



SENIOR ECHO

COLUMBIA ADVENTIST ACADEMY
CLASS OF 2023

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CLASS MOTTO:

**"WE CAN'T BECOME WHAT WE NEED
TO BE BY REMAINING WHAT WE ARE."
MAX DEPREE**

CLASS VERSE:

**COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU
DO, AND YOUR PLANS WILL SUCCEED.
PROVERBS 16:3**

CLASS AIM:

**TO DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE; TO
ACHIEVE THE IMPROBABLE.**



ADELINE PETERSON

Adeline Peterson has attended CAA since freshman year. She is kind, compassionate, and determined. She loves her healthy foods, nature, and Jesus, and her favorite classes have been AP lit, AP psychology, and photography. Adeline's favorite memories at CAA include the biology trip sophomore year, and Senior Adventure.

When Adeline graduates high school, she plans to attend Walla Walla University and major in humanities and minor in spanish, or whatever God has planned for her. In ten years, she wants to be doing whatever God has planned for her life, whether that be owning a cafe, or a missionary, or something she hasn't even thought of.

Adeline's best advice she's received is: "The way you live today impacts your tomorrow." Her favorite bible verse is Psalm 37:4: "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." She immensely enjoys her graduating class and describes it as positive, uplifting, encouraging, and fun.

Written By: Aliyah brennan



ALISE GEISLER

Alise Geisler has attended CAA for three and a half years. Alise is kind, thoughtful, and inclusive. She enjoys painting, playing basketball, and thrifting. Her favorite class is English – especially AP Lit and AP Lang. One of Alise's favorite memories at CAA is filming TikToks in Physical Science.

After high school, Alise would like to become either an interior designer or a real estate agent. In ten years, Alise sees herself as a successful career woman with a family. The best advice Alise has received is: "Don't let the fear of failure stop you from trying." Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6 which says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, present your requests to God." Alise would describe our graduating class as rambunctious, driven, and fun.

Written By: Adeline Peterson



ALIYAH BRENNAN

Aliyah Brennan began attending CAA her senior year of high school, but no one would guess that she hasn't been here since freshman year. She is kind, inclusive, fun to be around, and creative. She loves Jesus, laughing, nature, singing, and songwriting. Aliyah's favorite subjects are math and ASL, and some of her favorite memories at CAA are SA Picnic and Senior Adventure.

Aliyah's plans after CAA include working while attending culinary school. In ten years, she wants to own her own restaurant or food truck, or be settled down and a stay-at-home mom, but is ready for whatever God's will is for her life.

The best advice Aliyah's received is: "If you quit now, you'll end up where you first began, and when you first began, you were desperate to be where you are now." Aliyah's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 30:11-12. She says that our class is uplifting and encouraging, like a family and welcoming, and although senior year has just started, it's shaping up to be very eventful and fun.

Written By: Adeline Peterson



ARIC NIELSON

Aric Nielsen began attending CAA halfway through his sophomore year. He is a hardworking and deeply caring person. He is a good student and enjoys playing sports.

Aric enjoys many of his classes, but his favorite class is Shop with Mr. Schmidt. His favorite memories at CAA are class trips and sports tournaments.

After Aric graduates, he will attend college to pursue a marine transportation degree. In ten years, he hopes to be happily married with a family of his own. The best advice he has received in high school is to work hard, live hard, and play hard.

Aric's favorite Bible verse is 1 Samuel 12:16 which talks about the wonderful things God does for us. His favorite memory from senior year is Senior Adventure. Aric appreciates the welcoming spirit of the class and the deep friendships that result from it.

Written By: Josh Sissons



BRANDON HERRERA

Brandon Herrera has attended CAA for four years. A few amazing attributes about Brandon include his contagious smile, love for helping his friends, good morals, and enthusiasm for the Seahawks and his dog. His favorite school subject has always been math. Brandon's favorite memory from CAA is Senior Adventure, where he especially enjoyed class affirmations and the raccoon.

Following high school, Brandon plans to attend a university. Although he doesn't yet know where or what he wants to study, he knows without a doubt that in ten years, he wants to have a great job, and a healthy and loving family.

