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## Kent Place Digests Global Perspectives

BY LARA GAJEWSKI AND ANEELA KANHAI

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On March 27, 2015 Kent Place celebrated a food-themed Global Perspectives Day. Organized by Ms. Bhatt, Global Perspective Day made students think about food in new ethical, scientific, and cultural ways.

The day began with a movie. Upper school students could choose between viewing *Food Chains* or *A Place at the Table*. *Food Chains* delved into the unknown horrors that farm workers face. The fresh fruits and vegetables that many people take for granted are the result of 14 hours of continuous labor by pickers who work in inhumane conditions. These workers are underpaid and potentially abused and mistreated. Even with such tiring jobs pickers in America are not able to make ends meet. This movie was followed by a discussion led by Amy Putman and Susan Pinkwater. They run a program which motivates people to take action for the rights of workers. The other movie, *A Place at the Table*, exposed the struggle to acquire food in America due to financial and geographical constraints. This movie was also followed by a discussion with some off



Ms. Bhatt (center) with (left to right) Tiffani Brown (*A Place at the Table*), Amy Putnam (Pinkwater and Putnam), Susan Pinkwater (Pinkwater and Putnam), and Maya Land (*A Place at the Table*)

the contributors to the movie about how to end this famine in parts of America.

The day continued with a series of workshops, some of which explored food in technology, science, culture, and health including ethical topics like veganism, feasting and fasting and GMO's. These workshops

allowed students to immerse themselves in a new way of thought or gain insight on a new topic. The day was very successful; Ms. Bhatt noted "The students, faculty, and staff were engaged in critical thinking issues of food."

She also mentioned how thorough the questions that students

asked throughout the day were. She mentioned that learning from these questions allowed students gain the ability to better live by the Kent Place mission statement, "live responsibly; to develop respect for herself and others in the global community."

At the end of the day, there was a presentation given by the Fair Food organization. Amy Putnam and Susan Pinkwater discussed what Fair Food does and a bit about the logo. After this presentation, there was a video presentation made by Ms. Bhatt of her conversation with Kent Place Alumna Judy Joo '93, Iron Chef UK, about her involvement with food and her opinions on current issues.

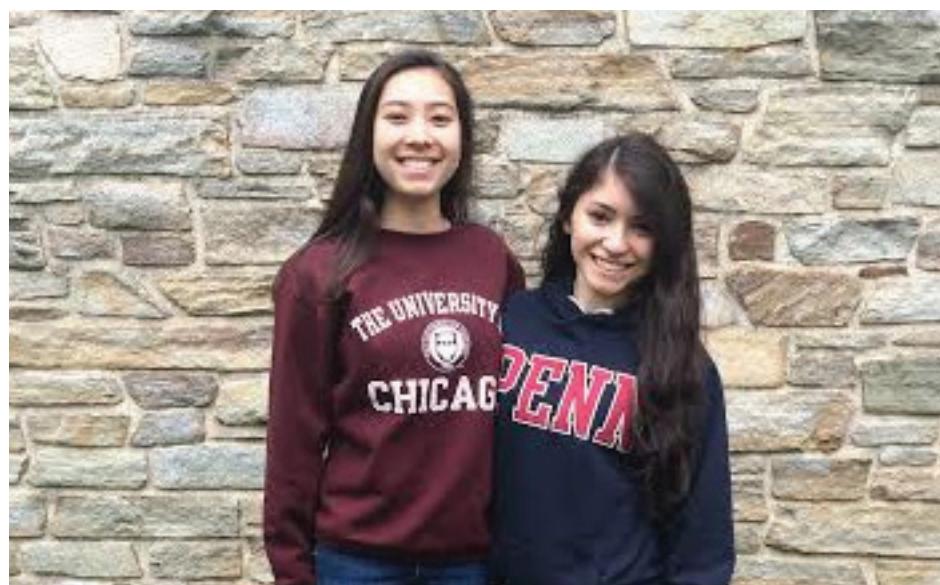
Overall, Global Perspectives Day this year, focusing on the topic of food, was a successful day which allowed the Kent Place community to learn about many issues and innovations regarding food that they may have not been aware of. The student body and faculty were engaged in interesting conversations and debates which allowed everyone to learn something new about their world or themselves.

### Erica Rego

To Nicki Eichenholtz, Sammy Rego, Libby Owen, Angela Maliakal, Anna Deluca, and Alexa Kolakoski, I leave Dance Ensemble. I leave all of you our frantic Starbucks runs, the meme of Sammy's face, and the household name of #DEPEEPS. Nicki and Angela, I leave you the immense legacy of being the best dance partners ever (even if we did have trouble with that last turn, Angela). Nicki, I leave you our insta photo shoots and my hope that you'll always have enough for your gymnastics injuries. Angela, I leave you our accidental matching outfits and stretching chit chat sessions. Also, catch my feet.

To my amazing little sister Sammy, I leave Drake (continued on Page 2)

### Editors' Farewell



### Alessandra Leong

To Laura Whelan and Sarah Barry, I leave you "Ballast" in its all-encompassing glory. I am thrilled to pass along the publication that Erica and I, and countless EICs before us have entrusted to the upcoming leadership. After four years of pouring my all into "Ballast" (even blood, sweat, and tears when required), it will be a challenge to let go of the newspaper to which I have invested countless hours; however, I cannot think of more capable hands to carry on the great tradition that is "Ballast". I leave you the indescribable passion for "Ballast" that has grown in my heart over my tenure at Kent Place. I leave you vision and determination: vision to imagine the unimaginable and determination (continued on Page 2)

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(continued from Page 1) to breakdown any artificial barriers that may be set before you. Your innovation truly inspires me. I hope that you take "Ballast" with you as you ascend to the top – knowing both of you, I have complete confidence this will be an easily accomplished goal. I leave you the ambition to always push *Ballast* to be the best it can be, and never stop. The sky is your limit and I know you will take the publication to new heights. You are faced with the daunting task of reconstructing the newspaper and modeling it into your own. The additions you implement and changes you make will improve the paper to the highest quality it deserves. I am proud to be able to leave you *Ballast*.

To Laura Whelan, my fellow EIC, I leave you so much more than the name *Ballast* implies. I leave the memories we shared while creating the paper and the memories I hold so close to my heart. I leave you the highest highs and the lowest lows during the publication process. I leave the feeling of jubilation when sending an issue to press and the exhaustion of those late nights before final deadlines. I leave you all the hours we spent in Ms. Bianco's room – the laughs, the stresses, and the times we bonded over complaints we could tell no one else. I am honored to have served as an EIC with you. You never fail to impress me with your ambition, your eloquence, and amazing personality. I am eager to see where life will take you, or rather, where you will take life as you continue to soar. I wish you all the best!

To Sarah Brigid Konefall, Neha Bhardwaj, and Paige Reddington, I leave you *Ballast Online*. Though I wished rEAL news could have done justice to the attention that *Ballast Online* requires, I am easily comforted when I look at you three, the new Online Editors. I am fully confident you will serve the online element of *Ballast* better than I ever could. Yes, the thin structure of *Ballast Online* has been set for you, but you have

(continued from Page 1) jam-out sessions on our early morning car rides, the Rego legacy of causing trouble in Latin class, and an open invitation to visit me in D.C. whenever you want. I love you so much and I know you'll do amazing things in your last two years of KP.

To Sara Hull and Halle O'Hern, I give all of our Latin class memories, endless pages of Belgium, and, of course, life hacks. (Hopefully this won't intimidate you, Sara.)

To Ms. Farshtey, I leave my sarcasm that may at times cross the line (not!), that rigged jar of marbles (even though it isn't exactly mine to give), my De Bello Gallico book 5 notecard which is still on

# Alessandra Leong's Senior Will

To Carly Moskowitz, I leave you the task of establishing a sturdy foundation, building the strong walls, and decorating the rooms with your style. You three will truly be the creators of *Ballast Online* and therefore, *Ballast Online* will forever be yours. I cannot be happier to have such a diligent, talented team transform *Ballast Online* from the stem it is today, into the sturdy, well established branch of *Ballast* it deserves to be. You have high expectations to meet, but I know you will go above and beyond. Neha, I would like to give a special tip of the hat to you. *Ballast Online* would not be a reality without you, and for that I am eternally grateful. I look forward to seeing where you take *Ballast Online* in the future.

To Dayna Beatty, Sima Parekh, and Liz Cook, I leave you the publishing and business ends of *Ballast*. *Ballast* truly would not be able to function without you. You are the anchors of *Ballast* (and will often need to be there when the editors are stuck in the clouds)! I leave these such essential tasks to you. I have complete faith you will be there for whatever *Ballast* needs and will be instrumental in bringing *Ballast* to new places.

To Olivia Mukherjee and Kara Schindler, I leave you Mock Trial. I leave you Saturday morning practices, I leave your hours of pouring over affidavits, I leave you the stress of counties, but perhaps mostly importantly, I leave you the team. I have always liked the novelty of mock trial as a "sport", but I truly fell in love with it when I experienced the sense of community in our team. And this year, I felt as though I was a part of the closest team throughout my four years at Kent Place. I know you two will be fabulous leaders of the club (and hopefully, lead Kent Place to victory against Oratory!), but I also entrust you with the heavy task of keeping our team together. My hope is that you feel the connection to the team that I have, and that you make it even stronger.

