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HEY NEW STUDENTS, WELCOME TO ANDOVER

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Find Your Way to Stay Grounded

wish someone told me to

ADDISON DENG



take more photos. More photos of math formulas written on the board, of essay expectations due next class, of my friend slipping in front of a dozen people on the pool deck while being chased with a camera and pair of swim goggles, because within the fast-paced blur of Andover, photos were what kept me grounded from spiraling into what-ifs, grades, and classes of the future. So, my advice for you is to do the same in finding your method to remain in

the present. In all honesty, Andover can get very overwhelming as I was constantly stressing about my next test, game, meet, essay, meeting, practice. By taking photos, I was able to capture and simply freeze each frame of my life, consequently stopping and pulling all rapid, complicated motion within my brain back to the focused present which mediated anxiety and burn-outs. So I hope that you, too, will find a method to help you take Andover one step at a time.

Give Yourself Time and Space to Grow

MICHEAL KAWOOYA



y biggest piece to incoming students would be to allow vourself time and space to grow and adjust to Andover. When I came to PA, I was interested in biology, had never sung in an acapella group before, and was terrified at the idea of being away from home for longer than a few weeks. However, as the months passed, and I explored and became familiar with my new environment, my interests grew and evolved as well. In hindsight, it is often simple for me to forget that I didn't magically arrive at the person and Andover student I am today, without venturing outside of my comfort zone. As new members of the PA community, you will acclimate to the ins and outs of boarding school, and concurrently grow as a person. Don't be hard on yourself if this process is difficult, awkward, and most importantly-long.

Be Kind, Remember

Abigail Kim

Staff Positions

Try Anything and Everything

SARAYA ANGBAZO



hen people tell you "try anything to everything", and seriously, try anything and everything! Andover is all about giving you new experiences and opportunities to branch out in all aspects of student life: academically with teachers, socially with peers, and even internally with yourself. Regard-

less of what you do on campus,

everything you do here teaches

you more about yourself. You

learn about what you truly love

most, and the ability to do that

at Andover from even the young

age of 14 is inspiring to me. Try

it all, because you'll never know

ome in with no expec-

tations and be curious

what it'll lead you to!



Who You Are, and Adventure

e kind to everyone. This will be your home for the foreseeable future, so don't close yourself off. Your best friend-or your future teammate or classmate or teacher-could be anyone. Kindness goes a long way and will only help you during your time here. Secondly, remember who you are. I know people say "be yourself" all the time, and it can sound meaningless, but changing yourself just to fit in is miserable. Everyone worthwhile will like you for who you are. Also,

just because your parents aren't here doesn't mean you should abandon their expectations. Values and good decision-making are just as important-if not more so-than being agreeable. Act in a way you'd like to be remembered. Lastly, be adventurous. It's okay to gravitate toward more comfortable settings, but give yourself a chance with the unfamiliar-whether it's people, places, or activities-because things can grow on you over time.

Keep Yourself Open

GIULIANA CARDINALE



about everything – go to every event, don't cement yourself into one friend group because by the end of the year it will probably change, and have fun with the fact that you are completely new. Andover can feel really big coming in and imposter syndrome really does impact everyone, so keep yourself open with friend groups and clubs. Meet as many people as you can and try everything because the club or group of people you end up really sticking with over your Andover career is sometimes not the one you came into Andover wanting to pursue.

Reach Out, Ask For Help

JONATHAN OH



sking for help is the best thing you can do for yourself during your first year at Andover. For me, classes only got harder as each term passed, and coming from a middle school where I could get by with not asking any questions and still be at the top of my class, I struggled to ask for help in my classes, even when the courseload started to get overwhelming. Acknlowleding that I couldn't push through the Andover workload alone did take vulnerability and a hit on my ego, but once I realized how accepting and welcoming the teachers, faculty, and my peers were, I saw so many different opportunities open up for me to grow and fully take advantage of everything Andover provides. So ask as many questions as you need, use conference period to bring things up to your teacher (even if hitting the Den for a smoothie might seem like the better idea), and sign up for a peer tutor! It really helps!

