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TWENTY EIGHTEEN

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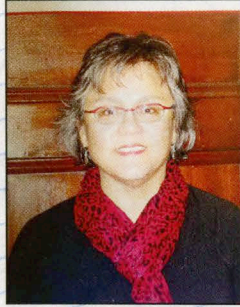
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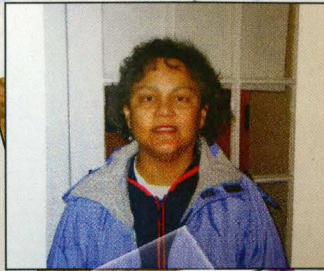
CHERYL HAUG



Cheryl Haug
Physical Education Instructor



For many years Cheryl taught Threshold students the importance of physical and mental well-being in Fitness and Food Lab classes. She shared her experiences with students, making connections and sharing memories. She retired from Threshold last spring and has been missed!



MARCIA MISHLEY

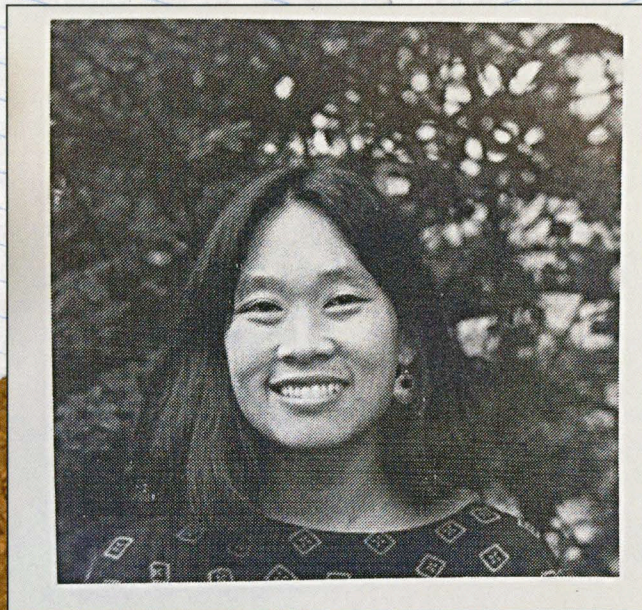
Marcia has been a Threshold faculty member for over 25 years, teaching vocational courses in business and support services to first-year and second-year students. She has also been a supportive and trusted advisor and mentor.

As an instructor in Business and Support Services and Work World, Marcia has provided students invaluable practical training in customer service, business, and office procedures. She has helped so many students and alumni develop the interpersonal and communication skills to make them successful in their careers.

Marcia will be missed greatly by the students, staff, and faculty and we wish her well!



FRAN YUAN



Fran has been a member of the Threshold faculty for over 30 years, almost since the beginning! In her years with the program, Fran has emphasized life skills that improve self-knowledge, self-advocacy and promote self-acceptance and overall well-being in her students.

She taught many courses including Organization and Study Skills, Adult Sexuality, and Health and Wellness. Fran also worked with students individually to help them develop individualized learning profiles and strategies, and supported and mentored students in and out of class.

The Threshold Family will miss Fran very much. We wish her well in the future!

Threshold Administration

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations upon your achievement! The faculty and administration are so terribly proud of you and all that you have accomplished in just two short years. It has been our privilege to work with you, and watch you develop into the confident and capable young adults you are today. We know it was not always easy. There were days you struggled and had your doubts, but through it all you persevered.

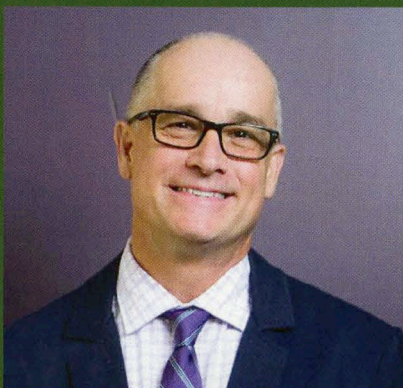
Remember we have faith in you. We believe you can do anything you put your mind to, no matter what obstacles lie in your way. You are an individual who does not give up in the face of adversity.

The road to graduation is not an ending. It is a beginning. Now, you are on the road to independence. This is an exciting and wonderful opportunity. Your Threshold friends, faculty, and staff are here for you wherever your journey takes you. Please stay in touch through our alumni center. You have now just joined the distinguished ranks of almost 700 Threshold alumni world-wide.

Your determination has served you well and has gotten you this far. It will continue to be your strength as you embark upon your new chapter in your life- exploring the world and pursuing an exciting career. We wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Ernst VanBergeijk, Ph.D., M.S.W.
Director



**Director
Ernst VanBergeijk**



**Director of
Admissions
Helen McDonald**

President's Message

Dear Threshold Graduates:

Congratulations to each of you on your Graduation Day!

Graduation is a wonderful celebration that recognizes all that you have accomplished over the past two years as a Threshold student. This includes participating in your classes, communicating effectively with many individuals, interacting with the broad range of people in your life, developing good friendships, and becoming more thoughtful and independent.

These skills are important to each one of us each and every day. A successful life requires a lot of effort. Some days are more difficult than others. As each of you have learned, what is key is that you have the ability to bounce back and make the next day a good day.

Many colleagues have commented to me about their admiration for your sense of right and wrong, the loyalty of your friendships with one another, your care for one another, your sense of humor, and the effort you make to think through the important decisions about your life. You have grown, developed more confidence, and built a wide range of skills over the past two years, and as you have done so, you have added a great deal to the Lesley community. We are proud of you, proud that you are part of Lesley, and proud that Lesley is part of you.

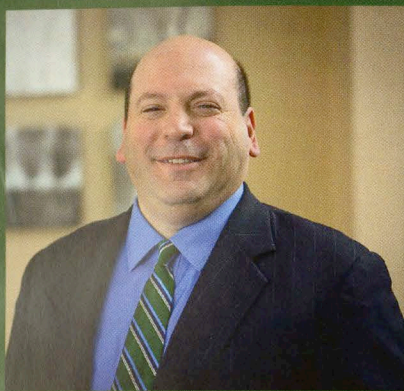
I want to thank the Threshold faculty and staff for their collaboration with you. They are as committed to you and the other Threshold students and alumni as any faculty and staff could be, and they have challenged and supported you because they want you to be confident about your own future success. I also want to thank your family for their support of the Threshold Program and all that they have done to assist you and other students throughout these two years.

As a Threshold graduate, you are and always will be an important member of our Lesley community. Keep in touch, stay engaged through the Threshold Alumni Center, and continue to develop a growing network of good friends. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Jeff A. Weiss

President



**President
Jeff Weiss**

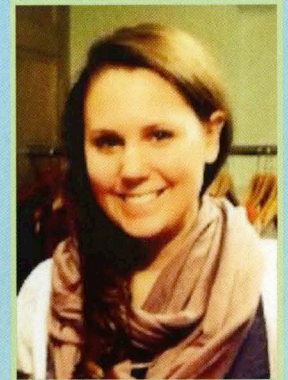
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**Personal
Finance
Instructor**



Terry Bromfield
**Early Childhood
Instructor**



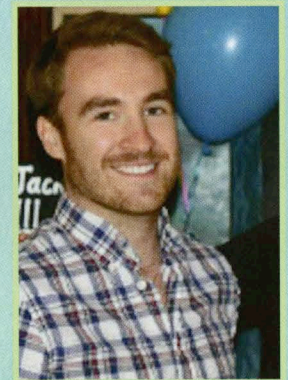
Susanne Carter
**Director of
Residence Life &
Student Services**



Courtney Chow
**Graduate Dance/
Movement Therapy &
Mental Health
Counseling Intern**



Theresa Citarella
**Creative Writing
Instructor**



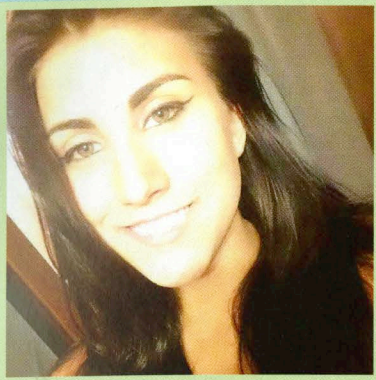
Tim Cusack
**Administrative
Coordinator**



**Krista
DiGregorio**
**Employment
Coordinator**



Lorraine Done
**Vocational
Instructor**



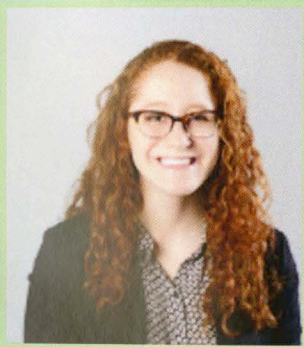
Yvonne Fall
GRA



Karen Freed
**Theater
Instructor**



Joe Gennetti
**Business &
Support Services
Instructor**



Michelle Goldberg
GRA



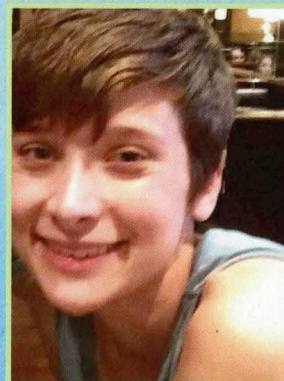
Samantha Goldfrad
Intern



Cara Gorham Streit
**Alumni Center
Director**



Betsy Katz
**Graduate
Dance /
Movement
Psychotherapy
LMHC Intern**

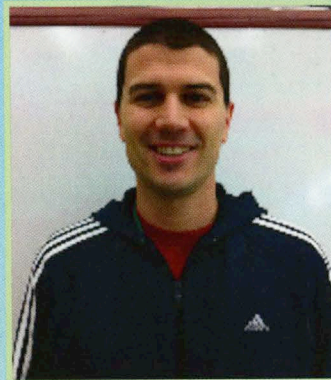


**Rebecca
Kleinman**
Intern

Faculty & Staff



Leslie Macone
**Business
Instructor**



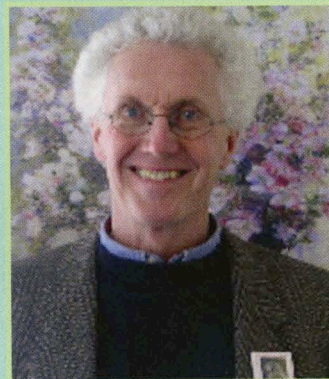
Tom Materazzo
Fitness Instructor



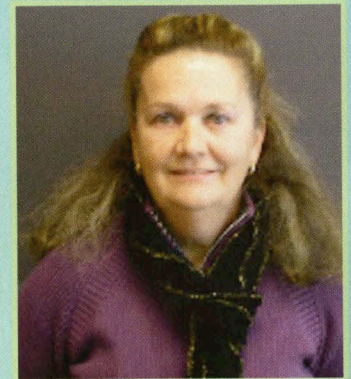
Helen McDonald
**Director of
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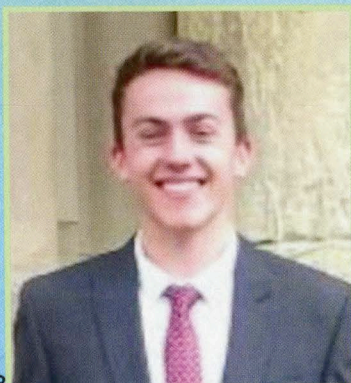
Marcia Mishley
**Business
Instructor**



Bill Mitchell
**Consulting
Psychologist**



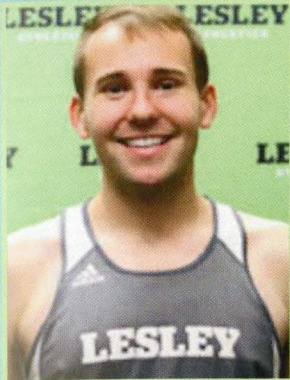
**Patricia
Morrissey**
Instructor



Matt Mortimer
**Alumni Center
Coordinator**



Karen Oldom
**Independent
Living
Advisor**



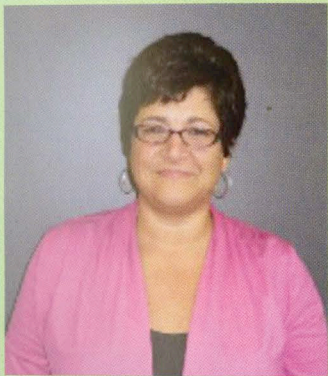
Kolin Perry
GRA



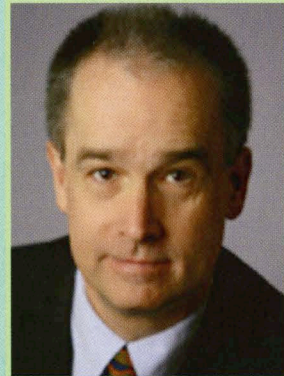
Beth Santos
**Early Childhood
Instructor**



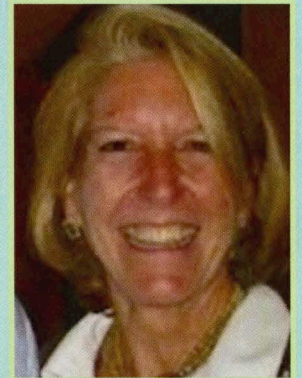
Emily Schwartz
**Mental Health
Counseling Intern**



Joanne Silva
**Director of
Operations**



Ernst VanBergeijk
Director



Diane Wilcox
**Independent
Living Advisor**



Fran Yuan
**Adult Sexuality
& ULSC
Instructor**



**Amanda
Nahodil**
**Work Study
Student**



CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS
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2018



I have learned from Threshold to be more independent and responsible. I also learned how to budget my money and I learned different things at my internship.

During her time here at Threshold, Diana moved from Wenham, MA to Cambridge, MA,

Diana Adam



My experience at Threshold has been an amazing time. I have made a best friend named Bridget and met lots of other good friends in the program. Bridget and I loved traveling around Boston and doing the activities that were planned on the weekend. One of my favorite things about Threshold was becoming independent. It was quite a learning experience using public transportation for the first time. Taking the child care class and having the opportunity to intern in a real preschool was amazing!! The support that I have received from the Threshold staff has made it a wonderful experience.