To the Kent Place Mock Trial Team, "It is I, Conor Briggs!" – just kidding it's your captain. I leave you monogrammed leather brief cases, the absurdity of witnesses and lawyers at counties, and of course, all the memories and laughs we shared. I will forever cherish them. Thank you so much for an amazing year! Please send my regards to Oratory after our victory next year!

To Reagan McRae, I leave you our time in the freshman lounge watching clips of Jimmy Fallon and the great laughs and memories we had at all subsequent mock trial practices. You truly brightened my Saturday mornings, so thank you. You will be an amazing prosecution lawyer next year in the criminal case! I wish you the best of luck facing Oratory again!

To Gersie Dommond, I leave you the fencing team and the sport that kept me going all through second trimester of senior year. I leave you the Oratory guys and Dining Hall practices. As one of few returning fencers at the start of the year, I was nervous about the prospects for the sport in the following season. I wanted other Kent Place girls to be able to enjoy the amazing experience that I know fencing to be. Never could I have hoped for a better freshmen team. As our team grows, I hope you will be able to lead the girls not only to victory, but to strengthening bonds. The connection will be invaluable. Please take care of the team for me. Unfortunately, I cannot leave you Mr. Coach, but know that I leave you all of the great memories with him!

To the Varsity Fencing team (yes, we were a varsity team), I leave you some of the best experiences of my time at Kent Place. You girls meant more to me than you could imagine. I am so saddened to be leaving the team because I feel as if I am leaving part of myself behind. I envy the connections you will deepen with one another and with the Oratory team. However, I am excited to think about the amazing memories you will create in your following years with the sport. I will never forget our insane victory at the first match of the season. You have grown so much throughout fencing and I am so proud to have been your captain. On behalf of the seniors, thank you for everything. We truly appreciate you all. Please have fun and enjoy fencing for me!

To Megan Traudt, I leave you the spirit of the fencing team. Maybe it's because you didn't judge me when I shared with you my extensive appreciation for coach, but I feel like you understand what I see in the fencing team. I hope you are able to enjoy fencing as much as I have throughout my four years. You will always have 5 stars on RateMyFreshman from me. I'm so glad to have become friends with a freshman as cool as you. Thank you for all of the laughs and great times. Keep in touch!

To Sara Hull and Halle O'Hern, I leave you what is Latin. I'm so glad you were both in AP Latin with us this year. The class truly wouldn't be the same without out. To Sarah I do my best to leave you with this sentiment – don't worry. Admittedly, I would have trouble accepting that advice myself... so just remember to

relax and have fun every once and awhile! (I am also curious to know what music you are always listening to with your headphones on.) To Halle O'Hern, I leave random connections through Westfield and the time we saw each other at Westfield High before taking the SAT. I leave you the best note-taking skills and story telling in Latin. I hope you and Sara are able to "palm tree" next year and have a good time. Have fun in Lit!

To Dr. Pantozzi, I leave the math studio. Though it technically isn't mine to leave, I felt as though the collective group of seniors who inhabited the place made it our own. I leave "stewing in the math stu" and of course all the great memories that took place in the room where I spent all of my time. Thank you, not only for never kicking us out, but for the great experience that was AP BC Calculus, Research in Advanced Mathematics (RIAM), and all the memories that transpired in the Math Studio.

To Ms. Farshtey, I leave the Jason Test. I apologize again for never taking it.

To Sarah Brigid Konefal, last but certainly not least, I pass on to you the best Senior Will that was left to me. From Olivia Lima: "To Alessandra Leong, I leave the best side conversations and the ability to act chill but work hard." Not only do I trust that you will wear this honor proudly and live up to its expectations, but I leave you much more than the words on this paper. I don't know how much you remember Olivia Lima (she was a senior when you were a freshman), but she was an awesome person. I thought she was cool, funny, and smart... Sarah Brigid, I think you are cool, funny, and smart. Much of what I have done at Kent Place has been modeled off of the way Olivia spent her time here. As you enter the role of Online Editor of *Ballast*, I feel the same kind of connection I felt to Olivia. No, I am not saying you need to model your life around mine, but I am saying that I see a lot of myself in you (hopefully, that's a compliment). I am so glad to have become friends with you through the years. We have had some great conversations and many memorable moments – particularly, Latin II when you would laugh so hard no sound would come out. I can always look to you to put a smile on my face and sometimes make me laugh as hard as freshman Sarah Brigid. I don't know where that laugh has gone, but I sincerely hope you never lose it. My relationship with Olivia has only gotten stronger since she left Kent Place. It is my hope, Sarah Brigid, that our relationship will also grow after I leave Kent Place – you have an open invite to visit me whenever! I wish you the best of luck next year. I know you will own it.

Bhardwaj, and Paige Reddington, I leave the budding online edition of "Ballast." I'm super confident that we're leaving this project in more than capable hands and I can't wait to see the future of Ballast online!

To Sarah Brigid, I also leave the 40 minute car ride between Montclair and Kent Place, our shared love of Drake, and the responsibility of making "Billy on the Street" happen (please)! You are an amazing writer and leader, and have consistently impressed me with your dedication and reliability throughout the years. I know you'll do great things with *Ballast Online* next year!

# Erica Regos's Senior Will

your bulletin board, and my legacy of scaring Sara.

To Dr. Pantozzi I leave fourth dimension Fridays, Alessandra's obsession with question #3, and all the chocolate in the Math Studio (even though that was technically yours to begin with, I won't be there to eat it all next year).

To Sarah Barry and Laura Whelan I leave *Ballast*! I leave you the laughs and tears of frantic InDesign sessions, the forever unsolved mystery of Ask Amy, and, of course the feeling of pure happiness you'll experience handing

out a brand new issue. You are amazing journalists and leaders, and I can't wait to see the success you'll have with our amazing school paper!

To Laura Whelan, I also leave all of our memories from this past year of creating *Ballast*. I leave you the legacy of "rEAL news," countless lunch meetings, the immense responsibility of writing sassy emails, and those lovely homemade brainstorming jars. It has truly been a privilege to work with you this year, and I know you'll be just as amazing of an EIC next year!

To Sarah Brigid Konefal, Neha

## 30 Years of Dance

**BY DEANNA HANCHUK AND  
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*STAFF WRITERS*

The 30th Anniversary of “The Evening of Dance” took place on April 24th and the audience thought it was a huge success! Upper School dancers have been preparing all year for this presentation with numbers such as “Jazz Cat”, “Water’s Edge”, and various senior pieces. This tradition began just two years after Ms. Yannelli arrived at Kent Place, when the previous showcase was very small and held in the old gymnasium. Since then, senior projects have emerged as well as different levels of dance classes.

The show began with Senior Erica Rego’s choreographed “After Life” performed by Dance Ensemble. Ms. Yannelli commented that Erica did a “great job with the whole class”. Solo performances by Hanaa Malik and Monika Paliwoda blew the crowd away with audience members claiming it made them “just want to get up and dance.” Trio performances by Chamber Dancers, choreographed by students, were graceful and stunning to watch. There was even a video

clip from 1988 showing four alumnae performing in an Evening of Dance several decades ago. To end this celebration, Chamber Dancers, Dance Ensemble, and Dance Makers performed a student-choreographed dance that left the audience with a smile as they left the building.

In total, this year’s showcase included five seniors, many of which have been participating in the Evening of Dance since their freshman year. Although this is their last time performing in the Evening of Dance, we hope they will come back and visit. Here is a quick note from Ms. Yannelli:

“Dear Carly, Emily, Erica, Hanaa, and Monika:

It has been a pleasure to work with all of you! Your passion for the art of dance was always present each and every day you walked into the dance studio. I am so proud of you and thrilled with your progress as dancers and choreographers. Your journey was wonderful to watch and be a part of. You will certainly be missed!

Love, Ms. Yannelli”



## Students Pursue In- dependent Studies

**BY ADYA KHOSLA AND  
ANYA GUNEWARDENA**  
*PAGE EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER*

This school year three seniors (Astha Puri, Katie Moore-Gillon, and Caroline Schiavo) completed independent studies in history, theater, and computer science, respectively. They each had dedicated time to put towards their learning and a final project.

Astha Puri’s study, “From Barter to Bitcoin,” was an extensive and informative course that was based on the past, present, and future of money. She studied the history of how money originated in ancient civilizations, money in the revolutionary time in America, and lastly the money system that is being used currently, including bitcoins and cyber money. Astha started her course with research in the first trimester, eventually reaching out to the current sixth grade to conduct a self-planned forty minute class. The lesson focused on ancient money and barter within the ancient civilizations that the students were already studying. Her inspiration to undertake this study started with an economics summer class.

Astha told *Ballast*, “Last year when I was thinking about it [the independent study] we were talking about the money portion of class and I found it really interesting. I like economics and history and I’m a part of EconLife here so I wanted to look for a way to combine them and look into it more.” From this experience, Astha learned valuable skills in how to set goals for herself, conduct a class, prioritize her time, and set deadlines. She also gained an extensive knowledge of money and the aspects surrounding it, helping her realize that this was a passion that she would like to pursue in college.