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CORRECTIONS:

Nate Liang '25 and Saraya Angbazo '25 Elected 2024-2025 Student Body Co-Presidents

LOUISA CARTER & JACQUELINE GORDON

Following the Co-Presidential debate during the All-School Meeting (ASM) on March 22, Nate Liang '25 and Saraya Angbazo '25 were elected as the 2024-2025 Student Body Co-Presidents. Throughout Spring Term, they will transition into their roles as the previous Co-Presidents, Eleanor DeHoog '24 and Ryan Lam '24, complete their tenure.

The pair initially met on registration day during their Junior Year. Over the years they found their own paths through Andover, before deciding to run for Co-President together in Upper Year. Liang noted how their different experiences have helped shape their platform and cam-

paign. "We met each other on the first day, on registration day, and we went off to do different things [Junior] and Lower Year. But when it came down to figuring out who to run with, we realized we

each have done so many different things and met so many different people. [We have] the perspectives that Andover is looking for and the drive to get down what we say we will," said Liang.

During their campaign, the pair met with faculty and students to discuss their four initiatives: creating recreational spaces, ASM reform, sleepover visitations, and introducing a club bulletin. A week after the election, the pair has already begun to plan the upcoming year. Looking forward, Liang highlighted the importance of planning and building connections.

"Our first plan as co-presidents is to establish a timeline and foster strong, open relationships with the Deans/faculty team that we will be working with [during] our tenure. We want to maximize the time we can put towards our initiatives, so we will begin setting up meetings and creating a timeline for them in the coming days. We know that ASMs are planned months in advance, so it is our goal to meet with the ASM committee

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Students Seek More Education on Israel and Palestine

JONATHAN OH & BAILEY XU

More than 75 percent of Andover students do not feel the school has adequately educated them about Israel and Palestine, according to The Phillipian's 2024 State of the Academy (SOTA). SOTA is the annual anonymous survey sent out to Andover's student body containing 146 questions regarding aspects of student life on campus, politics and worldview, education, and more. After Hamas launched an attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, The Phillipian published an editorial on October 13 calling for the school to provide education on the matter. Later that morning during All-School Meeting, Head of School Raynard Kington spoke briefly on conflict in the Middle East, noting that educational programming would be available soon. Seven weeks later, on December 6, Frank Tipton, former Instructor in History at Andover, delivered a 75-minute introduction to the history of Israel and Palestine, entitled "Israel-Palestine 101." As of May 2024, the school has not organized another educational opportunity intended for the full campus community. Sami Tokat '26, Co-Head of the Muslim Student Association (MSU) and upcoming Co-President of Southwest Asian and North African Society (SWANA), viewed Tipton's presentation as a relatively neutral explanation of the history between Israel and Palestine. However, he noted the pause in Andover's efforts to bring light to the situation, despite the conflict's continued development. "We wanted something more unbiased, and that's what we got with [Tipton's presentation]. But after that, nothing really came afterward, and that's really important because this situation is changing, it's an active situation. The attacks happened on October 7. This conflict didn't end on October 8, it's still going on, and it's still ever-changing, and it's still dynamic," said Tokat. Prior to Tipton's talk, the Office of Community and Multicultural Development (CaMD) hosted a conversation between the members of the Muslim Student Association (MSA), SWANA, and Jewish Student Union (JSU) to better understand how the conflict was affecting students, according to an email statement to The Phillipian from Kington. Subsequently, Co-Heads of MSA, JSU, and SWANA published a Letter to the Editor on November 3 declaring their unity and mutual solidarity. CaMD also invited educators from the Fig Tree Alliance to meet with members from the chaplaincy and students

from the JSU, MSA, and SWANA. Ella Kowal '25, President of the JSU, commended these initial efforts but spoke on the importance of having continued efforts that address the ongoing conflict, noting the risks of having it fall into the

this Spring in order to ensure the feasibility of ASM Reform. Club Bulletin and Rec Spaces are two of our smaller initiatives, so we hope to push those as well during our meetings so that they are ready for September. We see Sleepover Visitations as a long-term goal, which is why we'll tackle this later next year. Right now, we can't wait to kick off class rep elections in forming the 2024-2025 Student Council!" said Liang in an email to The Phillipian.

Angbazo continued, "We've achieved our first accomplishment: meeting with Nor and Ryan to hear feedback and better understand the role of co-presidents ahead of us! In our meeting, we discussed takeaways from the 23-24 school year and goals for the 24-25 school year, regarding specific initiative work, student council and Dean's team collaboration, and the general, day-to-day tasks."

