#### **MICHAEL JAMES ANI**

Throughout High School, Michael has explored media and techniques involving paint, polymer clay, 3D printing, photography and jewelrymaking. During the pandemic his creative skills brought joy to others; he produced more than 300 greeting cards to donate to nursing homes and senior centers. One of Michael's larger works, a blue heron made out of recyclables and the product of his applied senior thesis project arguing for bioplastics, will remain as a permanent piece at Lab. Michael's success in the STEAM fields is reflected in these accomplishments, the computer science courses completed at Montgomery College, and his internship with General Dynamics. Michael will study Computer Science at University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

## **ZACHARY ASHER BLUMENFELD**

Zach has taken courses in Neuroscience & Psychology and Sustainable Development at American University, and interned with a branch of the National Park Service. Zach's work there included a project to support Girl Scouts in earning nature-related badges. For his own Eagle Project, Zach redesigned and beautified Lab's path through the wetlands, resolving the chronic flooding. And this year he created educational materials on the plants and animals that inhabit our wetlands. After saying goodbye to Lab, Zach will begin his studies in environmental science at Davidson College.

### **DIEGO ARSON-VOID BOCOCK**

On Lab's stage, Diego has transformed into Puck in a Midsummer Night's Dream and Gladys Antrobus in The Skin of Our Teeth. And you may recognize Diego from their performance in last year's Gala Video, singing the Eurythmics "I Saved the World Today." The original music they composed and lyrics they wrote for this year's Student/Staff play, *Antigone in Concert*, were so compelling because of Diego's willingness to write from their soul. Between their work on Lab's stage and with the Young Actors Theater in Virginia, Diego has participated in more than 30 stage performances. Their thesis turned to another form of art, the punk subculture, and how it encourages artistic and political change, and helps young women find their place in the world. At Loyola University of New Orleans, Diego will continue their study of theater, music, and art.

### **ISABELLA CABROL**

In addition to the beauty and power of Isa's singing as the lead in this year's student-faculty show, Antigone in Concert, she was also the driving force behind the play. Her Senior Thesis illustrated how historical and political events influence fashion. These achievements reflect Isa's natural talent, inherent style, and courses she has taken in textiles and garment design through Savannah College of Art & Design. Isa also put her creative skills to work crocheting a blanket for Project Linus and sewing 100 masks to donate to shelters. A leading driver of our social justice work, Isa questions society to understand how to purposefully make spaces welcoming and inclusive. Isa will study theater at Oberlin College & Conservatory.

### **LAUREN ELIZABETH CLARK**

For the past four summers, Lauren has been a student of John D'Aquino's Young Actors Workshop in California. This led to her internship as a teaching assistant, which has continued into this year. Lauren has accumulated eight credits, crossing many genres including scienc fiction, on IMDb, for work as an actor and as an assistant. Lauren founded Lab's SciFi/Anime Club. She has served as a Lab Admissions Ambassador and Grade Level Liaison, while off-campus she has served as President of the Senior Teen Group through the local chapter of Jack & Jill of America. With a goal of continuing her work in film and in working with children in the entertainment industry as a mental health professional, Lauren looks forward to courses in film production, psychology, and LGBT Studies at Sarah Lawrence College.

## **ELI CUNEO**

Eli capitalized on his interest in the automotive industry during academic classes, making a video on car paint for Chemistry that resulted from intense research, including an interview with a chemical engineer at Fiat Chrysler. His interest in cars is rivaled by his interest in horology (the art of making timepieces) and in planted aquariums. Eli even taught a course in aquascapes as a counselor at Camp Jabberwocky on Martha's Vineyard, a camp for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. He is a regular volunteer at Glen Echo Park Aquarium, giving tours, running the touch tank for children, and helping build underwater environments. Eli has also participated in two Sail Caribbean summer adventures. During his upcoming gap year, Eli looks forward to sailing and working with cars before beginning his study of business at American University.

## **OLIVER MARSHALL D'ESPOSITO**

Oliver's thesis posited that Convolutional Neural Networks with Natural Language Processing is the ideal method for sentiment analysis of the short text data when compared to Gradient Recurrent Unit and Long Short Term Memory. So, it might not be a shock that a 10<sup>th</sup>-Grade Oliver automated his history homework in order to submit an assignment on every country. Oliver was instrumental in the development of Lab's Engineering and Robotics classes, the creator of our Coding Cooperative, and a valued member of our

theatre tech crew. Oliver interned with Euclidean Trust where his projects included a site translation system for a Covid tracking interface, and with the Black Student Fund, where he taught the python programming language to a group of students. Oliver will continue his studies at the University of Maryland in their Honors Computer Science program.