Katie Moore-Gillon’s study was on “The Development of Comedic Characters.” It was a stellar performance that presented eleven different characters through monologues

that she had written and compiled together during the trimesters of her course. She worked with Mr. Pridham to experiment with her passion of writing monologues. Katie was inspired from watching another senior do a similar Independent Study along with her love of theater and performing. During an interview, Katie mentioned what she gained from the experience. “I think just the idea that I can write a show feels kind of good, and it has given me the confidence that I can do something like this. I do know that this is something that I love to do and will always love but not as a career, so I guess it was kind of important for me to learn and recognize that.” Katie performed her play, “What’s that, Mr. Jazz Hand?” on May 7th for an audience filled with Kent Place students, faculty, and parents to enjoy.

Caroline Schiavo’s independent study focused on extending learning in AP Computer Science A and emphasizing technology skills including the use of programming and Google SketchUp. Her final project was a 3D model of the planned “innovation studio” to be built in phase III of Kent Place’s renovations. To do the 3D modeling, Caroline combined Google SketchUp and Ruby programming language.

During the interviews with these two students, they were asked what advice they would give to other students that may want to participate in an independent study in later years. “Make sure that it is something that is fun for you. It shouldn’t be something that constantly stresses you out so make sure that it is something that you enjoy doing and enjoy doing in your free time,” said Katie. Astha advised, “don’t let the application process discourage you. If you are interested in it I think it is definitely worth it.” Both seniors agreed that they had learned lessons and aspects about themselves through this process that they will take with them as they begin their college years.



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## Zoe Denenberg

First and foremost, I leave my beloved Windward to Marni Rosenthal. I know you and your co-editors are extremely capable and will make Windward even more fabulous than it already is. Just remember: there's ALWAYS a Windward announcement to make at morning meeting (and if there's not, just make one up!)

To Molly Gump, I leave Guatemala, Diegito, and cinnamon swirl pancakes. I also leave these wise words: don't spend your life savings on children's toys and decide what you want at the diner BEFORE you get inside.

To Sarah Barry, I leave Calculus and the college process. I also leave an open invitation to come visit me when you need a little break (trust me, you'll need it...). Oh, and some KPS sneaks for snr yr!!!!

To Sophia Sinins, I leave sophomore year. I was never actually a KP freshmen, so I hope the candy I supplied made up for my lack of senior sister wisdom. If you need advice on anything next year or any time in the future, I'll always be here to help.

To the KPS Art Department, I leave triangles and glitter. Mr. Weathersby and Mr. Gates- I know you'll miss me going into your desks for tape and art history textbooks. Next year, get some skinny tape, neon paint and glitter. Consider it a tribute to the best AP Portfolio class you've ever had.

And of course, to all the freshmen, I leave biology. It's been real... have fun in chem.



## Madison Mastrangelo

To Michaila Kaufman, Amanda Donoghue, Lilah Connell, Sarah Brigid Konefal, Amelia Coffey, and Alyssa Hwang, I leave you our lively (sometimes heated) discussions in the ethics conference room and good luck for next year's Ethics Bowl Competition. I would leave you my ethical discussion skills, but none of you need any help there. I am so proud of our team, and my fingers are crossed that luck finally will be on Kent Place's side next year. I hope you will visit me in North Carolina when you make it to Nationals.

To Nadia Fradkin, I leave you short film submissions (the good, the bad, and the ugly), a massive Google Docs folder, too few club meetings, and, most importantly, Film Fest. In other words, I leave you the best club of them all: Film Club. I am positive that you will continue to improve the club, and I can't wait to see what you have in store. You, Cait McGovern, Priyanka Ray, and Gersie Gonsalves-Domond will make a great team.

To Mr. Walz, I leave last minute Film Club Board meetings, my many emails and check-lists, and the promise that I will start watching more Classic films. Thank you for being an incredible club advisor. Film Club and Film Fest would not be half as successful without your constant support and guidance. I will miss you and Film Club next year.

To Noelle Broussard, I leave you Thank-a-Thons, tours, envelope stuffing, and the role of being the youngest at Alumnae Board meetings. I have loved getting to know you through French class and

Ambassadors. You are going to do a great job leading Ambassadors next year.

To Michaila Kaufman and Amanda Donoghue, I leave you endless bad jokes, Chinese food, and Ethics Bowl cram sessions. I will miss you both dearly, but I know that you will lead the Ethics Bowl Team to success next year! To Michaila, my mini-me, I leave you my attitude and many hugs. I hope that Lilah keeps you both in line.

To Mrs. Gillespie, I leave you the best of luck in your life beyond Kent Place. Thank you for going above and beyond for our advisory and brightening our days.

To any future senior who claims it, I leave my window seat overlooking the Orchestra Room. Hopefully, you won't spill hot coffee on it like I did!

To my sister Elizabeth, class of 2021, I leave you many wonderful memories and your own path at Kent Place. I am so proud to call you my little sister.



## Mary Spellman

To the basketball team, I leave full line touches, dodge ball tournaments, and baby Declan. I'm going to miss you all so much. Make me proud next year :)

To Lauren Nyamekye and Joy Jack, I leave the basketball team (good luck without Alex), the satisfaction of surviving AP Chemistry, and 2 plane tickets to South Bend because you better come visit me. No one brightens up my day like the two of you and I'm going to miss seeing your beautiful smiles in the hallway and on the court. I love you both and remember, I'm only a Snapchat away.

To Jessie Ken-Kwofie, I leave a mop and a bucket.

To Abby Jonathan, I leave Green Village Deli and my cell phone number because I'm expecting Facetime calls weekly. I'll miss you bud.

To Elyse DiCesare and Giana Earrusso, I leave Abby- good luck with her.

To Radhika Siva, Sara Hull, and Renee Safran, I leave the tennis team and (arguing with) Coach Mike. I'm going to miss watching you guys actually play while I ride the bench.

To Mrs. Gillespie, I leave my appreciation for teaching me to love math. You have been one of the most influential people in my life and I cannot thank you enough for all of the times you have helped me out. Thanks to you I am ready to start the next chapter of my life, but I'll miss you when I do.



## Makayla Canfield

To Rose Chin

To the best freshman sister, I leave to you three more remarkable years at Kent Place! It was amazing getting to know you this year and I wish you the best of luck in everything you decide to pursue. I know you will accomplish amazing things! Don't forget you can come and visit me anytime! See you around Short Hills!



## Makayla Canfield, Claudia Torres, and Adrienne Wolff

To Alexis and Carolyn, We leave you Green Key! We know you will do great things. Have fun with the blog!



## Kathleen Brody

I leave the position of *Cargoes* Copy Editor to Marisa De Silva. Thank you for your help this year and make next year's book amazing!

I leave the Chamber Orchestra and Flute Ensemble to Alyssa Hwang. You've finally made it, Chamber Empress. You've got a lot of responsibility without T there next year—I'm counting on you.

I leave my sisterly love and wisdom to Anya Gunewardena. Good luck next year in Florida! You can always reach out to me if you need me. I will always be your sister.

Dejo el alma de mi oveja a Catarina Serratelli. ¡Me encantó estudiar el español y la física contigo!

Lastly, I leave my pain from pre-calc to Gersie Gonsalves-Domond. Good luck next year, dude.

To Sophie, Carolyn, and Daniella I leave the Soprano 1 section. We'll hit those high notes one day.



## Zoe Schiffer and Alexis Kim

From Alexis Kim and me: To Karolina and Corinne I leave French Club. Have fun and enjoy it! You both will do really well, and I've already heard some great ideas. I couldn't imagine better co-presidents to take over!



## Olivia Parker

To Naomi Morel: I give you my sweet, sweet softball skills and cheering ability. You worked hard for these kid. You deserve them! I also loved being your senior sister. As far as I am concerned we will always be family.

To Lisa Sangree: I give you leadership over the National Day of Prayer. It would be great to keep the tradition alive! Please know that I will be praying for you too. I also give you my love of The Middle.

To Giana Earrusso: I give you my ability to finish zig-zags strong and persistence. You got this!

To Hannah O'Loughlin: I give you confidence in basketball or whatever other passion you pursue.

To Sabrina Hunte: I give you my friendship and smiles so you can light the place up wherever you go.

To Rebecca Del Rio: I give you my cheers when you break ankles on the court.

To Reagan McRae: I give you my silliness on top of your silliness so people will have a brighter day when they see you.

To Morgan Moran: I give you extra strength when you go into "Beastmode" on the court or field.

To Jessie Ken-Kwofie: I give you my ability to use the air horn when it really matters. LOL!

To Leigh Whitehorn: I give you extra flexibility (if that is possible) and home runs every time you go up at bat. #Leighlo and Stretch.

To the *Baggywrinkle* folks: I give you positive and blessed inspiration.

To the Kent Place Basketball Team: I give you awesome dodge ball games and endurance during sprints. Please take care of Declan!