The best advice he's heard is, "Don't let deadlines or guidelines keep you from pursuing your success." Brandon's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 56:4 because it's a reminder that there is ultimate trust in God. One thing he really likes about the class of 2023 is that "we are loud, funny, and a happy senior class." Overall, senior year can be described as "not too bad" in his eyes.

Written By: Jessica Hubach



ESMERALDA CRUZ-MARTINEZ

Esmeralda Cruz-Martinez has attended CAA for four years. Esmeralda is a kind person with a beautiful soul. Her favorite class at CAA was journalism, and she explains how delightful it was to have Mrs. Schmidt as the teacher for that class. One of her favorite memories during high school was being able to goof around during study halls with her classmates David and Jasmin.

After high school, Esmeralda plans to attend college and major in biology and study pre-veterinary science. In ten years, she hopes to be working at a good veterinary practice or at least to be doing something with animals. The best advice she's received is to: "Never forget to stop and appreciate how far you've come."

Written By: David Ramos-Garcia



GRACE FULTON

Grace Fulton has attended CAA since freshman year. Grace has a kind, caring heart and always looks out for others, regardless of who they are. She enjoys playing sports, including volleyball and basketball. In high school, Grace's favorite classes were PE, Bible, and Biology. Grace has so many positive memories from CAA, but she always especially enjoyed playing volleyball in PE with the class, as well as bonding with the class.

After high school, she plans to attend Walla Walla University to pursue an education in nursing. She would also like to study abroad for one year or spend a year as an SM. In ten years from now, Grace hopes to continue furthering her relationship with God and to hopefully have a family and live on a ranch.

Some of the best advice Grace received in high school was to: "Let everything you do bring honor to God." Her favorite bible verse is Romans 5:8, which says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Grace has loved how our class was so close and could mess around and have fun but also keep each other in check.

Written By: Jacob Sauser



GRACE HARKLEROAD

Grace Harkleroad has attended CAA for four years. She is caring, helpful, hard-working, and likes to joke around with her friends. In her free time, Grace likes to listen to and make music, and her favorite subject at CAA was math. Grace's best memories at CAA are the personal conversations she has had with classmates and teachers.

After highschool, Grace plans on attending Walla Walla University to study film or music. In ten years, she would like to have a family and a creative job. The best advice Grace has received is that you can start your day over at any time, and her favorite Bible verse is Matthew 6:25-34. Something Grace appreciates about our senior class is how we can all talk with each other.

Written By: Nick Palmer



JACOB SAUSER

Jacob Sauser has attended CAA for four years. Jacob enjoys playing sports, including basketball and soccer. He is inclusive and outgoing, and friends with everyone. His favorite classes are Math, Science, and Bible, where he has especially seen his growth in Christ. As Jacob reflected on some of his best memories at CAA, they seemed to always include times spent together as a class at vespers or class events.

After high school, Jacob wants to attend college - he's not sure where yet, but he knows he wants to further his education in Adventism. In ten years, Jacob says he wants to be loaded with a herd of children, chickens, cattle, and land. As many high schoolers experience advice and feedback throughout the years, the advice that stuck with Jacob the most was, "Make choices now that benefit your future self." Jacob's favorite Bible verse is 1 John 4:19, which says, "We love because He first loved us." Something positive he sees in his class is how similar we are to a family.

By: Grace Fulton



JASMIN CIFUENTES

Jasmin Cifuentes has attended CAA since freshman year. Jasmin is kind, inclusive, caring, and funny, and she really enjoys playing soccer. Her biggest accomplishment in high school was finding a good group of friends, and her favorite compliment was being mistaken for Mrs. Benna. Jasmin's favorite subject was art, and her best memory of high school was spending time with her friends during Physical Science.

After high school, Jasmin wants to be recruited to play soccer at a college. While in college, she wants to work on her generals until she declares a major. She plans to study abroad in Europe, and in ten years, Jasmin sees herself living in Spain.

The best advice she's received was to "Stay true to herself." Jasmin's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6-7 which says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." A positive comment Jasmin has about her class is that everyone is very inclusive.