#### THOMAS MARTIN DI IACONI

Tommy (or Tommy D or T-Bone) is well known for his love of sports. As Head of High School for a Day in 2019, Tommy encouraged everyone to show spirit for their favorite team and, in 2020, he co-founded our popular Sports Club. Tommy is admired by classmates and faculty for his extensive background knowledge on, and memory for, topics ranging from sports to history. He effectively weaves sports analogies into science discussions on astronomy and cosmology, and identifies and analyzes the less obvious themes in historical events such as the Cherokee removal in the Trail of Tears and the Voting Rights Act of 1964. Tommy deeply considers social issues of the past and the present. As part of his thesis arguing against the death penalty, Tommy analyzed the benefits of Finland's open prison system. With plans to major in criminal justice, Tommy will attend Mitchell College.

#### SABINE CHRISTINA DUMOULIN

Sabine joined the Lab community in 2020 and immediately organized an acapella group, appeared in the Gala music video, and became actively involved in our theater program. In fact, despite joining our community during COVID times, she performed in nine different plays, musicals and concerts during High School. Last summer, Sabine participated in a musical theater program through The Catholic University High School Drama Institute, and this year she played the role of Ismene in *Antigone*. Sabine focused on Ancient Greece for her thesis, identifying mortal and immortal women who overcame misogyny. Using translated mythology for her research, Sabine also interviewed a professor of classics at the University of Maryland. Sabine looks forward to learning more about anthropology, as well as sociology, justice & law, at American University.

## **JAYSHAUN JEREMIAH EDWARDS**

Jay's senior thesis project showcased his knowledge and analysis of conventional and unconventional warfare in American defense. Jayshaun's enthusiasm and strong spirit serve him well when tackling new experiences. As a junior, he interned with Wonder Hitz Entertainment performing artist Solo Bane to gain a better understanding of music production, lyric development, entrepreneurship, and principled business practices. Early in his senior year, Jayshaun traveled to Oregon to participate in Sacred Sons, a powerful

leadership and mentorship gathering of more than 300. Though still finalizing his plans for next year, Jayshaun is considering joining the Air Force or pursuing a career in the electric vehicles field.

### **WILLIAM BONAVENTURE EVANS III**

Liam's love of gaming is well-known in the Lab community, and he was an avid participate in the Boys' Varsity basketball team. In addition to working as a golf attendant at Washington Golf & Country Club, Liam has volunteered with Phoenix Bikes, repairing and refurbishing donated bikes to positively impact community members in need. He has also volunteered with KEEN, an organization that provides recreation and fitness for children and teens with developmental and physical disabilities. When he turned 16, Liam became a member of the Arlington Community Emergency Response Team. After 30 hours of training, Liam earned two FEMA certifications as well as learning triage, first aid and rescue. Liam will study kinesiology at McDaniel College.

#### **MERRITT COLE FORMAN**

Merritt has said if it weren't for Mr. Irvine, he wouldn't have found his passion - film. This led to a junior-year internship with Drescher Films, a DC-based video production company. Merritt's parody of *The Crucible* is a true work of art. Set to the theme of *The Office*, Merritt stars as a scheming Abigail Williams and a dishonest Judge Danforth. His senior thesis applied project, a documentary film, took a much more serious tone – reasoning why a foreign understanding of tribalism would have helped to create peace and stability in Afghanistan. Merritt holds a deep regard for military history. His community service has included making paracord bracelets for the military, as well as transcribing archival documents for the Smithsonian. Merritt will attend Savannah College of Art & Design, pursuing his passion for film.

## JOHN EDWARD FREEDMAN

Whether it's taking a woodworking course at Montgomery College or designing his Physics Egg Drop project, Jack clearly has an affinity for working with his hands. Over the years, he has channeled this strength into a talent for cooking and baking. Jack has honed his skills through countless hours of home baking, and through cooking classes at Sur La Table, as an intern at Sunflower Bakery and as a kitchen assistant at J. Chow's in Bethesda. This spring he meticulously planned, baked, and decorated an amazing cake for fellow graduates and High School staffulty. Made to serve 70, this gift from the heart was overlayed with fondant in hundreds of Lab School-colored hexagons and topped with Lab's logo. Accepted into The Culinary Institute of American, Jack will major in Business Management with a focus on baking and pastry arts.