To the Kent Place Softball Team: I give you my LOUD cheers and crazy nicknames. In this case, take care of

Coach Hahn. Remember: "Ohana means family; no one gets left behind or forgotten." Love y'all and God Bless!



## Katie Moore-Gillon

I give Dwy Hairs my tooth to put in her other sinus

I give Gaby all the polish caramel candies one could ask for

I give Molly all the gibberish in the world for her to ad-lib

I give Sophie D. 5 rehearsals where she actually gets to do something

I give Ashley a bushel of beets

I give Carrine the Jazz Cat

I give Elise and Allison a skeleton full of bones to learn

I give Chloe C my Japanese garden

I give Sophie the deciding vote for the Declaration of Independence

I give Steffi some munchkins

I give Anjolie some vegan cookies

And I give Liza M some food in a basket.



## Zoe Schiffer and Alex Aronson

From Alex Aronson and me: To Annie, Annika, and Bailey, we leave the ski trips. We will take the memories from these trips with us forever, and we hope you enjoy planning them!



## Gabriela Mottesi

Ashley, I leave you the senior lounge even though you come in here every day anyway. Congrats, you finally made it to senior year after pretending like you were one for the past four years! Hope the lounge is still fun without us.

To Molly, I leave you the Guat trips. Don't forget the extractor and don't steal any babies.

To Laura Mills, I leave you the next three years, they go by superfast but you'll do amazing things here.

To Steffi, I leave you our killer dance moves and sweet tunes in trebs. Keep on killin it.

To Chloe, Sophie, and Anjolie, I leave you the theatre department. You are all so talented and amazing and I can't wait to come back and watch you all perform. J

To Sophie, Carolyn, and Daniella I leave the Soprano 1 section. We'll hit those high notes one day.



## Sarah Pavlak

Firstly, I'd like to offer a tremendous thanks to all my teachers, friends and family who have supported me and helped me as I have grown throughout my years at Kent Place. I cannot believe that I am graduating but I know that the memories that I have made here will last a lifetime.

I never imagined I'd have to write my own will at seventeen but here it goes

For my squash ladies, especially the rising seniors Sarah Barry and Julia Schmuckler: I'd like to leave some rhyming squash poems, happy feet, sesame crusted pizza and a love of the game. Thanks for making my seasons incredible.

For Ashley Villarreal and Sophie Dewar: Abby, E.B. and I would like to leave you the After Eight Club and some rose tea. If Croydon were a city, which it's not, it'd be tenth largest excluding greater London... magical, huh?

For Olivia Cornish, Maddie Reynolds and Lisa Sangree: I'd like to leave the tough but important job of being a Sop 2. Best of luck in Chamber Singers next year!

For Ms. Thomas I would like to leave high-quality Kleenex and good vowels.

For Ms. Lear I would like to leave the time to drive out west into County Clare.

For Dr. MacCornack I would like to leave a fantastic GPS. Thank you for being such an amazing coach these past four years.

For Mr. Cashel I would like to leave a sound sense of humor. You need it to be able to watch me play golf. Thanks for not giving up on me!

For Ms. Chang I would like to leave the tacky souvenirs I bought in China. Thank you for inspiring me to pursue Mandarin in college.

And finally, for the incoming eighth graders that will become the new Pantozi advisory, I would like to leave the food calendar our group never had. May your Tuesday's always be filled with snacks, math games and #math cakes. You have lucked out, your adviser is incredible.



## Alex Aronson

Winona Whelan: I'm leaving you the 30 minute ride to school with stupid drivers and Bruce Springsteen. I wouldn't want to have spent my mornings with anyone else, and I'm so glad I got to be your big sister. Keep your head up and keep working hard. Know I'm just a text or phone call away. Make sure you keep repping Westfield pride and always remember where you come from. The next three years are going to by, so enjoy them. Love you!!

Jessie Ken-Kwofie: I'm leaving you all of my swag. Keep strutting your stuff, and make sure to keep Lauren and Joy in check on the bball court. Keep spreading the Westfield Ave love and keep spreading my love to Declan. You better come visit next year or else...

Lauren Nyamekye and Joy Jack: I leave you two my amazing dance moves because we all know your twerking could use it ;) I'm leaving you guys Declan, until I come home and visit because then he's all mine. I'm leaving you guys the basketball court and line touches. Remember, make a "w" and get a "w". Do your best to keep

Murray under control, and hopefully her clipboard throwing number stays under two next year.

Lauren, I also leave you Athletic Association, endless emails, and infinite planning. You're going to do amazing next year and take aa to new heights. My number one piece of advice, stay passionate and that fire will keep you going next year.

Joy, I leave you limitless Warwick, Friartuck, toe touches, and Brendan's bad moods. You're almost there, three seasons away! Enjoy it while it lasts because, trust me, it's over before you know it.

Maya Ramakrishnan: I leave you whatever is left of my motivation. You are so so close. I know you can make it. Just keep your head up and try to enjoy yourself. It's going to be over too soon and you won't realize

you missed it. Enjoy the company of your friends and know I'm just a 4 hour train ride away <3

## Maddy Ryon and Elizabeth Fournier

To our Field Hockey Juniors and team, Elizabeth and I would like to leave you with the best sports team on campus. Through your ups and downs this team is what will get you through the next year. Believe us when we say that no matter how long, tiring, and painful getting through the season is, it will never be enough. Seniors, for some of you this season will be the end of your field hockey career and for others it will be the end of only the first step in a long journey but nothing will ever compare to the bond created on this team. Keep that in mind as you make your way through your last season on this amazing team. Lauren, this is your year to shine. Run your hardest, take your skills to the next level, and make the other teams know what's up. Julia, you have the skills to go above and beyond. Take your confidence and run with it next season. Carolyn, we are counting on you to be a brick wall in the back. Don't let anyone score on our goalies. Marissa, you have worked so hard these past few seasons and have improved so much! Use all the skills you have learned to make this final season your best. Noelle, you are a speed demon! Show the other team what you got. Be the scoring force and lead the team to victory next year! Alexis, the team is counting on you to be not only a scoring force next season but also a leader on and off the field. And lastly Alaina, we know that next will be your season! Go out and show them what you got! And to everyone else: go out, have fun, and play your hardest because, from experience, we know that field hockey is by far the best sport out there and when it's over you'll regret not going 100% every minute your out on that field. This is the year. Beat the \*\*\* out of Oak Knoll. Make not only us, but Leslie prouder than ever next season fhook stars! We love you so much and will miss you more than anything! Good Luck next season!

## Maddy Ryon

To Megan Sanford, thank you for putting up with me this last year. I know it's been so tough but next year won't be the same without our car rides and Friday night dinners with the fam! Cherish these last few years because before you know it they will be over. I can't wait for you to visit and good luck with the next 3 years!

## Reeve Lanigan

To Sima Parekh and Maggie Lohuis I leave GLAM'D. I know the two of you will be fantastic leaders and continue to have insightful conversations about issues of gender equality. Never be afraid to speak your mind and have fun organizing events and discussions!

And of course, to Maddie Reynolds, Bridget Reynolds, Sarah Brigid Konefal, Kara Schindler, and Beth Fallon I leave the Kent Place Swim Team. Zoe and I had the amazing

opportunity to be apart apart of such a close and compassionate team this year. You will all be great leaders and I have no doubt that you will continue to share your kindness with the underclassmen. Keep swimming fast (break those records) and make Cash Money proud, alright ladies?

## Caitlin Saitta

To Elise Bossert I leave the worst 40 minute drive ever, overplayed playlists and the best car ride gossip sessions. Thanks for being a great train/car bud for the past 4 years. Keep doin' you and don't forget to come visit me!

To Ashley Villareal, I leave the unanswerable question of, "Are you with me?" Maybe one day you'll know the right answer. I also leave you the senior lounge now that you're actually allowed to be in it.

## Monika Paliwoda

Filipa Costa – I leave you the Upper School and all it has to offer. I hope you find your passion and pursue it! Enjoy your next three years; they will be over before you know it!

Tiana and Katrina – I leave you with Enya and Adele. I hope you enjoy your time in the dance studio, and I look forward to stalking An Evening of Dance pictures next year.

Katrina and Erin – I leave you the coconut soap in Ms. Lukeman's room. I am so excited to be leaving science club to you two!

Blythe, Polly, and Allai – Thank you for putting up with us seniors! I leave you boleros, gauchos, John's pizza, the Cunningham warm-up, auditions, and musical choreography.

Julia and Karolina – I leave you a growth mindset.

Future MUN leaders – I leave you with the FUN that is being a leader of MUN!

Sarah Hull and Halle – I wish you a relaxing and stress free senior year. Thank you for sending me notes, and I hope you have fun being the seniors in lit next year!

Sima and Dayna – I leave you the inner workings of "Ballast." I could not leave this position in more capable hands!

Mrs. Bianco – Thank you for all your advice! I am so thankful for all your support and guidance.

