

Langley High School Bands

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!





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Elizabeth Polley

Alisha Qian

Shaan Rashid

Thomas Rong

Davis Riffe

Vy Tran

Maya Tunasar

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Annelyse Woods

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Flute

Carissa Chen
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Caroline Healy
Rachel Huang
Emily Sun
Maya Tunasar
Jasmine Wang
Emily Wu
Amanda Yo

Oboe

Lauren Goetz
David Han
Alexandra Zaffuts

Bassoon

Kevin Lee
Josephine Mou
Elizabeth Polley

Clarinet

Carolyn Amano Dolan
Jacob Amspaugh
Maria Kim
Andrea Mok
David Monserrate
Kevin Philips
Anvitha Puritipati
Thomas Rong
Amelia Swenson
Audrey Wallach
Annelyse Woods
Jimmy Yeum
Austin Zhang
Jason Zhang
Elaine Zou

Bass Clarinet

Gaby Reyes

Contra-Alto Clarinet

Ryan Zadeh

Contra-Bass Clarinet

Alyssa Koerner

Alto Sax

Sammy Dallas
Ingrid Larne
Sasha Navis
Emma Philips
Nick Spoto
Owen Sullivan

Tenor Sax

Tim Wang

Trumpet

Justin Bahr
Fiona Barber
Daniel Curtis
Rhys Francis
Parker Hoang
Elizabeth Johnston
Ethan Jones
Abby Kaufman
Morgan Marenburg

French Horn

Jackson Daly
Will Trosch

Trombone

Joe Gladyszewski
Anthony Kim
Maria Lopez
Cartagena
Nicolas Mordini
Davis Riffe
Delaney Ross

Euphonium

Jack Bateman
Dylan Franchak
John Rielsing

Tuba

Andrew Leone
Lucas Porter
Muriel Wallach



Flute

Aya Albolote
Melanie Chuh
Arwen Jones
Sabrina Lee
Daniel Myung
Jennifer Rubin
Maggie Sechrest
Kelly Shi
Emily Wang
Jessica Zaffuts

Oboe

Jasmin Chen
Aidan Posada

Bassoon

Yuto Matsuki
Natalie Meza

Clarinet

Sophia Beeland
Lily Brookfield
Nick Capps
Carly Hill
Amelia Lee
Andrey Moore
Daliya Rizvi
Andrew Wang
Triston Yu
Austin Zhang
Merik Zhang

Contra-Alto Clarinet

Cassie Keating

Alto Sax

Rowan Johns
Zara Khan

Trumpet

Mia Bao
Adam Cole
Matt Knook
Sean Lee
Julia Porter
Ethan Pwu
Stewart Rosenblatt
Samuel Williams
Daniel Yo

French Horn

Shaan Rashid
Jeffrey Rubin
Sophi Stein

Trombone

William Gotts
Kai Nelson
Davis Riffe
Tyler Wenks

Euphonium

Viraj Ganguli

Tuba

Leah Miller



Flute

Mary Curtis

Diego Tablett

Penny Walke

Lilly Witte

Clarinet

Connor Durrant

Katherine Johnson

Kathryn Keiser

David Monserrate

Isabel Schroeder

Connor Smith

Scarlett Spano

Michaela Svensson

Alto Sax

Matthew Burns

Collin Le

Trumpet

Vishwa Surabhi

Trombone

William Coppola

Neel Curtis

Luke Davis

Jaeda Fontaine-Rasaiah

Emir Yozgat

Tuba

Daniel Cao



Flute Choir

Aya Albolote
Carissa Chen
Melanie Chuh
Cassie Dallas
Caroline Healy
Rachel Huang (piccolo)
Arwen Jones
Daniel Myung
Maggie Sechrest
Maya Tunasar
Jasmine Wang (leader)
Emily Wu
Amanda Yo
Jessica Zaffuts

Jazz Band

Justin Bahr
Jack Bateman
Judge Chalk
Adam Cole
Sammy Dallas
Jianwen Ding
Jaeda Fontaine-Rasaiah
Joe Gladyszewski
Rowan Johns
Beth Johnston
Ethan Jones

Matt Knook
Neil Kohli
Ingrid Larne
Andrea Mok
David Monserrate
Nicolas Mordini
Davis Riffe
Delaney Ross
Ria Wang
Tyler Wenks



Percussion Ensemble

Judge Chalk	Ben Leone
Jianwen Ding	Arman Macchiavello
Josh Eapen	Anand Menon
Ryan Healy	Josh Padgett
Luke Iverson	Armaan Pandey
Veda Kalidindi	Carlos Rojas
Ramzi Kamal	Myah Tokajer
Nicholas Kizelewicz	Alex Woltman
Neil Kohli	Tommy Worden

