

Senior & Principal Bios

Alyssa Ahrens (Belle), a senior this year, is returning for her fourth NHS musical. She has previously graced the stage as Cha-Cha DiGregorio in *Grease*, as Too Darn Hot Dancer #7 in *Kiss Me Kate*, and last year in *Seussical the Musical*, she stole the show as Gertrude McFuzz. She has also performed in all three murder mysteries. In addition to drama, Alyssa has been a member of the Tennis Team and The Rhythm of the Knights Show Choir for four years. She plays the piano and is currently taking voice lessons from Cynthia O'Connell. Alyssa will attend The University of Cincinnati to study Electronic Media. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her in everything she has done and Ms. Sawyer for all the wonderful opportunities she has received. Drama has been the funnest (that's right she said funnest) part of high school and she will never forget it. Although she will miss Mr. Simmons most of all (and lets be honest, who wouldn't?), she still wishes much success to everyone else in the years to come.

Dave Bina (The Beast), a senior, is returning for his sixth performance in a NHS musical production. While in middle school he appeared in *The Music Man* and *South Pacific*. His freshman year, Dave landed the role of Danny Zuko in *Grease*. He also appeared as Gremio in *Kiss Me Kate* and in last year's *Seussical the Musical* he took on the role of Horton the Elephant. Dave has played Football for seven years, Hockey for thirteen years and is a NOC Scholar Athlete in both sports. He has served as a class officer for three years and has been taking voice lessons for five. He plans to attend Cleveland State University to study Exercise Science and major in Physical Therapy. Drama has been such a huge part of Dave's life and he has made so many memories and friends. He would like to thank his parents for their constant support and Ms. Sawyer, Mr. Simmons, and Mrs. Lester for their confidence and guidance all these years. D.S....RIP Mr. Simmons's Yellow Pants!!!

Michaël Blziech (Maurice) is a senior this year and is appearing in his third Nordon High School musical. He has previously appeared in the chorus of *Kiss Me Kate* and as Mr. Mayor, the mayor of Whoville, in last year's *Seussical the Musical*. Michaël has swam competitively for almost a decade and is a Varsity Letterman on the Swimming Team. He has also been a member of The Rhythm of the Knights Show Choir for four years. He enjoys painting and art. Michaël's biggest passion is the piano, which he spends most of his free time playing. In the past, he has taken vocal and piano lessons. In the fall, Michaël plans to attend The University of Akron to further his studies in Music Education with his primary instrument being the piano.

Josh Bodziong (LeFou) is a junior and is excited to be returning for his third musical production at Nordon. He first appeared in the Male Chorus in *Kiss Me Kate* in which he had the honor of getting to pull the donkey. He also appeared as one of the Wickersham Brothers in *Seussical the Musical*. In addition to drama, Josh is a three year member of the Soccer Team and the Band, in which he plays clarinet, and has served as a Class Officer for the last three years. He has also been in The Rhythm of the Knights Show Choir for two years. Josh is currently undecided about college but is considering going into Engineering. In his spare time, Josh can be found dancing the Black Swan, petting cats, and eating pulled pork.

Veronica Boone (Silly Girl) is making her debut in a Nordon musical this year. A junior, she is also a member of the National Honor Society. Veronica is currently taking vocal lessons with Megan Elk at the Aurora School of Music. In the future, she plans to attend college and pursue a degree in Commercial Marketing with a minor in Theatre Arts.

Brittney Bowers (Enchantress/Goldware) is a junior this year and is appearing in her third Nordon musical production. She has previously appeared in *Kiss Me Kate* and *Seussical the Musical*. She is a four year member of Teen Institute and is also currently serving on the Drama Exec Board overseeing the Costume Crew. When not at school or drama, you can find Brittney hard at work at Marc's. She has taken voice lessons for five years now from Vicki Lester and Megan Elk. She is still undecided about college but knows she is headed somewhere warm and sunny.

Amanda Bugenske (Egg Beater) is a senior this year and this is her first Nordon musical! She has been a Girl Scout for nine years, is in TI and Ski Club, and has lettered in Choir. Amanda recently placed first in the Business Professionals of America Association Regional Competition and will be heading to states soon. She has attended CVCC for two years in the Business Secretary Program and would like to find a position in an office setting. Amanda would like to dedicate her performance to her family and to the memory of her special friend, Julia Matonis.

Alexis Byers (Stage Manager) is a senior this year and is working backstage on her fourth straight NHS musical. She is an AP and honors student and is in the Top 25 of the senior class. Alexis has played soccer for six years. She is currently serving as the Second Vice President of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Alexis tutors, babysits, and volunteers in the community. She is unsure of where she will attend college or even what career field she will enter, but she is planning on majoring in Mathematics with a minor in either English or Spanish.