Directly after receiving the news about being elected Co-Presidents, Angbazo and Liang reflected on the campaign process and shared their gratitude for all of the support throughout their election.

When we found out we felt so in awe and so lucky and appreciative of the Andover community and our friends who, throughout this process, have stuck by us and supported us and rooted for us, and ultimately helped bring us to where we are," said Angbazo.

Liang continued, "Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. We are so grateful that you have given us the opportunity to make Andover a better place. We have met so many of you throughout the process, and we are so happy that we will be getting to work with the rest of the student council, but more specifically with every single one of you to address the things you think need to be addressed at Andover."

Editor's Note: Nate Liang is a Digital Editor for The Phillipian.



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background.

"We started off really strong, having Tipton come speak, and then we kind of just forgot about it. Obviously, the conflict is still going on and obviously, anti-Semitism in the United States is rising, so there needs to be more to address both, whether that's consistently bringing speakers in talking about anti-Semitism in our institution [or] understanding what's going on recently. It's definitely something that's going on. It seems like other things have just taken precedence and we've just stopped having these conversations. That's the danger," said Kowal

Regarding the SOTA statistic, Rabbi Joshua Greenberg, Andover's Jewish Chaplain, applauded students for recognizing their incomplete knowledge, noting that Andover is the place to learn.

"Specifically for our community here, based on the resources that have been available, while not exhaustive and not perfect, [organizing Tipton's talk] was better than nothing. I find it very inspiring that students here are humble enough to admit that they don't know everything, are honest enough about that, and display a sense of curiosity to learn more," said Greenburg.

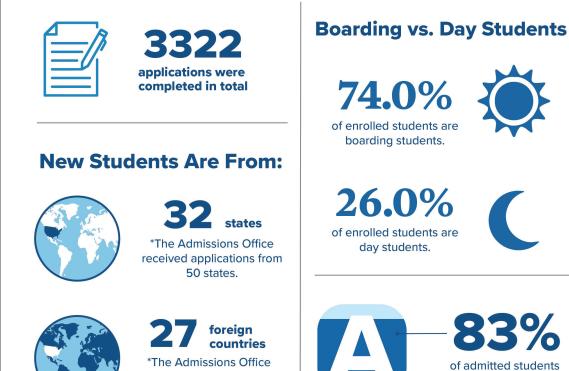
He continued, "My message to students at Andover, or the 76 percent of students who don't know enough is, good for you for acknowledging that you don't know enough. That's not on the students. In fact, I mean, obviously, it's cliche, but we're a school. This is a high school. What's a better place to learn about something?"

Kington confirmed future initiatives to continue conversations on the campus both this and next year. He connected this programming to the broader goal of fostering civil discourse for difficult topics.

"Looking ahead, CaMD, the Dean of Students Office, College Counseling, and [Rebecca M.] Sykes Wellness Center are planning an opportunity for Seniors to discuss the protests on college campuses and the impact this will have on their entrance into college. And for all of us returning to campus in the fall, I look forward to introducing programming aimed at building our capacity for civil discourse and respectful discussions. This initiative will be broadly framed and not only applicable to discussion around the Middle East conflict," wrote Kington in an email to The Phillipian on May 22.

Newly Admitted Students

Overall Admit Rate: 13%



Newly Admitted Underrepresented Students of Color

of underrepresented students of color matriculated

received applications from

112 foreign countries.

26%

of newly enrolled students are underrepresented students of color.

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matriculated

All About Arts



A.LEE/THE PHILL Mink-Khue Doba '24, Mia Pao '24, and Adele Ciociola '25 dance at Grasshopper.

Fall

During Fall Term, Andover welcomes the year with a host of arts events. Highlights include Grasshopper - the talent show on Family Weekend - and the pep rally where dance groups such as Blue Strut, JVNE, and Slam perform.

Winter

Winter Term is filled with performances and events from the musical to the annual holiday ASM. Students gather for the Abbot Cabaret, Andover's winter talent show, to watch their peers perform in a cappella groups, bands, and more.



A.CHINN/THE PHILLIPIAN Jacob Kaiser '24 leaps into the air in Andover's rendition of The Nutcracker



A.LEE/THE PHILLIPIAN A.LEE/ 171E PHILLIP Kelly Yang '24 showcases her piece "Eternal Return" at the Art 600 show.