Color Guard

Erin Adams
Shannon Adams
Ava Arvand
Armita Fard
Alexa Fretwell
Marin George
Melinda Hauda
Cassandra Keating
Areej Khatri
Josephine Mou
Anyia Patel
Elizabeth Polley
Vy Tran
Emily Wu



Drum Major

Cassie Dallas

Assistant Drum Majors

Alyssa Koerner & John Rieling

Woodwinds Captain

Emma Philips

Brass Captain

Justin Bahr

Percussion Captain

Arnand Menon

Color Guard Captain

Shannon Adams

Assistants: Lizzie Polley

& Emily Wu

Flute Leaders

Rachel Huang, Jasmine Wang

& Amanda Yo

Clarinet Leaders

Audrey Wallach

Assistants: Kevin Philips & Austin Zhang

Sax Leader

Ingrid Larne

Trumpet Leaders

Fiona Barber

Assistant: Adam Cole

Mellophone Leader

Shaan Rashid

Low Brass Leaders

Dylan Franchak

Assistants: Jack Bateman & Andrew

Leone

Front Ensemble Leader

Alexandra Zaffuts

Drumline Leader

Neil Kohli

Student Managers

Beth Johnston, Abby Kaufman,

Maria Kim & Lizzie Polley

Attendance Officers

Carly Hill, Maggie Sechrest

& Emily Sun



Best Color Guard Memory

My best memories are the bus rides. I loved all the bus rides to competitions because everyone was so excited.

Biggest Color Guard Mishap

My biggest mishap was when I put my skirt on backwards during a costume change.

Proudest Moment in Color Guard

I think my proudest moment was when I became the captain of the Color Guard team.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to don't be nervous and to get involved!

Next Year

Next year I'm going to James Madison University and plan to get my bachelor of science in nursing.

In Five Years

In five years I plan to be a nurse in a hospital.





Best Band Memory

My best band memory was watching Mr. Martin make his coffee and Mr. Antonucci make his tea every morning in the band room.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was losing almost every folder I got, consistently for four years!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was when we performed the “Birds of a Feather Flock Together” marching band show.

Advice to Others

My advice is to always have a fun fact on hand. You never know when Mr. Martin will ask you in class!

Next Year

Next year I am going to Virginia Tech. Go Hokies!

In Five Years

In five years? Right now I have absolutely no clue!





Best Band Memory

My best band memory was hanging out after school before rehearsals and hanging out on the bus on the way to our marching band competitions.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was freshman year. I had a part in a second suite where I had to hold a whole note. I was cutting it off way too early and I got called out by Mr. Harrington for it.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was learning how to play "Moth," and also successfully learning all my dots for our marching band shows.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to just roll with it! Also, have fun.

Next Year

Next year I will be studying political science at the University of Michigan

In Five Years

In five years, I plan to be in law school.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are performing at VMEA, and the 99 Cent Fresh Pizza store on the NYC trip.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was playing the last note of “El Abanico” loud and proud – and a measure early during silence -- as a freshman.

Proudest Moment in Band

After our final marching competition last year, I was very proud of our trumpet section’s improvement.

Advice to Others

Do jazz band! Also, get to know Ms. Wolff, the college counselor, early.

Next Year

Next year I’m going to Northeastern University and majoring in electrical engineering.

In Five Years

In five years I’ll be finishing up a master’s degree or working for a tech company.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are meeting some of my favorite people, competition bus rides, covering the office in plastic wrap when Mr. Harrington left, color day junior year, and trumpet "section bonding."

Biggest Musical Mishap

"Fa Una Canzona"! Also, entirely missing the one note on the one note solo I had during junior year.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment was marching the company front at our last show during sophomore year.

Advice to Others

My advice is don't take things too seriously. It'll make you miss out on a lot!

Next Year

I'm going to Colgate University!

In Five Years

I do not even know what my major is going to be, so your guess is as good as mine!





Best Band Memory

My best band memory was the marching band competitions at JMU.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was when I knocked someone's hat off during marching band with my trombone slide.

Proudest Moment in Band

I think my proudest moment was when we finished the concert at Carnegie Hall.

Advice to Others

Try your best in marching band competitions, but remember to have fun.

Next Year

Next year I will be going to Rochester Institute of Technology for mechanical engineering. As an RIT Performing Arts Scholar, I look forward to joining at least one band.

In Five Years

In five years I will be graduating from RIT with a masters in mechanical engineering.