#### **EMRY GOLDSTEIN**

A consistent presence in Lab's social justice initiatives, Emry thoughtfully challenges others with well-reasoned, logical opinions and questions. Emry's belief in inclusion and belonging can be seen in the Black Trans Lives Matter clenched fist they designed for Black History Month, the I Am U logo they designed for this year's event that carries on Mr. Aaron's legacy, and their thesis on the need for diversity in toy design. For the applied project, Emry invited a group of our Elementary students to interact with gender neutral toys that Emry created. Emry has completed arts classes through Tyler School of Art, Fashion Institute of Technology, and the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, and, earlier this year, their work was recognized with both a Silver and a Gold Key from the regional Scholastic Art Award. Emry will study industrial design at The Cleveland Institute of Art.

# **JOSIAH HENRY AUGUST HARDNEY**

For his Senior yearbook page, Josiah chose a quote from Pythagoras: "Silence is better than unmeaning words." This perfectly captures Josiah's introspective nature — he is a deep, philosophical thinker who engages others in conversation on topics ranging from free will to today's approach to education. The latter was the subject of Josiah's senior thesis outlining why project-based learning better prepares High School students for the world of work. In addition to the courses Josiah has taken at Lab, he has taken a virtual course in Artificial Intelligence from Stanford University and online courses in American Sign Language. As a member of a military family, Josiah has dedicated time to volunteering for military functions such as the Army Ten Miler, Marine Corps Marathon, and Wreaths Across American. Josiah will attend Virginia Tech.

## **JAXON MYSLINSKI HEALEY**

Much of Jaxon's time has been devoted to environmental sustainability and social justice. He has traveled to the Florida Keys, Yosemite, and Hawaii with Rustic Pathways, an organization that offers impactful service projects. A member of last year's inaugural History of People of Color of America class, Dr. Perry said Jaxon exemplifies an agent of change, connecting creative practices to social and democratic development. As the only White male student in the course, Jaxon had to reckon with, in his own words, a "history written by, for, and about him that [he] had never questioned." Founder of the Philosophy Club and a passionate historian, Jaxon thoughtfully connects history to the current global issues, including those related to crime, poverty, and pollution. Jaxon will attend Longwood University, where he will study environmental science.

#### **KYLE NORMAN HERSON**

A shout-out to Kyle has been a tradition since 2018 as part of our community meetings. These shout-outs weren't typically tied to anything in particular; instead, they reflected the connection Kyle has with his classmates. Here are few well-deserved shoutouts for Kyle: First, his Senior Thesis arguing why cryptocurrency should be regulated by the US government, with an applied project where Kyle tracked his own investment in digital currency. Next, his volunteer work including virtual support of two political campaigns, for Congressman Engel and for Senator Markey. And a final shoutout for creating a unique charity called Foster Play which provides gaming systems to foster children in Maryland, allowing them to remain connected to friends when they transition between homes. Kyle will attend Elon University, majoring in Political Science.

#### **ANNA PEREZ HUDSON**

Mr. Bullock says Anna is a whirlwind of energy and stamina on the basketball court. She has been a valued member of our basketball and volleyball teams. Many of the more than 370 hours of community service Anna performed were completed early in her high school career, as a basketball coach for Lab's summer program and as a counselor in training at Congressional Day Camp. The model of a strong female athlete, Anna's studies have often explored the challenges and triumphs of women - - the suffrage movement, the women's rights movement of the 1960s and, most recently, how the media covers missing women of color. Last summer, Anna completed a virtual Forensic Science Academy through Georgetown University, and, in the fall, she will head to Hofstra University to major in criminal justice.

# **ELIZABETH KENNEDY JACKSON**

Last month, Elizabeth's interpretation of Malvolio in *Twelfth Night* entertained the crowd, eliciting inspired bursts of laughter. The visionary behind many costumes that have appeared on Lab' stage and founder of Lab's Fashion Club, Elizabeth believes that "fashion is freedom." She designed and sewed, largely by hand, a stunning black ball gown for her applied thesis project; her topic examined how art therapy supports adolescents experiencing depression, anxiety, and trauma. Elizabeth seeks to understand and support those who are experiencing challenges. For her Eagle Scout Service Project, Elizabeth coordinated a drive to provide hundreds of needed items to the Joint Base Andrews Fisher

House, which provides temporary homes where our wounded warriors can recuperate with their families. Elizabeth will spend part of the upcoming year traveling and delving into fashion in Europe.