Spring

Arts continue to thrive in Spring Term with senior recitals and performances at the Earth Festival. Independent Projects conclude with showcases and the Art 600 show spotlights the year-long cumulation of Senior artwork.

Campus Music Ensembles

- **Keynotes**
- **Yorkies**
- Azure
- Fidelio
- **Concert** Jazz
- Symphony
- Orchestra
- Amadeus **Gospel Choir**
 - Handbell Choir

Chamber



Campus Dance Groups

- **Blue Strut**
- **SLAM**

JVNE

Fusion

Hypnotiq **Footnotes**

Club

- Asian Performing Arts Club (APAC)
- Bollywood Dance Photon



All About Sports

Fall A/E

annual pep rally the Friday night before.



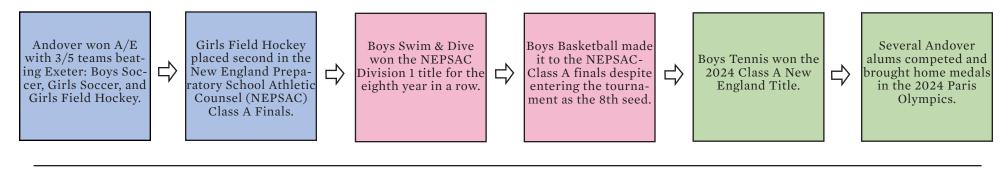




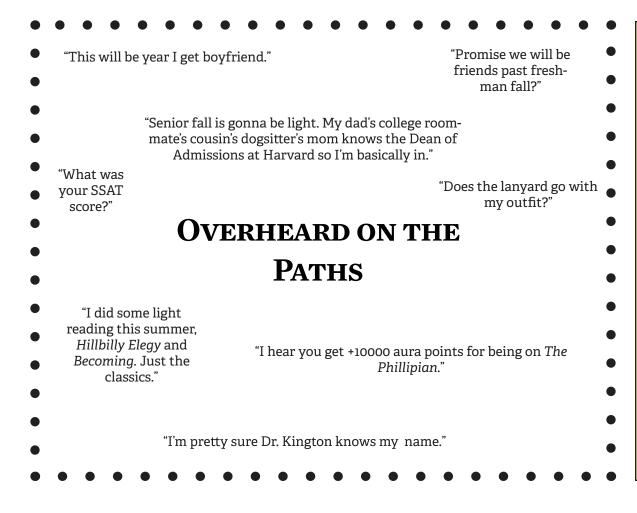


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2023-2024 Highlights



An Eighth Page Welcome



Weeks Top Headlines

- Peacock Releases First Episode of "Love Island: Freshman Fall Edition"
- PGs on Why They are Thrilled for Another Year of High
- School
- CVS Employees Ecstatic to See **Their Favorite Upper-Class Kleptos Return**

Andover Slang

"A/E"	Andover/Exeter, the sports competition that happens between Andover and Phillips Exeter at the end of every fall and winter term
"ASM"	All-School Meeting, a Friday meeting that all students must attend every week
"The Den" & "Den Run"	When students make a trip to buy snacks at the Den (a colloquial name for Susie's)
"G-Hop"	Grasshopper, the fall term student talent show that occurs over Family Weekend
"Junior/Lower/ Upper"	Formal terms for ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students (note: generally, juniors are just referred to as freshmen)
"The Knoll"	Pine Knoll cluster
"Lawning"	Hanging out or studying on a grassy area, commonly the Great Lawn
"PACS"	Phillips Academy Campus Safety (978-749-4444 - save this to your phone!)
"Plip"	The Phillipian
"The Quads"	West Quad North and West Quad South clusters
"RayK"	Andover's current Head of School, Dr. Raynard Kington
"Sam Phil"	Samuel Phillips Hall, the large building at the center of campus that houses history and language classrooms
"Silent"	Garver Room in the OWHL: an entirely silent study space for independent work
"Sliding"	When students choose not to participate in an athletic activity for one term (only available to

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Campus Guide: Study Spots

1. George Washington Hall (GW)

First floor lobby features fun and vibrant seating. GW also houses Andover's mailroom, performance theaters, day student lockers, and administrative offices.

2. Addison Gallery of American Art

Quiet study environment amongts shelves of art history books. Need a break? Stroll through the Addison's traveling exhibitions and permanent collections. Limited hours.