Dr. Pantozi, Ms. Farshtey, Ms. Yannelli, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Petraitis, Ms. Lear, Ms. Fanta, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Mulder, Ms. Lukeman, Ms. Brees, Ms. Carreno, Mr. Morey, Mr. Pridham, Ms. Doyle, Chandler, Holly, Greg, Ms. Gordon, Ms. Murphy, and Mrs. Woodall – Thank you for all your words of wisdom and advice! Thank you for teaching me that "smart women use their resources" and to "know what to do when you don't know what to do." You have truly helped me become the scholar leader that I am today, and I am forever grateful!

## Abby Espiritu

To Bronwyn, Isabel, Jacqueline, and Mr. Walz I leave behind Lit Loose, the back table(s) in the library, and the correct pronunciation of quesadillas. I love this club, and you four, and I can't wait to hear about what you accomplish, both as a club and

as individuals. I leave behind three more years of memories making music and performing at KPS. May you hold your head high with the same grace and confidence of the Queen of Hearts in Rabbit on the Run!

To Ashley and Sophie, I leave behind the After 8 club (on behalf of EB, Sarah, and myself) and storytelling in foreign countries and/or in Summit on Wednesday evenings before Trebs rehearsals. To Sophie, I leave behind the Treblemakers, permission to use my Pitch Perfect gifs, and the duty to serenade at the next Pingry Concert. But to Ashley especially, I leave behind rants about (nonexistent) ex-boyfriends, never-ending rehearsals, naps in the math studio, THE JAZZ CAT, the strength to get through the first trimester of senior year, and one more year of fun and friendship at KPS.

To Dr. Pantozi, I leave behind extra space in the math studio to hide your chocolate (now that all my stuff is gone), deep conversation about conquering the future and the fourth dimension, and all my thanks in the world for everything you have helped me with over the past four years.

To Ms. Farshtey, I leave behind all those quizzes I never made up, all the stories I never told in class, and my organizational skills for anyone in AP Latin next year.

To Ms. Thomas, I leave behind chocolate in London, McDonald's in Austria, and whatever other treats you and the singers discover on your next adventure.

To Dr. Schwartz, I leave behind fifteen talented a cappella singers who want nothing more than to start the next year with "Fix You" (sorry), as well as crossed fingers hoping the best for your novel.

To Carly, Steffi, Isabella, and Katherine, I leave behind the Treblemakers Alto 1's, all the weird drawings on Mrs. Thomas's whiteboard, and never paying attention but always figuring out our part by the performance. Carly, I give my well-intentioned sarcasm and cynicism; Steffi, I leave behind weird comments on Instagram, Isabella, I enclose a coupon for the Bunch o'Grapes in exchange for slavery, and to Katherine, I leave behind "super realistic" drawings of penguins on the whiteboard.

To Lisa, Karolina, Maddie, and Olivia, I leave behind the beauty, grace, talent, and poise it takes to conquer the Soprano 2 line in any and every Chamber Singers song. And working candles at STAR (hopefully).

To Halle and Sara, I leave behind the ability to accomplish any feat, because I'm sure any class after AP Latin will look easy in comparison.

To Mr. Pridham, I leave behind the spirit of female Asian John Adams to roam freely in the Hyde and Watson Theatre, making embarrassingly obnoxious facials during high-energy musical numbers.

To Anjolie: When I was a freshman, Julia Cicchino (aka, the coolest, most talented actress at KPS) entrusted me with the Theatre Department. Now that my time here is up, I have decided to leave this sacred place to you. May you enjoy your time here – with all your amazing roles, characters, memories, and performances. (And don't worry if you need any help – Ashley owns half of it already.)

And to Libby, my little sister. I leave behind great memories at Kent Place, the power to get through any struggles you may face, wonderful friendships, and a fantastic future at Kent Place.

I leave a bucket for whenever Jessiey is feeling nervous, our dodgeball championship, and our annual dance contests. I can't thank you all enough for the memories, traditions, and friendships we've made these past four years.

To My Lady Ballers

Kenya Jacob's Senior Will

To Giana, my lovely little sister

I leave you the next three years at the palace. I'm the luckiest girl in the world to have been #blessed with a sis like you. I'm excited to see where life takes you and even more excited to be right by you on the ride. Please keep in touch or I'll just have to come to your house uninvited. Love you my Gigi.

To Joy

I leave the whole town of Hillside, the name Joyella, and arguing over is the speed limit is merely a suggestion. You are truly a sister to me. I am 100% grateful that we've become so close and I will never forget anything you have taught me through these past couple years (except probably the math). I leave only the fab parts of senior year. When it gets tough, don't blame me because I only gave you the fab parts. Love you long time sister friend



Peter Wallburg Studios

I leave 1/3 of Windward, including the Coffeehouse. I know you'll do fantastically with everything next year and I hope you stay Windspired throughout it all.

To Regene Nolan

Liza Wolf's Senior Will

Adding onto that, to anyone who needs it, but especially Sara Hull, I leave my 'things are rough right now' corner in the Latin room. I know you'll use it well, but hope-

To Megan Traudt

I give my spot in the Latin room. I guess what they say about choosing your family is at least half true—thanks for letting me unofficially adopt you (and sorry to Sarah for stealing your Freshman sister...)! So, if someone has to take my place as a near constant fixture in there to bother Ms. Farshtey, I'm glad it's you.

To the junior squad of the KP Chlorine Dragons, and specifically the MOC team, Maddie Reynolds, Bridget Reynolds, Kara Schindler, and Sara Brigid Konefal, the fate of the KP Swim Team is in your hands. Keep cash money under control. Peace and Blessings.

Michaila Kaufman, you will do great next year #senate

Hanaa Charley, give Ms. Liss a hug from me everyday.

## Zoe Pappas's Senior Will

Polly, 3 years left!!! You can do it :)

Maddie and Bridget, never forget Kimball Ave.

## CLASS of 2015 COLLEGE DESTINATIONS

Aronson, Alexandra	Tufts University	Lynott, Victoria	Dickinson College	Saitta, Caitlin	Boston College
Bess, Hazel	Reed College	Madigan, Orna	Columbia University	Samuelson, Caroline	Wake Forest University
Bhamhani, Ivanka	University of California – Los Angeles	Malik, Hanaa	Tufts University	Schachter, Kara	Claremont McKenna College
Brody, Kathleen	Northeastern University	Mantay, Carly	New York University	Schiavo, Caroline	The George Washington University
Canfield, Makayla	Colgate University	Mastrangelo, Madison	Duke University	Schiffer, Lillian	University of St. Andrews
Chin, Sarah	Tufts University	Moore-Gillon, Kathryn	Fordham University	Sciales, Elizabeth	Skidmore College
Corey, Alexa	Oberlin College	Mottesi, Gabriela	Vanderbilt University	Sharma, Natasha	New York University
Denenberg, Zoe	University of Virginia	Owen, Catherine	Lehigh University	Soderberg, Lauren	Vanderbilt University
Donatelli, Isabelle	The University of Texas at Austin	Paliwoda, Monika	University of Michigan	Spellman, Mary	University of Notre Dame
Espiritu, Abigail	Brown University	Pappas, Zoe	Amherst College	Sullivan, Mary	Trinity College
Fernandez, Annaliese	Lehigh University	Park, Chloe	Bucknell University	Tevebaugh, Emily	Bucknell University
Fountain, Elizabeth	Duke University	Parker, Olivia	Princeton University	Torres, Claudia	Yale University
Fournier, Abigail	Vanderbilt University	Parsells, Christina	Georgetown University	Vance, Madeleine	Dickinson College
Fournier, Elizabeth	Dartmouth College	Pavlak, Sarah	Georgetown University	Vicens, Isabelle	Vanderbilt University
Gilbert, Molly	University of Michigan	Plate, Kristen	Georgetown University	Vigeland, Sophie	Tulane University
Gingerella, Samantha	The Ohio State University	Puri, Astha	Duke University	Warner, Maddie	McGill University
Giroux, Kathryn	Dartmouth College	Ramaswamy, Sara	University of Michigan	Williams, Amber	University of Pennsylvania
Hagerstrom, Claire	University of Notre Dame	Rego, Erica	Georgetown University	Wolf, Liza	Union College
Holman, Campbell	Trinity College	Rego, Jocelyn	Villanova University	Wolff, Adrienne	Brown University
Jackson, Kayla	Bates College	Robinson, Marshea	University of Richmond		
Jacobs, Kenya	Morgan State University	Rogers, Alexandra	Princeton University		
Jain, Kelsey	University of Richmond	Rosa, Noelle	University of Notre Dame		
Kannambadi, Madhuri	Cornell University	Rose, Claudia	Bryn Mawr College		
Kim, Alexis	University of Chicago	Ryon, Madison	University of Connecticut		
Lanigan, Reeve	Lafayette College				
Leong, Alessandra	University of Chicago				
Li, Jessica	Harvard University				

To Joy Jack

I leave you with BCA next year. I couldn't imagine leading this club with anyone else. I know you have a bunch of amazing ideas, so now it's up to you to make them happen. I can't wait to see where you take the club next year!

To the track team

I leave to you Tatlock, Warwick, and the dreaded Kings Loop. We've spent many hours in the hallways, the super-hot athletic room, and on the track. Have fun with Tennant next year. I can't wait to cheer you and Sydney on at the meets.