Written By: Sebastian Simones



JESSICA HUBACH

Jessica Hubach has attended CAA for four years. Jessica is energetic, social, loves Jesus, and involves everyone. She is a mountain and beach lover, athletic, and a weightlifting fanatic.

Jessica's favorite subject is biology, and her best memories from CAA include Senior Adventure and playing volleyball, and junior film class.

She plans to attend Walla Walla University and pursue a major in education and a minor in biology. In ten years she plans to be living either on the Oregon or Washington coast pursuing her career, getting four sheep, and having a family with three kids.

The best advice she received was, "Don't let your value be placed in anyone else's hands except

God's." Jessica's two favorite Bible verses are Exodus 14:14, and Proverbs 31:25, both in the NLT. Her comments about our class are: "we are family in the most annoying way, but I love it."

Written By: Brandon Herrera



JOSHUA SISSONS

Joshua Sissons has spent all four years of high school at CAA. He is a good student and enjoys playing basketball. His favorite high school class was AP Human Geography with Mrs. Johnson. Josh's favorite high school memories are from playing on the Varsity Basketball team.

After high school, Josh is planning on attending college at either Walla Walla University or Southern Adventist University, pursuing a degree in physical therapy or law, and in ten years, he sees himself working as a physical therapist or lawyer. The best advice given to Josh during his high school years was to: "Save money and take hard classes." His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 46:1. Josh appreciates the friendliness of the class and how they were able to bond over senior adventure.

written By: Aric Nielsen



JUSTICE COLE-MANNING

Justice Cole-Manning has attended CAA since freshman year. Justice really enjoys history and sharing interesting history facts. He is also a really good story teller. He enjoys spending time with friends, and playing basketball and chess. Justice's favorite subject is history, and his favorite memories at CAA include: belly flopping at Washington Family Ranch freshman and senior year, going to Yale Lake for SA picnic, going to Washington Family Ranch, Boy's club, (specifically freshman year), and making new friends and deepening his other relationships.

After high school, Justice plans on going into security and getting a security license, and In Ten years, Justice thinks he will be a security guard. The best advice he's received is to: "Learn from your past mistakes," and to: "Just get it done." His favorite Bible verse is John 3:16, and something he appreciates about our class is the memories we've made.

Written By: Levi Carlton



KAINOA MCKENZIE

Kainoa MacKenzie has attended CAA for four years. Kainoa enjoys meeting new people and making new friends, and sees himself as a very welcoming person. Kainoa's favorite interests are football and Anime, and he is immensely proud of his Asian heritage - he is part Japanese and part Filipino. Kainoa's favorite class at CAA has been Senior Experience. His most treasured CAA memory is attending Bible Conference freshmen year with his friends. After high school, Kainoa plans to attend Hillsboro Aero Academy so he can earn his Commercial Pilot certificate.

In ten years, Kainoa plans on being a pilot and living a great life. The best advice he received during high school is "hard work pays off," and his favorite Bible verse is Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Kainoa is very fond of his class of 2023 - he loved Senior Adventure, the Mexico mission trip, and all the other trips the senior class has gone on together, and thoroughly enjoys getting to know his classmates better.

written By: Alise Geisler



LEVI CARLTON

Levi Carlton has attended CAA his freshman, sophomore, and senior years of high school. He enjoys playing sports, including soccer and basketball, and also enjoys spending time with friends. Levi's favorite classes have been History or Shop. His favorite memories at CAA include: winning the lower tier championship for soccer his freshman year, nearly winning fall classic for soccer his senior year, playing basketball, going on Boy's Club campouts, and going to Bible Conference.

After high school, Levi plans to go to Walla Walla Community College and take fire science. In ten years, Levi plans to be a lieutenant or captain of a fire squad, or he will have retired because he invested really well. The best advice he has received is to not procrastinate, and his favorite bible verse is Psalm 27:1. A positive thing Levi has to say about our class and his senior year is that he has "never felt so close with a class until this year."