3. Morse Hall

Math, computer science, and statistics help offered on most weeknights. Connected to Morse is the Community and Multicultural Diversity (CaMD) office that offers spaces for various clubs, affinity groups, and collaborative study.

4. Pearson Hall

Chalkboards and wooden desks - home to Andover's historic classical language classrooms. Pearson also houses the Academic Skills Center (ASC) that offers accessibility services, study help, and quiet rooms for working.

5. Oliver Wendell Holmes Library (OWHL)

A wide variety of study spaces. Ask for research help from librarians at the front desk, reserve a study room, or craft projects in the Makerspace.

6. Gelb Science Center

Science help offered on most weeknights. Large whiteboards and seating can be found in the Gelb hallways for collaborative study.

7. Paresky Commons

Contains four main seating areas; sit anywhere you'd like with anyone you want. The bottom-left quadrant of the building, nicknamed "Lower Left," is the quietest and often the most studious. Work on a group project over food and drinks.

8. Pan Athletic Center

Colorful booth-style and table seating in an open environment. Stop by the newly-built pool, dance studios, and wrestling facilities in the Pan if you have the chance!

9. Snyder Center

Second floor offers modern seating while overlooking the indoor track, squash courts, and Phelps stadium.

Downtown Delights!

Go-to spots for students in downtown Andover

Restaurants

Kokoro Craft Udon - hearty udon bowls and Japanese-style appetizers + side dishes (978-783-3920)

UBurger - burgers, fries, shakes, and other fast food (978-809-3338)

OTTO - rustic pizza (617-588-6910)

La Rosa's - Italian specialities, gourmet sandwiches, fresh pasta and salads

Coffee

Dunkin' Donuts

Ultimate Perk - cash only!

Starbucks

Perfecto's Caffe - bagels, pastries, coffee, sandwiches, and salads (20 minute walk from campus, most students typically order: 978-749-7022)

Caffè Nero - popular study spot with pastries, coffee, and quick bites

State of the Academy (SOTA)

The State of the Academy

(SOTA) is an annual suvey conducted independently by The Phillipian that serves to gain a better understanding of the student body. This anonymous survey asks a comprehensive set of questions comprising of nine sections: General, Politics & Worldview, Education, Wellness, Drugs & Alcohol, Sex, Campus Culture,



Community Diversity, and Discipline.

Scan the QR code above or visit sota.phillipian.net to view the most recent edition of SOTA, which was done in the spring of 2024 with a participation rate of 74.4% (859 students).

(978-475-1777)

Pazzo Pizza Co. - Neopolitan style pizza and pasta (978-409-2268)

Casa Blanca - classic Mexican eats (978-289-4165)

ShoYu - Chinese and Japanese restaurant serving sushi and other pan-Asian favorites (978-409-1494)

Akita Ramen - Japanese ramen and rice bowls (978-409-1077)

Perry's Plate - classic American brunch (978-409-1814)

Karma - sushi and Chinese, Korean, and Thai cuisine (978-809-3075)

Brooksy's - wood-fired pizza straight from the brick oven and signature American fare (978-783-3654)

Sweet Treats

Sweet Mimi's - quaint chocolate and candy shop

Cup 89 - gelato and bubble tea

J.P. Lick's - classic ice cream and other frozen treats (a student favorite!)

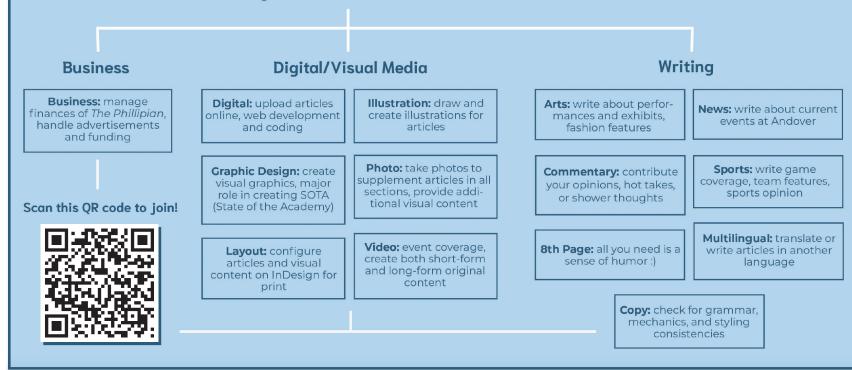


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