I leave to you potluck lunches and the forum. Although we struggled with getting through a conversation without interruptions, we got a lot of stuff done this year. I had a lot of fun getting to know you all better. I'm expecting great things, ladies.

To my crazy BCA members

To Yves

I leave to you Bloomfield. I've somehow known you since you were three and we made it back to Kent Place for your first year and my last. I'm so sad to have to leave you again, but I know God will reunite us again. I've loved all of the moments we've spent together and although we never got that carpool system working don't ever hesitate to call me for a ride. Keep working hard and having fun.

To Annie

I leave you the garden. I know you are going to bring some super creative and fun activities to Environmental Club when you come back next year. I'm so sad that I won't get to see you every morning at my locker, won't get to meet your alter egos every now and then, or run around Summit with you anymore. Thanks for being the little sibling I've always wanted. I wouldn't want to be weird with anyone else but you. Love you, An.

Marshea Robinson's Senior Will



## Zoe Schiffer, Madhuri Kannambadi, and Monika Paliwoda

From Maud, Monika and me: To the 2015-2016 MUN executive committee, we leave MUN. Have fun planning for the conference and figuring out how to organize everything! We know that you will all be able to accomplish everything that you hope to do, and we hope you have a great time!



## Noelle Rosa

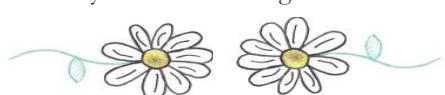
To the XC team I leave endless miles of running, safety chats with Flanny, not so fun Fridays, and over eager underclassmen unnecessarily pushing the pace. Thank you all for getting me through my first and last season of cross country ever.

To the spring track team I leave never-ending hills, B-tens being weird, track stalking future Olympians, and the ability to complain well enough that your workouts are cut in half. I leave you with the advice to never let Erin take the front on a jogging day, and never take hallways for granted.

To the members of Performance Company I leave laughing and crying and playing and debating and entertaining. Thank you all for letting such a non-thespian be a part of the group. To Molly I leave another year of daily arguments- I hope you find someone else to sit next to every day.

To Olivia, Maggie, Morgan, Elise, and the rest of the KP Ice Dragons I leave years full of Nuts, Colors, Russians, ill-fitting equipment, quarterbacks, believing you can run a mile, explaining to people where the penalty box is, and finally "having your moments." You guys made the inaugural season of the Ice Dragons one that I will never forget.

To the class of 2015 I'm not sure what I can leave, but I can take pride in our grade for standing up for what we believe in and accomplishing all that we have. I can take all of the memories like belting show tunes in the lounge with Sophie, eating leftovers in the field house kitchen with Marshea, Amber and Kenya after MOCs, and dressing up as the coolest tourists KP has ever seen. I can take pleasure in the fact that in three short years I made some of the best friends a girl can find and most certainly will never forget.



## Madhuri Kannambadi

I, Madhuri Kannambadi, leave behind the following things to some of the best fellow human beings to walk this planet:

To Morgan Strong and Jessiey Ken-Kwofie, Ivanka and I leave Pep Squad. I know that you two will lead the group to new heights, and the Thanksgiving Performance will be one to remember. Go feel the KP Dragon spirit and create your own steps too!

To the 2015-2016 MUN executive committee, Zoe, Monika, and I leave MUN. Have fun planning for the conference and figuring out how to organize everything. We know that you will all be able to accomplish

everything that you hope to do, and we hope you have a great time! On a personal note, I know that you will go on to further improve the MUN experience and have a blast at the (in) famous Delegate Dance. MUN will forever and always be fun.

To Dr. Rezach, Sarah Brigid, Amelia Coffey, and Alyssa Hwang, Molly, Alexis, and I leave the Ethics Bowl team. I loved prepping for this past year's bowl, and you guys made it that much better. We shared laughs and learned from one another, and I couldn't have asked for a better group of KP ladies. Keep up the good work; I know you'll win it this winter!

To my freshman sister Emma Verpoucke I leave the amazing journey you have just begun called high school. I have every confidence that you will go on to do incredible things and make your mark at Kent Place.

To Ashley Villareal (is your villa even real?) I leave all that is ratchet in this world.

To Mrs. Yannelli I leave a part of my dancing spirit which will never die. I enjoyed every moment as your advisee and as a student in your Dance Tech class. I will never forget how much you supported and helped me thrive throughout my years in the upper school.

To Mrs. Murphy I leave sassy conversations, the best humor, and traveling internationally. Twice. Thank you so much for being the coolest Dean a KP scholar leader could have, and always keeping me grounded. Also, I leave you 0.0001% of my imaginary money which I won from the Stock Market Game. Congrats! You've earned it.

To Mrs. Gillespie I leave my sanity and gratitude. Thank you for letting me vent to you about all different aspects of my life, and helping me make the right decisions. You are a true GEM.

To Ms. Thomas I leave my choral experiences which began all the way back in sixth grade. On that first day of girl choir back in middle school, I fell in love with singing. I knew from that moment that it would be a passion of mine for many years to come, and you helped introduce me to that fact. I enjoyed every class of KP Singers and Chamber Singers, and our trips to London and Austria were once-in-a-lifetime experiences. I have loved every moment with you at Kent Place, and do be forewarned that I may drop in on your next international trip!

To Dr. Schwartz I leave the fantastic memories I have from your classes this year and the wonderful world of nerds. You helped me dig deeper into the incredible layers of writing and creativity. I have learned so much this year and loved going to Six Flags with you. Thank you for sharing your awesome personality and classes with me; I will never forget them.

To Ms. Mulder I leave my ability to finally craft a well-written thesis and supporting topic sentences. You have taught me the meaning of writing a solid five-paragraph analytical essay, and I couldn't be more grateful. I honestly feel better prepared for college thanks to you. You have also helped me in countless other ways from college essay writing to my recommendation. Thank you for being an amazing English teacher and indulging me with conversations about hot guys on TV shows like Sleepy Hollow.

To Dr. Pantozzi I leave the grandeur of the Math Studio. Thank

you for showing me how amazing math can be and for providing me with countless memories of the random conversations we've had about things that have absolutely nothing to do with mathematics, and about the wonderful, incredible, truly talented physics author named Etkina.



## Zoe Schiffer

To Babi, I leave my Empire... You'll have a lot of responsibility now that the company has gone public. Keep Cookie in check and make me proud!

To Molly Gump I leave Community Service and president's council. I know that you will do an amazing job leading the committee and the school. You have so much potential, and such great ideas. I can't wait to see what you will accomplish!

To my freshman sister, Mary Woodall, I leave three more years of success and excellence! It might seem like forever but it will go by fast. Enjoy your last few years, and work hard (but don't forget to have lots of fun).

To my sister, Annie, I leave our home for the past twelve years, Kent Place. Unfortunately, we can't turn Gabe into a girl, so you will end the Schiffer legacy here. I know you have a lot to live up to ;) but I have ultimate faith that in your last two years, you will outshine me beyond belief! I am already so impressed with everything that you've done. Don't forget, you also inherit the responsibility as the official KP crêperie! Finally, I leave you in charge of keeping the family on schedule. Good luck (you'll need a lot of it). I love you so much Noonie, and words can't even describe how much I'll miss you next year.

Place. I hope you have as much fun as I did in my four years here. High school goes by so quickly and before you know it you'll be a freshman in college.

To Giana, I leave you Libby.

And last but not least, Libby, to my baby sister, I leave you not just Kent Place but also NJ transit. As the last remaining Owen girl on the 3:23 train I leave you the responsibility of glaring at the Seton Hall guys and Oak Knoll girls when they get too rowdy. I hope you enjoy your remaining three years at KPS because they go by so quickly. I know I don't have to remind you but work hard because I know you can do amazing things. I'm so lucky to have such a wonderful sister like you and I'm so proud of all that you've accomplished. I can't wait for you to visit me at college where I can continue to introduce you as my overachieving sister. I love you so much and I'll miss you even more.



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**Ballast would like to thank all graduates of the Class of 2016 who have contributed to Ballast. Your contributions made the paper truly excel throughout your years at KPS.**



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Ashley, I leave you the Senior Lounge even though you're already part of it. I'm going to miss you so much next year especially because this year you have been part of our grade. Most of all I will miss all of our great talks so you better send me lots of snaps to keep me posted on everything. Please come visit me at college and good luck with senior year!

Carolyn Bailey and Kristen, I am glad to leave you the defense. I know that the defensive end of the field will be in capable hands because I was lucky enough to play with you both. You're both amazing and I'm super proud of you guys and I know you'll do great next year!

Steffi, I leave you real pants. And high expectations. You better come and visit me at college and tell me about every game. I'll miss you lots and best of luck with junior year.

To Stewart, I leave you Kent

# A Few of Our Favorite Things About...

A word from Ms. Woodall, Head of Upper School:

"They [departing faculty] have all left an indelible mark on our community. Their passions and energy, which were so evident in all that they have done here, were boundless in making everyone's experience at Kent Place better."

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## Ms. Petraitis

### History

Sophie Mastrangelo (10): "I liked that she made class fun and tied in real life stories. She was really funny and spoke with a lot of emotion. At first, I found her a little intimidating, but as the year went on, I grew to just love her."