Jessica Heatherman (Townsperson/Wolf) is a senior this year and this is her fourth Nordonian High School production. She was in *Kiss Me Kate* and *Scussical the Musical* and worked backstage for *Grease*. She has also appeared in two murder mysteries. She is involved with Science Olympiad, Book Club, and Academic Challenge. Jessica is an avid reader. Her favorite pastimes include annoying people out of love and building a rocket to Pigfarts. Jessica will attend Eastern Michigan University in the Honors Program to pursue degrees in Accounting and Business.

Leah Hedman (Assistant Stage Manager) is a senior and has been a member of the Backstage and Props Crews for the last four years. She has also assisted with Front of House. In addition to drama, Leah is a four year member of the Marching Band and has been in the Pep Band for three years. She is also a member of Mock Trial, Glass Ceiling, National Honor Society, and she played Soccer for a year. In the fall, Leah plans on attending Kent State University to major in Hospitality Management.

Jason Howig (Monsieur D'Arque/Townsperson/Waiter) is making his Nordonian Drama Club debut this year in *Beauty and the Beast*. A junior, Jason has been a member of The Rhythm of the Knights Show Choir for two years. He enjoys playing the drums and is currently taking voice lessons from Mr. John Cley. While he is currently unsure of where he is going to attend college, Jason knows he wants to study Music and the Performing Arts.

Rachael Karlozi (Mrs. Potts) is a junior this year and is thrilled to be returning for her fourth Drama Club production. She has also appeared in *Grease*, *Kiss Me Kate*, and as an Orange Bird Girl in last year's *Scussical the Musical*. In addition to Drama Club, she is also a member of the National Honor Society and has been taking voice lessons for four years from Mrs. Vicki Lester. After high school, Rachael plans to pursue a career in Fashion Merchandising. Something that most people do not know about Rachael is that she is an avid whale watcher. Orcas are her favorite! She is also hard at work studying the language of the dolphin so that she may one day swim and communicate with these majestic creatures. Thank you to Sawyer, Simmons, Leah, Czeka, and Lester for being so awesome! Much love to her family for their undying support!

Ashley Keeney (Platz) is a senior this year and is very excited to be joining us for her first NTHS musical. She has been actively involved in Student Council and Leadership for the last four years and with the Youth Group at her church for six years. In the fall, Ashley plans on attending Kent State University to pursue a career as an Intervention Specialist.

Tyler Kessler (Gaston) is a senior and is excited to be involved in his fourth straight Nordonian musical. He worked backstage for *Grease* before finding his spotlight on stage his sophomore year as Hortensio in *Kiss Me Kate*. Last year, Tyler commanded the audience's undivided attention as General Genghis Khan Schmitz in *Scussical the Musical*. In addition to drama, Tyler is actively involved in a number of organizations and activities. He has been on the Teen Retreat Planning Team at St. Barnabas for two years and is a member of the National Honor Society. When not at work at Panera, Tyler enjoys exercising and lifting weights. He plans to further his education at The University of Dayton this fall, pursuing a degree in Exercise Science and Physical Therapy.

Maria Madden (Madame de la Grande Bouche/Townsperson), a senior this year, is returning for her fourth NTHS musical production. She has been in *Grease*, *Kiss Me Kate*, and *Scussical the Musical*. She also appeared in the last two murder mysteries. She has taken Jazz at Center Stage and the Vibe, and hobbies include: video games, movies, performing, and writing music, stories, and plays. Maria has also taken voice lessons from Vicki Lester for two years. In the future, Maria plans to attend The University of Akron majoring in Business with a minor in the Performing Arts, and she also plans to audition for American Idol. Look out Ryan Seacrest!

Kevin McMichael (Book Seller/Waiter/Prince) is a freshman this year appearing in his second Nordonian musical. He was a Cadet in *Scussical the Musical*. Kevin is actively involved in a number of clubs including: Buds, Leadership, TI, and Student Council. He's also taking voice lessons.

Cassi Meyer (Silly Girl) is a freshman this year and is returning for her second Nordonian musical after first appearing as a Cadet in last year's *Scussical the Musical*. She also appeared in this year's murder mystery. She is an active member of the Drama Club and has been taking piano and voice lessons for three years. Cassi is also hard at work auditioning for local community theatres.

Rachel Miu (Makeup Crew) is a senior and this is her third Nordonian musical production that she has been a part of. She performed on stage in *Grease* and *Kiss Me Kate*. Other than drama, Rachel also takes part in Choir and the Academic Challenge Team. After she graduates, Rachel will attend Northern Michigan University where she will study Architecture.

Jamie Mong (Tech Crew) is a senior and has been working on the Tech Crew for three years now. He has also been a member of the Band for four years and Science Olympiad for three years. Jamie plans to attend Ohio Northern University to study Engineering.

