the FroLo. I've spent the most time on the bench this year, and it feels like the center of life at St. Andrew's. An afternoon on the swinging bench looking at the sunset and listening to Josephine's aux is time best spent at SAS.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS?
Kind, present, lifelong.



Kathryn “Gibson” Cronje

Atlanta, Georgia

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Girls soccer. I came to SAS thinking I was going to play tennis, but after one soccer practice, I fell in love. Coach Carroll taught me how to channel my competitive nature productively. I was lucky I got two amazing seasons with him, one of which was a playoff run to the state semifinals. My junior and senior year I have been lucky to work with Coaches Altig, Knudsen, and Braselton, all of whom I have developed meaningful relationships with, but especially Coach Altig. She has taken on the role of coach, mentor, and mother figure and has been by my side, even when it wasn't easy. What I love most, though, is the girls. It has been a privilege to make friends for life while doing something I love. Even though my senior season was cut short, the girls make coming to practice and games so fun and fulfilling that sometimes I forget I'm not actually on the field. I feel like the luckiest person alive when I'm with my team.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Take the time to get to know the faculty. Each and every one of them has a story to tell, and you can learn so much. Soak up all the knowledge and lessons they have to offer. Not only does this place teach you how to form relationships with these adults, it allows you to maintain them beyond SAS.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Fulfilling, memorable, supportive.





Abigail Del Valle

Celebration, Florida

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Being a part of the McLean Science Lecture Competition. It pushed me to take what I have learned about researching and presenting to an even bigger stage. After taking AS Astronomy, I became really interested in astrophysics and science, so it was cool to continue this interest beyond the classes I was taking.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? Junior year prom or the Humanities trip to NYC!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION? Silent Disco.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: Life on the junior girls dorms!

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Take advantage of the assigned sit-down lunches. Whether you are social or shy, they give you an amazing opportunity to learn more about the people and the world around you, and can pull you out of your comfort zone in a manageable way. Even if you don't know the people at your table, just start talking! Trust me, it will be worth it.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS? To make the world a better place.

Josephine “Josie” Hatfield Denny

Princeton, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Girls varsity soccer. I’ve had the most amazing time winning and losing with these girls. The upperclassmen who were the first girls I ever played with in the backline taught me so much about soccer and SAS—I owe them so much. My best memories are the ones of “soccer tennis,” “bread and butter,” watching *She’s the Man*, and jumping into the pond after a hot practice. It’s been even more amazing now being the upperclassman and having so much fun playing with the younger girls. Shoutout to my favorite backline.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS:

Late-nights chats in the common room with seniors and dorm faculty. Best conversations ever.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS

MEMORY? The senior snow ball fight this winter the night before the Free Day. Charlotte and I tucked in the sophomores while in our boots, hat, gloves—everything—and then rushed out with everyone. After everyone was drenched, my friends and I played music and sang together in the snow.



Carlisle Dimitri

Bronxville, New York

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

My favorite sport is rowing. I love the team environment and being on the water. It has provided me with a confidence I didn't know I possessed, and opportunities I thought were out of my reach.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS?

Mentoring. I find it to be very fulfilling work, and I love being able to be a part of and help support children in a way that I experienced when I was younger. Volunteering is more than personal fulfillment—it's about giving back to the communities that you feel the most connected to or that have had the most profound impact on you.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS, AND WHY?

Out on the water looking toward the Front Lawn. Looking at the school from this perspective provides me a sense of serenity and certainty.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT SAS? I have grown to be more independent and stronger, and more content and confident in who I am. Coming from my small town, St. Andrew's gave me the opportunity to become a person I didn't know existed.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Use SAS as an opportunity to work on yourself. Try things you might find uncomfortable, or build habits that might even seem annoying! This is a time to figure out your interests and establish how you will do things in the future.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS?

Community, determination, independence.





Burke Donovan

Upperville, Virginia

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? An isolated spot past the Fortress of Solitude. It's a point jutting out into the water, with no man-made objects or buildings in sight. Here, you can truly feel free. It's often windy, or loud with other sounds of nature, but rarely do you hear anyone else intruding on your peace. This place allowed me to get away from any commotion or stress I had. St. Andrew's is a perpetual social endeavor, and while that is great, it can also be nice to have an escape.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: Dorm life makes St. Andrew's the community that it is. I love playing Spikeball and exploring in the woods, but at the end of the day, there is nothing I love more than coming back into my room and watching a movie with a bunch of my fellow classmates. I have made so many deep connections and memories in my room or in others' rooms throughout my years. The boarding aspect of St. Andrew's makes it unique, and there is nothing I would replace it with.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Carefree, social, compelling.



Margaux “Kat” Firmenich

Princeton, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT

SAS, AND WHY? I’ve been a part of the musical theater program at SAS for four years, but this year really felt special. It was such a dynamic group of people that came together so well and put on a truly memorable show.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB

AT SAS? The Organic Garden. I’m proud of the work I’ve put in over the past two springs. There are a lot of cool animals, like snakes and birds, around the area.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION?

Any mandated dorm bonding time. As you get further into your time at SAS it becomes less formal, but it never fails to bring a group together—especially on smaller dorms.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS

MEMORY? The moment I trained Mr. Toltin-Bitzer’s dogs to jump into the retention pond on command!



Margaret Gilheany

Middletown, Delaware

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

My spring tutorial with Mrs. Hurtt. Coincidentally, almost the entire tutorial was in Mrs. Hurtt's freshman year English class, bringing things full circle. The group meshes well, and everyone is 100 percent bought in.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS?

Adaptive Dance! I have left every class feeling fulfilled, rejuvenated, and full of joy. After four years of dancing with the same people, I have learned about their hobbies, families, and friends, and they have learned about mine. My Monday nights will feel incomplete without Adaptive Dance.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: Study rooms! (Shoutout Sophie, Lawson, Phin, Tanner, and Liam.) When I requested this group for my study room, I had no idea these people would become some of my best friends.



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? My freshman year, the Chapel vestry went on a “retreat.” It started to storm, so we ran into the field and went mud sliding. Afterwards, we sat around the fireplace, baked Chapel bread, and chatted. The most memorable SAS memories are the spontaneous adventures with random groups!

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD?

Easy—my incredible, amazing friendships. Growing up with your best friends is such a unique experience that I am so grateful for. I feel connected to every person in my grade, and that is something I think can only be said about St. Andrew's. My friends have taught me what love is, and I know that they will be in my life forever.

Sadie Green

Oyster Bay, New York

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Senior year swim team. If not for this team, the sport would have been unbearable. The collective suffering that swimmers go through in their sport almost always brings the team together, but our group was especially bonded, and it was unique in the way that each person was extremely supportive of one another and always wanted to have fun. Every meet included lots of enthusiastic cheering and random conversations. Some of my closest friends came from this team, and I still feel like the friendships I created this season carried themselves beyond the pool. I will forever cherish those memories!

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS:

The small moments. Whether that be simple conversations in study rooms, watching movies on weekends with friends, or laughing on the Front Lawn, these small things are what shape your SAS experience.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD?

The kindness St. Andrew's has always taught me to have toward others. I think when I first arrived, I had a heavy guard up, and I would assume the worst in people. Yet this community has taught me to always assume the best in each person, and to treat them as such. No one ever knows what someone else may be secretly going through, so it feels especially important to be kind to all, no matter what.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Don't be afraid to talk to someone new! Even in your third or fourth year, it's never too late to make friends, and you never know where a conversation might take you!



Mary Margaret Hall

Greensboro, North Carolina

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

My freshman U.S. History class was where I first learned to truly love the academic rigor inherent at St. Andrew's. It was a group of rowdy, fun, and deeply involved kids, and our ability to goof around one moment and have a really productive discussion the next was the perfect introduction to St. Andrew's academics.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AT SAS?

I'm really proud of K Dorm! I've put a lot into making K what it is, but it only worked because of the 10 amazing juniors I live with. They've cared just as much about making dorm life fun and memorable. I'm proud of our dance parties, "K-sadilla" functions, and especially the relationships we've built.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY?