### **LOGAN CHRISTOPHER BERNARD JOHNS**

Even before the Class of 2022 entered the High School, we heard about Logan, nicknamed "The Mayor." The word "mayor" comes from the Latin word meaning "greater," and Logan undoubtedly makes our community greater. Logan brings our community together, while educating us on issues of institutional and systemic racism. Logan participated in Virginia Tech's Virtual Black College Institute, the Student Diversity Leadership Conference (SDLC), the ACLU's Summer Advocacy Institute, and worked with Common Ground Montgomery in Alabama and March for Our Lives after the mass shooting in Parkland. He co-coordinated a Black Lives Matter Rally and a Stop Asian Hate basketball tournament, created a documentary, "Am I Next," after the murder of George Floyd documentary, and a documentary examining black trauma in film for his senior thesis. At Howard University, Logan will study journalism, African American studies, and political science.

### **BEATRICE REILLY JOHNSTON**

A committed, valued member of our basketball, volleyball and soccer teams, Beatrice has been a role model to athletes on our teams and to younger athletes outside of Lab. Since 2016, she has worked with, and this year heads, Little Flippers, a developmental swim program for children 6 and under. As evidenced by this work, her work as a soccer coach for U-9 Girls & All Stars through the Braddock Road Youth Club, and her senior thesis, Beatrice values the physical, mental, and emotional impact sports has on children. Her work with children also includes more than 140 hours supporting three elementary-aged students as they navigated virtual school and homework during the pandemic. After Lab, Beatrice will continue her focus on children by majoring in education at McDaniel College.

#### **AARON MATTHEW LETTERI**

Aaron has said that playing Guns 'N Roses' "Sweet Child O' Mine" with bandmates freshmen year is a memory that will always be close to his heart. His devotion to our music program culminated with a beautiful rendition of John Mayer's "Gravity" at this year's Spring Concert, during which Aaron sang and played electric guitar. Outside of school, Aaron dedicates time to practicing the guitar and preparing for triathlons. Just the other week, Aaron finished his 22<sup>nd</sup> triathlon. Even with these intense commitments, Aaron finds time to make a difference in his community. Volunteering has always been a part of Aaron's

fabric and, over the past four years, he has collected hundreds of coats to donate to those in need. Aaron will begin his studies at Northern Virginia Community College with the goal of transitioning to Columbia College-Chicago to major in audio engineering.

# **MEIRA CHAVA LIEBMAN**

An accomplished equestrian, Meira has won countless blue, champion, and reserve champion ribbons and prizes while competing at the highest level in hunter and equitation classes. Last fall, at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Meira was awarded The Claire Mawdsley Scholarship & Rider Recognition Award for her riding skills and commitment to balance riding with academics. She has achieved this level of success while also being a member of our soccer and basketball teams and theater program, a volunteer at a therapeutic riding program, and an intern with the Education Manager at Piscataway Park, the Accokeek Foundation. This internship, which included researching the history of the park, was a natural extension of Meira's interest in modern history. Also interested in ancient history and the study of humanity, Meira will focus on anthropology at Syracuse University.

#### **HUGH ALBERT MEREDITH**

With his inquisitive mind, Hugh is well versed in current events and issues, as well as arguments from political commentators. Hugh's interest in politics stems from a genuine desire to improve the lives of others by fixing dire issues facing our society, including systemic racism, our healthcare system and the war on drugs. For his senior thesis, Hugh advocated for prison reform and the need for incarcerated individuals to have their stories told, names heard, and faces seen. His applied project, designed to replicate a prison cell, illustrated the lives of individuals in solitary confinement and on death row. For his community service, Hugh dedicated 100 hours at Forest Hills, a retirement and nursing home, supporting the residents in their daily activities and appreciating the stories they told. At McDaniel College, Hugh will study political science.

## **CASEY LEE MORAN**

The Lab School theater is Casey's home away from home. She fully commits to each role, whether an ensemble character (such as an entertaining King's guard in *Antigone in Concert*), a main character (such as the feisty, clever lady-in-waiting Maria she expertly played in *Twelfth Night*), or a lead character (such as Lucie Manette who is the "golden thread" binding together many of the characters' lives in *A Tale of Two Cities*). These plays have been a highlight of Casey's time at Lab, as has any time she's been with her

friends acting, studying and serving the community. As part of her volunteer work, Casey and her friends have helped clean up the shores of the Occoquan Reservoir. Casey has also volunteered with Gracing Spaces, a Lutheran Church ministry, and with the Capital Area Food Bank. At James Madison University, Casey plans to major in psychology.