Written By: Justice Cole-Manning



LYDIA GONZALES

Lydia Gonzales has attended CAA for two years. Lydia is really nice and caring, and enjoys singing, drawing, and reading, and her favorite class is drama. Out of all her memories at CAA, bonding while tent-camping in the rain for Senior Adventure stands out as her favorite. Additionally, she loved Winter Banquet, student week of prayers, and the half-weeklong choir festival at Walla Walla University.

After high school, Lydia plans on attending college, and is currently deciding between FIDM and Otis in Los Angeles, and Savannah, Georgia. Lydia is very passionate about pursuing design in its fullest capacity—including a mix of fashion, graphic, and interior design. In ten years, Lydia dreams of being happily married with at least two kids, two years apart.

Lydia's favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:18-19: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed." Lydia really enjoys her senior class and the adventures we've had.

Written By: Timothy Kerbs



MADISON FLORES

Madison Flores has attended CAA since her freshman year. She is caring, goal driven, and athletic, and especially enjoys volleyball. One of her favorite classes at CAA was Biology, as she really enjoyed the biology trip to Rosario, which was one of her favorite memories from CAA. After high school, Madison plans to pursue a career in nursing at Seattle University.

In 10 years, Madison sees herself in her dream job and married, but with no kids yet. The best advice she has received is: "Nothing is impossible if you put your mind into it." Her favorite bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11 NIV, which says, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" Madison comments that the class of 2023 all gets along well, and that no one is left out.

Written By: Uziel Marquez



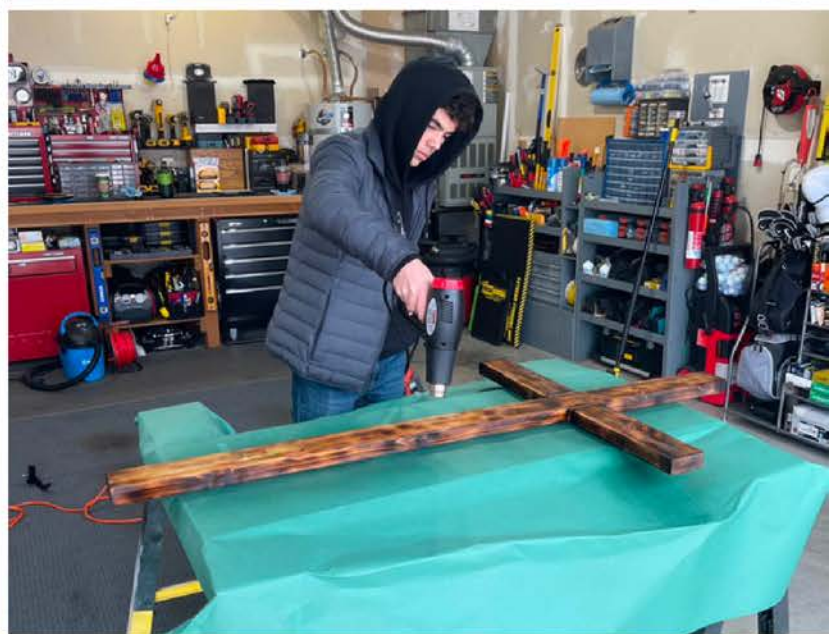
MADI JOKELA

Madi Jokela has attended CAA for four years, and finds value in forming meaningful relationships with her friends and community. She is very nice and inclusive, fun loving, kind, loves God, is hard-working, helpful, and a leader at CAA. She loves to read and collect plants and also enjoys hiking and rock climbing, as well as volunteering.

Her favorite class at CAA has been Mrs. Knight's AP Lit, and her favorite memory was Bible Conference. After high school, Madi will be attending George Fox University to study Psychology and Christian Ministries.