Best Band Memory

My best band memory is Tag Day with Jasmine!

Biggest Musical Mishap

Probably the time I played my audition etude so badly that Mr. Martin asked me if there was something wrong with my flute.

Proudest Moment in Band

Junior year marching band assessment. Being a drum major was such an honor and it was so rewarding to watch all of our hard work throughout the season pay off.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to do marching band! Ninety-nine percent of my favorite band memories were made during the marching season and it's a great way to make friends.

Next Year

I will be attending UVA in the fall and I'm going to be in the marching band!

In Five Years

I have no idea where I'll be in five years, but hopefully I will have at least two cats.





Best Band Memory

My best band memory was when I got yelled at during marching band by Mr. Harrington for being too happy, and he angrily said, "I bet smiling is your favorite thing to do."

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was freshman year Jazz Band!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was the jazz solo I never got to play because of covid (I still rocked it, though).

Advice to Others

My advice to others is don't be afraid to make mistakes, and use them to learn and grow.

Next Year

Next year I am going to Emerson College, a media arts school in Boston.

In Five Years

In five years I plan to be moving out to California as a filmmaker.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories came from our freshman year trip to Italy. In Italy I remember being so proud and honored to perform for genuine Italian audiences and I have great memories of spending time with my friends and exploring the Italian cities.

Biggest Musical Mishap

I remember one time in particular -- we were marching my freshman year when I went the wrong direction in a move and collided with one of my section members. Both of us were so startled that we burst out laughing and it took us some time to get back into the swing of the music.

Proudest Moment in Band

I was really proud of the work we did and the marching band show we performed in our junior year.

Advice to Others

Have fun! Band is a community of wonderful people, but it can also be easy to get caught up in the music and stress. The best memories and the most fun I had in band was when I was able to step back and have fun with my friends while making music. I also found that when I was having more fun in band, I was doing better as a musician.

Next Year

I plan to attend The College of William and Mary in the fall.

In Five Years

I see myself working hard in either graduate school or a job.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are overall getting to hang out with friends during class, rehearsal, band trips, and competitions.

Biggest Musical Mishap

Our first performance in Italy of "Fa Una Canzona".

Proudest Moment in Band

Our second performance in Italy of "Fa Una Canzona"!

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to just make the most out of the time you have in band.

Next Year

Next year I will be studying math at the University of Maryland, and maybe playing some music or being in the marching band.

In Five Years

In five years hopefully I will have graduated college and will be going to grad school.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are our Christmas Concerts, and also Saxon Times in the Jazz Room.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was during a piece we played at the VMEA Concert. I came in about 30 seconds later than I was supposed to!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was making All-State Band my freshman year.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to embrace your section! Rehearsals are a lot more fun when you enjoy being around the people in your section.

Next Year

Next year I will be attending Indiana University.

In Five Years

In five years, hopefully I'll be a nurse, and honestly just hoping I don't screw anything too important up!





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are getting Superior ratings at marching band assessments our sophomore and junior years.

Biggest Musical Mishap

I'm not sure what my biggest mishap was! I guess the amount of time I spent trying to fix the speakers during marching band.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band are just the friends I made. They make the years of effort worth it.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to find your friends and family in band. If you don't, then it's going to be a long four years.

Next Year

Next year I'm going to study biomedical engineering and history at North Carolina State.

In Five Years

Hopefully, I'll be challenged but also happy after college, in five years. Hopefully, I will have a job and happy life, and that I might help a lot of people along the way.





Best Band Memory

My favorite band memory was having the opportunity to play at Carnegie Hall with some of my best friends! Also, the day that Mr. Martin and Mr. Harrington fought each other with giant inflatable boxing gloves.

Biggest Musical Mishap

Besides the occasional wrong note in class or missed entrance, my biggest musical mishap was definitely the time my cup mute fell out of my trumpet while I was playing during a concert. The person sitting next to me had told me this would happen if I didn't hold the mute in place, but I didn't believe him, and of course it did fall out and made a super loud clanging sound. Luckily, I think the rest of the band was loud enough so that only the people around me heard it.

Proudest Moment in Band

Finding out our marching band received a Superior rating for the first time ever at assessment our sophomore year!

Advice to Others

Make sure to enjoy every moment of your time in band, because you never know when a worldwide pandemic might hit! Also, IFYBOB, always do your Smartmusic, and quack.

Next Year

I will be going to Tulane University next year, majoring in something in the School of Science and Engineering.

In Five Years

In five years, hopefully I will have graduated and be in some kind of graduate program!





