

# NORDIC NEWS

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**SPECIAL EDITION!**

**WHERE DO WE  
GO FROM HERE?**

**IN THIS ISSUE...**

Alternative Pathways

Crushes & Confessions

Senior Map

# CRUSHES

## + Confessions

Who	Liked...	When
Billy Surdyk	Alex DeKay	Kindergarten - 12th grade
Ya'am Zahavy-Mittelman	Effectively everyone... Seriously. I'm not joking. God is it hell.	
Angela Su	H-mart yams and honeydew	10th grade - infinity
Pedro Cerda	Michelle Obama	2008 - present
Colby Ryden	Kohl Dinkel	4th - 12th grade
Matt Cummings	Uzair	April 30, 2019 - death
Peter Lie	Lakshin Kumar	3rd - 12th grade
Nicolas Aykel	Lakshin Kumar	10th - 12th grade
Sonya Sheptunov	King Princess Carmen Truffat	Until the end of time 11th grade
Carmen Truffat	Maya Oleynikova	10th - 11th grade
Jessica Reeves	Trevor Thurman Jackson Mann Matthew Brundson Julien LeBlanc	9th grade 8th - 9th grade 10th grade 10th grade
Paris Peterson	McCartney Salmon Colby Ryden Mack Heaton Alex Lee Garrett Oremus	8th grade 9th grade 10th grade 11th grade For like a week junior year

Who	Liked...	When
Sally Beaudette	Flynn Rider	2010-2012 definitely not anymore haha that would be weird hahaha
Ella Barnard	Max Rossman Maks Groom	4th-9th grade 11th-12th grade
Daniel Ng	Jenny Xiong	11th-12th grade
Rahima Baluch	ASAP Rocky Shawn Mendes Young Shawn Hunter from Boy Meets World Tommy Nook Trevor Thurman Dylan Neumann	ASAP Forever Until his Camila Cabello phase Always  Since New Leaf Only at football games Literally since forever and still
Kyra Green	Indiana Jones Auden Wegner Tim Donahue Ethan Buttle Kyler Fornes Jake Dick Caleb Dansby Kohl Dinkel	Always 4th - 7th grade? 9th grade 10th grade 10th grade 11th then 12th grade? 12th grade 12th grade
Tiffany Childs	Myself Joe Konat	11th - present 2 minutes in 12th grade
Melissa Leon	Ethan Fisher	9th - 10th grade
Katie Barr	Ella Barnard Luke Mason	12th - always 10th - present
Bethany Virgillo	Rebecca Murray	11th grade



**One thing that stood out was the fantastic thing that happened when me and my best friend Victoria went to leavenworth. I was going to take a shower...I turned on the water and decided that I should go to the bathroom...When I flushed the toilet I noticed that the water would not stop gushing...the whole bathroom floor was covered in toilet water. I screamed...Victoria started laughing so hard outside of the bathroom door as I swam through the toilet water...when I walked out the water continued to gush into the hotel room...We quickly called a plumber dude and he walked into the room on his first day on the job as we were rolling on the floor laughing to death. After everything was cleaned up the whole room smelled of sewage.**  
Maddie Porterfield

**I pulled out a juicy pickle in 11th grade IB math studies and spilled it everywhere :( I smelt like pickle for the rest of the day.**  
Lazarus Kilmer


**Me and my best friend Maddie...scurried over to AMC theater to watch a sticky movie about a spider that bit a man! Once the movie started, Maddie's partner showed up and...we then all sat silently as we watched... I looked over and low and behold!!! I saw my best friend have her first KISS!!!! I sat straight up as I stared back at the screen in pure horror and amazement! I also really had to pee in this moment so that didn't help.**  
Victoria Vancour

**Sorry about the pizza boxes on the roof...**  
Peter Lie

**...At JEA nationals last year in California we spent one day from opening to closing at disney and we rode splash mountain 6 times in a row, space mountain twice, and every other ride in the park—my voice was so hoarse the next day I could only whisper and my feet hurt so bad because we walked more than 30,000 steps and the only shoes i brought were converse.**  
Sonya Sheptunov



# Highest Academic/Merit Scholarships of 2020



aditijain (Cy)

the O'Hare delivery guy

WHO...
Amogh Pande
Lazarus Agæen Kilmer
Sonya Sheptunov
Aislinn Jones
Billy Surdyk
Macy Mann
Abby Kauffman
Matt Cummings
Minh Allan Dao
Adaugo Yonna Nicole Ugokwoli
Aaliyah Robinson
Claire Longcore
Nathan Loutsis

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED...
\$184,000
\$71,400
\$62,000
\$60,000
\$60,000
\$54,000
\$39,000
\$30,000
\$22,500
\$19,664
\$15,000
\$12,500
\$12,500

INSTITUTION...
Dartmouth College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Arizona State University
Gonzaga University
University of Rhode Island
University of Iowa
Seattle Pacific University
Washington University in St. Louis
University of Washington
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## Retiring German teacher offers wisdom for students

mireyaavalos

head of procrastination station

With 30 years under her belt, Frau Kanning is entering a new life of retirement.