Elizabeth "Holly" Borsch



Before coming to this school I was nervous and afraid that I wouldn't make any friends and I wouldn't succeed, but eventually I made friends and thought to myself, "I can do this." I learned how to be independent for the first time. Living on my own and how to take care of myself, getting to class on time. I would like to say thank you to Susanne and Ernst you guys have been great to work with and I will miss you guys.

Joel "Brady" Byerley



I never thought I would be here at threshold. I am glad that I am here. I learned to be independent and I am glad that I have met some of my very close friends. I like to dance and I was happy that Lesley had a dance team. I am glad that I did it for 2 years with my friend. I want to thank my parents and my brothers for always believing in me and also being here for me. I have learned a lot about early childhood with some of my friends, we have a lot of fun in that class. I have also learned how to use the T station and I am glad that I am getting better at it . Thank you for believing in me through high school and through my years at Threshold.

Elizabeth Calo



I've experienced how to work in a doggie daycare, A child daycare and a media center. My first thoughts of this place was I don't know if I'm going to make friends or like it here I didn't know what to expect. I've learned that I have become very mature and I'm nice and kind to everyone I meet. I enjoyed going to concerts and spending time with my friends I also enjoyed creative writing while here at Lesley.

Alexandra Canty



I enjoyed my time at Threshold. Before I got into Threshold, I felt overwhelmed. After I started, I made a lot of friends and learned about things I will need to know for when I have a job. After all the great times I made at Lesley, I will miss attending Threshold. I will miss my friends and the staff who helped me during my time here. Thanks to my mom and dad for supporting me.

Pellegrino "Pelly" DeGuglielmo



I had a very great time at Threshold. I joined the dance when I was here, and also met my best friends. We shared some great memories over the years. I enjoyed having Helen as a teacher, she made it fun and also fun to learn. I took a Creative writing class that I enjoyed. I worked for Human Resources and it helped me with stuff I did not know how to do. I made some great friends with Lesley students from being on the dance team I am going to miss it so much. Thank you to everyone at Threshold and the dance team and the all of the the staff and teachers.

Katherine "Katie" Donald



I arrived here in the fall of 2016. At first I did not like the program because I thought I was not going to last here. As the months went by, I slowly realized how great the program is, I met great people that are there for you and developed relationships with every person I came across. This has been a great adventure, and I will miss all of the friends and staff that helped me during my time here. I hope that I will find out who I am as I go forward from here. Thank you all again and I wish the upcoming students nothing but the best.

Daniel Gerber



Threshold has allowed me to begin to explore the inner city; learning new experiences at school and through our internship program. Upon my arrival two years ago, I have learned a lot about myself and have met some lifelong friends. Threshold has provided me with the structure and support that is needed in making these experiences. I have enjoyed many of my classes while also exploring fun, new activities within the threshold program and through Lesley. I have really benefitted from my classes and they have taught me some important life skills like keeping track of my money, to learning self confidence.

Justin Gorman



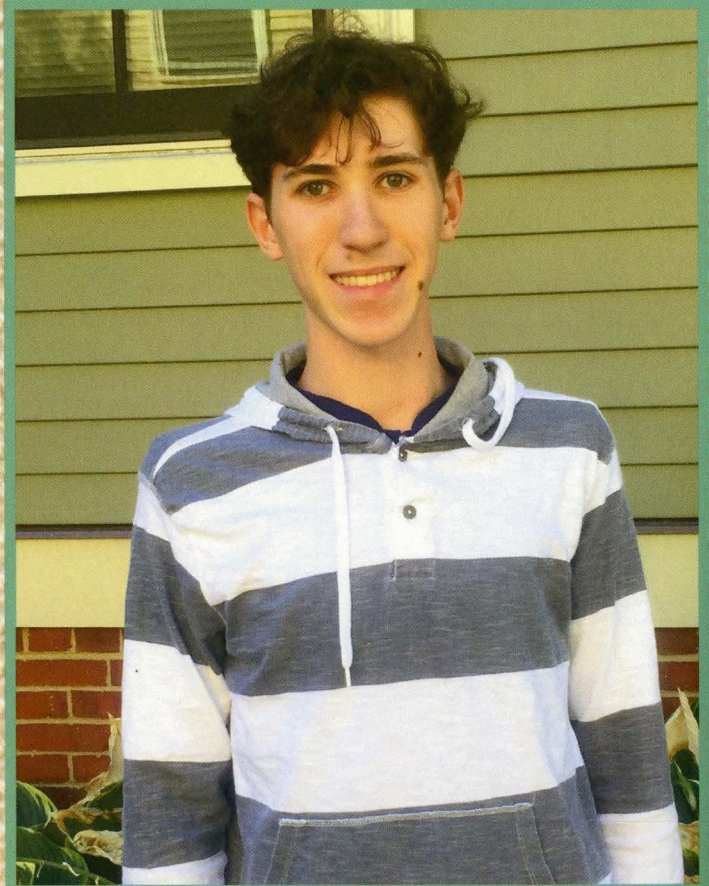
My first year had a bumpy start, but with the help my mentor Helen, Susanne, my Teachers, The RA's and my friends, it made my year a lot better. I learned to be a kind person that can make and keep friendships. I also learned how to be a leader and a mentor. I enjoyed travelling with my friends and hanging with my friends. I'm glad that I chose Threshold and I think my future is brighter because of it.

Matthew Grogan



Two years ago I arrived at the Threshold Program to begin my descent into the college and university lifestyle. My college experience has been very unique as I am the only male in my early childhood class. I felt the pressure of being the only male and believe there should be more men in this field. Other challenges included waking up early for eight AM classes and juggling the schedule of work and classes. I have come to appreciate and understand the valuable life lessons they have been teaching us such as: living with a roommate and in a dorm with many other people; coping with gossip and drama in the residence halls; and learning how to problem solve with the help of the GRA's. Through these meaningful experiences I have learned how to become a leader and feel prepared for a bright future with a full time Job and apartment living with my new budgeting skills.

Benjamin Hedstrom



My year at threshold has been great. I have learned so much about life's journey and really finding who I am. I never thought I would have gotten the opportunity to go to school and actually have friends. I was nervous but I got through it. I just want to say thank you for all the people that stood by me through all of this.

Mary Houston



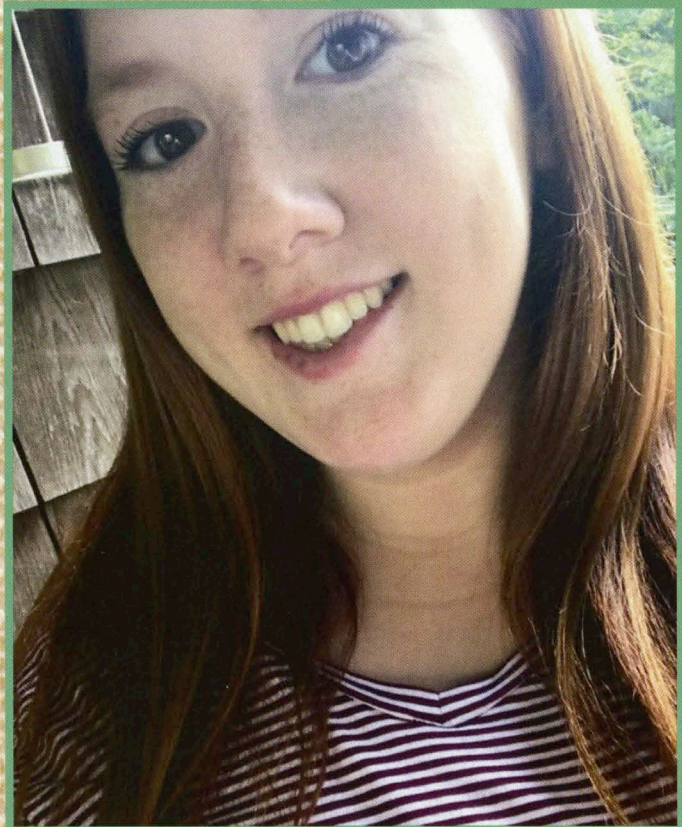
When I first came to Threshold I was excited and nervous. I was ready to be on my own. What I learned about myself here was that I can do anything I set my mind to. I have learned that I can be myself here and I won't get judged for it. I have enjoyed all the people that I met. They have all been so nice and welcoming. I met my best friends here. All the staff are so easy to talk to. I'm so happy that I came to this program.

Lydia Ingalls



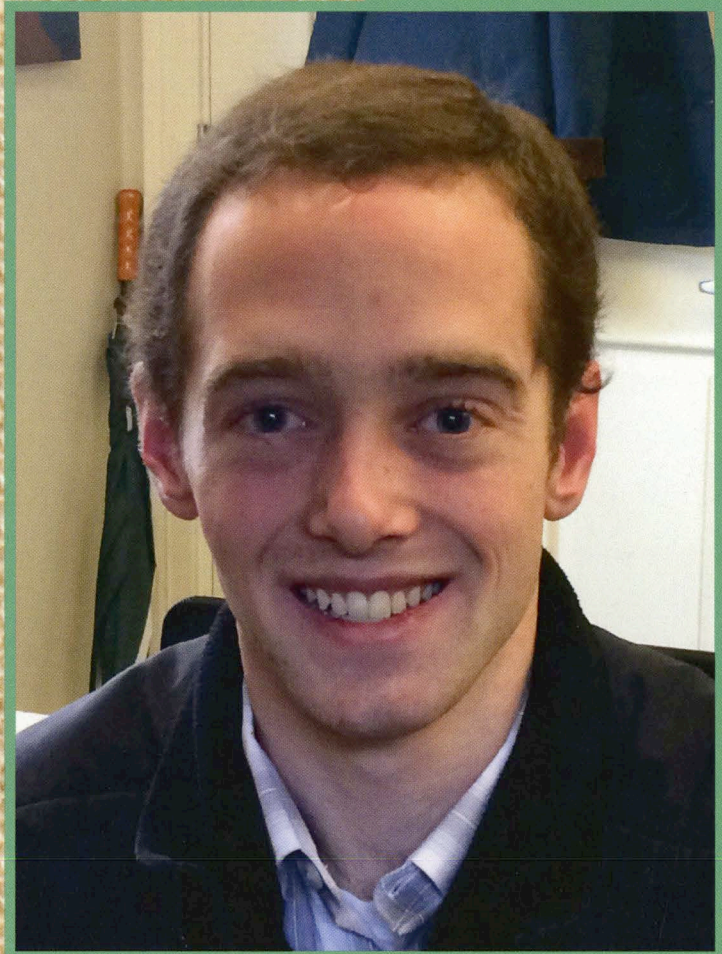
My experiences have been amazing there are so many things I have learned and one really stands out the most is really getting to know myself and who I am today. I have enjoyed making new friends finding my best friend that I thought would never come. I am truly so grateful for what I have here at threshold. I just want to say thank you to everyone who helped me with this chapter in my life. You all know who you are by now!

Olivia
Kiley



When I first came to Threshold, I was a little bit nervous. I've had a lot of great experiences in the Threshold Program at Lesley University. I learned a lot, like how to manage my own money, how to take public transportation, and to get to classes on time. I've made a lot of friends. I am very outgoing when I am around my friends, when we are in the Wilbur House Lounge and in our rooms. I learned how to be more independent when I'm living on a college campus. I liked living with my best friend Chris for these 2 years. The most awesome memories, that I will always remember, are going to Great Wolf Lodge, the Red Sox games, the Celtics games, the Head of the Charles, the Trampoline Park, going to the New England Aquarium in Boston, and last but not least, going to Saturday Morning Basketball with my friends.

Tyler Kolowsky



I never thought I would be where I am today. I have met some wonderful people here threshold. I can't thank them all enough for helping me and being there for 2 years. I have learned how to be indendent and I though this day would never happen to me. I had a nice time in child care with some of my friends. Thank you mom and dad for always beleving me for everyone else through this.

Briana Maribito



Threshold has helped me to be more independent. I loved meeting new friends. I met my best friend Holly here at Lesley. I traveled around Boston more with my friends, went to concerts, and I went to plays. I also enjoyed my internships, they helped me. All the teachers were great, thank you to the teachers and the other staff who have been there for me. I would like to thank Susanne, it was great running during the week with you. I also joined community service and that was fun. I also found a church I like to go to called saint Paul in Harvard Square. I want to thank my Mom and Dad for finding this school and helping me along the way, its been such a great experience.

Bridget McGill



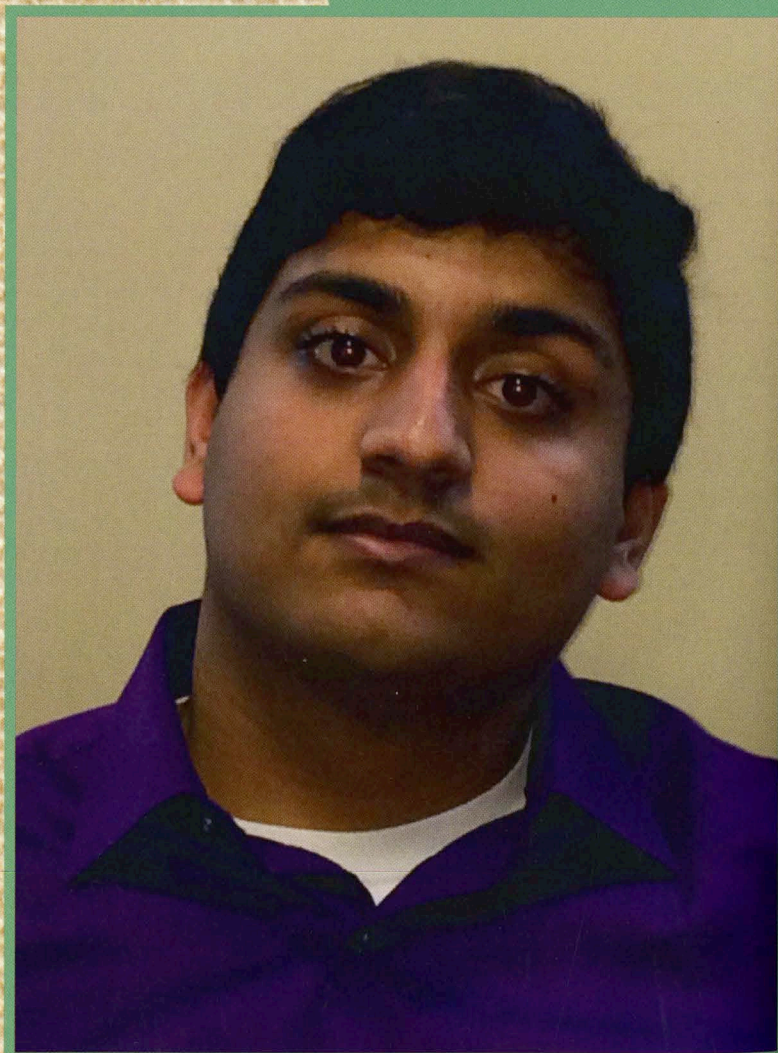
My experience in threshold for the past 2 years have been amazing. Here and there have been some ups and downs but that is normal. Being in the threshold program has showed me that I can be a strong independent woman. It made me feel so much more confident than I felt when I first came here. I have made so many new friends that I know I will be able to keep till I turn 30 or older. Everyone is so welcoming in the threshold program and it feels like a second family. You learn a lot from everyone that is in this wonderful program, and it helps you learn that there are so many people that are going through a lot and that you're not alone. I will most definitely miss everyone at Lesley all the stuff and all of my friends. Thanks you so much Grandma and Grandpa I could not have done this without you!