Best Color Guard Memory

My best band memory is probably when we first did our costume change in “Birds of a Feather” for the Langley crowd, or when we first revealed our swing flag “wings.” Either way, everyone went WILD!

Biggest Color Guard Mishap

Dropping during a performance of course! That’s the worst. More specifically though, in the closer for “Birds of a Feather” there was a move we did that I just couldn’t get down without hitting my leg during it. So, I just ... kept doing it like that for the whole season. Probably the funniest bruise I’ve gotten.

Proudest Moment in Color Guard

My proudest moment was getting down the ballad sequence into the closer’s rifle block in the “Darkness into Light” show. It required a lot of fast drill and pretty complex choreography, and when I finally did it I was so happy.

Advice to Others

My advice is don’t feel like you need to have a lot of experience to do Color Guard! I had no dance/cheer background and I picked it up as I went along. Color Guard can seem like a daunting thing to do at first, but I promise it’s really fun!

Next Year

I’ll be attending Tulane University next school year!

In Five Years

In five years, hopefully I’ll still be doing Color Guard in whatever capacity that may be in, and doing well in my studies/life in general.





Best Band Memory

My best band memory was getting to know one of my best friends, Anand, and meeting so many other welcoming people.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was definitely one time when I couldn't find my music. I had to improvise the part, and Mr. Martin knew right away.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was during junior year when I worked really hard for the audition and finally made Wind Symphony.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to be as sociable as possible with people in the Langley band program. Our band community is really welcoming and is a place where you can meet some truly remarkable people. Also, don't forget your music and pencil.

Next Year

I will be attending Indiana University next year, where I plan to study business.

In Five Years

I have no clue what the future holds for me, but I see myself attending graduate school to further my knowledge in whatever field interests me.





Best Band Memory

My best band memory was probably on the bus ride home from a marching competition when we were juniors (maybe sophomores). I remember having a lot of fun with everyone on the bus that day, not just with my friends. We played great music and were goofing off the whole time. Or, I guess it could be when we were the first ever at Langley to get all 1s at marching band assessment. Or, it could be when Daniel Curtis lost his shoe in the ceiling.

Biggest Musical Mishap

The biggest musical mishap I can remember was during the band trip to Italy my freshman year. We were playing at a small venue, and although I don't think we had rehearsed any of the pieces enough, one fell apart very badly at the end (Trifecta? It had a tri), and I remember Mr. Martin doing a wave or something to acknowledge it to the audience, and everyone, audience included, gave a good hearty chuckle.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was during our performance at Carnegie Hall. We were playing a piece I think was called "Blue Bird," and during a particularly poignant moment I saw in the audience that we had moved an old lady to tears. I'm not necessarily happy that she cried, but I'm proud our playing was good enough to make that happen.

Advice to Others

All I can say is that sometimes hard work is required, or you'll have to endure through bad times, but if you make it through you'll make close friends and share great memories with them, and learn more about playing your instrument and music in general than most would at our age by doing high school band.

Next Year

I'll be attending Gettysburg College next year.

In Five Years

In five years I see myself as a college graduate at a critical point, where I can start making responsible choices, or start making irresponsible choices. I know I'll mature a lot during those five years, and I'm pretty sure I'll have found what I want to work toward during my adult life. Beyond that I have no idea.





Best Band Memory

My best band memory was my entire junior year, where the Drumline became a super close group. We had weekly Chipotle hangouts as well as post-rehearsal talks that helped us bond as a group and made us better as a unit, which is something I'll always remember down the line.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest mishap is when I procrastinated on learning a mallet part for a concert and ended up getting singled out in rehearsal. I had to play in front of the entire Wind Symphony, which was pretty embarrassing.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band had to be our final show junior year at the last competition in marching band, where we played the show better than in any practice we ever had.

Advice to Others

Make as many bald jokes to Mr. Martin as you can. That's it. (Just kidding!!)

Next Year

Next year I'm going to George Washington University, majoring in international business.

In Five Years

In five years, I'd like to have a stable business work life and also begin law school, in order to advance my career to the best of my abilities.





Best Band Memory

My best band memory is definitely going on the NYC trip our sophomore year and playing in Carnegie Hall.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was at a marching band competition one time, when I was late in starting our march off the field.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment was just being in band for four years and finishing.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to do band! If you aren't sure about doing band, too bad. And do your scales. Scales are like cheat codes for band.

Next Year

Next year I will be attending VCU to study music performance and composition.

In Five Years

In five years, hopefully I'll have a major in composition and at least a minor in business sales or something like that.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are making friends that have lasted all throughout high school, and also going to New York City and Italy!

