

# Senior Honor Spotlight – Pierce Ortiz

**Nickname:** Pierson



## **Best Sanborn Memory:**

My favorite Sanborn memory has been working with so many people through music and theater. These experiences pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me become more confident and comfortable with myself.

## **Accomplishments:**

I earned High Honors freshman year and Honors with Distinction during both my sophomore and junior years. I also received department awards in Social Studies, Foods and Nutrition, and Choir. In my senior year, I served as president of both the Drama Club and Choir.

## **Plans After High School:**

After graduation, I will attend Keene State College, where I plan to pursue a dual major in Education and English. I have a passion for writing and hope to inspire students the way my teachers have inspired me. During college, I want to gain the knowledge and experience necessary to build a stable and fulfilling career.

By my third or fourth year, I hope to gain hands-on experience working with students so I feel fully prepared to enter the workforce. I also want to make a positive impact on my community and leave a strong, positive legacy at my school.

After graduating from Keene State, I plan to work with middle or high school students. My goal is to become an impactful teacher and pass on the support, encouragement, and education that I was fortunate to receive.

## **Staff Reflections:**

Sanborn has been so lucky to benefit from Pierce's talent and personality these last four years.

Anyone who's had her in class knows she is a pleasure to have—not just as a student, but as a presence. She can always be counted on for witty observations and thoughtful contributions that reflect her genuine engagement with learning. Pierce has also spent her years here entertaining us with ever-increasing skill on stage, most recently in *Les Misérables*. I have no doubt that her talent for performance, dedication to learning, and strong intellect will make her an excellent teacher one day. I wish her all the best in the years to come.

— Mr. Beebe