Charlia "Lia" Osterman



When I first joined Threshold program, I felt a little homesick. After some time, as I got to know other students and the faculty, I felt more comfortable and started enjoying my stay at Lesley. The Threshold Program helped me learn a lot of things that I could not do before, such as taking the train and the bus, and preparing my resume. I am also learning how to work in an office from my internships. Now I feel comfortable taking the train or the bus to go to the city or my internships. This also helped me to go to Berklee school of music to take drum lessons on my own. The classes really taught me about several new things. I have made many new friends at Threshold and they all are very nice and friendly. I also really like the activities that Susanne plans at Threshold, as they are a lot of fun. Some activities I really enjoyed were the snow tubing trip, the indoor trampoline park, great wolf lodge, the Celtics game, and bowling was a lot of fun too. I would like to thank all of the Threshold staff and the GRAs, especially Ernst, that were all here whenever we need them. Thank you Threshold! It was really fun being here! I will miss you all!

Suhas Sarma



My experience here at Threshold has been great. I was a little nervous at first to live in the dorm but it's been a lot of fun. It was fun meeting new people and having such good friends. I liked being here and having new classes with new teachers and I learned a lot. I am much more confident and independent now because of everything that I learned. I enjoyed my internships working for Tag's and Dickson's Hardware. First year was a lot of fun and I enjoyed playing basketball every Saturday and hanging out with my friends. I want to thank everyone at Threshold for this great experience.

Christopher "Chris" Satterfield



I love my experience that I got at threshold and I love the friends that I made at threshold. Even though my time here was short and to the point, most of the time I feel like I've learned a lot and grew a lot too. I wouldn't change the experience up for anything in the whole wide world. I had a lot of fun during my time at Threshold and I'll never forget it.

Julia Silveri

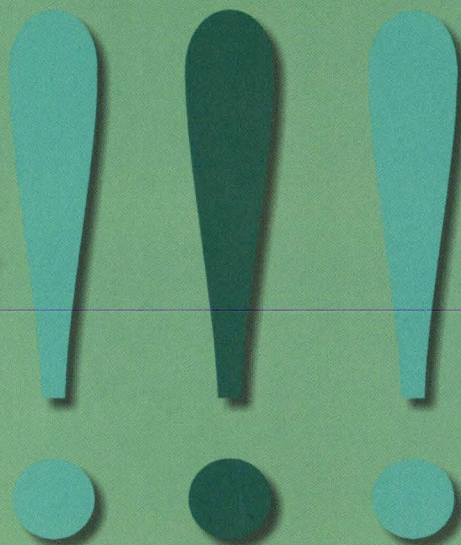


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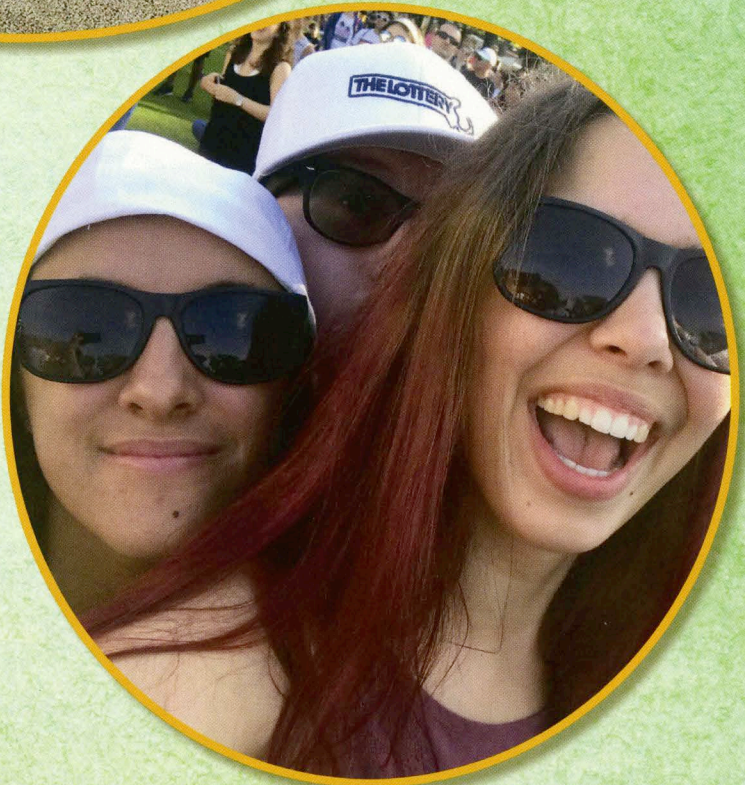
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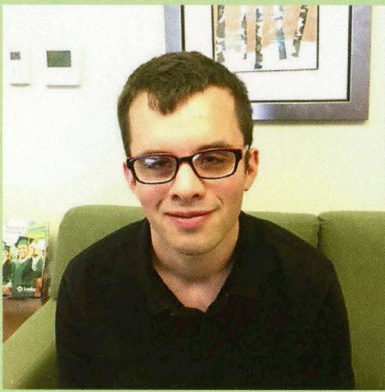
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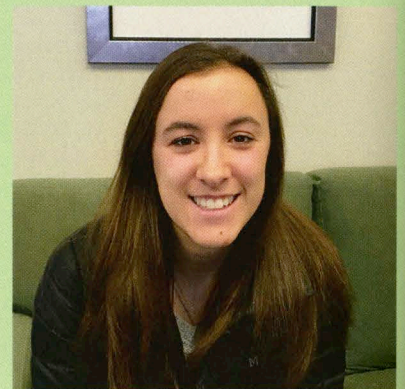
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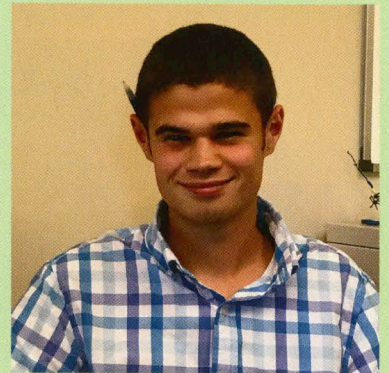
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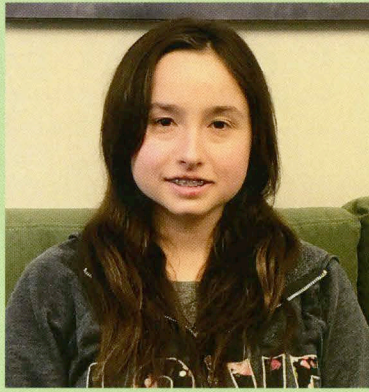
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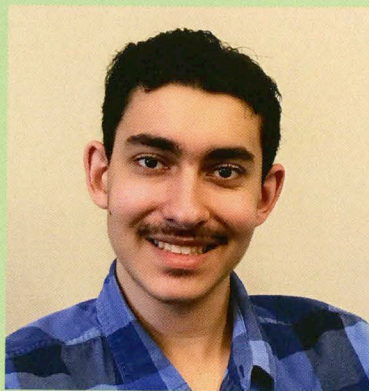
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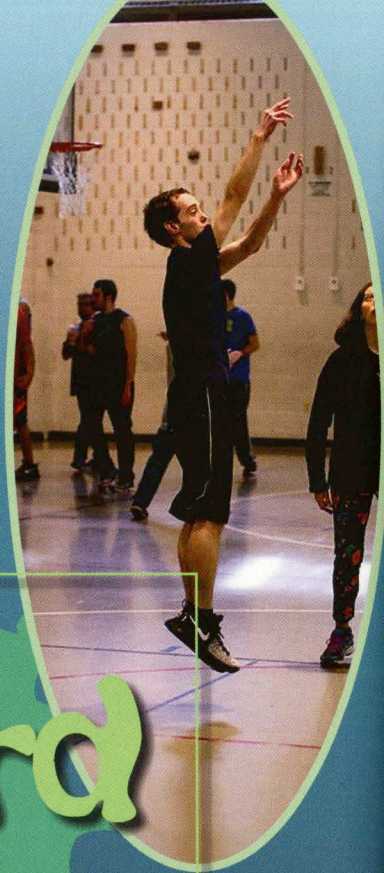
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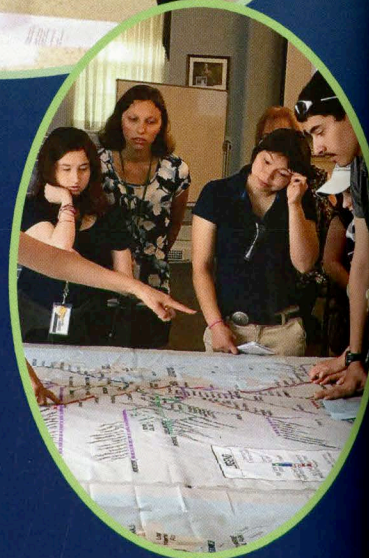
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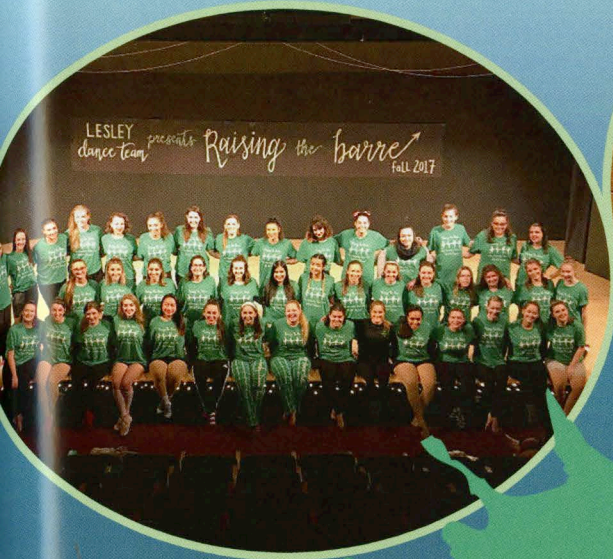
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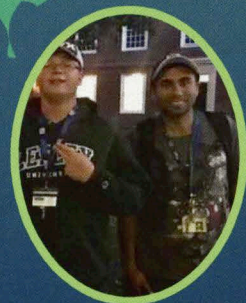


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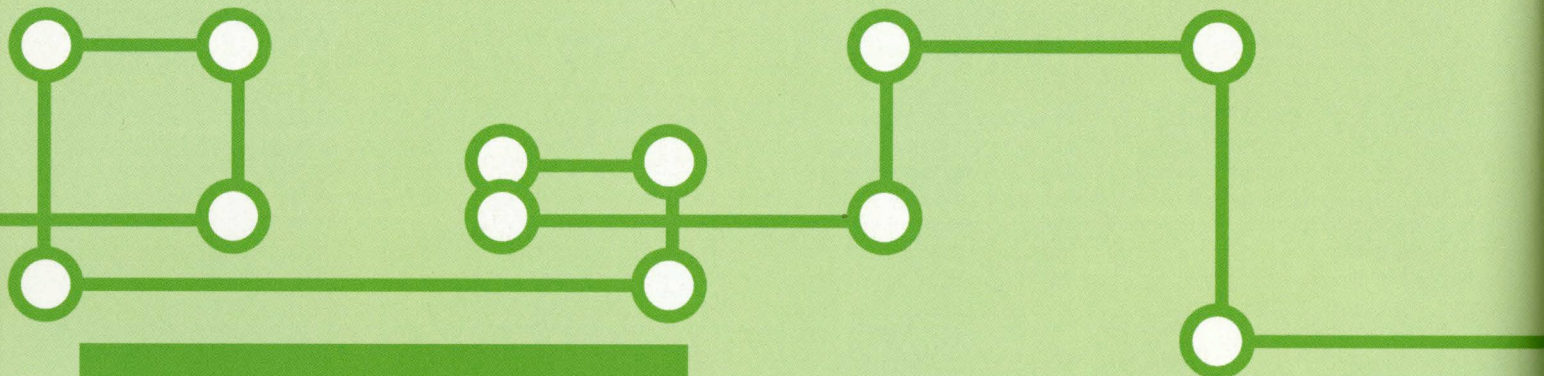
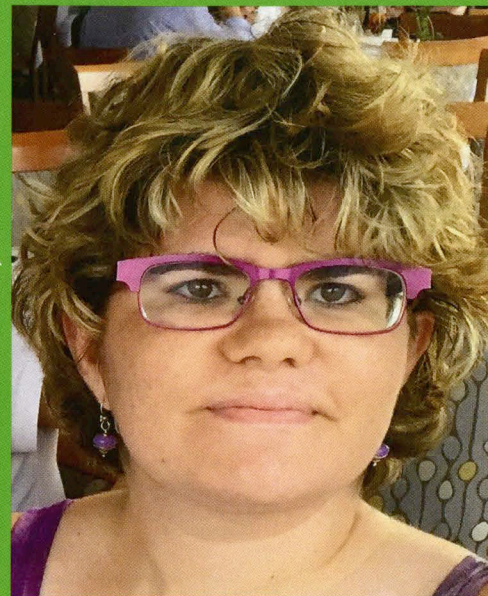


Play harder!



