



# Class of 2021

# Senior Salute

Each week for the rest of the year we are spotlighting our seniors who will share their favorite memories of their time in Band, Orchestra, Choir or Theatre.

Thank you to the seniors who have worked so hard to be part of Ballard High School's rich traditions over the last four years. While we were not able to send you off the way we wanted to, your contributions will last a lifetime!

CONGRATS TO ALL OUR SENIORS!

*There is still time to be recognized: Seniors! Please fill out our [survey](#) and send in a couple of photos by June 12 so we can recognize you in our year-end efforts.*



## Alex Brockman

**Group: Symphonic Band**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*  
**Playing at football games.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*  
**The Leavenworth marching band competition.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*  
**Going to Pennsylvania State University and majoring in pre-medicine!**



## Lindsay Watanabe

**Group: Wind Ensemble**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Being able to create music with my best friends.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Going to Disneyland in 2019 with my best friends. I will never forget it.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I'm attending Colorado State University as a Zoology major with plans to work directly with animal wildlife conservation.**



## Mercedes Tucker

**Group: Band and Choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Making music with people.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Playing and participating in the Leavenworth parade.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**Attending the University of Montana**





## Samara Bunn-Hartman

**Group: Choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**I missed singing together and being able to experience the music as a full ensemble.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Honestly, I think my favorite experience was the musical and everything that went into that. Shuffling around the dressing rooms right before the show, trying to get ready in time is a memory I will cherish.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**Freshman year at UW and online summer course at Emily Carr University.**



## Andrei Whyte

**Group: Theatre and Choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**The feeling of a family during productions.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**My favorite memory is the day that the whole cast and crew take down the sets after a show.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I plan to go to Gonzaga University.**



## **Ian Semroc**

**Group: Wind Ensemble**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**I've missed marching band the most.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Disneyland**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**Going to UW and joining the marching band.**



## Kristiane Maynard

**Group: Wind Ensemble**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**The energy when playing together and getting to bond with people and friends.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Going to the Santa Monica Pier and every other memory from the Disneyland trip.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**Attending Tulane University; possibly majoring in exercise science and studying a few other things.**



## Connor Fatland

**Group: Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz, Men's Ensemble**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Hearing their voices and singing with them**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Choir camp Junior year**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**Heading to Oregon State University**





## Ellie Rice

**Group: Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Not being able to sing with other people and have that instant gratification.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Singing Christmas carols with Vocal Jazz.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I'm going to UCLA to major in Global Jazz Studies and Business.**



## Leah Van Loen

**Group: Concert Choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**I have missed being able to sing together as a group, and to hear the whole choir in unison.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**I really loved going to Canada! I had such a great time there and it was fun to go to the amusement park.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I will be attending Western WA University in the fall.**



## Cameron Donnelly

**Group: Wind Ensemble**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**I missed going to band camp this year!**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Disneyland was such a blast! I loved seeing backstage Disney and getting to record soundtracks for animation.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I will be attending the University of British Columbia to study sustainable agriculture and environmental sciences.**



## Pele Strauch

**Group: Concert Choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Hearing everyone singing and making music together**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Performing Carmina Burana is probably my favorite memory.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I plan to go to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.**



## Eli Warshaw

**Group: Wind Ensemble**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Playing in person with the rest of the band and all the band trips that were cancelled.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**The Disney Land trip**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I plan to study marine biology at the University of Oregon.**





## Griffin Guyer

**Group: Concert Choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Being able to hear other voices. Some people are quite good at singing, and it is nice to hear them.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**My top 2 memories were the first and only choir camp I went to. Listening and enjoying the sights of everyone and everything was awesome and stressful as a first time musician. My favorite part of that was singing the warm up song "Darling You Send Me". I really enjoyed that warmup and really liked it the first time. My other favorite memory was singing "Hit Me Baby One More Time." Singing like that was the whole reason I joined choir...singing along to songs I enjoy listening to. Those were my favorite memories of choir.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**If you mean long term plans, I am going to Western Washington University in the honors program next fall. If you mean short term plans, I got a long road trip planned with my friends :).**



## Jacob Bragg

**Group: Concert Choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Hearing the different/amazing voices of others and the spectacular guest speakers and teachers we had.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Traveling to Vancouver, Canada and performing in a competition with other talented music programs and attending an amazing music performance.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**After graduation, I plan on attending North Seattle community college to obtain a associates degree in fine arts or graphic design.**



## JJ Benefiel

**Groups: Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**I've missed being able to sing with everyone.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**I had so much fun going to Canada!**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I will be attending North Seattle College, then I'm going to transfer to a four-year university to study microbiology.**



## Helen Liska

**Group: Band**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Band trips/ band camp**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Disneyland**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I'm going to Scripps College to study politics.**



