

Robbinsdale Armstrong High School Choirs

Spring Concert 2015

Thursday, May 21

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Cantori

Concert Choir

Chamber Singers

Stephanie Trump, *Director*

Tony Rangel, *Director*

Mindy Eschedor, *Accompanist*



Program

Listening Amy Lowell, poet Linda Kachelmeier

Hoj, Hura Hoj! Moravian Czech Mountain Song Otmar Mácha

O, mountain, O

The children herding their dear cows shoo them as always.

Calling them out of the village: O, mountain, O!

My dear cows are eating all around me until the evening bells ring.

I will go home with you. I will go behind the hills as my sheep graze!

I will go to Maria, my dear friend.

The children herding their dear cows shoo them as always.

call them out of the village:

O, mountain, O!

Plena Tradtional Puerto Rican Melody Diana V. Sáez

Let's dance the Plena, Puerto Rican with lots of flavor.

It's played with drum and guiro.

Dance the plena of my heart, it's rhythm makes it good to dance.

Shout all Over God's Heaven Amy Lowell, poet Michelle Roueché

I Got Shoes Spiritual arr. Parker/Shaw

I Thank You God e.e. Cummings, poet Gwyneth Walker

*I thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping
greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky:*

and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes

*I who have died am alive again today, and this is the sun's
birthday: this is the birth day of life and of love and wings:
and of the gay great happening illimitably earth)*

*How should tasting touching hearing seeing breathing any-lifted from
the no of all nothing-human merely being doubt unimaginable You?*

(now the ears of my ears awake and now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

e.e. cummings

1894-1962



All Creatures Now are Merry Minded *English Madrigal* John Bennett
Rise Up, My Love *Song of Solomon* Healey Willan
Auprès de ma blonde *French Folk Song* arr. Shaw/Parker

*In my father's garden the lilacs are blooming,
All the birds in the world come there to make their nests.
Close to my blond how good it is to be!
The quail, the turtle-dove, and the pretty partridge,
and my pretty love that sings all night.
They sing for the maidens who have no husband.*

Grandfather's Clock *American Popular Song* arr. Robert DeCormier
Love, Deliver Me Stephen Hatfield
Stodolė Pumpa *Traditional Czech* arr. Parker/Shaw
Bumble Bee Anders Edenroth
Bridge Over Troubled Water arr. Philip Lawson
Gitanjali Chants Rabindranath Tagore, poet Craig Hella Johnson
Faith is the Bird that Feels the Light Rabindranath Tagore, poet Elizabeth Alexander
Trees Joyce Kilmer, poet Daniel Brinsmead
Kpanlongo *Ghanaian Folk Song* arr. Derek Bermel

*Come and hold my child while I dance Kpanlongo
It's the dance where you shake your body all around.*

My Good Lord's Done Been Here *Traditional Spiritual* arr. Andre Thomas
Amor de mi alma Garcilaso de la Vega, poet Z. Randall Stroope

*I was born to love only you; my soul has formed you to its measure;
I want you as a garment for my soul.
Your very image is written on my soul: such indescribable
intimacy I hide even from you.
All that I have, I owe to you: for you I was born, for you I live,
for you I must die, and for you I give my last breath.*

The Road Home Michael Dennis Browne, poet Stephen Paulus

Awards

The Class of 2015 in Pictures

Alleluia Ralph Manuel



Cantori

Allison Stadnik	Bryn Larson	Ella Halverson	Isabela Torres	Madison Erickson	Olivia Bunde
Alyssa Heinle	Carly Nelson	Elle Obermeyer	Jacquelyn Barry	Maggie Spellman	Olivia VanKrevelen
Amanda Gravdahl	Chila Suedel	Emilee Harper	Jenna Rowles	Mary Owen	Rachel Gratz
Amanda Schedler	Chloe Thomas	Erin Gustafson	Julia Fox	McKenzie Lesch	Sadie Brose
Amy Devins	Claire Aho	Esther Onami	Julie Oman	Meredith Sinn	Samantha Bartelt
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Anna Rabe	Denysia Marshall	Gwen Brown	Kathryn Froehle	Mikayla Ramsey	Sarah Jewett
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Asha Jordan	Dominique Pearson-	Hailey Weber	Kayana Benham	Moriel Peng	Sydney Pomish
Ashley Weiland	Williams	Hanna Kantor	Kenya Phrachomphonh	Natasha Rice	Tashira Harris, Officer
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Concert Choir