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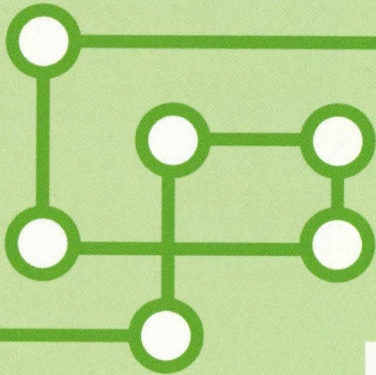
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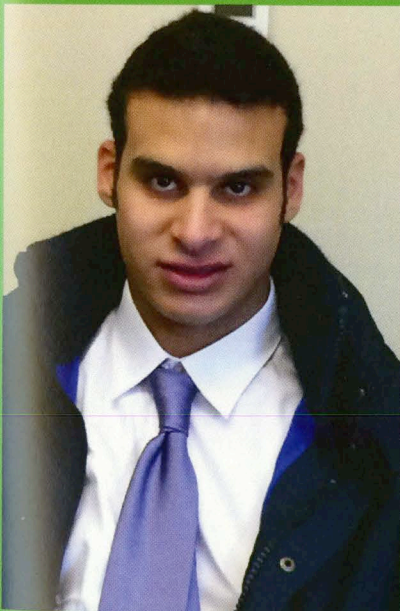
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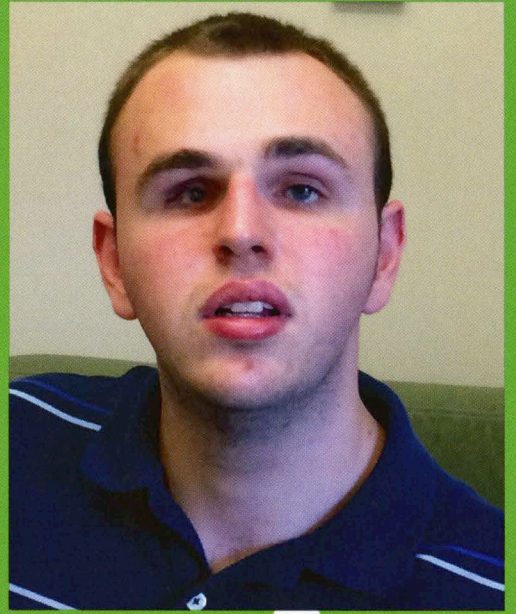
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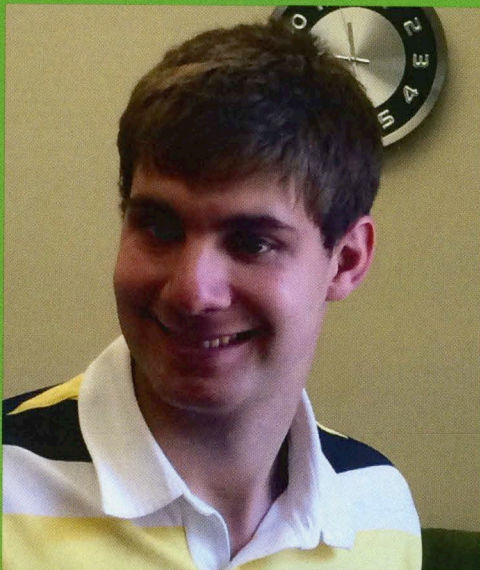
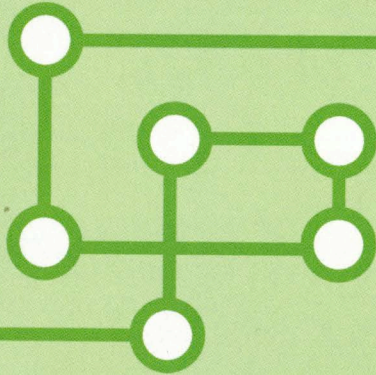
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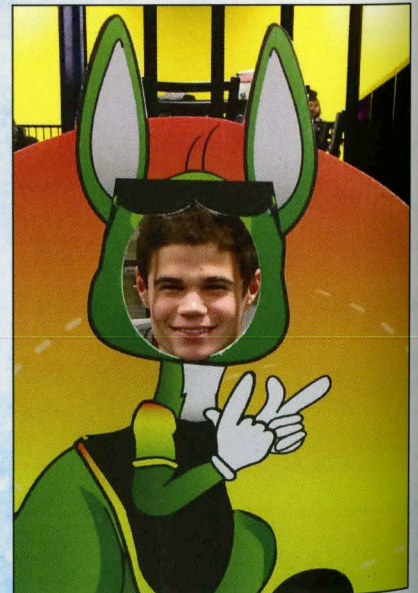
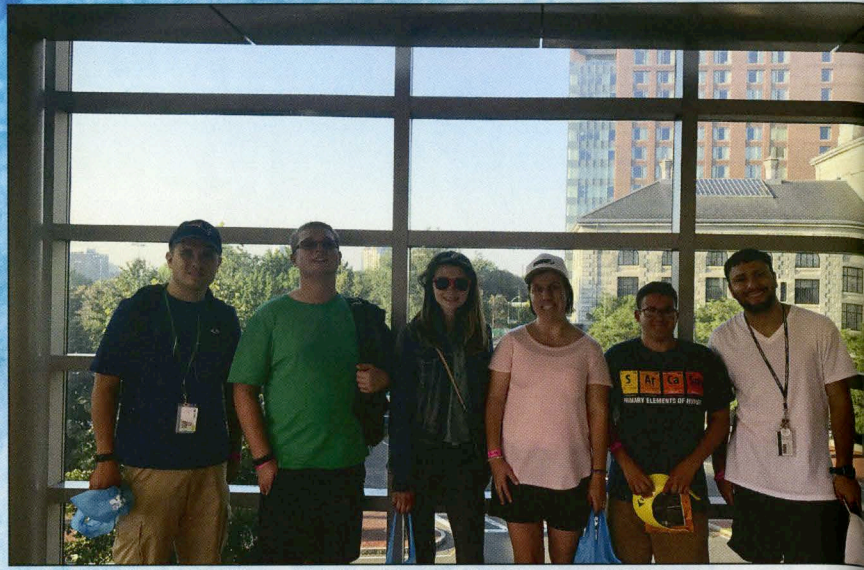


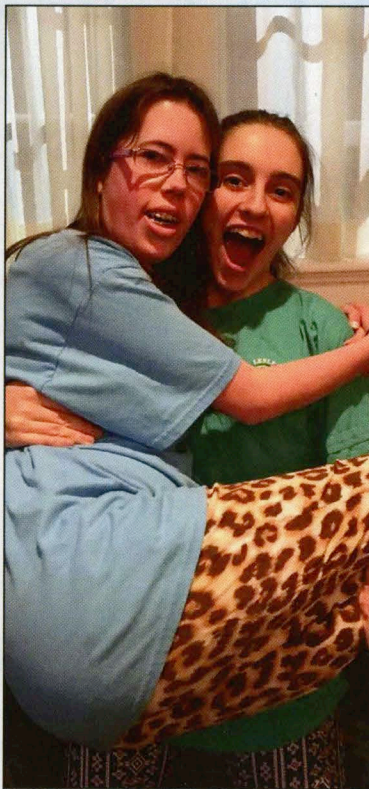
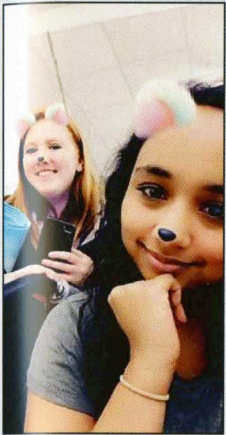
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2018





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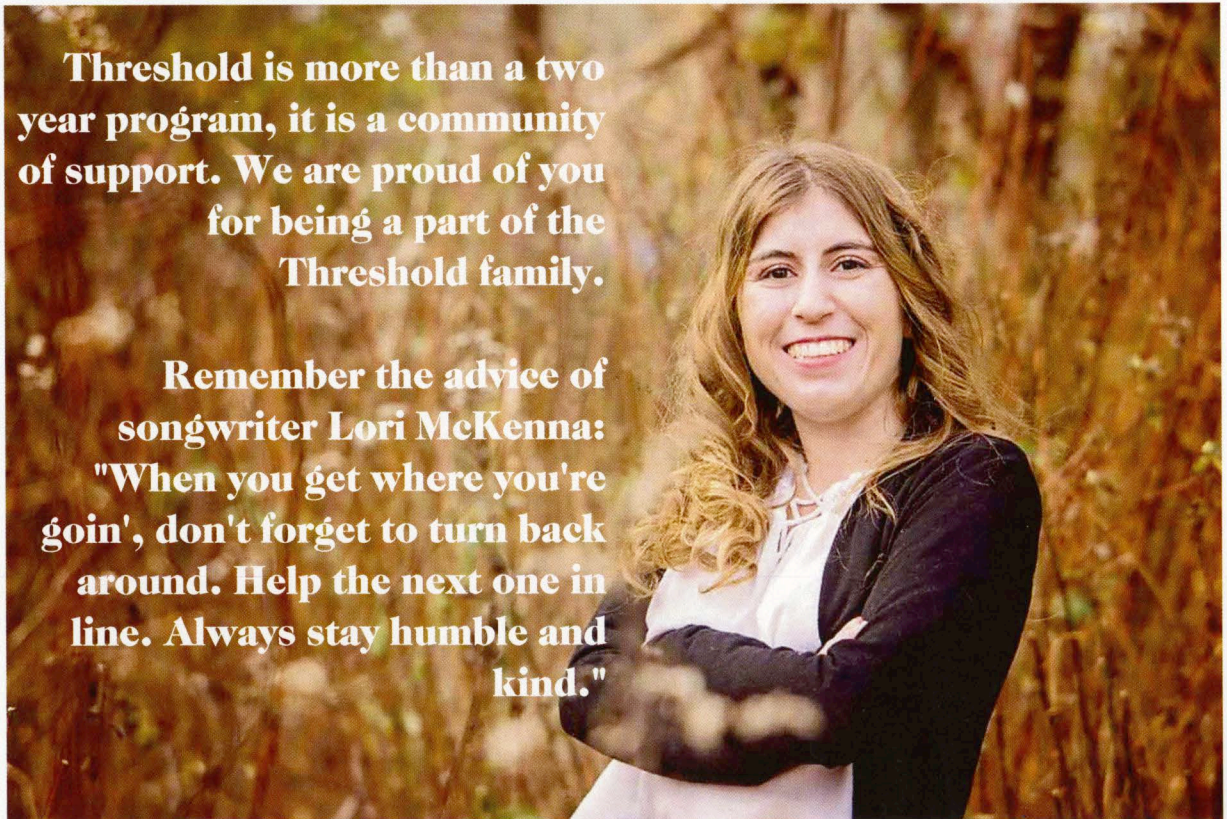


*Congratulations
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of your hard work!*

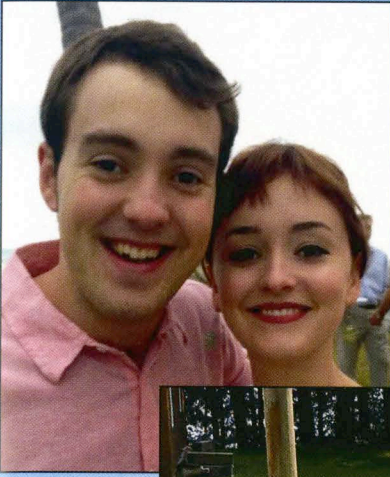
Congratulations to the Threshold class of 2018!

Threshold is more than a two year program, it is a community of support. We are proud of you for being a part of the Threshold family.

Remember the advice of songwriter Lori McKenna: "When you get where you're goin', don't forget to turn back around. Help the next one in line. Always stay humble and kind."



**DANIEL,
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE AGAIN
COMPLETED ANOTHER CHAPTER IN
YOUR “NEVER BE ABLE TO DO THAT”
BOOK. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR
“DON’T GIVE UP ATTITUDE”, AND YOUR
PERSISTENT ENERGY TO PERSUE YOUR
GOALS. YOU HAVE BECOME A
PRODUCTIVE, POSITIVELY
CONTRIBUTING ADULT. MAY YOUR
AMBITIOUS SOUL CONTINUE TO SERVE
YOU WELL.
KEEP GOING! WE COULDN’T BE
PROUDER OF YOU. WE LOVE YOU.
MOM, DOUG, & NATALIE**



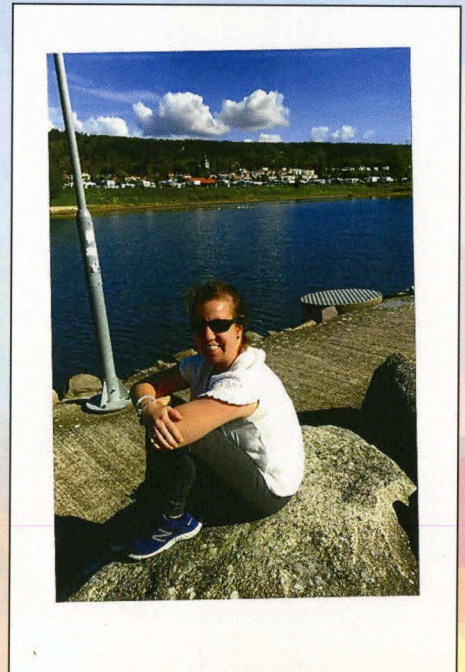
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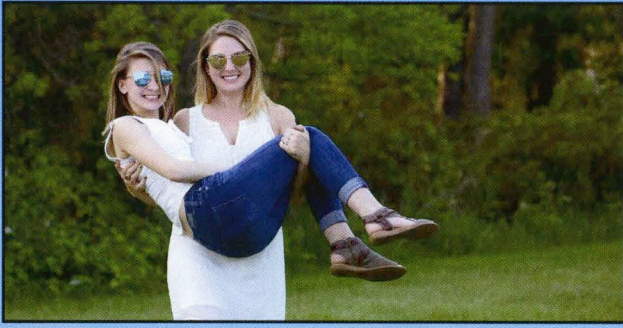
**Now that you have completed two years at
the Threshold Program at Lesley University,
you are moving on to the Transition Year
with excitement, confidence and little fear.**

**We are so proud of all you have
accomplished and know there is much more
to come.**

Congratulations on a job well done!!