#### **JOSHUA O'KEEFE-WALZER**

When world events thwarted Lab's 2020 trip to Costa Rica, we were most disappointed for Joshua. During a stellar interview to be a participant in this trip, his face lit up as he described his hope to work with sea turtles. Joshua thrives during applied learning. An example is his participatin in the Cooking & Baking Club - - including when Joshua "forgot" the alternating club schedule and came to make Irish Soda Bread two weeks in a row. His artistic abilities extend beyond cooking to painting and music. In addition to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade paper on Freddie Mercury, Joshua's senior thesis compared major and independent record labels. Joshua himself has taken voice lessons through the Levine School of Music, as well as online courses in music and music production at Syracuse University and Drexel University. Joshua looks forward to additional studies in music and event production following enlistment in the US Army.

# **NICHOLAS LEE PARKER**

Nick has been such a positive presence that he was selected to receive Lab's first ever PALS Community Builder Award. His humor is at once understated and hilarious, always coming through just at the right time. His interest in the lives and well-being of others, including our staffulty, is sincere. His musical talents have helped create the soundtrack to many Lab celebrations. And his leadership comes through during interactions with others and the way he carries himself on a daily basis. Nick has represented Lab at the Parents' Council of Washington's Student Leader Breakfast, on our Debate Team, and on the basketball court. At Lab's Summer Basketball Camp and through One on One, Nick has shared his love of the game with younger athletes. At Delaware State University, Nick will major in broadcast journalism.

## **SOPHIA INNA PHILLIPS**

When asked about a highlight from her time in High School, Sophie responded: "Getting to come in to Lab for the first time." Sophie joined our High School during the heart of the pandemic at the beginning of junior year, bringing with her an appreciation for learning about other cultures and identities, especially in her favorite destinations of Spain, Cuba, and Botswana. Sophie also brought with her a belief in supporting those in challenging circumstances. She has packaged and distributed food with Bread for the

City, interned virtually with Clean & Sober Streets, and highlighted the benefits of art therapy for her senior thesis. Through designing and selling notecards, Sophie raised more than \$2,000 for the Russian orphanage where she was born. With an ultimate goal of becoming a lawyer, Sophie will study psychology and criminal justice at Catholic University.

#### **MAYA ADELA RAJAN**

During Lab's 100 Days 'til Graduation Celebration, Maya gifted thread bracelets, in school colors, to the Seniors and invited them to tie one to a classmate's wrist. Her words about the strength of connections, and her natural insight and thoughtfulness were just some of the reasons Maya was invited to begin the reflection portion of our annual Senior Celebration. Through her own words and a recitation of a poem by Michaela Angemeer, Maya again beautifully captured the importance of connection. Interested in the wide-range of experiences and events that impact a person's well-being, Maya has centered her research the past two years on whether the US uses children as a weapon to deter immigration and on how Instagram can exacerbate body dysmorphia. Considering a major in psychology, Maya will begin classes at Penn State later this month.

# **CARTER EDWARD REPKE**

Carter has taken Lab's courses in architectural design, graphic design & yearbook, drawing, and digital photography, as well as a course at The Torpedo Factory Art Center. Mr. Irvine has described Carter's strong drive to excel in the arts, extending back to his ambitious painting of London Bridge freshman year, while Ms. Brown has recognized the humor in Carter's photography. Ms. Jacob's notes note only Carter's artistic ability (including creating the scariest Elmo she's ever seen), but describes him as studious and forward thinking, able to balance the important questions with laughs with classmates. For his thesis on the negative impact of social media, Carter touched our community by sharing his personal experience. He is known for the strength of the connections he has developed with classmates. Carter will attend Savannah College of Art & Design, studying comic and manga making.

### **ALEXANDER MANUEL SOTO**

One of Alex's favorite memories of Lab was the Civil Rights Trip to Alabama during his freshman year. Since then, Alex has achieved many memorable successes - - co-organizing a Black Lives Matter Rally, being named Lab's Intern of the Year last June for his work with Cox, Graae & Spack Architects, participating in a two-week Rustic Pathways service trip to Hawaii to remove invasive plants, and

completing a course on Race & Inequality through Syracuse University last summer. Alex's senior thesis highlighted the benefits of social media for advancing movements such as Black Lives Matter and MeToo while recognizing that hashtags alone are not sufficient; Alex encouraged us to remember that conversations and protesting, donations and volunteering are critical steps in making change, and Alex has modeled these steps. Next year, Alex will attend Northeastern University.