The friendships I've made will stay with me for the rest of my life. I know it's cheesy and everyone says it, but the community at St. Andrew's is like no other. The ability to feel so close to all of my friends, and to have gotten to experience our most formative years together, is something I deeply treasure. I feel so blessed to have made these relationships so early on in life—getting to carry these relationships with me for the rest of my life is one of the best gifts St. Andrew's has given me.



George “Bixby” Hanrahan

St. Louis, Missouri

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Whether you want to become a Division 1 athlete, a talented musician, or a high-achieving student, St. Andrew's has all the resources to make those goals a reality. Take advantage of everything: dive into pursuing your goals, interests, and the things that make you happy. Everyone at St. Andrew's, from the faculty (to even their pets!), wants to see you succeed.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS:

Breakfast. It so nice going downstairs, if you live in Founders, and having a warm, ready meal that you can eat surrounded by your best friends.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? My senior year squash team.

From our practices to matches, there was always an infectious positivity that made stepping on the court such a joyful experience. Bonded by long hours in the van together and Chipotle dinners, our team culture made it my favorite sport and team.





Sophie Hansen

Durham, North Carolina

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? My senior exhibition. Reading a novel, writing a paper, and discussing ideas that were entirely my own was a powerful experience. It makes me so excited to take English in college and to continue to think deeply.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Say yes! One of my favorite things I did at SAS was spontaneously run a half marathon on campus. It was something I never expected myself to do, and I am so glad I did. Another thing I said “yes” to is performing at Open Mic. I remember the first time I performed sophomore year I was so nervous, and we were laughing when we messed up a chord or note. It reminded me not to take things so seriously. I would never have experienced all that joy if I hadn’t said yes.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? There is no group of people more random, more fun, and more hardworking than winter crew workout. The workouts were intense and pushed us hard, but going to practice and being supported, laughing, and working hard with this group of people was the highlight of my day.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? The snowball fight the night of the first big snow this year. After it ended, the senior girls sat in a circle and sang to all our favorite songs. Afterward, we went back to dorm and snuggled and watched a movie. The way we are all friends and share so much love is something special to St. Andrew’s.

Natasha Hearder

Hong Kong

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? It was a spring day junior year. The sun was out on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, and some friends and I were walking back from our newly devoted hobby—tennis. We noticed the sprinklers going off, and we were sweaty and needed to cool off.

Naturally we darted straight in and ran back and forth until we were soaked. I felt like I was 5 again, running through the fountains at my childhood playground. It was an unforgettable experience.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD?

The ability to connect with anyone from a simple conversation. There are many scenarios at St. Andrew's where you are sitting next to someone you don't know well yet, but who you are encouraged to connect with. Even though the conversation might start out awkward, talking to someone new makes you grow and learn more about the world. The closest thing to having superpowers is the ability to socially connect with those around you.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

When in doubt, just laugh it out.





Claire Hoopes

Middletown, Delaware

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Indoor track. The coaches and team have the best vibe ever, even during our 15-hour meets. My favorite moments are my long-jumping practices with Willa and Mr. Tower.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? The time that I walked around the pond the summer after sophomore year. It somehow took four extra hours, but I will never forget it.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? There's nowhere better than the T-Dock. From freezing polar plunges and deep conversations to star-gazing with my dorm, it is the place that makes St. Andrew's so special.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: Dorm life, especially as a senior.

Miriam “Claire” Hulsey

Woodberry Forest, Virginia

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

My senior exhibition. It was such a cool opportunity to choose my own book and dive deep into the analysis without the help of a roundtable discussion with classmates. Humanities class gave me the tools to turn short paragraphs into arguments that evoke deeper messages. I chose *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf, and coincidentally, the novel's theme of finding profound meaning in the simplicities of life helped make me more grateful for the everyday parts of St. Andrew's that I take for granted.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Girls lacrosse. I love the grit, familial bond, and hype of the girl's lax team. It is rare to have teammates that will give you a brutal arm bruise while playing defense at one moment, and then the next, hype you up while singing and dancing. That balance of fun and fire is what made my experience so great.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS:

Brushing your teeth every morning and night next to your besties!

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Never pass up an opportunity to hear a cool life story from a faculty member. Sit in the front of the van, stay up late after tuck-ins as a senior, or sit next to them at family-style meals. I have gathered many stories from all different kinds of adults that I will carry into the rest of my life.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS?

To contribute more than I criticize. Although I have no idea where my life might take me, if I contribute to the world around me, I will be fulfilling my aspirations.



Christian “Chris” Hunter

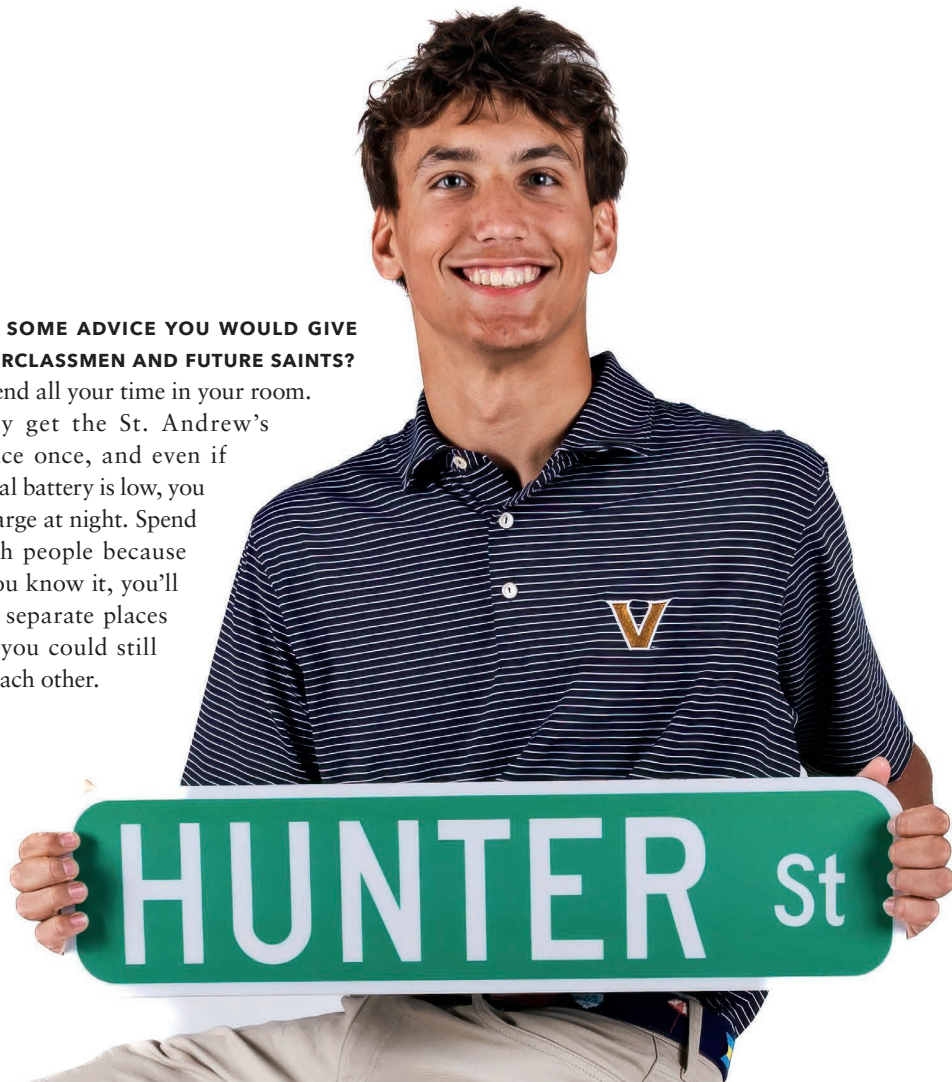
Easton, Maryland

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS? Cards Club, the club that my brother and sister (who also went to SAS) and I started my freshman year. Every night in the summer before my freshman year, my siblings and I played Hearts with my father late into the night. My father gave us the idea of making a club where people in the school gather together every week in the winter and play cards. The Hunter “brand” is to be bold and bring good energy, so together, the three of us gave announcements that ended up being iconic, and that helped make Cards Club one of the best clubs on campus.