German teacher Susanne Kanning has been teaching at Inglemoor since 1990. Her position as a Viking was her first job out of college and turned out to be a lifelong



career. She said she has been dedicated to her work and to making connections with students.

"I love sharing the German language and culture with my students," Kanning said. "I like to think that I may have helped motivate them to do these things. I hope that my current students also get to Germany at some point in their lives to experience the language and the culture firsthand."

Although Kanning said that the school year is too short, she utilizes the time she has by creating fun and engaging activities for her students.

"Every year, I have had the pleasure of working with really wonderful students. My fondest memories are of going to German Immersion Camps every spring, the many trips to Germany I have taken with students, our silly competitions and games that we would do in class, singing silly songs and making jokes—in German, of course—watching my students interact and become life-long friends," Kanning said.

Sophomore Finn Meyer, her student for two years in her German 200 and 300 courses, said that Kanning always made time for her students and was continuously devoted to their learning.

"[Kanning] was always so helpful in the classroom, she helped me get a grasp on the rules and more confusing aspects of German," Meyer said. "She made time for all my questions and approached them all in a kind and supportive way."

Kanning said that she decided to take some time off work

to travel to Germany with her family. In doing so she said she learned a lot about the German language and got a better understanding of the culture.

In college, she studied abroad in Germany and said she found her calling.

"I always had it in the back of my head that I could be a teacher," said Kanning. "But I never thought I would be a German teacher until after I had been an exchange student there."

On entering retirement, Kanning said that she will miss the community at Inglemoor, from her students to the staff. The environment made it easy for growth within her teaching.

"I feel like I improved every year as a teacher because I was always attending workshops and conferences to get new ideas and methods," Kanning said. "Inglemoor High School is a great place to work, which is why I never left until now!"

Kanning said that she plans to travel throughout the U.S. and abroad. She has plans for many hiking, biking and skiing adventures in her retirement.

As Kanning departs into a new life of relaxation, she leaves Inglemoor with some words of encouragement.

"Remember to have fun," Kanning said. "It is so easy to get wrapped up in everything that has to get done that we sometimes forget to enjoy the here and now, simply playing and having a little fun. Learning can be a game, so never stop playing."

**ARIZONA**  
**Arizona State University**  
 Sonya Sheptunov  
**Grand Canyon University**  
 Abby Monson  
**Northern Arizona University**  
 Rachel Conchi  
**University of Arizona**  
 Shaun Seko

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Boston University**  
 Bianca Frintu  
**Brandeis University**  
 Gabriel Blatner

**MICHIGAN**  
**Michigan State University**  
 Jack Edmonds

**MINNESOTA**  
**Macalester College**  
 Ciara Featherly

**MISSOURI**  
**Washington University in St. Louis**  
 Matt Cummings

**NEW YORK**  
**Hofstra University**  
 Sahale Beaudette

**HAWAII**  
**University of Hawaii at Manoa**  
 Maddy Chow

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Dartmouth College**  
 Amogh Pande

**IDAHO**  
**Boise State University**  
 Dane Loucks

**ILLINOIS**  
**School of the Art Institute of Chicago**  
 Laz Kilmer

**INDIANA**  
**Purdue University**  
 Eva Taylor  
 Mia Geoffray

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 Allie Robertson  
 Ian Brock  
 Michael Hill  
 Malachy Olson  
**Pacific Northwest College of the Arts**  
 Eli Alejandrino  
**University of Oregon**  
 Brooke Schultz

**RHODE ISLAND**  
**University of Rhode Island**  
 Billy Surdyk

**UTAH**  
**Brigham Young University**  
 Ava Jenson  
**Southern Utah University**  
 Ally Ellet  
**University of Utah**  
 Megan Best  
**Utah Valley University**  
 Brooke Hinckley

**WASHINGTON**  
**Cascadia Community College**  
 Jacob Liedle  
 Alyssa Tiqui  
 Selah Teeny  
 Alyah Chase  
 Itzel Robledo  
 John Winans Armstron V  
 Victoria Vancour  
 Kenyon Woodley  
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# Nordic editors say their final goodbyes



**sonyasheptunov**

co-editor-in-chief

**O**ver the course of my life, I discovered that I had lost my voice. Previously, I found it more appealing to stay quiet, to let others talk over me. I soon found myself feeling powerless; feeling alone. At the guidance of two very different people in my life I was pushed to join this institution, because Nordic News is more than a club. It is a shelter, a community you don't know you need until you're knee deep in it.