We love you so, Mom and Dad





Bridget-
We are all so proud of you and your success at Lesley. We can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

Love Mom, Dad, Lauren & Si, James, Dan, and Sean XO



Briana Michelle Maribito

Briana, you have grown to become a beautiful, smart, wonderful woman with a bright positive personality that brightens up a room.

We are so proud of how far you have grown in the past two years and know your success in life and happiness in the years to come will continue to grow.

We are so proud of your accomplishments.

***We love you,
Mom, Dad, Justin, & Bailey***



Congratulations **Leah Selena Hines**



Leah,

You are such an amazing young woman. We are so proud of you! You have always been so special to me and have brought so much joy to my life. My #1 Girl Remember Faith, Hope & Love are essential. Congratulations on a successful first year at Lesley Univ and Threshold!

I love you so much,
Mommie!

Congrats Leah!
You did great!
Love,
Roman & Granny



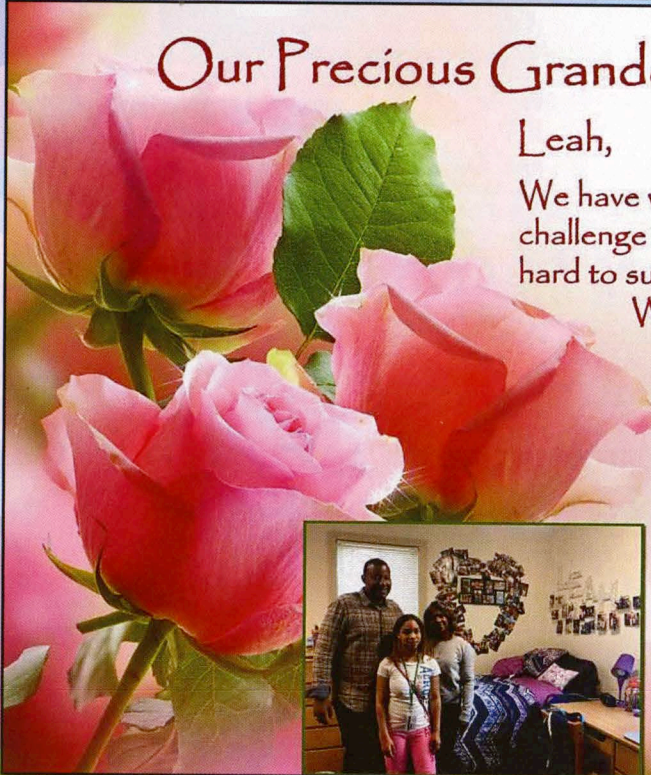
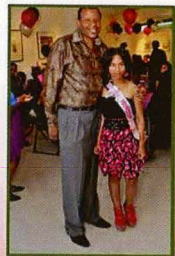
Our Precious Granddaughter, Leah

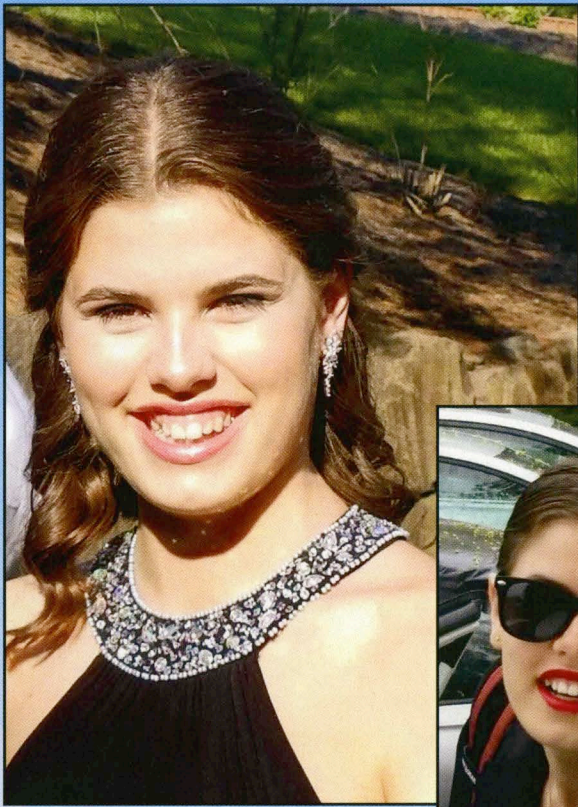
Leah,

We have watched you take on this challenge in your first year and work hard to succeed.

We are so proud of you!

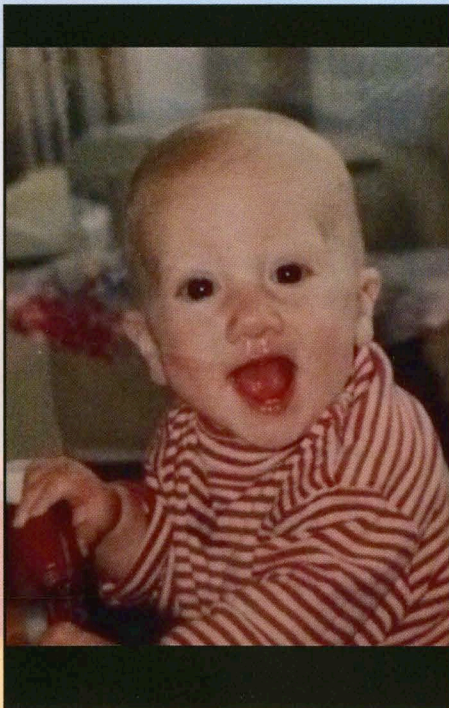
We love you,
Gramma & Pop-Pop





You should be so proud of your accomplishments and hard work that landed you at Lesley University. Cameron, always remember that you have what it takes to succeed. Your intelligence, drive, great personality, and a smile that lights up the world will get you far in life. It seems like yesterday you were learning to ride a bike without training wheels and now you are living on your own. It has been wonderful to watch you grow and mature into a great young lady. Keep striving to be your best as you are heading towards greatness. “I love you to the moon and back”.

**Love,
Dad, Mom, Gabriella, and Trevor**



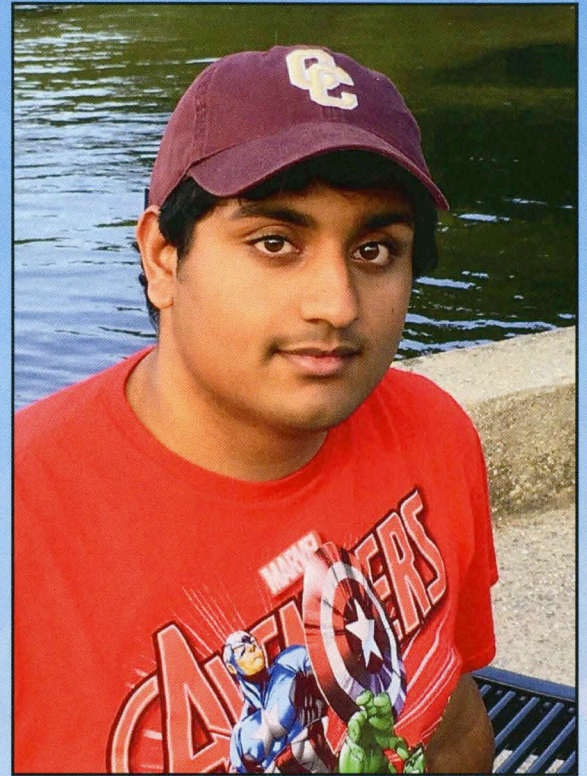
**To our Liv,
in the blink of an eye,
you became a city
girl... but you still have
your village at home!
The world is waiting
for you. We are proud,
but not surprised!
Love, Dad Mom Jed +
Dot**



Dear Suhas,

**You are such a special young man,
full of energy and love. We are so
proud of all your accomplishments.
Keep smiling and move forward.**

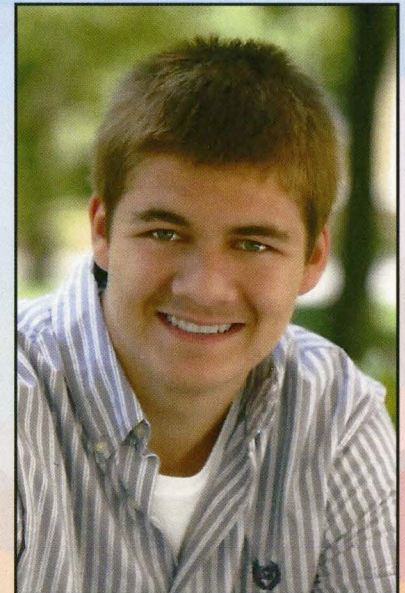
**Love from Mom, Dad, Sameer and
Spike**



**“Never say never, because limits,
like fears, are often just an
illusion.”**

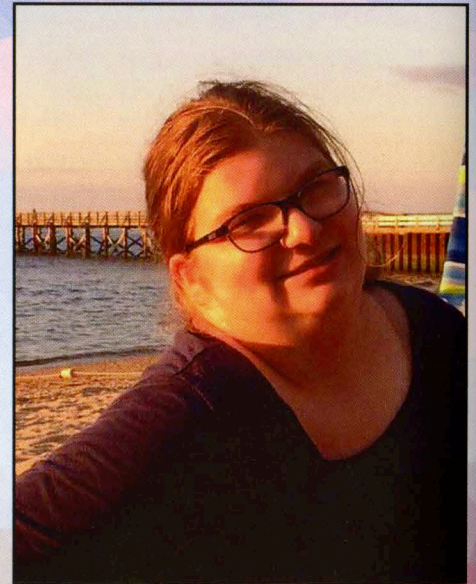
-Michael Jordan

**Chris, We are so proud of you!
You have worked hard and
accomplished so much over the
past two years. You have learned
so much and made amazing
friends. We can't wait to see
what the future holds for you!
Love, Mom, Dad + Kate**





**Congratulations,
Mary!**
**We are so proud of you
and what you have
accomplished. We
know your future is
bright. Remember:
Never Give Up!**
**We love you, Mom,
Dad, Emily, Juan and
Grace**



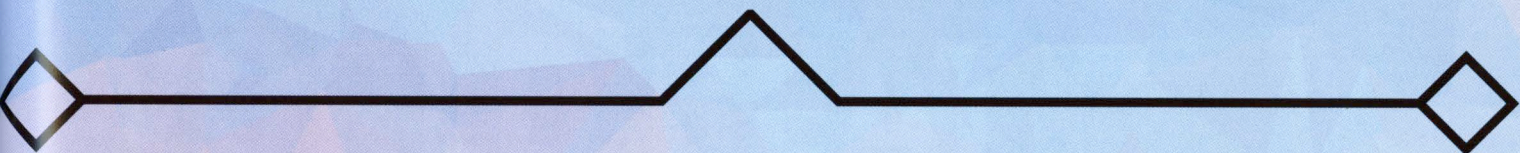
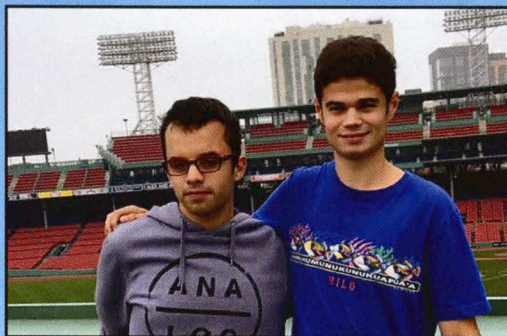
Dear Elizabeth,

You are amazing and have accomplished so much over these past 2 years. It's been quite a ride!! Your future is bright. Remember to be brave and bold, and always be kind. We love you tons. Dad, Mom, RJ, and Tom.

Mike,

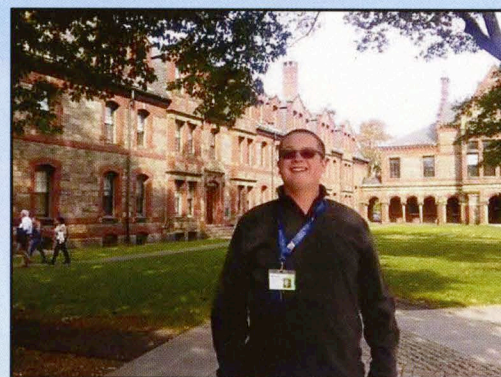
Keep up the strong work! We are all delighted with your success at Lesley University.

**Love,
Mom, Dad,
MacKenzie and
Bailey**



Matthew Grogan

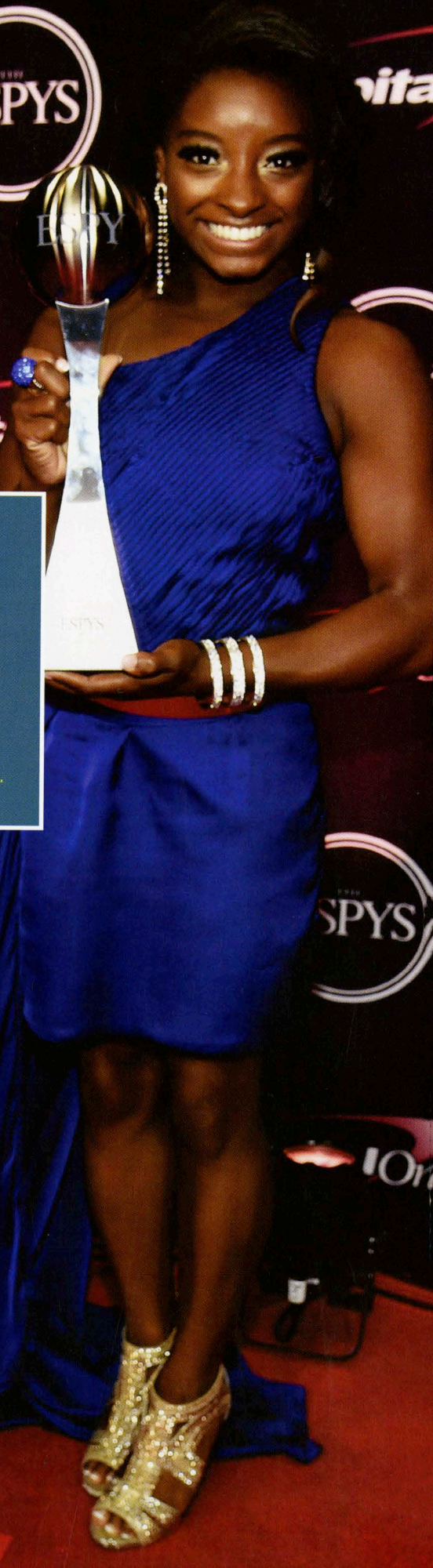
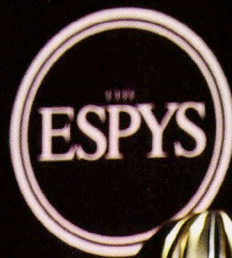
You “walk the walk” with steadfast determination. You live by your mottos “Never Quit!” “Zero Excuses!” and “Over and Beyond!” You set the goal to “go away to college in an inclusive environment” and that you did! We are more than proud of you Matt; we are inspired and amazed by you every single day (some days in different ways than others of course and we prefer the days that do not cause additional graying of the hair! LOL). Thank you to the Threshold Community for your commitment to your students. It is because of your work and support that the confidence to go out into the world and make a fantastic and meaningful imprint upon it! Matthew, your gift is truly as you say, your “kindness” and we thank God every day that it is contagious! Good luck to the Class of 2018; many of whom we have come to know well! Go out there and live your dreams!!! - Rich, Roberta and Thomas Grogan





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2017-2018 WORLD BEAT

This year's top stories in Music, TV, Movies, News, Sports, Pop Culture and more.