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The T-Dock. It’s the place for relaxation, socializing, and a good read. If I was ever going through a hard time, I would go to the T-Dock to reflect. Some of the T-Dock conversations I’ve had will remain with me for the rest of my life.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Don’t spend all your time in your room. You only get the St. Andrew’s experience once, and even if your social battery is low, you can recharge at night. Spend time with people because before you know it, you’ll all be in separate places wishing you could still be with each other.



Ziran “Kevin” Jin

Shenzhen, China

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC

EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Junior year, I fortuitously switched into AS Athens, taught by Ms. Urbont. She gave us remarkable freedom over our topics, styles, and narratives. That freedom transformed the way I approached learning. Instead of working toward a fixed answer, I began asking my own questions about power, culture, and human behavior, and pursuing them with genuine curiosity. What made the experience most meaningful was how Ms. Urbont taught the material—she built a vivid, interconnected world. She wove together art, music, mythology, cuisine, disease, and even the life of Thucydides to illuminate the Peloponnesian War. History no longer felt distant or static; it became immersive and alive. This class reshaped my understanding of what academic work could be.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND

FUTURE SAINTS? Get the most out of your time here while you can. Be present in your classes, build relationships with your teachers and peers, and take ownership of what you create.



WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE

AT SAS? Film Studies because it changed the way I see and create stories. Instead of just watching movies for entertainment, I learned how directors use framing, lighting, sound, and editing to shape meaning and emotion. Breaking down scenes shot-by-shot made me realize how intentional every detail is. During the process of shooting,

I was constantly inspired by my teammates' ideas. The way we brought individual perspectives into a single piece was truly satisfying. It showed me that filmmaking is not just about individual creativity, but about collaboration, comprised of listening, adapting, and building something greater than any one person could create alone.



Lawson Kellner

Middletown, Delaware

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT

ST. ANDREW'S? As a freshman, I was quieter. As time has gone on, I have gotten to know so many more people, and I am really glad that I did. They have made my SAS experience what it is, and now I know how to build connections later in life.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS?

Caring, fun, inspirational.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES

AND ASPIRATIONS? In my time at St. Andrew's, I have realized that I love to be surrounded by people all day. All I hope is that I can find that feeling later in my life—spending my days with people that I care about.

A portrait of Janie Kim, a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark blue sweater with an American flag design on the front. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

Janie Kim

Wyckoff, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? AS Humanities was an honor. Ms. Pressman's passion for teaching was so evident, and her enthusiasm inspired me to push myself as a writer and a scholar. The books we explored challenged and expanded my thinking in ways I had not experienced before. I'm not sure I will ever have another class like it.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT ST. ANDREW'S?

I am more self-assured. I am still an introvert, but I have learned to accept it. I have realized that being myself has never stopped me from finding my people.

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO?

I've enjoyed connecting with Mr. Phil Braselton! Soccer has been so much more meaningful with his guidance and advice. We have bonded over our shared interest in art. I am incredibly grateful to have grown closer with him this year, and it is a connection I will never forget.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Show up every single day with intention. Whether it's in the classroom, on the field, or in any part of your life, effort and persistence always come back to you, often in ways you didn't expect.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS?

To continue growing into a more confident and self-aware person while pursuing meaningful work that challenges me and allows me to contribute. I hope to stay curious, keep learning, and surround myself with people who inspire me.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS?

So incredibly transformative.



Ines Kossick

Miami, Florida

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO?

Ms. Cusick and Dr. Shrem. They both are huge parts of my St. Andrew's family, and I hope to bring a little part of each of them with me beyond this place. I hope to live with as much of Ms. Cusick's wisdom as I can on everything regarding love and family. And I aspire to live as fully, brightly, and creatively as Dr. Shrem. I love you both!

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS?

Fancy Nancy Friday, of course!

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

You have the chance to leave here with the people you love and the memories you made with them. Be the fullest version of yourself because life will never be as easy as it is here.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS?

Get my yoga certification, become a Soul Cycle instructor, have a bulldog named Weezy who lives in my New York City apartment, and always live a life full of love and authenticity.

Tre Lazar

Middletown, Delaware

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Baseball. The community is amazing—we built a family together. We all love each other, and we treat each other like brothers and sisters. I wouldn't trade the experience for the world.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Community, connection, craft.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The Front Lawn has been so important to my time at St. Andrew's, and is arguably the most fun place on campus. The connections you make from playing Spikeball, to kick ball, to two-hand-touch football, is outstanding. The bonds formed on the Front Lawn are forever.



Sol Bean Lee

Seoul, South Korea

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT

SAS? The hour-long dress-rehearsals before our performances. I admit it is so stressful, but we are always driven by the fear of messing up, and we manage to pull our performances together. By the end of the hour, even some of our shaky pieces end up polished. This hour might hold some of the most miraculous moments of the performing arts program!

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

The tech crew team. I love working behind the scenes, especially in the booth. Everyone says tech week is stressful, but some of my favorite moments on campus happen in the booth during tech week.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS

MEMORY? Staying on campus for long weekends. I don't think I was able to fully appreciate the campus and the community until my first long weekend. Without the hustle and bustle of a regular academic day, I get to spend more time outside and with other people who stayed.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS

TRADITION? Fancy Nancy Friday. I love dressing up, and this tradition gives me a reason to let my inner maximalist shine without any shame!





George Lindsay

Greenwich, Connecticut

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? The football team. Even when we were losing, or I was getting thrown around at practice my freshman year, I was having fun. That team has given me some of my best friends and memories that I will hold forever.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? During a rainstorm my freshman year, all of the seniors at the time went around the dorms gathering everyone they could to go outside and slide down the hill on the Front Lawn. It was an only-at-SAS moment.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Follow the phone rule when you are with friends. You will regret being on your phone instead of being present.



Peter “Calder” Lopez

Oxford, Maryland

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS? The one and only League of Lumberjacks. To call the League a “club” would be an injustice. It is a way of life. I knew from the moment Liam Robinson entered my room to tell Rupi and I we were to serve as heads, that I was being called to something greater than myself. I have so many great memories of sitting down with Rupi and Liam and writing and memorizing announcements, and I always had a great time at the functions. Being a lumberjack means more than just chopping wood and looking good: it’s in the soul. Stay warm, stay adventurous.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Soccer. Regardless of how my day was, I always knew that I had something to look forward to. I am so grateful to all my teammates, coaches, and families who made the team what it was. I especially want to thank Coach Horgan, who called me over the summer to ask how he could get the team to be their best selves on and off the field. To me, this sums the team up perfectly: a group who was there for each other and pushed each other to be better. I have nothing but faith that the fellas will get it done.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Friendship, opportunity, electric.

Linda “Lila” Lunsford

Charlottesville, Virginia

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY?

Running around in the sprinklers after my junior year Frosty Run dance. There was probably 20 of us sprinting around the football field absolutely soaked. All we have to remember from the night are some really crappy digital camera photos and the grass stains on my Frosty Run shirt!

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

The 10/90 rule. Life is 10 percent what happens to you, and 90 percent how you react. Sometimes the only thing in life you can control is your attitude, and your attitude is what will have the most impact on others. As a sensitive person, a 10/90 outlook has helped me reframe my reactions and think more proportionally.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Girls soccer. I have never been a part of a team where I have laughed so much and built such a strong bond with my teammates. I also adore the coaches, and loved being pushed and encouraged by them on and off the field. I’ve played soccer my entire life, but no team has impacted me like this one. When I leave, I know I will be reminded every afternoon in the spring of the shared laughter and chaotic fun of my favorite girls and team.