Nordic News made me realize and appreciate the power and beauty of storytelling in its purest form. Voices have such an incredible ability to shape people's minds, both like and unlike one another—and to bring them together. While Nordic Staff comes and goes, the vibrant community of student voices, personalities, legacies (and fair share of chaos) lives on forever.

For me, the greatest gift of all was to be able to see young minds and writers improve so fast; to grow from burgeoning, young pencil-pushers to passionate student journalists who love their work. I am empowered by the resilience shown by Aditi Jain, the incredible strength shown by Rahima Baluch and the understated steadfastness shown by Mrs. Little over the course of this year. I am proud to stand by their side as women and leaders who fostered a community of learning and growth. Although I am sad to leave it, I have no doubt that this environment, this community will continue to flourish under the guidance of Margaret He, Minita Layal and Rory Knottles in Volume 50.

I became a leader within Nordic News because I learned to believe in the power of one's voice. This power is extended to everyone at the start of their lives but can be easily taken away; and worse yet, it can be snuffed out by lack of believing in yourself. So to my dear readers, writers and untamed, wild minds alike—as long as you have the strength to pick up a pen and start writing, you will find your way. Long live the Nord!

**rahimabaluch**

web editor-in-chief

**N**ordic has remained an integral part of the Inglemoor community over the years, bringing students, staff and parents a blend of news and entertainment. Though the year has brought on many unexpected turns, I am proud to say Nordic has continued to do just that, with help from its talented writers, artists and photographers.

Everytime I entered the Nordic room this year (before school so abruptly ended), I was overwhelmed by a sense of community, creativity and chaos. It has been amazing to work with and learn from the incredible journalists on staff this year—I will miss all of you with my entire heart. I know for a fact that next year will be challenging... but I also know that this group's perseverance and motivation and optimism will enable them to overcome every challenge and make Nordic better than it ever has been.

I am thankful for the opportunities and challenges being part of the newspaper has presented me with. I have gained an immense amount of knowledge and experience that I believe are priceless—and I'm thankful to have gotten to work with Sonya and Aditi and Mrs. Little as they are some of the most supportive and compassionate people I have ever known.

As the year comes to a close and we reflect on the challenges we've overcome and achievements we've made in terms of both our paper and our website, I could not be more proud of us as a staff. With Rory, Margaret and Minita in charge, I know the paper is in good hands and I'm excited for all that they will do for Nordic, our school and our community. May Volume 50 be the best one yet! Long live the Nord!

**aditijain**

co-editor-in-chief

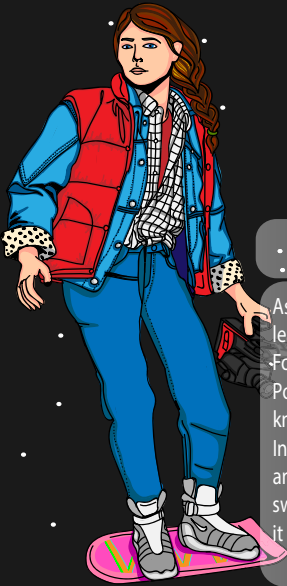
**J**oining Nordic for me was an accident; I needed a seventh period and being on the newspaper staff was good enough—although now I realize it was one of the best parts of my high school experience. I stayed for the engaged community and the alacrity to learn.

In interviewing students and staff for articles or talking with my fellow writers and designers on late nights, I learned how much I didn't know about people, their experiences and their perspectives. For me, Nordic has given me the platform to explore the world of journalism, while teaching me the importance of work ethic, leadership and friendship.

I am so incredibly grateful for all of the amazing opportunities, challenges, sense of belonging, life-long friendships, exhaustingly entertaining memories and validation that Nordic has provided me with. I am going to miss Nordic so much. Throughout the year, I felt constantly inspired by the group's willingness to grow and be resilient; in fact, I know that despite all this is happening and will continue to happen, they will continue to report from their hearts on issues that our community needs to hear about. Working with Rahima and Sonya to run this newspaper has been such an honor; they are some of my closest friends and I couldn't imagine Nordic without them. I would also like to thank our advisor and our friend, Ms. Little, who is the most supportive and loving person I have ever met.

My love for Nordic increases by the day, which is why I am comforted that Rory, Minita and Margaret are the editors; I have no doubt that they will help Nordic continue to thrive as the staff do. Long live the Nord!

# SENIOR Obituaries



## Sonya Sheptonov

As of last Sunday night the world has lost one of the leading experts in caffeineology Sonya Sheptonov. Found at 8:53 P.M. in the parking lot of the foundation. Police say that she died of an overactive brain but we know what truly killed Sonya; it was the coffee. Inside the cup she was drinking from was high amounts of a deadly coffee bean called the black sweet. Why Sonya was drinking this is unknown but it most definitely wasn't an accident.