Hanaa Malik (12): "Ms. Petraitis is really passionate about what she's teaching, and she always makes class interesting with her many funny/horrifying/riveting stories of her experiences in foreign countries."

Zoe Wright and Paige Reddington(10): "Ms. Petraitis, our advisor for freshman year, made sure that we were always on top of our work, and made sure we planned ahead. She always scheduled fun things for our advisory and of course made sure we had food. She made our transition as smooth as possible, and we will both miss her very much."

Marisa DaSilva and Tiana Woods (11): Ms. Petraitis was really scary at first, "BUT" she was a really great teacher, and now she's not scary to us anymore. We will really miss her.

Mrs. Murphy: "She always had her eye on what was best for the students. She never wavers on what is best for students on the short and the long term. And she does it with a smile on her face."

## Ms. Gillespie

### Mathematics

Babi Oloko (10): "I love Ms. "Gillesp" because she is always really funny and nice to us. It's almost doesn't feel like I'm in school when I'm in algebra because she makes the classes so fun. Also she lets me walk around the room and invade her desk if I get bored. And even though I'm learning in her class, it feels like I'm taking a break from the hardships of the day when I'm in math."

Jessiey Ken-Kwofie(10): "Ms. Gillespie one of the smartest people I've ever met, but she still knows how to have fun. Props to Ms. Gillespie for handling our block 4 advanced algebra section (#freshman). I'll miss our occasional off topic conversations during class, even when learning Ms. Gillespie always put a smile on our face."

Molly Gump (11): "She's the most adorable human on the planet, and I just want to pinch her cheeks sometimes."

Amber Williams (12): "She was really helpful and kind. She's a really sweet person, and wants her students to succeed. I still remember her engaging and exciting class lectures during my sophomore year advanced algebra class."

Dr. MacCornack: "Christy Gillespie is one of the nicest, most thoughtful colleagues I've ever had, she always thinks of students first and ways she can help other people. I'm very excited for her future, but she will be sorely missed here at Kent Place."

## Mr. Eismann

### Mathematics

Evelyn Mukherjee (9): "I liked how he helped me when I needed it and went out of his way to make sure I understood. His availability to meet and encouragement to do better was very helpful to me. He had a fun approach to teaching that has helped me to learn a lot this year."

Annie Schiffer (10): "Even when the Jets lost, Mr. Eismann kept a positive attitude and was always enthusiastic to come to class to help us learn."

Caroline and Hannah (10): "Mr. Eismann was a dancer in high school, and his partner's name was Franny. He really likes the Jets and Dunkin Donuts. We will miss him because not a day went by in class where I didn't laugh."

Alyssa Hwang (11): "I will miss his sense of humour and constant support. As my advisor, Mr. Eismann always gave us his full attention and occasionally brought us bagels. I will always remember the time he thought I had eaten a whole potato chip bag."

Ms. Carreno: "As a veteran teacher with over 35 years of experience, I have always been amazed by the enthusiasm and energy Mr. Eismann has brought to Kent Place, as if he were a first year teacher. His investment in the mission of our school has only been surpassed by his dedication to each individual student he teaches. I will miss Mr. Eismann, not only as a colleague, but as a friend. He is irreplaceable!"



# Lady Dragons Fly into College Athletics

This year, Kent Place School lets go of some phenomenal scholar athletes. Eight students in the Class of 2015 were recruited to play Division I sports and three were recruited to play Division III. Here is a look at each athlete, where they are going, what they are playing, and some of their insights.



## Orna Madigan

*Will be attending:* Columbia University  
*Playing:* Lacrosse

*Will miss:* Coach tennant  
*Favorite KPS athletics memory:* beating Oak Knoll in soccer freshman year in overtime.

*Is looking forward to:* meeting new friends.



## Hanaa Malik

*Will be attending:* Tufts University  
*Playing:* Field Hockey

*Will miss:* the field hockey team's bonding this past year.

*Favorite KPS athletics memory:* almost beating oak knoll last year and having a great game against them this year.

*Is looking forward to:* expanding and improving her skills and playing at the collegiate level.



## Marshea Robinson

*Will be attending:* University of Richmond  
*Playing:* Track and Field

*What she learned:* that I don't have to go to a big sports school to be good. Being good comes out of hard work, and that is something I've seen in these girls all my years.

*Favorite KPS athletics memory:* when our track team won the outdoor non public b state championship. It was my first year running track ever and I was led by a great group of girls who taught me a lot about running and pushing myself. It really demonstrated that hard work pays off.

*Is looking forward to:* meeting all of my new teammates and learning from them. I am also looking forward to growing and hopefully running stronger and faster."



## Christina Parsells

*Will be attending:* Georgetown University  
*Playing:* Golf

*Will miss:* the close friendships made on the team

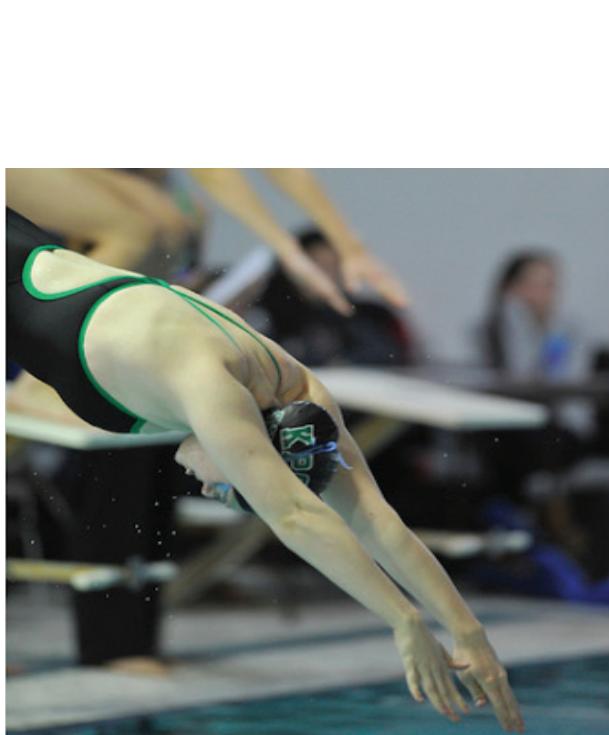
*Favorite KPS athletics memory:* When KPS golf came in second in the League Championships this past year.

*Is looking forward to:* playing at a higher level



## Maddy Ryon

*Will be attending:* University of Connecticut  
*Playing:* Field Hockey



## Zoe Pappas

*Will be attending:* Amherst College  
*Playing:* Swimming



## Allie Rogers

*Will be attending:* Princeton University  
*Playing:* Field Hockey

*Will miss:* Kent Place's small team community

*Favorite KPS athletics memory:* beating Oak Knoll in lacrosse freshman year during overtime

*Is looking forward to:* increasing the level of play



## Alex Aronson

*Will be attending:* Tufts University  
*Playing:* Soccer

*What did I learn:* that no matter what level the other girls are, so many of these sports are about team. Improvement in one's own ability is a huge accomplishment in itself and everyone should rejoice in those victories.

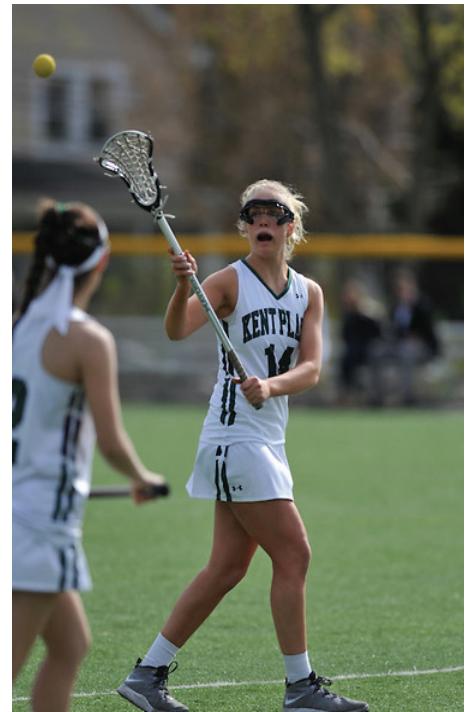
*Favorite KPS athletics memory:* when we beat Oak Knoll in soccer in the county tournament in penalty kicks after an extremely hard fought game.

*Is looking forward to:* team comradery; I can't wait to get to know her teammates and other recruits better and spend the next 4 years with them.



## Reeve Lanigan

*Will be attending:* Lafayette College  
*Playing:* Swimming



## Kathryn Giroux

*Will be attending:* Dartmouth College  
*Playing:* Lacrosse

*Will miss:* the fun and closeness of the KPS lacrosse team

*Favorite KPS athletics memory:* playing oak knoll in overtime this year

*Is looking forward to:* playing at a higher level

## Leadership Lunches

BY EMILY PELLICANO  
 STAFF WRITER

Leadership Luncheons at Kent Place School are an opportunity for students to listen to and learn from accomplished female leaders in our community. These luncheons are open to the Upper School students, faculty, and staff of the KPS community.