Austin Macalintal

Moonachie, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Performing in the fall play as a senior in one of the lead roles. This experience felt full circle and showed me all the growth I had made over four years.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Swim team. I love this team because of all of the connections I made and how it never failed to make the winter the best season of the year. This team has shown me the importance of others when each person is striving for the same goal, and how one can be pushed further by being held accountable.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT SAS? I have watched myself take risks and grow from any experience I went through. I would have never become the actor, athlete, singer, scholar, and person I am right now without being open-minded and willing to put myself out there.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Opportunity, tradition, connection.

Arianna Marcus

Princeton, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Lacrosse. I joined the team my freshman year, and have loved it ever since. I've played the sport my whole life, but the SAS team is different. Everyone was welcome, no matter how experienced, and ultimately I was impacted by so many girls who had never played the sport before. It has been the most fun and also competitive team I have ever been on.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Embrace every single moment, even when you don't want to! Time here will truly fly. Maia Austin told me this my freshman year, and I didn't believe her—now that I've experienced how fast these four years fly, I wish I had!

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS

LIFE IS: The campus we live on—not just how beautiful it is, but how much you can explore it and use it to your benefit. Whether that's walking through the trails on the weekend, or swimming in the pond, there is always something campus has to offer. Even in the winter, I find myself and my friends enjoying the Front Lawn or exploring a new part of the woods. It has everything we need!



Ian McDonnell

Chevy Chase Village, Maryland

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Writing my research seminar paper during the spring of my junior year. Writing that paper reminded me that there is joy to be found when working on a subject that I cared about and found interesting.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? *Hadestown*. Not only is *Hadestown* one of my favorite musicals, but everyone in the cast made it so much fun to work and perform. They truly made this winter so special for me.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS?
Kind, loving, community-driven.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT SAS? I feel much more confident in my ability to go out and talk to others. When I arrived freshman year, I was shy and reserved. I didn't feel comfortable sharing who I was with other people. Now I am confident in who I am, and I am willing to share that with others and build real relationships.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?
Give it your all and put your heart into what you care about.



Rafael Mechling

Eastham, Massachusetts

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT SAS? I used to be very shy and reluctant to meet new people. My junior year, I started to step out of my comfort zone and get involved—as Mrs. Honsel would say, I chose to “opt in.” Everything changed. St. Andrew’s offers so many opportunities that might change your life—seek those out.

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO? The first faculty member I ever met at St. Andrew’s was my advisor, Mr. Toltin-Bitzer. Mr. TB, as we call him, has been with me for the past four years, and we have gone through St. Andrew’s together. We have shared many enjoyable moments and memories, as well as not-so-pleasant ones. He has given me great advice, and he is always available to talk with me about how I’m feeling. In moments of unclarity, he has been the light that has helped me find my way.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

When you get here, you might want to stay in your room and not participate in any of the great opportunities St. Andrew’s has to offer. It’s important you don’t fall to that temptation. Without connection, you cannot grow, and you will never discover new things about yourself. The most rewarding things at this school come from doing the hardest or most uncomfortable things. You will find your people at St. Andrew’s, but only if you look for them.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS?

Spontaneous, connectivity, uplifting.





Andrew “Drew” Merriman

McLean, Virginia

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Astronomy with Dr. Hyde. I loved learning about galaxies and super massive black holes, and I enjoyed how challenging the class was. The most important part of the class was learning how to research properly.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Whatever team I was on at the time. Whether it was cross-country, squash, or rowing, I found that each sport was equally important in my life. In cross-country I loved the challenge of a hard workout, in squash I loved playing with my brother and how close the team was, and in rowing, I loved the feeling of connectedness on the water. I can't pick a favorite because I loved them all.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT SAS? I showed up to St. Andrew's small, nervous, and intimidated. However, over my four years at St. Andrew's, I grew (literally), I learned how to challenge myself both academically and physically, and I learned how to be confident in myself and my own abilities. A lot of these aspects make me who I am today.

WHAT FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO? My advisor, Mr. Toltin-Bitzer. He has been there for me when I needed it most, whether it was a tough week, rough practices, or helping me after an injury. He is truly the best, and I can't thank him enough.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Motivated, close, home.

Evan Messina

Princeton, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Playing Hades in *Hadestown* this year. I loved working with all the amazing people in our cast, playing a part that I could really get into more than any previous part, and finally being able to sing bass in a musical! I don't think I'll ever forget my solos, duet, or big group numbers because *Hadestown*, and the experience of performing it with so many fun people, will stick with me emotionally for the rest of my life. The story is truly beautiful.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? Junior year prom, I went with a large group of juniors and seniors. I remember after we managed to cook dinner and head over to the dance, a part of me was nervous. Most of the people in our group didn't particularly like dancing. We sat and played cards, but eventually I got a few seniors to dance at the end of their senior prom. It was bittersweet but amazing to watch them enjoy one of their last SAS traditions.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

I really appreciate Possum Point, out a little ways into the woods. It has become a nice thinking spot for me. Somewhere removed from daily St. Andrew's life, yet close by. From Possum Point, you can still see the Front Lawn, the T-Dock, and the rippling expanse of the pond below you, but you feel separate from all of it, just for a second.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD? The knowledge that change is inevitable.

That it's okay to not really know what's going on, at least for a while, as you work to develop your own self-assuredness.



Lawson Meyer

Bronxville, New York

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Religious Thought class with Mr. Doughty. I entered the class expecting doctrine and history, and instead found a course that asked me to think for myself rather than simply learn. More than once, this meant late nights reworking ideas that refused to settle neatly on the page. What made this class most meaningful was learning to value clarity in the midst of ambiguity: a form of thinking that doesn't resolve every question, but sharpens and refines the way in which you approach and interact with them.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Indoor track. Meets unfold in a rhythm that rarely makes sense: short bursts of intense racing followed by hours of waiting, wandering unfamiliar gyms and hallways, and the inevitable late-night fast food run after a seven-hour meet. Yet those in-between moments make space for connection not only within the team,

but also with other competitors. Whether in cold practices, pouring rain, or late-night returns, my teammates and I often found ourselves laughing at it all. What I came to value most was the team's culture: a rare combination of lightheartedness and commitment.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Being busy is not something to avoid, but something to embrace. Early in my time St. Andrew's, I structured my schedule to protect free time, convinced it would be more fulfilling. Yet when that time came, it rarely was. In trying to "save" time, I often saved myself out of opportunities altogether. I've since learned that a full schedule—when composed of meaningful commitments—is far more valuable than unstructured time without purpose.



Gabriel “Gabe” Miller-Ramirez

Middletown, Delaware

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Sophomore year religion class with Mr. Dougherty.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Printmaking.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Squash. Having the whole team watch and cheer me on while playing a match, and winning by two in the fifth game, is a core memory.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS? Casa Latina. Somos familia!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION? The first Chapel back to school when we say all new students’ names.

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The T-Dock at night. It’s so peaceful and surreal to watch the stars above and the ripples of water below.

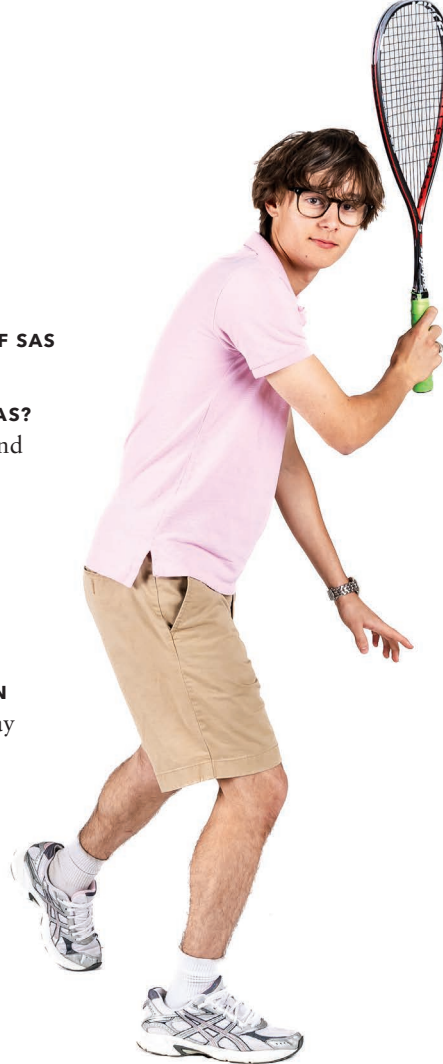
THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: FroLo Spikeball.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT SAS? I’m more patient, thoughtful, and understanding.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW’S OUT INTO THE WORLD? Empathy and understanding.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Though it may be difficult, practice forgiveness.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS? Make and inspire positive change in the world.