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was when we went to Italy and played “Fa Una Canzona” for the first time. It was a little bit of a mess and some would say ... chaotic.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band were when we would get Superior ratings at assessments.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to do your smart music assignments, and do marching band!

Next Year

Next year I am going to Virginia Tech!

In Five Years

In five years, hopefully I will have graduated from college and will be traveling.





Best Band Memory

My best band memory is getting to go up with other marching band leadership as woodwind captain our junior year, to receive an award on behalf of the band and having the entire marching band cheering behind us. It was a truly amazing experience.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was when I had a solo at our sophomore year concert band assessment. I was panicking because I could not find my good reed, only for it to fall out of the bell of my saxophone right before I walked on stage.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was receiving all 1's at marching band assessment our sophomore year, as it was the first time Langley's marching band had done so and it was a big milestone.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to not go off of other people's achievements as a guideline for where you should be. Go at your own pace and celebrate each other's accomplishments.

Next Year

Next year I will be attending Virginia Tech where I plan to study business management.

In Five Years

In five years I will be either working towards my MBA degree or starting out at a large corporation.





Best Band Memory

My best band memory would have to be playing in Carnegie Hall on our New York trip sophomore year. We had worked hard to get there, and it was an amazing experience on top of a really fun trip overall.

Biggest Musical Mishap

My biggest musical mishap was playing on a broken instrument for over a year before realizing that it needed to be fixed. Langley's E-flat clarinet had a loose key for a long time, which took months of missed notes for me to realize the problem. Another one was when I was practicing with the orchestra, when I realized I was playing everything a half-step too high because the part was written for clarinet in A and not in B-flat.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was playing with the massive All-State Band sophomore year. It was lots of hard work to get into that band, and performing "Pictures at an Exhibition" with a band of more than one hundred players was an incredible experience.

Advice to Others

Don't stop practicing! Even a little bit every week is enough to keep you in shape. Don't let all those years of practice go to waste.

Next Year

I'll be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill next year to study computer science, where I will continue to play in the band or orchestra.

In Five Years

Working in an office somewhere, hopefully still playing the clarinet!





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are all of the inside jokes from throughout the years: rubber ducks, bing bong, Mr. Doctor Antonucci, “p”-shaped pasta, rest in peace Ryker, two for two, singing Happy Birthday, and countless more phrases and jokes. I also loved the trips to Italy and New York. Those were unforgettable moments that I am so glad I was able to experience.

Biggest Musical Mishap

“Fa Una Canzona”! ...

Proudest Moment in Band

The final note of every concert. Hearing it ring out and finally being able to relax and stand for applause -- the ends of concerts were always gratifying. Also, when Josephine, Laura, and I nailed the bassoon solo in “American Salute”. It was awesome that Mr. Martin trusted us to play such an important, exposed part.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to get involved! Join marching band, jazz band, winter guard, or United Sound. Being connected and making friends is the best part of school and band really helps you find a group of people to spend time with.

Next Year

Next year I will be going to Loyola University in Baltimore. I plan to study forensics, either forensic pathology or forensic anthropology.

In Five Years

Hopefully in five years I’ll be in medical school studying to be a medical examiner! Fingers crossed I’ll end up in a big city.





Best Band Memory

Definitely my best band memory was going on our trip to Italy. It was special for me because it was the first and only time that I've been to Europe and the second time that I've flown across the Atlantic, so experiencing the differences (and similarities) between here and there was really cool. It also happened to be my last band trip, as I didn't end up going to NYC my sophomore year and the trips after that were cancelled.

Biggest Band Mishap

There weren't really any musical mishaps that I can remember. I do remember that one of our brand new mellophone bells got bent during marching band camp, but surprisingly I didn't manage to break anything in my four years at Langley.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band were when we were rated Superior in our marching band assessments sophomore and junior year. I'm pretty sure that those were the Langley marching band's first superior ratings at marching assessment, so it was really cool to be a part of that. It definitely felt good for all of the hard work done during marching band camp and practice to have paid off, and for us to be recognized.

Advice to Others

One thing that I didn't truly understand until my upperclassmen years is how much time, work, and effort it takes to lead the Langley bands. Although Mr. Martin and Mr. A can be tough, we absolutely would not be where we are if it weren't for them. Also, remember to have fun! Band can be a bit draining, but don't be discouraged.

Next Year

I'm going to Purdue University next year, majoring in professional flight. I'm studying to become a professional pilot.

In Five Years

In five years I'll have graduated from college, and since I don't plan on doing anything post-grad I'll probably be flying for an airline, most likely a regional or local one. Other than that, I'm not sure. Who knows!