NEWS/ HEADLINES

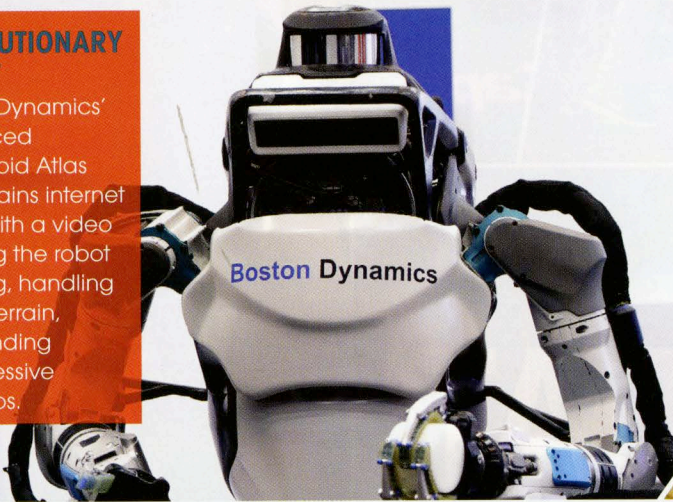
HURRICANE HAVOC

The southeastern coast of the United States and its territories are battered by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. This is the first time that three category 4 hurricanes have hit the United States in the same year.



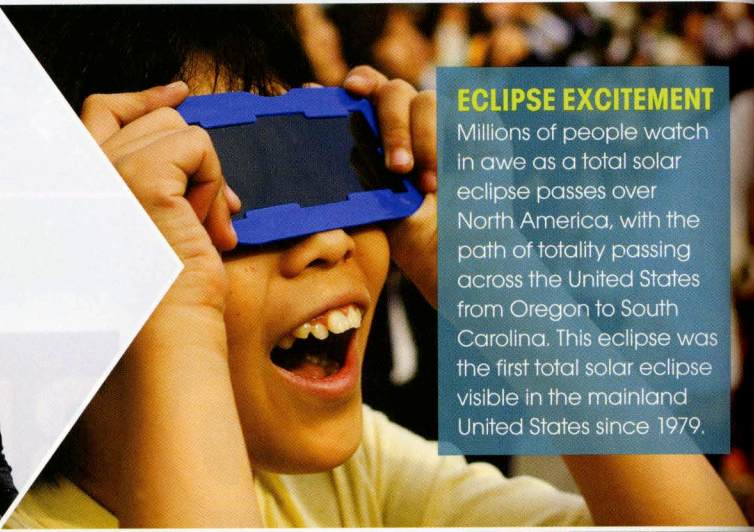
REVOLUTIONARY ROBOT

Boston Dynamics' advanced humanoid Atlas robot gains internet fame with a video showing the robot jumping, handling rough terrain, and landing in impressive backflips.



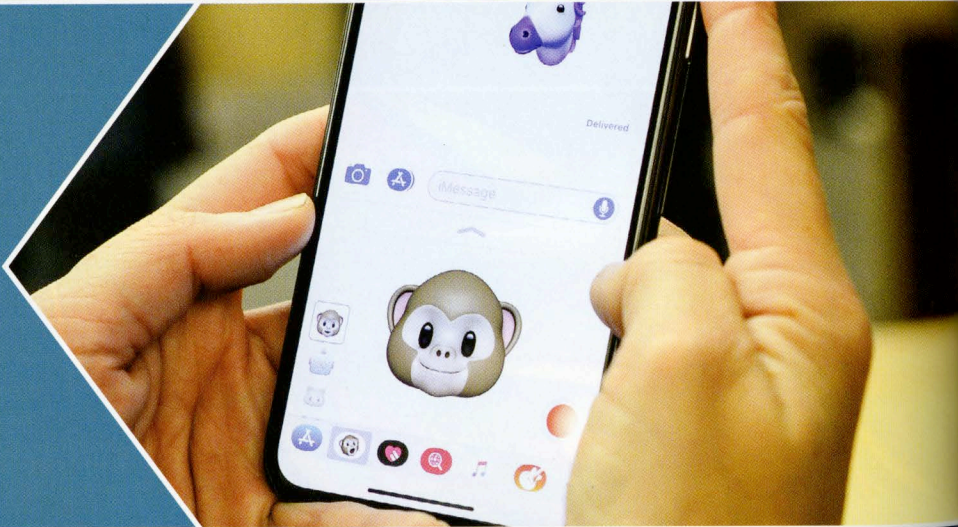
ECLIPSE EXCITEMENT

Millions of people watch in awe as a total solar eclipse passes over North America, with the path of totality passing across the United States from Oregon to South Carolina. This eclipse was the first total solar eclipse visible in the mainland United States since 1979.



X

Apple unveils the iPhone X in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the iPhone.



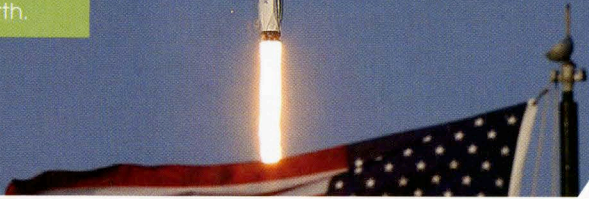
A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT

Prince Harry and girlfriend Meghan Markle are engaged to be married in Spring 2018. Markle is an American actress and humanitarian who is proudly of mixed-race heritage, making history in the Royal family.



SPACE STATION INNOVATION

SpaceX makes history by launching a recycled rocket into space, then successfully landing it back on Earth.



DAY OF GIVING

Charitable donations on Giving Tuesday top 2.4 million online gifts worth a combined total of \$274 million. Donations pour in from over 150 countries worldwide.

#GIVING TUESDAY

EXTRATERRESTRIAL TRAVELER

Scientists have confirmed our first interstellar visitor: Oumuamua, an asteroid from another solar system.



UP IN SMOKE

Deadly fires sweep across the western United States and Canada, including the deadliest fires in California history.



SCOUTS HONOR

Boy Scouts of America decide to welcome girls for the first time in the organization's history.



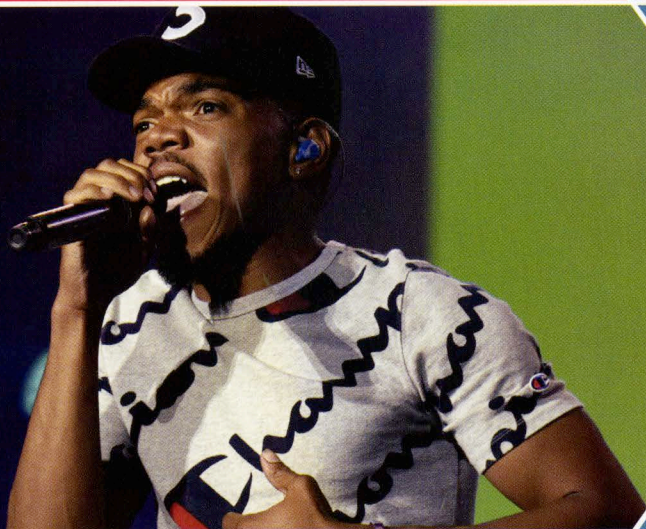
WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 10 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS THAT HAPPENED THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

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MUSIC

LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO

Taylor Swift's highly anticipated new album, *Reputation*, debuts at number 1 on the Billboard 200 Albums chart.

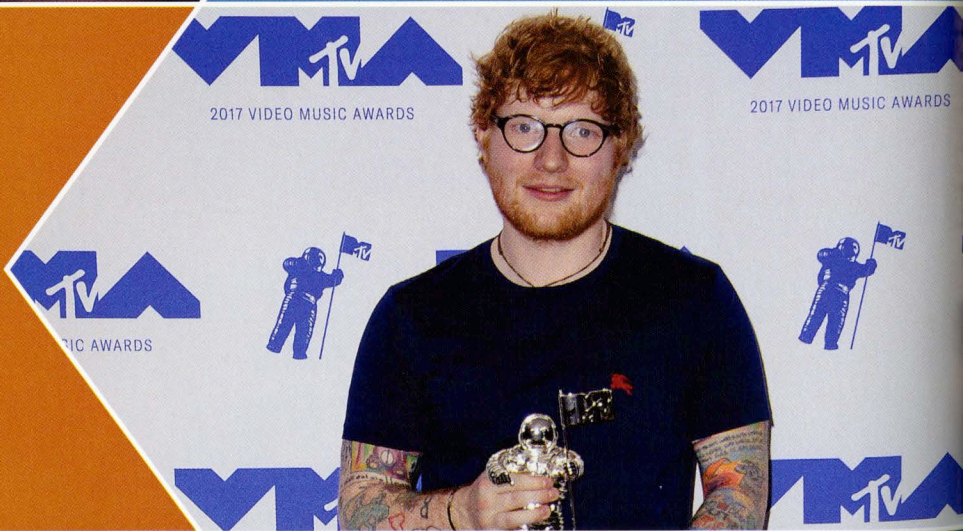


TAKE A CHANCE

Chance the Rapper is best known for touring and performing on TV without being signed with a music label. In 2017 he wins his first Grammy for Best Rap Performance with his song "No Problem." Also known for his social activism, Chance donates \$1 million to Chicago Public Schools to help schools that have suffered budget cuts, lack textbooks and music programs, and have seen a decrease in graduation rates.

REDHEAD REIGNS

Ed Sheeran wins the first ever Artist of the Year award at the 2017 VMA's.



COUNTRY CROONERS

Miranda Lambert wins Female Vocalist of the Year at the 2017 CMA awards for the seventh time, while Chris Stapleton takes home the award for Male Vocalist of the Year for the third year in a row.

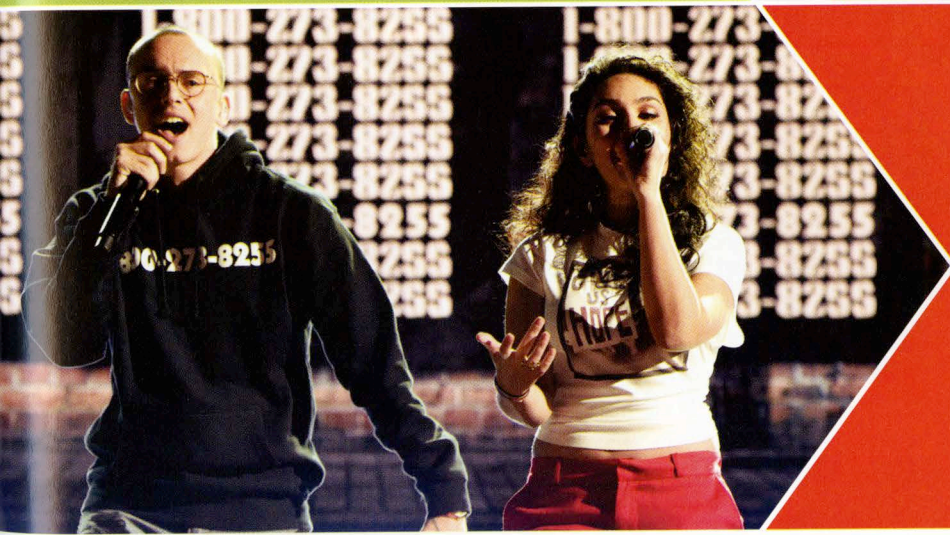


OUT OF TRAGEDY COMES TRIUMPH

In the wake of tragedies surrounding concerts, music festivals, and natural disasters the world over, artists from all different backgrounds come together to host benefit concerts for those affected by this year's tragic events. Some of the biggest in 2017 include *One Love Manchester*, *Hand in Hand*, *Texas Strong*, *Vegas Strong*, and *Band Together*.

MAGIC MARS

Bruno Mars wins big at the 2017 American Music Awards, taking home seven awards including Artist of the Year, Favorite Male Artist–Pop/Rock, and Favorite Album–Pop/Rock for his 2016 album *24K Magic*. Bruno Mars also takes home Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Song of the Year, Best R&B Performance, Best R&B Song, and Best R&B Album at the 2018 Grammy Awards.



RISING STAR

Alessia Cara, best known for her songs "Stay" from the motion picture *Everything, Everything* and "How Far I'll Go" from the motion picture *Moana*, takes home the 2018 Grammy award for Best New Artist.

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE SONGS & ARTISTS THIS YEAR?