In ten years, Madi hopes to be happily married and have a fulfilling career focused on helping others heal and grow into the people God planned for them to be. Some good advice she received is to: "Just show up," and Micah 7:18 is Madi's favorite bible verse. A positive comment Madi has about her class and the school as a whole is: "CAA is like a family, it doesn't really matter about status or friend groups, we all love each other."

written By: Micah Payne



MARCOS CARTAGENA

Marcos Cartagena has been attending CAA since half-way through his sophomore year, and has excelled in both school and student life. Marcos is funny, kind, and inclusive, and really likes cars and enjoys playing soccer. His favorite subject was U.S. Government and his best memory from caa was the Biology trip to Rosario. After high school, Marcos plans to attend Washington State University and become a pilot.

In ten years, he hopes to be well on his way to flying a plane. Marcos's favorite advice he received in high school is to: "Just show up," which is the advice Mr. Heinrich gave him on his first day, that has stuck with him ever since. Something that excites him about his senior year is that it's his last, and something that Marcos especially enjoys about our class is that the environment of the class is close and comfortable.

Written By: Grace Harkleroad



MASON LEBOUF

Mason LeBouef has attended CAA since freshman year. He is a good friend to many people and is best known for his jokes and always being someone to make you laugh. He would tell you that his best accomplishment in high school was making friends. Mason's favorite class was English three when Mrs. Schmidt took over, and his favorite memory at CAA was playing basketball during his sophomore year. After high school, Mason plans to go into the Navy, and in ten years, he plans to be a pilot in the Navy. Mason's favorite Bible verse is John 16:33, and the best advice he received in high school was to "be smart with your money." Something positive Mason had to say about our class is that he appreciates how close we are.

Written By: Rylie Strubelt



MICAH PAYNE

Micah Payne has attended CAA since freshman year. Micah really enjoys sports, including basketball, baseball, and golf. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, working on vehicles, and riding his dirt bike. Micah's favorite subject is History and his favorite memories from CAA include Bible Conference, and especially Justice's belly flops at Bible Conference from both freshman year and this year.

After high school, he plans to live a life of adventure and possibly enter the mission field. In ten years, he hopes to be happily married with five sons and living out in the country. The quote that has impacted him the most is: "Life is full of things you don't want to do, but you are going to have to do them eventually."

Micah's favorite bible verse is John 3:16, and something that he appreciates about our class is that the people in the class are very diverse and have different opinions, but we all get along well and are friends with each other, at least most of the time.

Written By: Madi Jokela



NICHOLAS DREYER

Nicholas Dreyer has attended CAA for four years. Nick is a spirit driven student who enjoys playing guitar and singing, and loves using his talents to bring glory to God. His greatest high school accomplishment was befriending the scary chemistry teacher and even passing one semester of his class. Nick's favorite high school memories include stealing the show as "Juliet" in freshman English, and watching a chunk of green, wet, CAA water-fountain-seaweed splatter on another student's forehead.

After high school, Nick plans to attend La Sierra in Southern California. He's not sure what he'll study yet, but he promises it'll make him rich and famous. In ten years, Nick will be pulling up to his high school reunion in one of his 3 Lamborghinis, then going home to chase chickens on a seven-acre farm. Nick holds tightly to his pastor's words, "let God lead your life."

Besides just being fun, Nick says that his class has an abnormally close bond with each other, and he doesn't think anything will change that for years to pass. He feels blessed to have grown up with these guys, and he's proud of who they've helped him become.

Written By: Zoey Witzel



NICHOLAS PALMER

Nicholas Palmer has attended CAA for four years. He is a happy and humorous person, and loves cars and computers. His favorite class at CAA was auto mechanics, and his favorite memory from CAA was when he built a motor.

After high school, Nick wants to attend Walla Walla University or George Fox University. For his career, he wants to be a pilot or an accountant. In ten years, Nick sees himself in the cockpit of a plane, or in an office building.

The best advice he received in high school was: "don't procrastinate," although he has some difficulty applying this advice. This man knows many Bible verses but doesn't have a particular favorite. He loves his class because of how nice everyone is and enjoys his senior year because of how exciting and eventful it has been. Nick is a great guy with a bright future ahead of him!

written By: Marcos Cartagena



RYLIE STRUBELT

Rylie Strubelt has attended CAA since freshman year. Rylie is an amazing person, full of humility and kindness, and would describe herself as passionate. She enjoys playing sports, and especially enjoys basketball.

