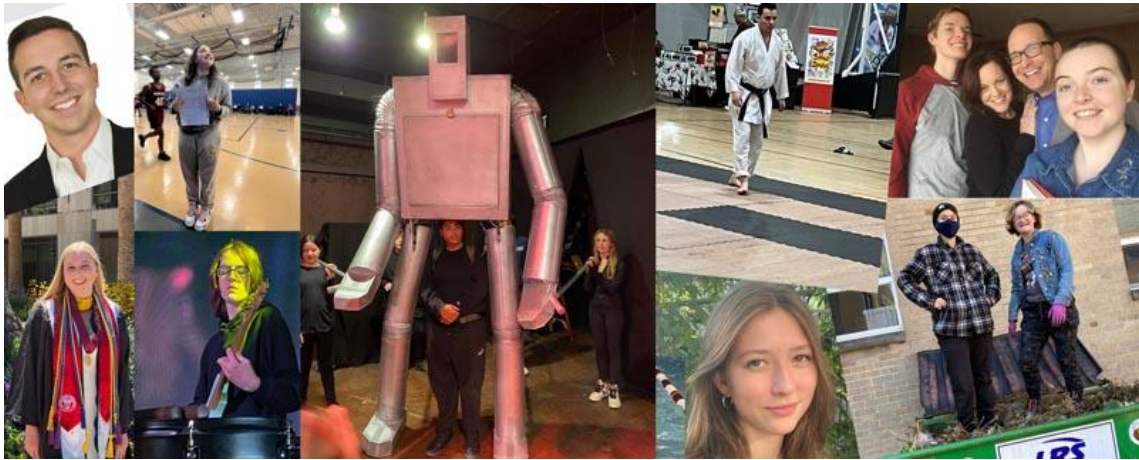


Kite and Leaf...

The good news
email from TCS!

New! Our Alumni News Page

Our TCS website just launched a page just for our Alumni to share their news and stay connected. We're kicking things off with lots of stories from recent grads and even those who've graduated from college. This issue of Kite and Leaf gives you a brief update each story, and you can link to the new Alumni News page to read more!



Where Are They Now?

Our Alumni in High School

Ben Angarone, Class of 2022

Ben is a freshman at Oak Park River Forest High School. His favorite subject is English. he takes guitar lessons and is in the performance program at School of Rock.



Emi Ortiz, Class of 2022

"I am a freshman at Morton West. in the fall I made varsity swim, in the winter I was a manager for the boy's basketball team, and in the spring I play for varsity water polo and I am captain for junior varsity. I love my school! I have great bonds with my teachers and friends."

Halina Sindt, Class of 2021

"I'm a sophomore at OPRF. I enjoy my classes, even though there can be a lot of homework. Some extra-curriculars I've been doing are dance, learning guitar, and volunteering at PAWS. I recently helped with costumes for the "Mama Mia" production at OPRF. I'm going to Palma de Mallorca, Spain for three weeks this summer to learn about ocean ecosystems with a program through the high school."



Abby Falkoff, Class of 2021

"I'm a sophomore at OPRF. I'm on the cross-country team and I'm also in the Huskie Helpers club. My favorite subjects are science and math and I'm going to do the independent research project class next year. I just got a story I wrote published in the literary magazine! I still go to the woods most weekends and foster kittens."

Rhys Mix (he/him) – Class of 2020

"I went to Trinity High School for my freshman and sophomore years and then transferred to Morton West High School this year for my junior year. While at Trinity high



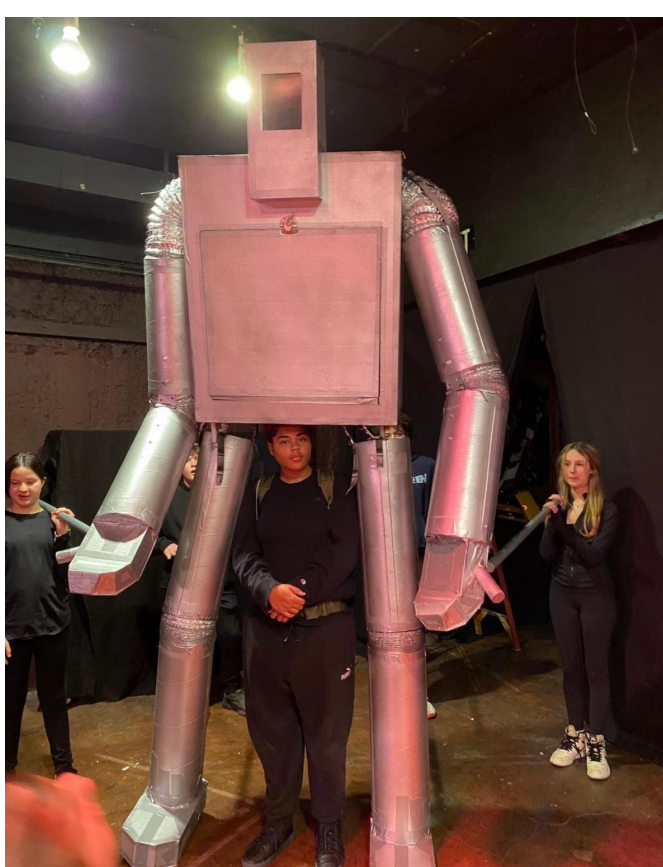
school I worked on several theatrical productions and worked for the theater running sound for rentals. I was the first Sophomore ever to be inducted de La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society).