Best Band Memory

My best band memory was playing at Carnegie Hall and the entire New York City trip.

Biggest Band Mishap

“Fa Una Canzona” in Italy!

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was the end of our marching band competition season of junior year, because of our Superior ratings.

Advice to Others

My advice to younger students is don't take things too seriously, and have fun with music!

Next Year

Next year I will be going to Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University at the Prescott, Arizona campus.

In Five Years

In five years, I hope to be living in Colorado and flying for an airline.





Best Color Guard Memory

My best band memory was during my very first marching band performance at Langley and seeing my friends and performing. Prior to that, I had never been to a football game, and it was very fun to see and be a part of that.

Biggest Color Guard Mishap

During one performance, I got lost during the music and screwed up the choreography. Thankfully, that only happened one time during my time in marching band/color guard.

Proudest Moment in Color Guard

My proudest moment was our junior year when the marching band got the highest rating at the last performance of the season where we were ranked Superior. All of our efforts amounted to a good show, and we and others all recognized it.

Advice to Others

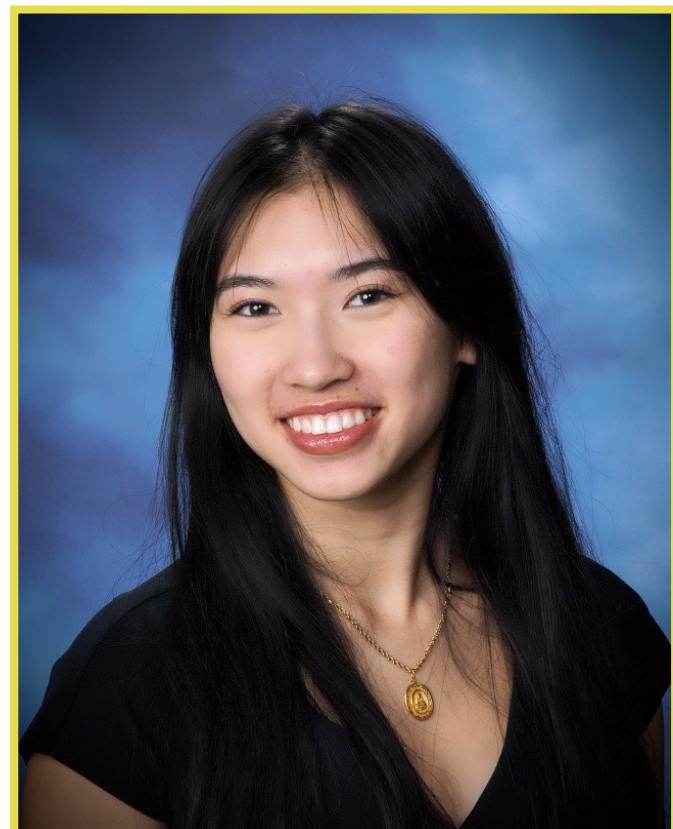
My advice is to join marching band, either playing an instrument or doing color guard! You can have your best memories and meet some great people in it. That's how I met my best friends, and it was very fun to be part of that environment together.

Next Year

Next year I will be going to VCU! I am on the pre-med track, but I also am very interested in tapping into doing more art and perhaps switching into VCUArts!

In Five Years

In five years, I see myself out of college and being happy. As to my plans, I don't really know, but I will be somewhere happy doing whatever!





Best Band Memory

One of my best memories is being able to play my solos in front of people! And then I met a lot of nice people who came to compliment me.

Biggest Band Mishap

My biggest band mishap was accidentally messing up the flute only part, and the other flutes ended up blaming someone else and got mad at them for me.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was getting to play my alto flute for a solo in junior year. It was nice to play it in band for once.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is that you're never done with practicing scales and chromatic! You're going to have to play those many times in high school.

Next Year

Next year I am going to study animation in the Laguna College of Art and Design in California.

In Five Years

In five years, hopefully I will get to work in character design for Pixar.





Best Band Memory

My favorite part of band was our Wednesday night concert rehearsals.

Biggest Band Mishap

My biggest mishap occurred junior year, when the bottom half of my marching clarinet fell on the floor right before a Friday night football game.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was having the opportunity to play at VMEA at the Homestead our freshman year.

Advice to Others

My advice to others would be to not be afraid to reach out to the older students for help.

Next Year

Next year I will be at the Rochester Institute of Technology where I will be majoring in business, and I'll also be swimming and playing the clarinet.