Oliver Mize

Charlotte, North Carolina

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? My senior year winter crew team. It was such a fun, close-knit group that truly helped me through the harsh winter of senior year. Between the erg tests or the crazy 30,000m erg Coach Scully made us do, I loved every minute of it.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? Cooking with friends at Trapnell House. There have been so many times where my friends have hung out and cooked while overlooking the pond. It has really been a home away from home.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT SAS? I am a much stronger and more determined person. I have spent my time well, and spent it with the right people.

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO? Mr. Everhart. He has helped me throughout my entire St. Andrew's journey and was a crucial member of my support team. Between guiding me through the college process, or getting our advisory donuts every Tuesday, he was always there.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? "Enjoy every sandwich." It might seem stupid, but it has a life-changing meaning. When you have to go change your laundry, or make a trek to the Field House to grab something you forgot, enjoy it. Enjoy every bad practice, every failed test, enjoy the SAT prep, and enjoy the hard times. Because sometime in 50 years, you will see what is hard now, and wish you could return to what was hard then.

Kayden Murrell

Newark, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? I learned in Mr. Finch's class that the lesson in Icarus' tale is that confidence without sustenance is as fragile as beeswax in the sun. He taught me not only how to take risks, but also how to bring enough knowledge to support myself. It was such an exciting class that reignited my spark for learning.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Dance. In dance, Mr. Gold knew how to challenge us while making sure we were comfortable enough to try. I felt myself getting closer to my friends because we were trying out new moves and getting better together.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION? Silent Disco. Gone is the challenge of finding one song to fit everyone's needs, so every time you look around in the dark, people are just enjoying themselves. Due to the darkness, no one feels too shy to let loose, join dance circles, and belt out a song at the top of their lungs.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The small dance studio. Weathered into the floors are some of my best memories, like stepping for the first time, or meeting the people I would soon be proud to call my friends. It feels like returning home whenever I walk in there.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: The pianos everywhere. It's nice to stop and play something every once in a while.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD? The art of giving grace to myself and others, because people are allowed to change, including myself.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS? Explore everything. I want to travel, learn languages, build, fall down, and get back up better than before.





Toby Nix

Annapolis, Maryland



WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO? Mr. Toltin-Bitzer and Coach Al Wood.

Mr. TB has been my advisor for four years.

Everyone who has had the pleasure of talking to him knows that he can literally talk about anything. He is one of the most knowledgeable people that I know. Mr. TB is always there for me. I can always go to him for advice, laughs, or anything in between. Coach Al is someone who I've always been connected to, but I got super close with him my junior year. This was my first winter workout, and it kicked my butt. Through all the tough workouts, coach Al was there for me. I wouldn't be the man or leader I am without him. Thank you to both of you.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD?

SAS has taught me to strive for greatness in academics, sports, and beyond. However, with striving comes failing and struggling. Before St. Andrew's, I feared the struggle. I enjoyed playing things safe academically and athletically. This was an issue because I was never able to truly grow. Doing hard things and failing teaches you infinitely more than taking an easier path and succeeding.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Build bonds with faculty. I spent my first couple years at SAS as someone who didn't really reach out to faculty members aside from my advisor and coaches. I thought that these connections would be useless, especially if I did not take a class they taught. I regret that I didn't take more time to connect with more adults. These people want you to succeed and really do care about each and every one of us.

Sophie Parlin

Cincinnati, Ohio

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION?

The Square Dance. It is filled with so much joy and excitement for the new year! It is always fun to see the new freshmen get to know each other, and for everyone else to reunite with the friends we missed throughout the summer.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE

IS: The small but meaningful conversations with so many different people. You don't have to be close friends with someone to have a meaningful conversation that can change your day.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD?

A new level of love and care for others. There is no place I have ever been where adults and students care for each other so much, and where everyone is valued for who they are. It's what I will miss the most. I hope to lead a life where I can harness and bring the same love that St. Andrew's gave me into every community that I am in.



Abraham Debessay Perry

Middletown, Delaware

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY?

Playing video games in the library with Gabe. During the winter of freshman year, this helped us get closer as friends. There were many funny moments of him raging every time he lost some random game. Moments like this make me thankful for the early friendships I built at St. Andrew's.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AT SAS?

Bringing back Peer Mentorship, and changing the A.I policies/committees for the next school year. Lila, my co-president, and I didn't want to impact only this school year with new policy changes and events, but also the future generations of St. Andrew's.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD?

Be the one to seek out others. On my first day at SAS, there were so many people who were genuinely interested in getting to know me. I hope that I can be that person who seeks to build and maintain strong relationships with those around me.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Try out new things! You're in a community that supports you no matter the outcome. I never thought that I would enjoy doing the fall play, but it was one my favorite activities. I made new friends, and it helped me with public speaking. Being at this school is a gift, so always try to capitalize on the options around you!





Ceri Bethan Phillips

Garnet Valley, Pennsylvania

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

AS Bio. Taking it as a junior, I was intimidated by the room full of seniors, but I learned so much about the subject and myself. Getting to research a part of my own genetics for a presentation was one of my favorite assignments, and it helped me realize that I was really passionate about biology and wanted to pursue it in the future.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

The swim team! The team made winter one of my favorite times of the year. I love how everyone always showed up for each other and how tight-knit the team felt. Saints swimming is such a special community, and I will miss it.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Get to know the people around you. Branch out to the people you didn't talk to a lot freshman year; get to know your teachers, coaches, and dorm faculty. There is so much to learn from all of the people at St. Andrew's if you take advantage of the small community we have.



Kayley Rivera

Middletown, Delaware

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS

EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

Getting my Art Major desk! I had taken as many art classes as my schedule would allow, and was always disappointed when the semester would end and I would surrender my studio space. When I got my Art Major desk,

I was so excited to have my own space for the whole year. If you can't find me, I'm usually hunched over that desk working on my next project.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

The path behind K and L dorms. It's a short brick path that connects all of the junior girl dorms. When it's warm out, people are planted on this path, either reading, working, or hanging out. It's where everyone takes pictures before dances, and it creates some of the happiest, giggliest moments of the year. One of my first Art Major assignments was to paint an outdoor space, and I sat out there on a perfectly sunny day to paint the serenity.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? An absolute blast.

Graham Robinson

Georgetown, Delaware

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Mr. Doughty's Making Meaning class. I learned a ton about philosophy, and it taught me to look at the world differently. But more important, it led me to disagree with philosophers, and to realize that I didn't want to be a pessimist, and instead I want to see the good in the world.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Photo 1. Photography fascinated me. I learned how precious time was, and what better way to capture a moment than a photo?

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Crew. The support we have for each other is incredible, but the inter-squad competitiveness for seats, along with our performance, taught me how to deal with losses and come back and win.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS? Sailing! It was amazing to be a part of the club that brought sailing back to Noxontown Pond, and I am proud of what I accomplished with it. I believe sailing belongs on that pond.