Olivia Nichol (Silly Girl) is a junior appearing in her second NfHS musical. She was also in *Kiss Me Kate*. She has also appeared in two of our murder mysteries. Her career started long ago when she was first cast in a commercial as a toddler. Olivia is a member of leadership and takes voice lessons from Vicki Lester. Olivia plans to attend Kent State University in their School of Fashion Design.

Meghan O'Neill (Townsperson/Napkin) is returning her senior year to her third Nordonia musical. She has previously appeared in *Grease* and in *Scussical the Musical* as one of the Purple Bird Girls. Meghan has played Varsity Golf for four years and sings with her dad's band, "Back9." She works at the Macedonia Rec where she lifeguards and teaches swimming. Meghan hikes and loves nothing more than a nice picnic in the park. This fall she will attend The University of Akron, in the Honors College, to pursue a degree in Marketing with a minor in Entrepreneurship. Meghan wants to thank her family and friends for making her who she is today.

Devlyn Radcliff (Plate), a senior, is making her fourth appearance in a Nordonia High School musical. She has been in *Grease*, *Kiss Me Kate*, and *Scussical the Musical*. In addition to drama, Devlyn has been a member of Teen Institute for three years and is a first year member of the Book Club. After high school, Devlyn plans to attend Kent State University to study towards a degree in Fashion Design.

Taglor Reid (Pit Orchestra) is a senior this year and is performing in the Pit Orchestra for the fourth time. She has been a member of every band that Nordonia has to offer. Taglor will be continuing her education at Kent State where she will major in Computer Information Systems.

Mike Roberto (Baker/Wolf/Candle Stick/Beast Body Double) is a senior and this is his fourth year working on the spring musical. After first working backstage for *Grease*, he has since been seen on stage in *Kiss Me Kate* and as Vlad Vladikoff in *Scussical the Musical*. He is thrilled to be taking on so many amazing roles in this year's show! He has also been in all three murder mysteries. Mike is also involved with Boy Scouts, enjoys bear wrestling, is perfecting light saber technology, and reminisces while singing songs of the glory days. Mike plans to attend Kent State next fall majoring in Exercise Science with a minor in the Performing Arts.

Sam Robles (Pit Orchestra) is a senior and is playing the flute for her third NfHS musical. At St. Monica's, she appeared in several productions including *A Christmas Carol*, *Godspell*, and *Splash Kingdom*. She has been in the band since the fourth grade. Sam likes to read and write her own song lyrics. She is planning to attend Kent State to study nursing.

Cassie Sakach (Babette) aka "McFeather Duster" is a senior this year. She has appeared in *Kiss Me Kate* as the front half of the donkey and as Mrs. Mayor in *Scussical the Musical*. She is currently serving as the President of the Drama Club. Cassie is a talented photographer and has also been playing the guitar for three years. She is in The Rhythm of the Knights Show Choir and can usually be found dancing the Swan Queen in her free time. Cassie would like to thank her family and Miss Molly Sawyer for all their encouragement. She is currently unsure of what her future holds, but one thing is for certain: her love of cats and pulled pork will never die.

David Simznc (Tech Crew Manager) is a senior and has been a techie "from the womb." He is also in Band, Science Olympiad, and the National Techball League. An Eagle Scout, David likes long walks on the beach and candle lit dinners. He will attend Cleveland State University to study Media Technology. Thanks to his fellow techies for all their hard work!

Ryan Skerl (Pit Orchestra) is playing the trumpet in the Pit Orchestra this year. He is a member of Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band. He has been a Boy Scout for eight years and plans to study Mechanical Engineering.

Scott Swiatczk (Pit Orchestra) is a senior this year and this is the first time he has performed in the Pit Orchestra. Playing the trumpet, he has been in Band and Jazz Band for four years. He also takes karate. Scott plans to study Computer Sciences or Journalism in college.

Derek Szabo (Pit Orchestra), a senior, is playing the trumpet in his second Nordonia musical. He also played for *Grease* his freshman year. He is a member of Band and Jazz Band. Derek will be attending Kent State University where he will be majoring in Chemistry.

Athna Toth (Pit Orchestra) is returning to play trumpet in her third Nordonia musical. She has been a member of all the bands at the high school for the last four years. She also plays guitar. Athna will attend Kent State University to study Entrepreneurship.

Kristyn VanDerMuelen (Backstage Crew) is a senior and is working backstage on her second NfHS production. She is a four year member of the Marching and Pep Bands. Kristyn will be attending either Wittenberg University or The University of Mount Union to study Biology.

Kevangela Wzaklzy (Makeup Crew) is a senior and is working on her first musical production. Kevangela has been a member of the track team for five years. She is unsure of where she will be furthering her education but she knows she wants to study Business and Cosmetology.