In Five Years

In five years I will still be at RIT, getting my MBA in their 4+1 MBA program.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are Tag Days with Cassie Dallas!

Biggest Band Mishap

My biggest band mishap is not learning and memorizing the Langley fight song until senior year.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was playing at VMEA with the Flute Choir my junior year. It was our first big "After-Cindy" ("AC") performance, and it was super rewarding. Also, we got to see Mr. Harrington again!

Advice to Others

First, do marching band! Second, It's okay to feel frustrated and overwhelmed at times. Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Next Year

Next year I'm going to UVA!

In Five Years

In five years? I am still trying to think of a good answer to this question.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are from hanging around in the band room's back closet freshman and sophomore year.

Biggest Band Mishap

My biggest band mishap would have to be my audition freshman year.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band is just finishing this year!

Advice to Others

My advice to others is simple. Stay in school.

Next Year

Next year I'll be attending Lehigh University.

In Five Years

In five years I probably will be in graduate school somewhere.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are hiding in the back of the band room and helping Mr. Martin with things.

Biggest Band Mishap

My biggest band mishap was trying to play the flute part for a piece and not realizing it for way too long.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was when we got to play at Carnegie Hall our sophomore year.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to do your smart music on time! It does not take as long as you think.

Next Year

I'm going to Florida State University next year (go 'noles)!

In Five Years

In five years I'll probably be roaming around Florida.





Best Color Guard Memory

My best Color Guard memory is all the time we spent on the bus going to and from competitions. We did our hair together, had snacks, and just generally bonded with each other.

Biggest Color Guard Mishap

One time a teammate's flag hit me on the head during a practice run. We had just done a toss and hers veered sideways just enough to smack me on the temple on its way down. I was fine after a little bit, but it wasn't fun. 0/10, would not do again.

Proudest Moment in Color Guard

My proudest moment in Guard was when I realized I had become one of the people I had looked up to in years past, who knew what they were doing and could help others with counts or choreography.

Advice to Others

My advice is to be gentle with yourself. Everyone at Langley has such high expectations for themselves, but it's okay to not be perfect. Give yourself a break. You're doing your best.

Next Year

I'm going to UVA next year! I plan to study psychology and maybe music.

In Five Years

In five years, I'll have graduated from college. I'd like to become a music therapist, so I'll most likely need a master's degree. I don't have a solid plan for the next five years besides going to college and seeing where life takes me.





Best Band or Color Guard Memory

My best band memories are the Italy trip during sophomore year, during which Cassie and I kept trying to win “the question game,” and also during which students kept trying to sneak pasta into Mr. Harrington’s pockets.

Biggest Band or Color Guard Mishap

It’s not exactly a musical mishap, but the time I dropped every major toss in Color Guard for our marching band assessment.

Proudest Moment in Band or Color Guard

My proudest moments are the times when I caught every major toss at marching band competitions.

Advice to Others

My advice is to join marching band!

Next Year

I will be attending University of Michigan next year for engineering.

In Five Years

In five years, hopefully I will have graduated and will be working on an interesting engineering project. Also I’ll be baking more in my free time.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are all our goofy Flute Choir practices! In between all the focus, we would always have fun and end up talking (for probably too long).

Biggest Band Mishap

My biggest band mishap was probably when I had a District audition and was one of the first to go. Usually piccolos audition before flutes, but somehow they forgot! I ended up doing half my audition, waiting for the piccolos, and then finishing.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments in band are just the overall practicing we did to place so well at regionals and states and for our marching band competitions.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to continue pursuing what you love and remember to cherish every moment you get! High school really goes by so fast.

Next Year

Next year I will be attending UVA!

In Five Years

I'm not exactly sure where I'll be in five years. I'll either be working or continuing to study, hopefully.





Best Band Memory

My best band memories are just performing at all of our school concerts.

Biggest Band Mishap

My biggest band mishaps were when I would forget to bring my instrument to school.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moments were playing and doing a great job in marching band during our football games.

Advice to Others

My advice to others is to be consistent with practicing your instrument.

Next Year

Next year I'll be attending VCU in its pre-dental program.

In Five Years

I plan to be attending my first year of dental school in five years.





Best Band Memory

I loved everything about the Italy trip freshman year, and the Carnegie Hall trip sophomore year. Also, getting Superior ratings our sophomore and junior years at marching band assessment. But honestly, the smallest moments were some of the best, too, like getting popsicles in the middle of extra hot marching band rehearsals, and riding home on the bus from competitions.

Biggest Band Mishap

My biggest band mishap was always forgetting to bring my instrument to school in the morning freshman year and racing back home to get it.