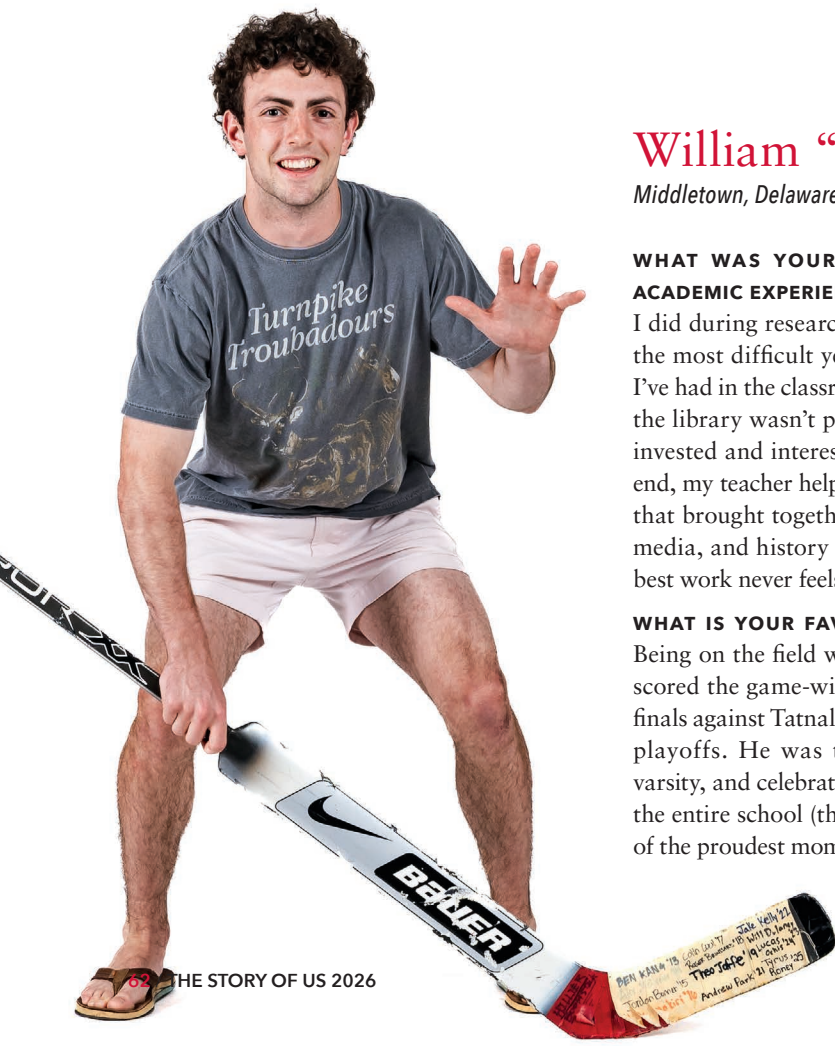
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? Spring time when everyone is out of the Front Lawn—there's nothing better.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: Dorm life. The sense of brotherhood is amazing.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AT SAS? Rowing has really taught me how to handle things more maturely. It taught me that you don't get free passes, and you need to work for something if you want it. That will guide me for the rest of my life.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Family, home, supportive.





William “Liam” Robinson

Middletown, Delaware

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

The work I did during research seminar was some of the most difficult yet fulfilling experiences I've had in the classroom. Spending hours in the library wasn't painful because I was so invested and interested in my topic. By the end, my teacher helped me organize a paper that brought together football, economics, media, and history in the coolest way. The best work never feels like work!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY?

Being on the field when my brother, Luke, scored the game-winning goal in the semi-finals against Tatnall during the 2024 soccer playoffs. He was the only freshman on varsity, and celebrating with him in front of the entire school (thank you fans!) was one of the proudest moments of my life.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Devote as much of yourself as you can to this place. Every single piece of yourself that you invest here will undoubtedly pay off down the road. There are days you may be tired or feel overwhelmed, but pushing through that and giving everything you have, all of the time, is the best way to experience this place to the fullest. We come here to do hard things, so do them.

Madison Rodriguez

Bronx, New York

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Junior year research seminar class. I wrote a 14-page paper examining the history of lobotomies, with a focus on their use against women and children, and the unethical, profit-driven motives of many doctors who performed them. Through this experience, I not only gained confidence in my ability to produce in-depth research and sustained academic writing, but I discovered a genuine passion for psychology, particularly its intersection with ethics and the justice system.



WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? I can't pick just one! I've always been a dancer, and I've also loved playing the violin. After nine years, I chose to take a break from violin at St. Andrew's so I could devote more time to dance and push myself out of my comfort zone. Also, every time I reach the top of the Arts Center stairs, I see my visual art displayed, something I never would have expected from myself before St. Andrew's. I had never taken an art class before. Through these experiences, I've become calmer and more confident, and my curiosity for the visual and performing arts has grown in ways I never imagined.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: The 30-minute breaks between classes. Unless someone is stuck finishing a quiz, everyone gathers on the Front Lawn or in the Dining Hall. We're not rushing to the next class—we're simply together. That sense of community brings me genuine joy.



Kaspian Ruff

New York City, New York

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

Delawarean Dynamites SAISL team. The brothers and sisters I made on that team are unlike any other sport I've played. I will miss SAISL when I leave SAS.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION?

Maui Waui.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS, AND WHY?

T-Dock. It's so peaceful to be able to sit by the water and relax.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS

LIFE IS: Exam week. It's actually so much fun and a lot more chill than you would expect.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED AT SAS? I'm so much more secure. SAS has taught me to embrace who I am and not to dwell on my insecurities.

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO? Outside of my advisor, Mrs. Kelsey, it's Mr. Barron. He made our English class so enjoyable. I have built a very strong relationship with him, and I will miss him when I move on to college.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD? Carpe diem.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Embrace being uncomfortable.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Special, love, camaraderie.

Josephine Scott-Barnes

Nashville, Tennessee

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC

EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Mrs. Hurtt's Language and Liberation senior tutorial. There is something so nice about being in such a small group discussing literature with a shared intensity. This experience has allowed me to apply all of the academic knowledge I have gained in the past four years, making me truly appreciative of how far I have come.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

The rowing team. This team has shown up for me in ways I could never have imagined. Rowing itself has challenged me and taught me that anything is possible if I put my mind to it. While the sport itself has been beneficial, it's the girls who make it amazing. Everyone's mentality and care for one another is something that I will cherish forever.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS?

Fancy Nancy Friday!

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS?

Formative, familial, irreplaceable.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

The Moss Common Room. Here you'll find the big couch, where many Moss residents debrief every detail about their day. From 10-10:30 p.m., there is always something to keep me entertained. But it's only after 10:30 when the vibes shift completely. The sophomores are in their rooms and the seniors take over. Some of my favorite memories and conversations have happened there. Thanks to this space, there was rarely a day that didn't end in me smiling!

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Take advantage of all the little things that St. Andrew's offers. Go on spontaneous walks an hour before check in, sit by yourself on the T-Dock for 15 minutes, go to the Arts Center and make arts and crafts with your friends. After doing all of this, my biggest recommendation is to write down a few things that you are grateful for at the end of the day. This is something that I started doing this spring to remind myself of how much I will someday miss the things that seem trivial now.



Brooke Simonsen

Easton, Maryland

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? My first photography class. I remember being so excited to show my photos in Warner Gallery on Arts Weekend. I felt so professional, and all of the art was incredible. Our student galleries are the coolest thing.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? It's so hard to pick one, but I'll choose the best School Meeting ever. It was a normal Thursday, but the stage was set with drums, guitars, and microphones. Then the faculty band, Granville Jam, came on to play. It was so fun. The entire study body was dancing and singing along.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: Being a senior on dorm. I was in Pell senior year, and I loved it so much. The freshmen girls are always screaming, but they're hilarious, and I had so much fun with them. I loved making core memories like screaming "Dog Days Are Over" and making s'mores. Pell, if you're reading this, I love you!

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Do as much as you can. Sign up for that dinner with a candidate, go to Newark for coffee and studying. Sign up for the Spikeball tournament, go to the yoga class, and join the bread baking class. Even the stuff that sounds boring ends up being so fun. SAS gives us a thousand opportunities to make connections and memories, we just have to take them.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Special, remarkable, loving.



Anya Soulati

Oxford, Maryland

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

The Nutcracker! It was always such an amazing group of people and we had so much fun.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AT SAS?

Giving a Chapel Talk because I have always been scared of public speaking. I am proud that I was able to push myself out of my comfort zone.

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO?

Mrs. Honsel. She is like a second mother. She gives the best pep talks and advice, and isn't afraid to call me out on things I can do better. She is such an amazing role model, and I am so thankful to have her in my life.