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SPORTS

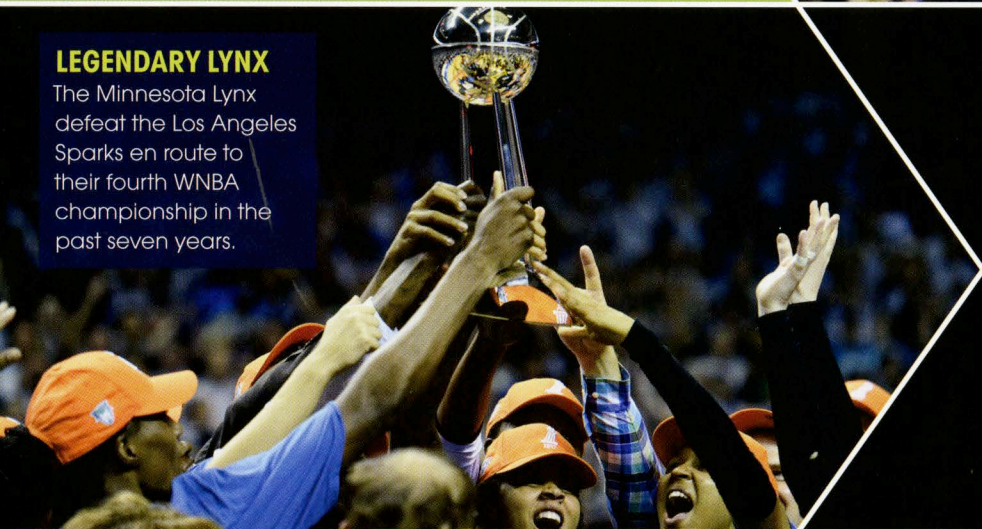
ROLL TIDE

The Alabama Crimson Tide defeat the Georgia Bulldogs 26-23 to win the College Football National Championship. Their win gives coach Nick Saban his sixth national title, tying him for the most national titles of all time.



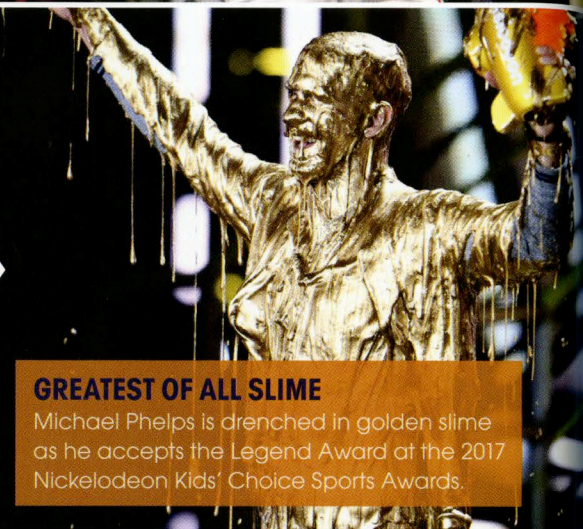
LEGENDARY LYNX

The Minnesota Lynx defeat the Los Angeles Sparks en route to their fourth WNBA championship in the past seven years.



GREATEST OF ALL SLIME

Michael Phelps is drenched in golden slime as he accepts the Legend Award at the 2017 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Sports Awards.



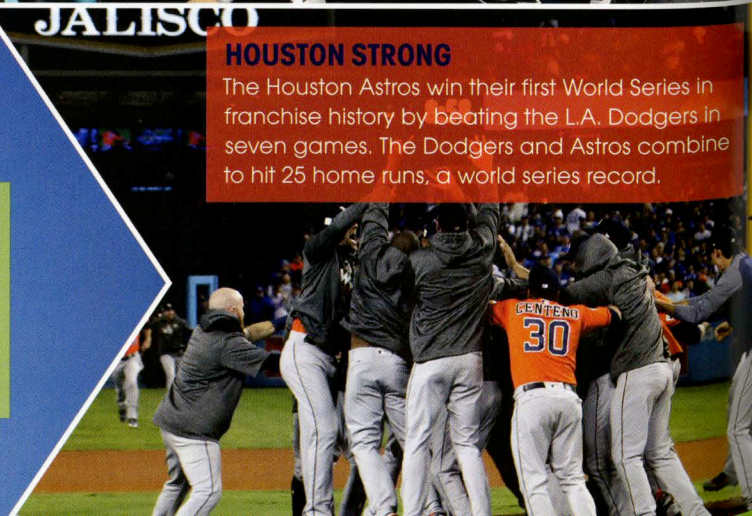
FLY EAGLES FLY

The Philadelphia Eagles defeat the New England Patriots, 41-33, in Super Bowl LII to earn their first-ever Super Bowl win.



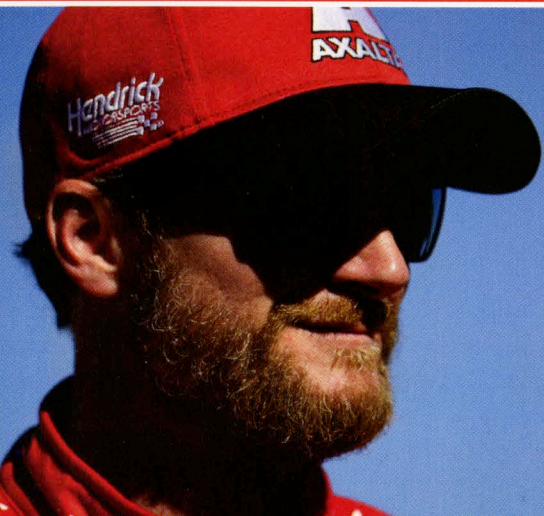
HOUSTON STRONG

The Houston Astros win their first World Series in franchise history by beating the L.A. Dodgers in seven games. The Dodgers and Astros combine to hit 25 home runs, a world series record.



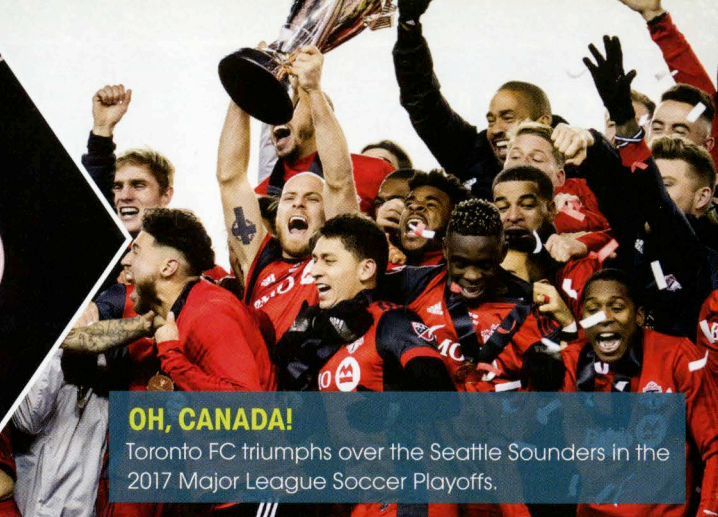
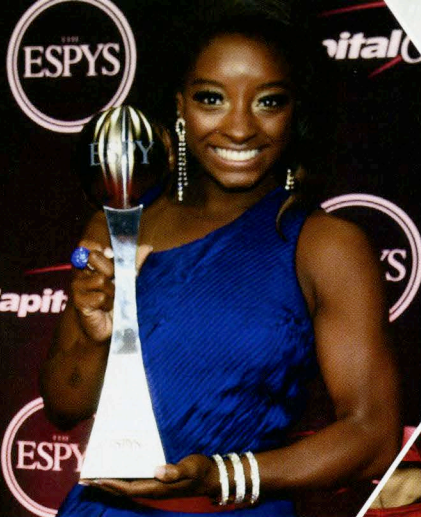
RACING LEGEND RETIRES

Dale Earnhardt Jr., two-time Busch Series Champion, retires after 20 years of professional racing.



GOLD MEDAL GIRL

Simone Biles wins Best Female Athlete at the 2017 ESPY's.



OH, CANADA!

Toronto FC triumphs over the Seattle Sounders in the 2017 Major League Soccer Playoffs.

X GAMES

The Minneapolis X Games are held in July with athletes from all around the world competing to win in dozens of categories. Garrett Reynolds takes home the win in the BMX street competition, with Aori Nishimura taking home the win in the women's BMX Skateboard street competition.



TITLETOWN

The Pittsburgh Penguins repeat as Stanley Cup Champions, winning their fifth title in team history. Sid "The Kid" Crosby wins his second MVP award.



AMERICAN DREAM

Shalene Flanagan becomes the first American woman to win the New York City Marathon in 40 years.

WHAT WERE YOUR MOST MEMORABLE SPORTS MOMENTS THIS YEAR?

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MOVIES



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI



THOR: RAGNAROK



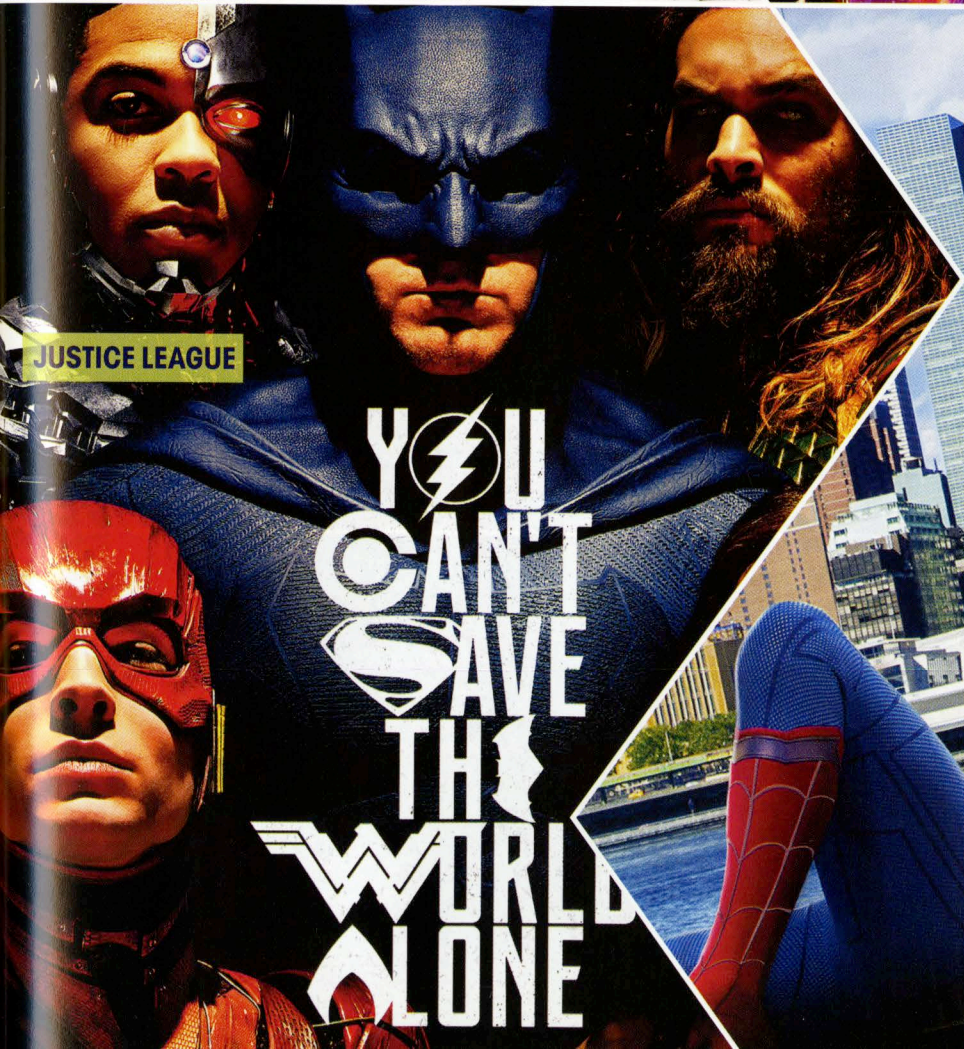
WONDER WOMAN

DESPICABLE ME 3

Oh brother.



GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL 2



JUSTICE LEAGUE

YOU CAN'T SAVE THE WORLD ALONE

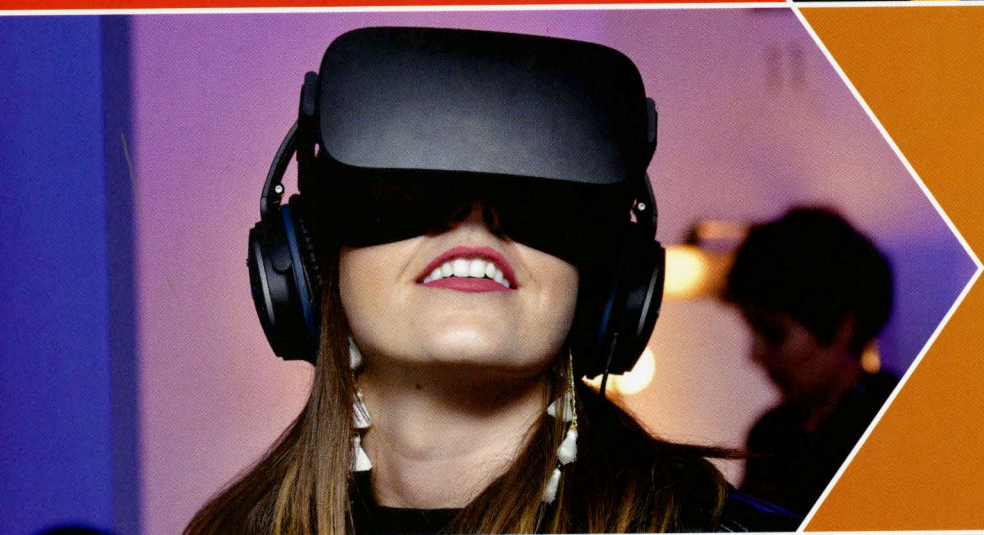
SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING



POP CULTURE

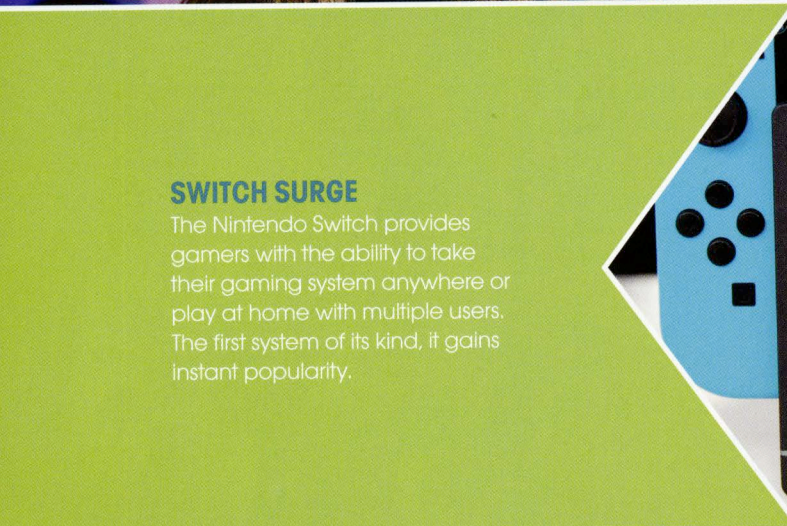
BEY-BIES

Beyoncé broke Selena Gomez' record for the most-liked Instagram post by announcing her pregnancy, garnering 8 million likes in the first 24 hours. In July, Bey broke her own record with a photo of the twins, Rumi and Sir, with 10.2 million likes.