According to Maggie Lohuis, student coordinator of these luncheons, the goal of this program is to create a "meaningful learning experience"

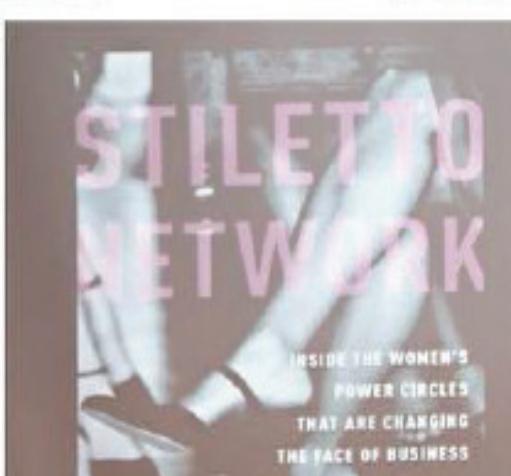
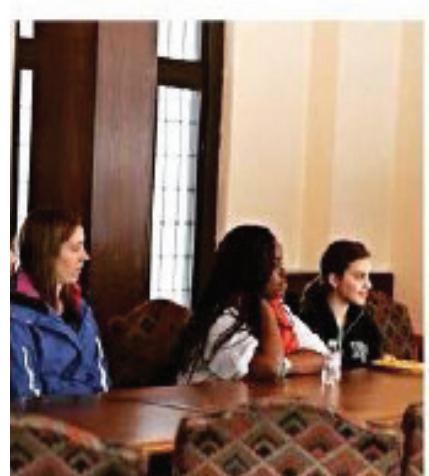
that gives students "thoughtful pieces of advice on leadership applicable to any field," as well as the opportunity to ask questions of female role models. As student coordinator, Maggie works with the Head of School, Mrs. Bosland, to select and invite speakers for these events.

This year, speakers have included freelance journalist and author Pamela Ryckman, professor and dermatologist Dr. Hilary Baldwin, and current KPS student Sarah Barry who gave a presentation regarding ethical prac-

tices in business. Guests are asked to share about their professional leadership journeys, and often share personal stories as well. Attendees often leave the luncheons with new insights on how to pursue their own interests, passions, and leadership goals.

Sophomore Erynn Murphy would agree with this statement, reflecting that the luncheons she has attended have been a valuable way to "learn about different careers, or different paths to take in order to get to a certain goal."

Similarly, freshman Neha Bhardwaj feels that the luncheons inspire her to consider "which profession best suits [her] and [her] interests." Both Erynn and Neha, along with many other students, look forward with excitement to next year's Leadership Luncheon events and the opportunities that they will bring.



Author Pamela Ryckman speaks to students about her book (pictured bottom right) and the business networks available to women. Upper School students (pictured bottom left) had the opportunity to attend multiple lunches this year.

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# AP Portfolio Students Show Off Their Work

BY LIZ COOK AND SOPHIE HUTTNER  
PAGE EDITORS



By Claudia Rose

"My concentration is focused on ink designs and patterns inspired by the shapes and colors in stained glass windows. The areas of light and dark patterns, as well as the changes in the pattern density, are intended to form a sort of organized chaos. Each piece is meant to be its own little microcosm. The closer you look, the more you'll see."



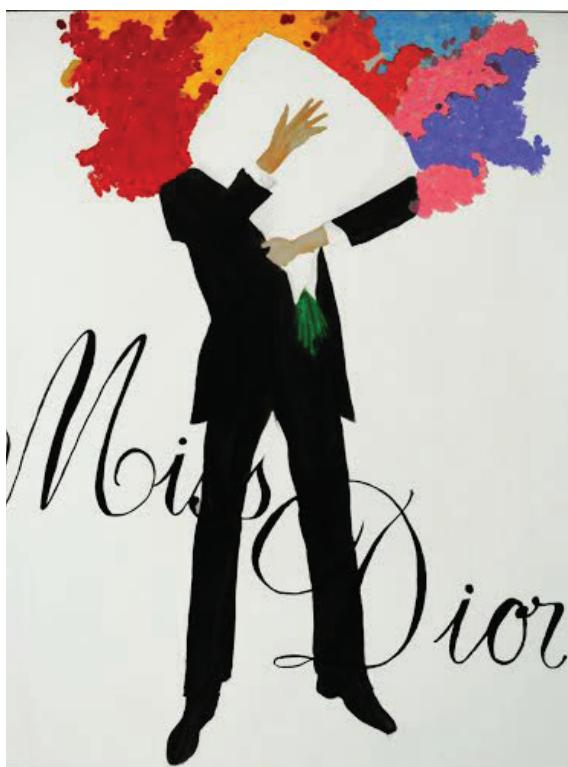
By Alexa Corey

"My portfolio is a set of Tiny Houses, in following with the general ideas of the tiny house movement. They are all designed with fictional residents' needs in mind, and provide the minimum that those residents need to be happy in their homes. Only one house, meant to house a family of five, is over 600 square feet. Additionally, they are energy efficient, made with sustainable materials, some are even mobile, to better embody the sense of financial and physical freedom emphasized in the tiny house movement. I built 12 tiny homes overall."



By Claire Hagerstrom

"My concentration explores colors and how they relate to and play off of each other. The water over the colors blurs the pastel marks and blends the colors to create new relationships between the colors... They have the blurred colors in common. In each of my pieces, some colors pop out more than others; this speaks to the relationships between colors of the same saturation."



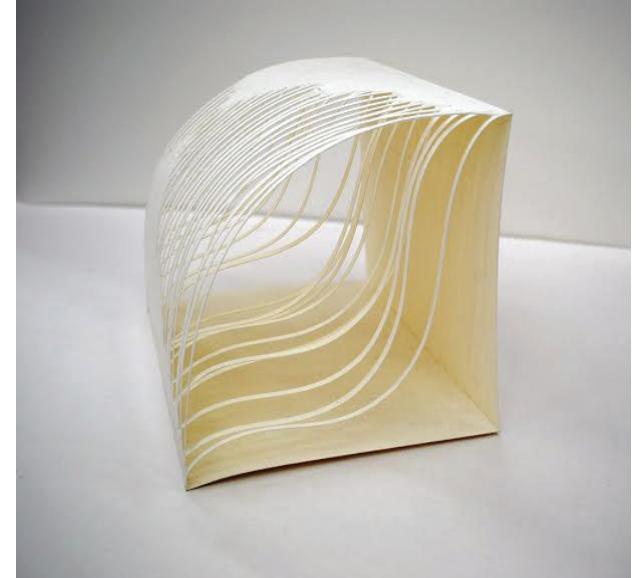
By Caitlin Saitta

"Caitlin did a series of drawings, paintings, and prints of objects like shoes and other fashion images. Her work emphasized minimalist and elegant design."  
-Mr. Weathersby



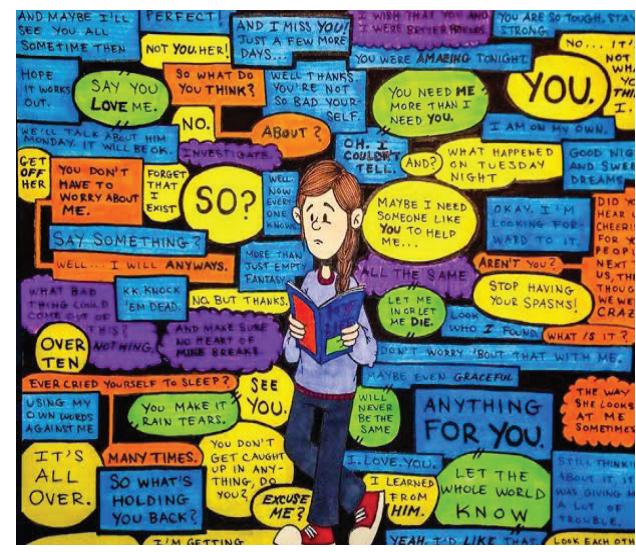
By Jocelyn Rego

"Jocelyn did a few large, abstract paintings using active fields of color. They had an atmospheric feel to them, but I also like that on a few of her paintings this atmospheric feeling was interrupted by geometric shapes."  
-Mr. Weathersby



By Isabelle Donatelli

"My concentration is a 3-D representation of my dreams. Not only do I create the physical spaces and shapes within my dreams, I also map the relationships and patterns within my dreams."



By E.B. Sciales

"The series was inspired by a piece I completed junior year, entitled *My Life*, which referenced words spoken to me, of me, or by me, and still remain significant to my identity. Recurring elements, techniques, and themes include testing the boundaries between fiction and reality, recalling past events, highlighting emotions and spirituality, and venturing outside of myself and/or my world."



By Zoe Schiffer

"My concentration is photography based, showing the world through my eyes. I chose some of my favorite pictures from my travels and edited them into the mirror of a car. To me, looking through the mirror at these images shows what I've seen in the past, as I drive to see more in the future."



By Zoe Denenberg

"Zoe's work consists of abstractions using triangle shapes. Her work emphasized complex color relationships, and it was her own creative take on cubism."  
-Mr. Weathersby