Hudson Stewart

Easton, Maryland

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS?

Being a part of sailing on the pond for the first time in 50 years. My friends and I resurrected the St. Andrew's Sailing Club after it was nonexistent for decades.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The woods, specifically a small meadow about a mile walk out. It is always so peaceful there, and it's such a fun place to sit and relax.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD? My ability to create and maintain strong connections with people even after meeting them for the first time. St. Andrew's has truly taught me how to build bonds with people from any walk of life, and I will use this skill in every aspect of my future.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Brilliant, worthwhile, fun.

Joseph “Leo” Teti

Princeton, New Jersey

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Photography 2. Learning to develop my own film, and being able to form photos by hand, chemically—completely independently—is really cool.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Nothing beats football preseason. The feeling of being beat-down, but also being back at school early and getting to focus on just football is so great.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION? The week leading up to Christmas Break. I adore Lessons & Carols, *The Nutcracker*, and the Carol Shout. That whole week is a rush of classic SAS energy, community, and love—plus it always ends with me going home to see my family for Christmas!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS, AND WHY? I love the running trails that cross the fields.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: Small moments on dorm with friends.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Work harder than you think you need to academically. Freshman year, I took advantage of the pass/fail system and did not do nearly as well as I could've. Since then, working harder than I thought I needed to has enabled me to enjoy classes more and built a better relationship with academics overall. I will never regret giving more in classes, but I do regret the times when I didn't.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS? To be commissioner of Major League Baseball.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS? Unique, loving, intentional.



William “Will” Tower

Middletown, Delaware

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

The swim team! Being on this team has been one of the most fulfilling and memorable experiences I’ve had at SAS. I’ve formed incredible friendships and created unforgettable memories. From cheering each other on to competing against some of the strongest teams in the state, there was never a dull moment on the pool deck. I will miss SAS swimming so much, and I can’t wait to see what they accomplish in the years to come.

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

I love the swing on the Front Lawn! Some of my best memories were made there. When the weather is nice, there’s nothing better than sitting on it with friends and taking in the scenery. I’ve had so many laughs, deep conversations, and memorable moments on that swing. Every time I come back to campus, I’ll always associate it with my best friends.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU

FROM ST. ANDREW’S OUT INTO THE WORLD? The importance of stepping outside of my comfort zone. As I start college, I’ll take these skills with me and allow them to help guide my experience there.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Don’t take yourself and your time at SAS too seriously. The best experiences that I’ve had here came from spontaneous and random side quests. Make the most out of these moments.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS? I want to work in PR, have a family, visit my SAS friends all the time, travel the world, have fun, and continue to do the things that make me happy.



A full-length portrait of Charlotte Traub, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling and posing with her hands on her hips. She is wearing a dark blue dress with white polka dots, a thin gold necklace, and a gold bracelet.

Charlotte Traub

Allentown, Pennsylvania

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS? I loved being a Cardinal Ambassador and interning in the Admissions Office! Giving tours to potential new students and faculty has made me knowledgeable on aspects of the school that I wouldn't have been as familiar with otherwise. On each tour, I get to see SAS through the eyes of someone visiting for the first time, and I am reminded of all the reasons that I love it here. Giving tours is a great way to give back while also filling your own bucket.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: Never having to worry about charging my phone. Over breaks I'm always astounded by how quickly my phone seems to die when I have access to it all day. The phone rule has contributed to my reduced usage—I'd rather chat with my friends on the T-Dock, laugh with the sophomores and faculty on dorm, play cards in the Dining Hall, or have a dance party than drain my phone battery.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? My advice comes from my advisor, Señora, who often reminds me that after I graduate, it's likely my entire grade will never be all together at the same time again. During special senior traditions like Haunted Trail, or all-grade meetings for inconsequential announcements, I like to take a moment to look around and take in the dynamics of my grade, because I know it will never be replicated again. Don't take the time you have now for granted.



Samuel White

Wayne, Pennsylvania

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Having a conversation with my religion class about the existence of God and other religions. It was interesting to have the space to talk about something that can be considered a sensitive topic.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Playing the bass drum in the orchestra freshman year and missing every cue in the performance ... but no one noticed!

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Being a part of building the lacrosse program has been very special to me. We improved every year in both our record and our standards. As I continue my athletic career at college, I look forward to nurturing my SAS roots and seeing where the program goes in the future.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW'S OUT INTO THE WORLD? People will handle how you lead differently. It's important to put yourself in their shoes before assumptions are made.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? You have an incredible opportunity to become anyone you want here. It's just a matter of how bad you want it.

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG-TERM HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS? To become an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and then work in finance.

Thomas White

Wayne, Pennsylvania

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS?

I really enjoyed the M.A.I.N. Debate in World at War my junior year. Everyone was engaged, so it made for a great discussion.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? My Open Mic performance this winter. We did not prep it all, so it ended up being a disaster, but we had a blast!

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS?

The 2022–2023 football team. That group of seniors knew what it took to lead, and gave the 2026 football players the tools necessary to grow as athletes and people.



Alexandra “Xanthe” Wilkins

Santa Cruz, California



WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? This year’s *Nutcracker* was great because the whole dance program was excited and had pushed themselves. I was really proud of the performance because I challenged myself in my own dance, and I was not the only one who held themselves to a high standard. This show was extra fun because it was the biggest *Nutcracker* at St. Andrew’s. None of this would have been possible without the support, expertise, and dedication from the amazing Mr. Gold.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? This is maybe the most forgiving place you will experience in your lifetime. Do embarrassing things, take risks, try new things—the confidence you will build is priceless.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS? Adaptive Dance has been so meaningful. Having the privilege of watching the dancers’ confidence, ability, passion, and joy grow throughout the last four years has been amazing. Being able to connect with these funny, smart, and genuinely happy people, who I wouldn’t have gotten to know without the program, was so fun, gratifying, and educational.

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The farthest-out woods, beyond the crew docks. To escape the busyness of St. Andrew’s life, while still being on campus, is a luxury that only the far-out woods can provide. Long walks and runs in the woods have produced some of my most meaningful conversations and experiences at St. Andrew’s.



Ethan Williams

Brooklyn, New York

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT

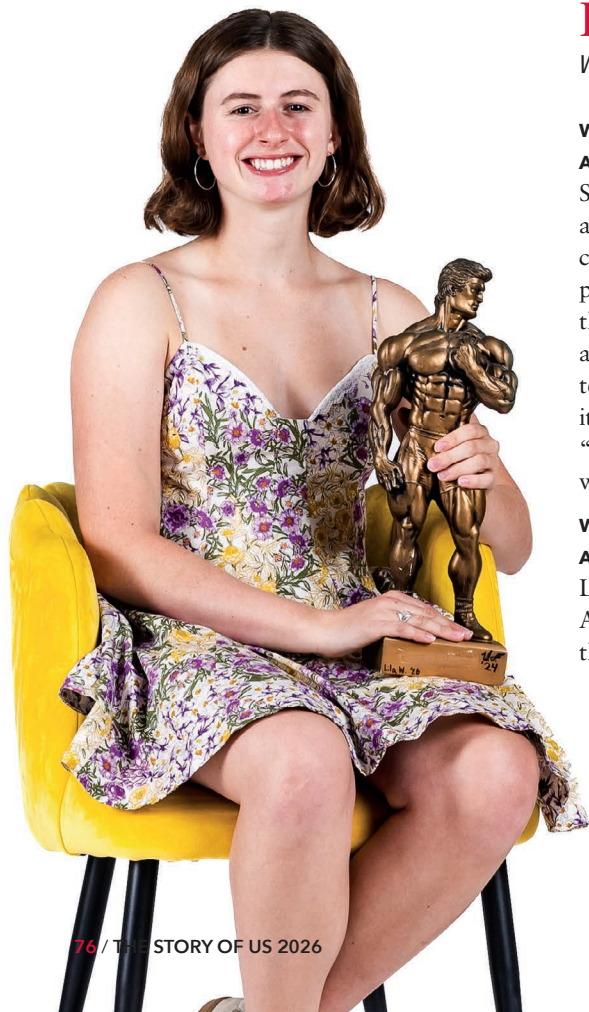
AT SAS? Boys varsity soccer junior year. It was the first time I truly felt like I was part of an athletic family, and each and every day I enjoyed going out to the field with the boys and doing what I loved. I will always hold our playoff run dear to my heart.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST

ACCOMPLISHMENT AT SAS? Winning the state championship for the 55m and running the fourth-fastest time in Delaware history. Seeing all my hard work from the summer and the fall pay off made me feel really good, and motivated me to keep running in college. I will forever be grateful to all the people that got me there, especially my mom.