[Read more about Rhys on our Alumni News Page...](#)



Cat Nickles, Class of 2020

Cat most recently performed in Cabinet of Curiosity's Winter Pageant show titled *Icicle Picnic: Journey For the Sun*. Cat is a junior at OPRFHS and has enjoyed her culinary classes as well as creating in woodworking. Cat is also a member of the powerlifting team at OPRFHS and placed second in a recent competition. She continues her advocacy for Beyond Hunger (the recipient of her Capstone cookbook fundraiser). As part of her Civics class, Cat had a bake sale fundraiser that raised \$1,000 for Beyond Hunger. [\(more photos of Cat on the Alumni News Page\)](#)



Our Alumni - Gap Years, College, and Beyond!

Jonny Hugh, Class of 2018

"Lately, I've been devoting a lot of time to developing my musical skills such as songwriting, recording and producing, learning new instruments, and more.

I'm also working at a local therapist practice in Oak Park, Smart Behavior Solutions, where I work on their social media, general graphic design, as well as some outreach ...[\(read more from Jonny on the new Alumni News Page.\)](#)



Lucas Larson, Class of 2016

"I'm about to graduate from Triton College. I have one more semester to go, then I'll get my associate of arts degree. After this, I'm planning to transfer to DePaul or Columbia to study game design and minor in graphic design.

I have been working for WSSRA over this school year and have been enjoying my job. West Suburban Recreation Association works with people with special needs. I work with clients of all ages...[\(read more from Lucas on our new Alumni News Page.\)](#)

Jared Allread (early student)

"I graduated from Drake in 2021 and am now working in healthcare public relations at an agency in Chicago." Jared still remembers his favorite TCS project - the western expansion and covered wagon!



Sydney Mayer (early student)

Sydney graduated Magna Cum Laude from Santa Clara University with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in theatre arts and child studies. She was very active at SCU, where she acted in, stage managed and directed multiple plays, sang in a cappella group, was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, was a peer educator and freshman seminar leader, played intramural soccer, and served as a SCU Student Ambassador. She was accepted into Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit

Honor Society)... [\(read more from Sydney on our new Alumni News Page.\)](#)



Simon Nosek (early student)

Simon is a third-year student at Oberlin College in Ohio where he lives with his lovely partner, Cassandra. Simon is majoring in Political Science and Religion. He recently returned from a study abroad experience in Greece where he got to swim in the Aegean Sea and practice his Greek language skills. Simon works as a research assistant in the Religion department at Oberlin and when he is visiting Oak Park, he teaches Dungeons & Dragons workshops for tweens and teens. He plans to spend a gap year teaching English in Greece before heading to graduate school.



Iris Nosek (early student)

A recent graduate of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA with a degree in Psychology, Iris will start their doctoral studies at RUSH University in Chicago in August 2023. Iris is enrolled in the RUSH Doctor of Occupational Therapy program and will be working as a teaching assistant



while completing the 3-year program.

Iris is currently working as a Certified Nursing Assistant while doing their pre-requisite coursework in Washington where they live with their beautiful partner, Claudia, and two rats Mochi and Pepper.

Iris is also a working artist and sells their commissions through Etsy at [Iris.Makes.Store](https://www.etsy.com/shop/IrisMakesStore), as well as Iris.Makes on Instagram.

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Iris sent this photo from the anatomy and physiology lab course they are taking which harkens back to their dissection labs in 4th grade with Ms. Kate Miller where they first dissected a sheep's heart and realized they really loved science!

If you are a TCS Alumn, be sure to visit the new [Alumni News](#) page. Let us know what you'd like to see, how to improve the page, and what we can add to keep everyone in the TCS Alumni community connected!

Visit our Alumni News Page

Community Corner: Neighborhood Co-Housing Option in Oak Park

Strength in Community - at home too! There is a condominium building soon to

break ground in Oak Park that is more than just a building - it's an intentional community of people who plan on living together, but also separately in their own condominiums.



They'll look out for each other, share some meals and social gatherings, garden, and live as ecologically responsibly as they can. They'll do the socializing in a large Common Area on the 5th Floor.

Units are available to reserve now. You'll find more detailed information in this [recent news article in Axios Chicago](#) or on [their website](#). Current members also host monthly Thursday night Public Meetings via zoom; links can be obtained via a website request.

We've been asked to share in case our TCS community might have members or know folks who would be interested in joining their group.



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