Abigail Lundquist	Colton Erickson	Grace Busse, CS	Jonathan Nyquist	Laura Berg	Sam Roeder
Aidan Weber	Courtney Mahlum	Gracie Snow	Jordyn Massop	Leyla Mahabadi	Samantha Parsons, CS
Alexa Johnson, CS	Courtney Nelson	Grant Schroeder	Joseph Briscoe-Adams	Lucas Meredith, CS	Scott Ruechel
Ana Evans	Daniel Larson	Holly Enderle	Joseph Freeman, CS	Lukas Lysne	Solveig Haines, CS
Andi Dickmeyer	David Laansma, CS	Hunter Fernelius	Josiah MacFarlane	Madeline Lunzer	Sophia Norwood
Ben Gallup, CS	Elayna Abboud	Jack Welsh	Julia Roston	Madison Moehling	Tanner Holte
Ben Soper, CS	Elizabeth Duncanson	Jackson Bennett	Kaeli Jacobson	Matthew Holten, CS	Talor Blustin, CS
Benjamin Rabe	Ellen Schneider	Jaclynn Connors, CS	Kai Creswell	Meagan Kluver	Thomas Eickelberg
Blake Scheib	Ellie Sjordal, CS ,	Jacob Gedis	Katie Braunwarth	Michaela Sherbet	Thomas Larson
Carly Udelhoven	President, SL: Alto	Jasmine D'Avilar	Katy Berglund, CS	Nick DeLaPointe, CS ,	Tyler Tapio, CS ,
Carly Weld	Emilee Harper, CS	Jennifer Lowry, CS ,	Katya MacFarlane	Officer, SL: Tenor	Officer, SL: Bass
Caroline Jackson	Emilie Bukowski, CS	SL: Soprano	Kelsey Sather	Rachael Peterson	Yee Lor
Carson Nyaundi	Emily Gratz	Jessica MacFarlane	Kjell Hokanson	Rachel Grothe, CS	
Chintya Kaligis, CS	Emily Roth, CS	John Chancellor	Klare Geiger	Rachel Hammer	
Chloe Thomas	Emma Lenagh	John Scheldrup, CS	Kymmie Hatlestad, CS ,	Rudy Lipovetz	
Claire McManus	Evan Pomish	John Slack	Officer	Ryan Hipsher, CS	
Colleen Bur	Gabe Russell	Jon Bergly, CS	Lathan Jerde	Sam Appleget	

CS = Chamber Singer
SL = Section Leader

I teach choir...
so you will be human...
So you will recognize beauty...
So you will be sensitive...
So you will be closer to an infinite world...
So you will have something to cling to...
So you will have more love, more compassion,
more gentleness, more good...
In short, more life!

Solo Ensemble Superior at Regions 6AA

Freshman

Julia MacFarlane, **Quartet**

Sophomores

Alec Barberg

Allyson Spartz

Brennan Palony

Brennan Palony, **Duet**

Elliot Olson

Jacqueline Nguyen, **Duet**

Margaret Hanson

Odera Onwualu, **Duet**

Sophia Handzel

Sydney Tupy

Xiomara Santos, **Duet**

Ensembles

Varsity Madrigals

Chamber Singers

Juniors

Abigail Lundquist, duet

Alexa Johnson,

6AA Best of Site, Local Best of Site

Colleen Bur

Emilie Bukowski

Emily Gratz

Jaclynn Connors

Jaclynn Connors, **Duet, Local Best of Site**

John Scheldrup

Jordyn Massop

Julia Roston

Julia Roston, duet

Katie Braunwarth

Leyla Mahabadi

Solveig Haines

Talor Blustin, **Local Best of Site**

Seniors

Ana Evans, **Duet**

Ben Gallup

Caroline Jackson, **Duet**

Courtney Nelson, **Local Best of Site**

Elayna Abboud, **Local Best of Site**

Emilee Harper,

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Emilee Harper, **Duet, Local Best of Site**

Jennifer Lowry

Jessica MacFarlane, **Quartet**

Joseph Freeman

Josiah MacFarlane

Josiah MacFarlane, **Quartet**

Katy Berglund

Katya MacFarlane, **Quartet**

Kymmi Hattlestad, **Local Best of Site**

Nick DeLaPointe

Tanner Holte

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"Our deepest gratitude to the Armstrong Choir Boosters for their continuous service and dedication to this program and its singers."

Senior Bios

Jackson Bennett

I will be attending the University of Minnesota: Twin Cities next fall. In 10 years, I can see myself settling down in a big city such as NYC or Chicago, with a stable job in business or law. Choir has been very important in my life throughout high school, my favorite part being the travel, clinics, and exchanges with other high school choirs.

Jackie Wise-Peterson

This fall I will be attending either Bethel or Northwestern University. Ten years from now I hope to be a psychologist that specializes in childhood trauma, and be in a strong committed relationship and be successful. The choral program helped me to step out of my comfort zone and be way more confident then when I started.

Katya MacFarlane

In the fall, I will be attending University of Northwestern - St Paul as a Nursing major. My current plan is to graduate from UNWSP in four years with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and continue to become a nurse midwife. In ten years I hope to be finished with all of that school and be serving God as a missionary in Nairobi, Kenya in conjunction with Heshima Children's Center. Throughout the tumultuous years of high school, I have always been glad to come back to the Armstrong Choir program as a class to just sing. I have been incredibly privileged to work with the directors and the ensemble, and can say that the choir program was the single best thing about my high school career at AHS.