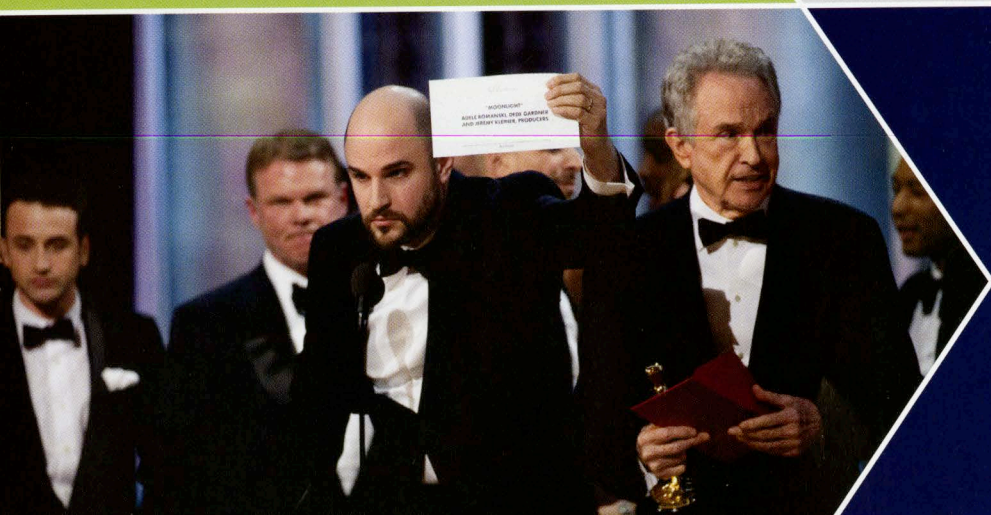
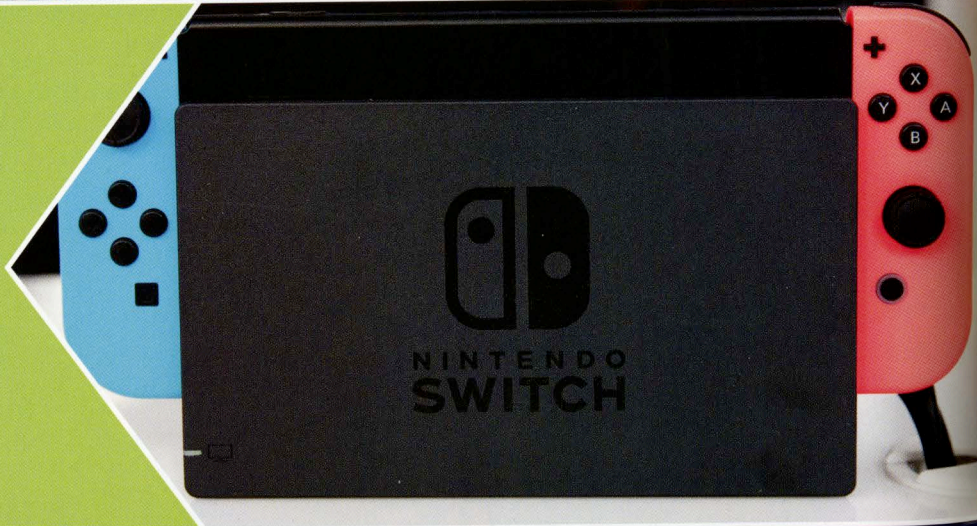
LIVING VIRTUALLY

Whether PokemonGo or The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim VR, virtual and augmented reality are taking the world by storm by making digital landscapes come to life right before our eyes.



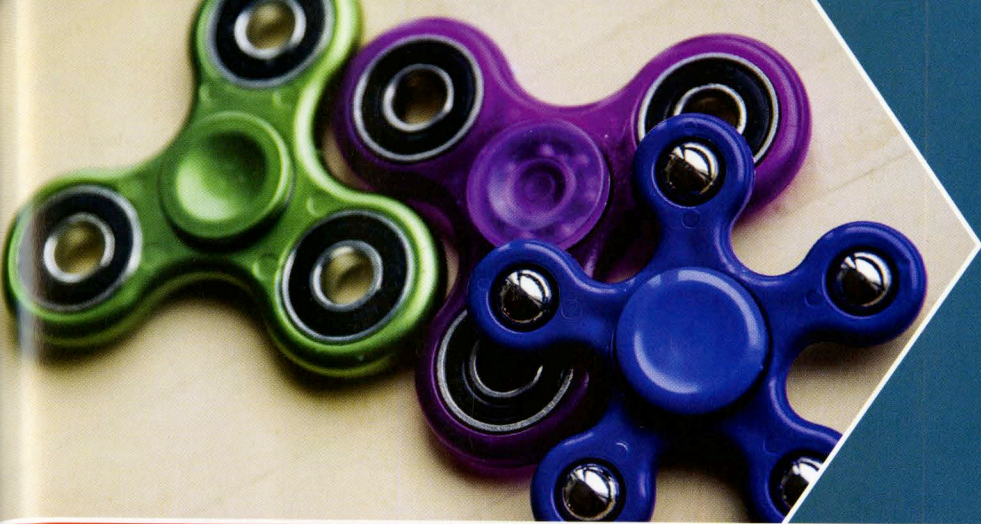
SWITCH SURGE

The Nintendo Switch provides gamers with the ability to take their gaming system anywhere or play at home with multiple users. The first system of its kind, it gains instant popularity.



ENVELOPE-GATE

A faulty envelope handoff causes one of the most shocking moments in Oscars history—*La La Land* is announced as the best picture winner, when the film *Moonlight* is the true winner. A *La La Land* producer corrects this mistake onstage, shocking audiences around the globe. As a result, the Oscars will implement new rules for handing over envelopes to celebrity presenters to prevent future blunders.



FIDGETING FUN

The spinning gadgets take over malls, schools and offices everywhere this year. The fidget spinner is not patented, allowing anyone to replicate the design.

THE FORCE TURNS 40

The original *Star Wars* movie, released 40 years ago in 1977, launched one of the most successful and beloved franchises ever. The eighth movie in the series, *The Last Jedi*, is released in December.



WONDER WOMAN

Director Patty Jenkins' *Wonder Woman* crosses the \$600M threshold worldwide, making the film the highest-grossing live-action movie by a female director in history.

WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE POP CULTURE MOMENTS THIS YEAR?

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TV

IDOL RETURNS

Two seasons after its final episode on Fox, *American Idol* will be returning to television for the 2017-2018 season on ABC.



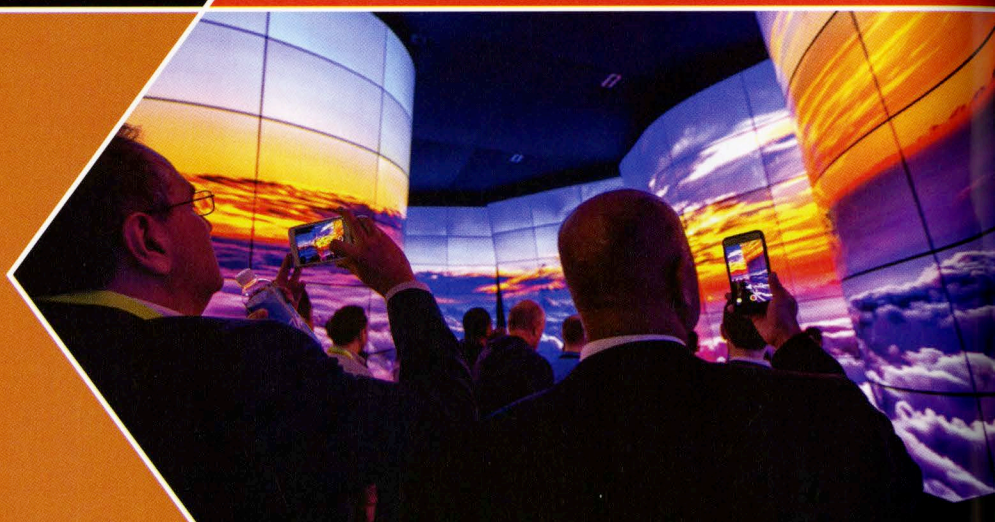
hulu

THE FUTURE OF FUN

Streaming TV is taking over traditional cable as the way we consume entertainment. Amazon Studios, Netflix, and Hulu have all started their own original series to drive engagement and revenue.

TV TECH

Just as the ways we watch TV are evolving, so are the screens we watch it on. New screen technology innovations this year include 10-bit color depth, 4K, HDR, and OLED.



WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

Shows like *Gilmore Girls* and *Full House* (now *Fuller House*) make a comeback to the small screen and their popularity shows. *Fuller House* wins the award for Favorite TV Show-Family at the 2017 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards.





STERLING STORY

Sterling K. Brown, who plays Randall in NBC's *This Is Us*, makes history by becoming the first African American male to take home the Screen Actors Guild award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series and the Golden Globe award for Best Actor in a Television Series, and the first black actor since 1998 to win the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series.



SQUAD GOALS

The CW's *Riverdale*, a series based on the characters in the *Archie* comics, became a viral favorite among teens after the pilot aired earlier this year.

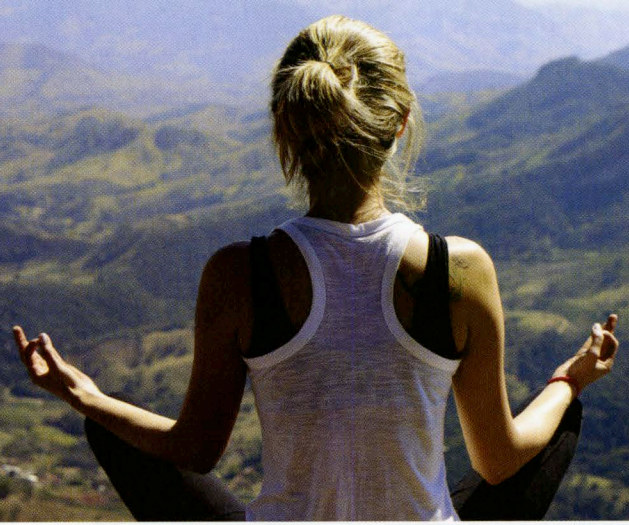
WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE TV MOMENTS THIS YEAR?

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TRENDS

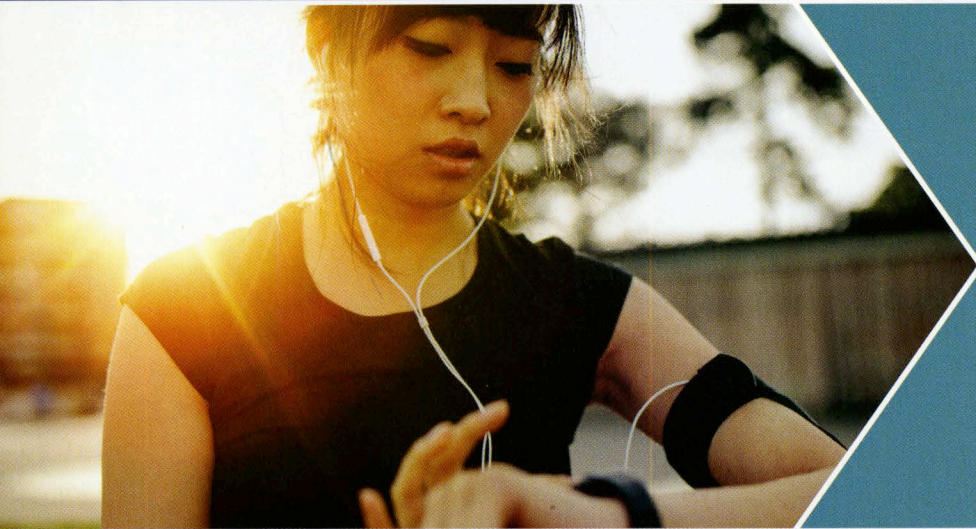
MIND YOUR MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness and focusing on well-being are top trends this year. Calm, an app that helps you meditate and find clarity, is the 2017 Apple app of the year.



HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

Wearable technology may soon save your life. Apple launches the Apple Heart Study app, which collects data and notifies users who may be experiencing irregular heart rhythms or atrial fibrillation. New innovations in wearable health monitoring include measurement of UV exposure, blood pressure, blood glucose, and stress.



BITCOIN BUZZ

Bitcoin, the first digital currency that does not rely on central banks or administrators, becomes a global sensation and a source of debate over the future of money.



SNAPS THE APP

Snapchat reigns supreme as the most popular app of 2017, followed by Instagram and Sandbox.



FASHION FLASHBACK

What's old is new again. Denim, chokers, patches, and embroidery make nods to the past while staying on-trend in the present.

PRIME SLIME

Making slime (a mixture of glue, water, and other additives) becomes a sensation for both kids and young adults.



FANTASTIC FOOD

Unicorn noodles, rainbow cheese, and edible cookie dough are some of the biggest trends in food this year.

WHAT WERE THE TOP TRENDS YOU ENJOYED THIS YEAR?

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TOP OF 2017

TOP HOW-TO GOOGLE SEARCHES

- How to make slime
- How to make solar eclipse glasses
- How to buy Bitcoin
- How to make a fidget spinner
- How to watch the solar eclipse



TOP INSTAGRAM HASHTAGS

- #Art
- #Love
- #Photography
- #Photooftheday
- #Fashion

TOP EMOJIS

Emojis are changing the way we communicate. The most popular emojis of the year are:



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