## Aditi Jain

Our dearly beloved Aditi Jain was lost to us this week in a tragic death. After a stressful day of testing in her Physics, Comp Sci and German classes, Jain headed to a Nordic News Late Night mental and physically drained. There, she was swamped with too many C&E-dits, most of which were returned because people couldn't read her handwriting no matter how many times she rewrote them. During dinner, Jain unknowingly ingested an iced tea spiked with NCP (Nostalgic Cringe Potion) an elixir that causes the drinker to experience intense auditory and visual hallucinations of the cringiest moments of their lives. The stress of the day combined with the excess exposure to her cringy, dragon-obsessed middle school years overloaded her brain, rendering her in a permanent state of cringe.



## Rahima Baluch

During the 2nd Martian Egg War of 2060 AD, Rahima Baluch was found lying unconscious in her zero gravity pool. Forensics later found she was patient zero of the devastating outbreak that took place in her town, Eggbet Crater. She was most well known for her journalistic research on the first egg war, which had only occurred 2 years prior to her death. The last egg war was exterminated on Jun. 5, 2063 AD, marking the end of the second and last egg war. Rahima Baluch will be forever missed and remembered.

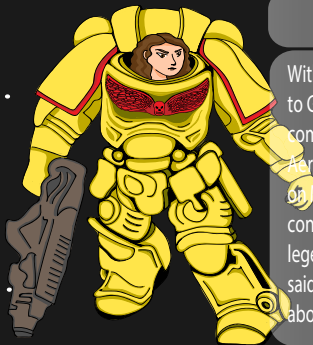
## Ella Barnard

Last Thursday Ella Barnard's body was found lying on the grass next to a fantasy book. A police investigation reported that she had simply collapsed. Some suspect that her adventures in the fantasy world took the wrong turn into reality. She saw a flying dragon that was diving straight towards her. Contrary to popular belief, the dragon hadn't killed her; it was instead not knowing the ending of her story that ultimately led to her demise. The autopsy results show that she died of an anxiety attack, likely from remembering all of the endings she is going to miss, including the one in her book.



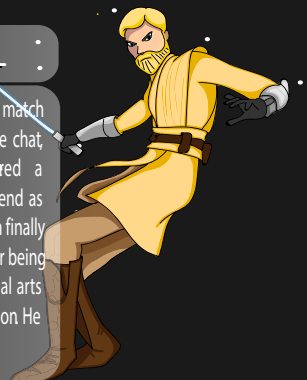
## Gabe Kramer

With the abrupt end of his senior year came an abrupt end to Gabe Kramer's existence. He had been working away at his computer, cranking out code in order to hack the Union Aerospace Corporation and destroy their research mission on Mars when suddenly aliens burst through his window confronting him. The next morning there was no trace of the legend anywhere. Just a card left by the extraterrestrials that said "finders keepers, losers weepers." We're sad to hear about this tragic event.



## Caden Pavlovski

Six days ago Caden Pavlovski was tragically murdered after a match of Call of Duty went wrong. Caden was invited to a voice chat, which he accepted, finding that he had just angered a twelve-year-old boy. The child insulted him for hours on end as Caden continued to beat him at video games until Caden finally went to bed. An hour later, Caden was woken up by his door being punched off its hinges. Caden's online nemesis was a martial arts master, and he was no match for this four-foot living weapon. He will be missed.





## B I N G O

Pulled an all-nighter anytime this school year	Got DMed a cospasta to vote for Amogh Pande as senior speaker	Spent your birthday in quarantine	Thought you had the coronavirus only for it to be allergies	Saw a stranger wearing objects that don't qualify as masks; water bottles, plastic bags, etc.
Avoided Nordic distributors you know who you are...	Your teacher forced you to turn your camera on in Zoom class	Ignored life's responsibilities in order to play Animal Crossing: New Horizons when it came out on Marc. 13	Parked in someone else's parking space not cool, man! Not cool.	Thought snow days would be the worst thing to happen to us this year
Used your off-campus pass to go to McDonalds and brought it to your next class	Were late or skipped a Zoom class because you overslept	Free Space: Complained about quarantine. (We know you have)	Have gone on too many "quarantine walks" and had to dodge your neighbors doing the same thing.	Cried while taking an AP test online then cheered when CollegeBoard got sued
Sat in your car for an hour because you needed to get out of the house but couldn't actually go anywhere	Had a big convention, competition or class trip canceled because of corona	Clocked out mentally once school moved online	Sworn to never download Tik Tok but broke and did it because you were bored in quarantine.	Got threatened by Mrs. Buckner for not completing your High School and Beyond Plan
Took a peek inside the planetarium (even we don't know what they're hiding!)	Drank enough caffeine to kill god in order to power through an essay (bonus points if it was due)	Taken a sick day in the fall to work on college apps	Contemplated dropping out at some point because the stress was... ...immense	You're graduating in 2020. We empathize; your life sucks.