Proudest Moment in Band

My proudest moment in band was, as an oboe player, learning mallet instruments enough to enjoy being in the front ensemble for marching band. It was difficult at the beginning, but so worth it!

Advice to Others

Appreciate the little things! I never would have guessed that a random Wednesday night concert rehearsal our junior year would be the last time I played in Langley's Wind Ensemble. Also, take every opportunity available in band; it's an amazing experience!

Next Year

I'll be attending UVA next year. I'm an Echols Scholar, and also am excited to be in the Marching Cavaliers front ensemble. Go 'Hoos!

In Five Years

In five years, hopefully I'll be finishing the first year of medical school.





Langley High School Bands ~ Class of 2021

and also ...



Hana Abouelenein
University of Maryland



Daniel Curtis



Anthony Kim
Indiana University



Nicolas Mordini



Alisha Qian
University of Virginia



Thomas Rong



Best Band Memory

It is impossible to pick one memory from the last four years. So, at the risk of being underwhelming or sentimental, I'll just say that for me the process is always more important than the product. So my favorite memory is not of any one highlight, though I remember them fondly – it's instead the overall memory of positive and productive rehearsals, with the right balance of getting good work done and laughing at the same time. It's not an easy balance to find, but it sure is great when we get it. The fact that it continued in some way over the shutdown is a testament to you great young people.

Biggest Musical Mishap

I cannot count the number of musico-technological problems I've had this last year. You indulged and forgave me ... and made fun of me when appropriate. Old man with technology.

Proudest Moment

I'm going to cheat and mention two moments. First, the last full band thing we did before the shutdown: a Wednesday evening Wind Symphony rehearsal on March 11, 2020, where the composer of one of the pieces was present. The students played SO WELL and the composer was SO PLEASED with them. The energy in the room was fantastic and even though we didn't know it would be the end of that journey, it's great that it ended that way. More recently, I am very proud of the many students who participated in our spring marching band – especially you seniors. It's mostly self-explanatory, but I think there's a real way in which the seniors who took part helped to leave a small legacy of what the Langley Bands are about. I'm proud of you for that!

Advice to the Class of 2021

As you move into the next phase of your life, you have an opportunity to decide what you are going to take from these last four years, and what you are going to leave behind. Band – the memories, the music, all of it – is a part of that material that you can draw from. I hope that you choose to take meaningful, positive, lasting things from our time together. I know I will. (And I hope I see you again!)





Best Band Memory

My best Langley band memory was having the marching band perform for the first time this year in over a year, and making the most of our short season with the “Jackson 5” show.

Biggest Musical Mishap

I may have gotten a bit too “musical” while conducting the Wind Ensemble’s “Bayou Breakdown”, which maaaaay have caused things to derail in the middle of a concert ... luckily things got back on track!

Proudest Moment in Band

The last after school rehearsal I had last year with Symphonic Band was awesome! It was so cool to see the culmination of all our students’ work during assessment season. Even though we were recording in the band room due to covid, they put on an exemplary performance!

Advice to the Class of 2021

My advice is to be true to who you are in college. In many ways it is a starting over point. There isn’t anybody you’re “supposed” to be. Be yourself, follow your passions, and you will find friends who you can truly connect with.



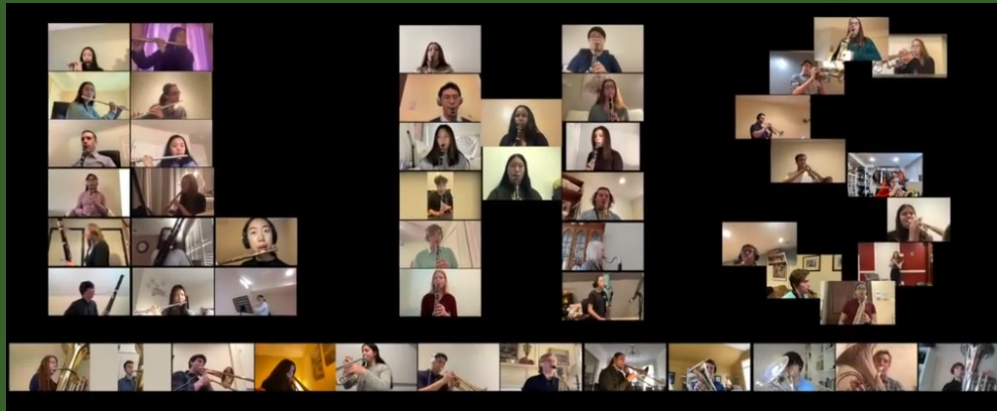


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