## Tallulah Granquist

**Group: Concert Choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**I've missed getting to see everyone in person everyday and working together.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**All the times where we performed and got to show off our hard work are great memories.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I plan to stay here in WA and attend college.**





## Gavin Eachus

**Groups: Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz, Men's Ensemble**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**I have missed being able to sing together in person and socialize in the black box.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Singing Sea Shanties with the boys at Golden Gardens.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**My plans are to earn my AS at Seattle Central.**



## James Shepard

**Groups: Wind Ensemble/Jazz 1**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Playing music together**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Band camp**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**Santa Clara University**



## Broden Crotty

**Group: Wind Ensemble**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**I miss playing in person so badly. It always was an amazing start to my day and allowed me to have some creative liberty during school.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Anything having to do with band trips or football games. There are so many funny memories. The first that comes to mind was when some band uniforms fell off the bus when we were on the highway. Things like that.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I plan on finishing my associates degree before transferring to a 4 year college.**



## Sarah Powell

**Group: Symphonic Band**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Marching band!**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Band camp is definitely my favorite experience in years past.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I'm attending Oregon State University.**



## Willow Killoran

**Group: Choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Not being in person**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Spaghetti Dinner night**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**College**





## Eden Ebright

**Group: Concert choir**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**The community**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Definitely the choir trips**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**Finishing my bachelors degree at Western Washington University**



## Hadley Mollman

**Group: Chamber Orchestra and Theater (thespians)**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Spending time with friends working on music and shows, especially the time before shows in the dressing room listening to music and hanging out while we get ready.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**One of my favorite memories was thespian initiation week, we had a lot of fun putting everything together, and it was one of the more memorable weeks of high school.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I'll be going to Knox college to major in theater.**



## Al Johnson

**Group: Theatre**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**I miss working closely with the other techs to not only make a great show, but to also create strong friendships.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Staying late after school and going to work calls to help build the sets.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I'm going to Western Washington University.**



## Erik Anderson

**Group: Symphonic Band**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Football games and parades**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Disneyland log ride with Mr James**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**North Seattle College**



## Vangie Laufert

**Group: Band**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Band Camp**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**Leavenworth Parades**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**North Seattle Community College for pre nursing**





## Andreas de la Jara

**Group: Band**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Not being able to play together with people in person.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**The trips with the entire band like Disneyland.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**Going to Portland State University. Major in sociology, minor in music..**



## Henry Ramstad

**Group: Orchestra**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**The energy of live performance.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**The first day back in the class as a small orchestra.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I plan to attend Cornell University for a degree in chemistry.**



## Evan Mount

**Group: Chamber Orchestra**

*What have you missed most about your group during the quarantine?*

**Getting to play music and hear all the parts come together in the same big room.**

*What is your favorite memory from your years of participating in band, orchestra, choir or theatre?*

**I loved getting to do pit orchestra for Damn Yankees and getting ALL the songs stuck in my head.**

*What are you doing after graduation?*

**I'm going to UC San Diego to try and figure out what I want to do next with Music and maybe Science.**



# **Congratulations to all our Seniors!**

## **Choir**

Vee Ashmun  
JJ Benefiel  
Gavin Bradler  
Jacob Bragg  
Samara Bunn Hartman  
Gavin Eachus  
Eden Ebright  
Connor Fatland  
Lulu Granquist  
Griffin Guyer  
Lydia Hayes  
Willow Killoran  
Michael Lorenzo  
Jillian Nielsen  
Ava Olson  
Savana Pella  
Ellie Rice  
Pele Strauch  
Mercedes Tucker  
Natalia Vallejos Gajardo  
Leah Van Loen  
Andrei Whyte

## **Theatre/Thespians**

Vee Ashmun  
Al Johnson  
Hadley Mollman  
Andrei Whyte



## Band

Erik Anderson  
Paul Basiji  
Charles Burns  
Alex Brockman  
Griffin Carlson  
Broden Crotty  
Andreas De La Jara  
Cameron Donnelly  
James Fiorito  
Anelyse Jamerson  
Julien Lafontant  
Evangelina Laufert  
Helen Liska  
Kristiane Maynard  
Max McKelvey  
Kat Murphy  
David Nicollela  
Sarah Powell  
Tarkel Price  
Carlton Redpath  
Ian Semroc  
James Shepard  
Mercedes Tucker  
Rowan Vannier  
Eli Warshaw  
Lindsay Watanabe

## Orchestra

Katherine Ahrens  
Elias Bailey  
Sophia Court





Stella Gardner  
Cole Harrington  
Tayleii Heap  
Catherine Lipthratt  
Hadley Mollman  
Even Mount  
Cat-Tuong Nguyen  
Henry Ramstad  
Katherine Sauter  
Bronson Scot