### **OLIVIA ANNE STEFFE**

Lady Macbeth in *Macbeth*, the Vengeance in *A Tale of Two Cities*, Sabina in *The Skin of Our Teeth*, and Olivia in *Twelfth Night* are only some of the roles Olivia has skillfully played in Lab's theater productions. She was also highly effective as the student director of *Antigone in Concert*. She provided critical feedback to the cast with positivity and a sincere intent to help each cast member perform their best. Olivia values and celebrates individuality, from her involvement in our Council for Equity & Social Justice to her thesis advocating for sexual wellness education that includes all gender and sex continuums. Her applied project, a short film, captured the ramifications of a lack of education and support for a transgender male. At Savannah College of Art & Design, Olivia will further pursue her studies in theater.

## ISAAC LEE STEINBERG

Isaac's interests are wonderfully varied. His social justice work includes travel to New York City for the Packer Collegiate Institute's Young Men of Color Symposium and to Seattle for the Student Diversity Leadership Conference, along with attending local march and rallies. Isaac has also traveled to Costa Rica on a Rustic Pathways service trip to organize a summer camp for young children. Closer to home, Isaac has served as a mentor through Lab's Eye to Eye program, supporting children in understanding the beauty of learning differently. And he has run for the track team, performed on the stage as a thespian and a musician, and completed a virtual internship with the American Music Therapy Association. Last summer, Isaac completed a pre-college course in forensics through Dean College and this fall, he will begin studies in psychology at Lynn University.

#### **AVERY PAULSEN STENSTROM**

Avery is an artist and writer who, in her words, "uses anthropomorphic animals, dragons, and other mythical animals to explore human emotional growth and fantastic adventures." As the founder of our Creative Writing Club, Avery generated writing prompts encompassing horror and mystery, nature and fantasy. Avery's first novel, *Heart of the Beast*, was published in March and is available on Amazon. She

completed this first work while embarking on her senior thesis, researching the price of crunch culture and conducting her own experiment. While creating an animatic video with captivating images of her own design, Avery replicated the working conditions expected of those in the industry and considered the physical and emotional effects she experienced. At Hofstra University, Avery will study art design and creative writing.

### MICHAEL ALEXANDER TONGOUR, JR

We all loved watching Alec call the play-by-play during this year's Student/Faculty Basketball game and seeing him be a part of the Boys' Varsity Basketball team that made it to the championship game. Alec loves the history, statistics, and camaraderie of sports. This can be seen in everything from Alec's cofounding of the Sports Club, to him engaging in trivia with Billy Ripken, to his service work. Alec has long been a buddy with the Northwest DC Little League Challengers program, which provides an opportunity for youth with significant physical and mental challenges to enjoy baseball. As an Eagle Scout, Alec has won his Troop's Community Service Award and held the role of Troop Historian. History, politics, and policy are other areas of focus for Alec. At Anderson University, he looks forward to studying politics and working with the sports program.

## **SKYE SYNCLAIR WASHINGTON**

Skye is one of the most earnest and conscientious teenagers you will ever meet. Her strong moral compass is reflected in everything from her daily interactions with others to her participation in Lab's Civil Rights Tour of Alabama to her involvement active in her church youth group. Through the Mayor's DC Youth Program, Skye worked as a counselor-in-training with Little Lights, whose mission is to care holistically for vulnerable youth and families. Skye helped children ages 3-10 with crafts, sports, and their studies. Skye's empathic nature is further seen in her interpretations of literature and her interest in public policy and the environment. Having already successfully completed a pre-college course in Plants and Society through Adelphi University, Skye will attend Goucher College, where she plans to study environmental science with a focus on agriculture.

#### IAN JACKSON WEISS

Ian was chosen to speak on behalf of the Class of 2022 at their Commencement exercises. Throughout High School, Ian has exhibited a desire to be a voice for his classmates. He has been involved in the community-building activities of our Student Council and this year's Student Advisory Council, which met periodically with Mrs. McMahon to discuss High School policies, practices and procedures. As a junior,

lan founded the Great Apes Conservation Club and, over the past four years, he has been a critical member of the basketball team and band. For his junior-year internship, and an additional two weeks last summer, lan interned in Senator Cassidy's office. His time there included research on the Dream Act and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Dyslexia Act. Through Brown University last summer, lan completed a course entitled "Debating Democracy: Threats and Prospects." As a student at Brown University this fall, lan will double concentrate in political science and international relations.