Rylie's favorite class in high school has been Bible class with Pastor Aaron, and her favorite memory from CAA is the Romeo & Juliet play from first-year English. At the time of this writing, she does not know where she is going to attend college. In ten years, Rylie plans to be living on a farm.

The best advice Rylie received during high school was to "keep on keeping on," and her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 31:3. Rylie likes that the senior class can enjoy each other's company and that we've grown together. She also appreciates how the class has bonded over the course of the year.

Written By: Mason LeBouef



TIMOTHY KERBS

Timothy Kerbs has attended CAA since his freshman year. the most rewarding experience he's had during high school is his growth as a musician. Timothy's favorite classes at CAA have been music, Graphic Design, English, and AP Human Geography, and one of his favorite memories is singing at Chuck's Produce in choir his freshman year.

After high school, Timothy plans to major in Secondary Music Education at Walla Walla University, in hopes of becoming a music teacher. in ten years, he hopes to have grown as a musician, student, global citizen, and Christian. He dreams that his career (and whatever job he has) will reflect his love for people, music, and making the world a better place. A quote he loves is: "Take it one day at a time."

It's cliché, but become who you want to be today, so tomorrow you'll be who you planned to be," and his favorite verse is 1 Corinthians 10:31-32: "As a matter of fact, do everything heartily and freely to God's glory." Something he appreciates about the senior class is all of the adventures we've been able to have together.

written By: Lydia Gonzales



UZIEL MARQUEZ

Uziel Marquez has attended CAA for four years. Uziel is a hardworking, God-driven person. Some of his favorite subjects are science and history. One of the best memories he has from high school is actively doing sports (soccer) and helping in chapel doing all the techy things. After high school, Uziel plans on going to college, and studying theology. In ten years, Uziel plans on continuing his hobbies, graduating college, having a stable job (that he enjoys) and just enjoying every moment of his life, and hopefully being married.

The best advice Uziel received during high school was from his mom and dad, who have a huge impact on him and who he is today: "Saying no will not ruin your reputation." His favorite memory verse is really a chapter, the love chapter - 1 Corinthians 13 (MSG). One thing Uziel wanted to say about the senior class and his senior year was, "Although hard, more knowledge was learned senior year, and as for the class, they are very encouraging, and they care for each other." The class of 2023 would not be complete without Uziel Marquez.

written By: Madi Flores



ZACH FISH

Zach Fish has attended CAA since freshman year. Zach is funny, helpful, and willing to go the extra mile for others. He is very positive, and has a contagious laugh. Zach is also good at explaining things, and enjoys photography. His favorite school subject would be any math class with Mrs. Kelly and/or Mrs. Johnson.

Zach's best highschool accomplishment would be making it through Junior year with a positive attitude, and his best memory was during his SWOP talk and seeing everyone's reactions to him pouring his heart out. After high school, Zach plans to go to Clark College for two years to find out what he wants to do with his life. The best advice Zach has received is from his mom: "Be proactive, rather than reactive."

His favorite Bible verse would be Romans 3:23, which says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." The one comment that he would leave about his class this year is that we are all like family, always having each other's backs whenever needed.

Written By: Adeline Peterson



ZOEY WITZEL

Zoey Witzel has attended CAA since freshman year. Zoey is kind, great to talk to, and passionate about Jesus. She has thoroughly enjoyed her years at CAA and has appreciated her teachers' positive influence on her life. Currently, her favorite class is AP Human Geography. Zoey's best memory of CAA is her Senior Adventure trip, and her best high school accomplishment is growing in her worship leading skills.

After high school, Zoey plans to attend a four-year university and pursue a degree in elementary education. In ten years, she sees herself as a teacher and hopefully a mother, who is very involved in her church community and mentoring the upcoming generation. The best advice Zoey ever received in high school was to do the next right thing, even if it's the hard thing to do.

Zoey has much appreciated her senior class and the positive influence they've had on her, including learning to loosen up and view things in a more positive light. She will dearly miss CAA, but is excited looking towards the future.

Written By: Nick Dreyer



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