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS?

Community, vibrant, rewarding.



Lila Worth

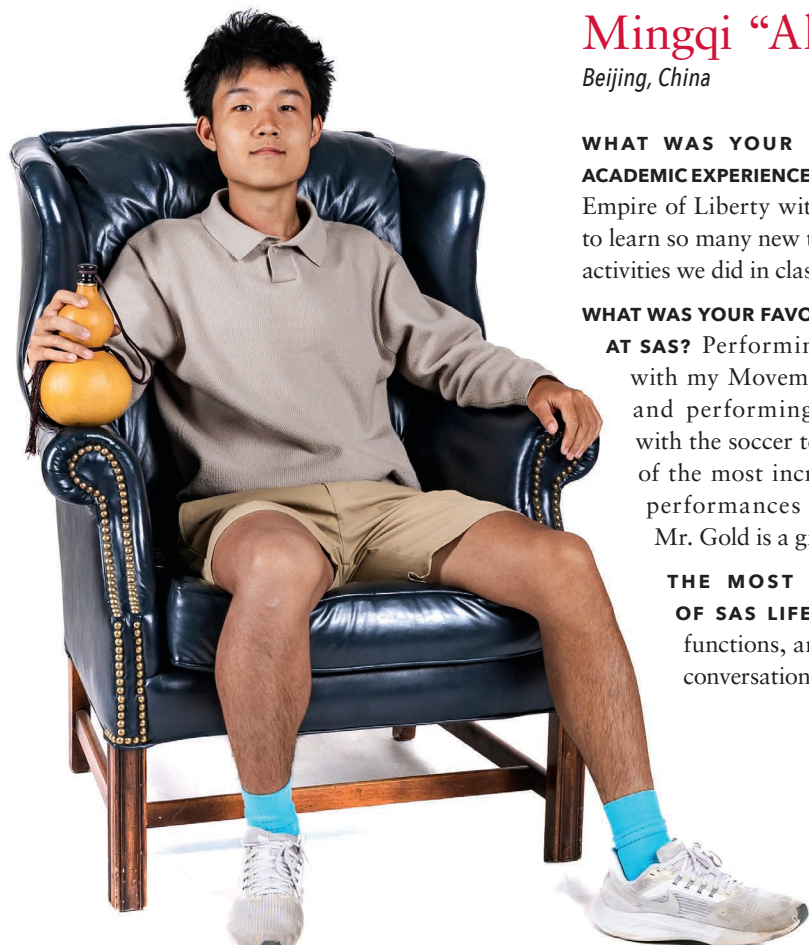
Winnetka, Illinois

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? I was not very athletic coming to St. Andrew's, so joining the swim team after never having swum more than four consecutive laps in my life was a challenge. It pushed me farther, mentally and physically, than ever before, but I wouldn't have been able to do it without the people. The swim team has the best team culture. Whether it's cheering for each other during meets or "Motivation Mondays," the SAS swim team will always be like a second family to me.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT AT SAS? Receiving the Most Consistent Lifter Award (AKA the John Plummer Award) at Senior Retro last year. Before the spring of sophomore year, I had never spent more than 30 minutes in a weight room because I was too intimidated by the experienced lifters in the gym. It was hard to get over that at first, but I promise that people are usually looking at their own muscles instead of you.

WHAT SAS ADULT DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO? Without Ms. Cusick, my experience at St. Andrew's would have been vastly different. She has seen me at my best and at my worst, and has stuck with me through it all. Not only does she make amazing cookies, she gives some great advice, too. She does not mince words, which I think is one of her greatest strengths. She is someone very special, and I highly recommend that everyone get to know her before they graduate!

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Remember that you are here for a reason, and you add something special to the community!



Mingqi “Alvin” Xie

Beijing, China

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AT SAS? I really enjoyed Empire of Liberty with Mr. Edmonds. I got to learn so many new things, and some of the activities we did in class were really fun.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? Performing on Arts Weekend with my Movement for Athletes class, and performing in *The Nutcracker* with the soccer team. Those were some of the most incredible and successful performances I’ve had in my life. Mr. Gold is a great dance director.

THE MOST UNDERRATED PART OF SAS LIFE IS: The late-night functions, arguments, debates, and conversations with friends.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Soccer. This was a truly special team, and I am grateful for all my teammates and coaches for helping me become a better player and to have a better mentality. I am proud to have witnessed the transformation of the team—from my sophomore year with a record of only three wins, to becoming one of the best teams in the state my junior and senior years. Coach B. Horgan really crushed the role of head coach. Although it was unfortunate not being able to win a state title, I am so happy about the process, and every single moment I spent on this team.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Be passionate—don’t be lazy.



Kazuhiro “Kaz” Yamada

Princeton, NJ

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION?

The Passover Seder hosted by the Jewish Affinity Group. While I’m not Jewish, to be able to take part in such a significant and joyous celebration in the Jewish faith with Jewish members of our community means a lot to me. It is always loud and cheerful as we sit around our tables singing Dayenu.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS?

Don’t take yourself too seriously. Loosen up and have fun. Take risks, stay truthful to yourself, and never dampen your personality for others—it makes you unique!

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE SAS?

Dynamic, vibrant, gemütlich.

WHAT WILL YOU CARRY WITH YOU FROM ST. ANDREW’S OUT INTO THE WORLD?

The ability to converse well with others, especially those who are situated in a higher position. St. Andrew’s has taught me to utilize a diverse vocabulary, one that allows me to express my thoughts and feelings more precisely. St. Andrew’s has truly shaped me to become a wonderful conversationalist who views face-to-face interaction as sacred.

Haicheng “Bob” Zhu

Shanghai

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? Basketball. I love the sport and love the competitive environment that my coaches and teammates brought.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS MEMORY? Late-night FIFA functions with my friends.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITY OR CLUB AT SAS? Spikeball. It's a great way to have fun, be competitive, and socialize.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS? The Front Lawn. I love being out there with my friends.





JiaHe “Richard” Zhu

Hangzhou, China

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE ARTS EXPERIENCE AT SAS? *Hadestown.* I am beyond grateful to have served in the role of Orpheus and spent my last year with the most genuine and warm group of cast and crew. *Hadestown* taught me how to lead with empathy. Being able to play a role that resembles both the characteristics of my voice and personality while conveying the message of optimism is something I will cherish forever.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEAM/SPORT AT SAS? I decided to try baseball, a sport I never played or watched before. Learning a new sport from scratch is exciting and scary. I am grateful to have found Coach Edmonds, Profe, and a team of extremely dedicated peers who inspired me to give my best on and off the field every day. Baseball taught me so much: focus, courage, fun, and the strength of getting back up.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SAS TRADITION? Open Mic. I care deeply about performance, and I always try to bring out my best self on every stage, even though it was often stressful. However, time and time again, performing solo, with others, and with choreography, I learned that my love for the stage could coexist with my fear of it. Most importantly, being able to sing to 320 people and make their day is the best feeling.

WHAT IS SOME ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE TO UNDERCLASSMEN AND FUTURE SAINTS? Make space for yourself as much as you make space for others. St. Andrew's has so many opportunities for exploration, but it can also be draining for quieter individuals. Hold on to yourself. Once you do that, you will start to realize that everything at SAS makes sense—you naturally make friends, you learn how to recharge, and you will shine in ways you don't expect.