Caroline Jackson

This fall I will be attending Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. In ten years I hope to be graduated and married to a real life equivalent of Troy Bolton, where I'll be able to practice the singing skills I learned in the Armstrong Choir Program. Being involved in choir has been such a large part of my high school experience. I am so grateful for the lessons I've learned and the relationships I've formed, not only with my directors, but with my classmates as well.

Kai Creswell

Next year I'll be attending Iowa State University, in Ames, studying environmental science. In 10 years, I hope to be working in my field, helping make our affluent lifestyle sustainable. The impact of the choral program has given me the chance to "be what I set out to be, without a doubt undoubtedly."

Denysia Marshall

In fall of 2015, I will be heading over to St. Cloud to attend St. Cloud University. I plan to major in biology, and go into the medical field for nursing. In ten years, I hopefully will have finished nursing school, and received my Master's degree to pursue my dreams to become a doctor. The Armstrong Choral Program has impacted my life for much these past couple of years. It has showed me that you can make friends wherever you are. There are so many lessons that I have learned over the years in the AHS program. You might not have as many friends before but you have friends now that you consider to be your choir family. Singing in choir has taught me that it's okay to make mistakes, nobody's perfect. I am so thankful that I have the opportunity to meet so many great people. I will always cherish the friends I had in choir. I will have this experience with me forever.

Carly Udelhoven

This fall I will be attending St. Cloud University. In ten years, I hope I'm able to travel a lot. The choir program has really been one of the best parts of high school. I enjoy singing a lot and it's also helped me learn that you can work hard and still have fun and do well.

Courtney Nelson

This fall I will be attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities to study pre-pharmacy as part of their Honor's Program. After undergrad, the current plan is to go to an awesome graduate school, get my Pharm D, and become a pharmacist. Therefore, in ten years I see myself legally selling and/or making drugs while eating carrots in my happy life. My time at Armstrong would not have been the same without choir. Every day, choir has been that one hour where I can relieve my stress and sing without worrying about anything else. Not only has choir helped me to develop my voice individually, but it has also taught me that wonderful things can happen when everyone works together. As I continue to sing in college, I will look back and remember all of our inside jokes and mountaintop musical moments. Thank you, choir, for a great four years.

Ben Soper

I plan to attend college in the fall and study music and art. My hope is to be part of a music ensemble and continue my passion for music. In ten years I hope to have my own pottery studio and still be singing and playing my bassoon. The Armstrong Choir Program has given me a deeper appreciation for choral music and music as a whole. I have made many friends and built relationships that I will never forget. Choir has always been one of my favorite parts of the day.

Kenya Phrachomphonh

In the fall, I will be attending Metropolitan State University to further my education and pursue a major in nursing. In ten years, I will hopefully be done with school and will be beginning my career as a nurse anesthetist. The Armstrong Choir program has made me become more confident in myself and has impacted my high school career in a positive way.

Michaela Sherbet

In the fall I will be attending the University of Northwestern in St. Paul. My current plan is to major in marketing and minor in Spanish. In ten years I hope to have completed my Bachelor's degree and established a career for myself, but most importantly be surrounded by friends and family that I love. The Armstrong Choir Program has made my experience at Armstrong a very memorable one. I have had a lot of fun learning and growing for these past four years in the program and I wouldn't change a thing about it.

Ana Evans

I go into next year with great excitement and nerves as I embark on a theatrical adventure where I'll be performing with the Children's Theatre Company as a real live "adult" actor. After a run here in Minneapolis, I'll travel with the production to the Arena Theatre in Washington DC for 8 weeks. Going forward I will never forget the support of the AHS choir program throughout my years both within the programs opportunities and out. The AHS choir program truly cares about its singers and goes to great lengths to embellish their choral experience at a high level of musicianship. I'm grateful to have been a part of it. In 10 years I hope to be graduated from college with some combination of majors that allow me to pursue my theatrical passions, incorporate theatre into public school education, redefine the word petite, and save the world.

Taylor Rivera

In the fall I plan to attend Arizona State University to pursue my career in broadcast journalism. In ten years I will hopefully be reporting news to you all! My time in the choir program has boosted my confidence and helped me break out of my shell and make life long friends.

Kymmi Hatlestad

This fall I will be making the long journey to St. Paul to attend Hamline University. I'll be studying psychology and playing soccer as well as continuing choir. My goals for the next ten years are to travel as much as I can while I don't have a lot of responsibility, and to have figured out what the plan will be for the rest of my life. My advice to future Armstrong Choir member is to stay competitive, charming, and sassy, and have a good ole fashioned time; I know I sure did.

Madison Moehling

When the summer begins, I will be going to New York for modeling. I will be doing online college while I spend my time there, also hoping to travel to Italy, Paris, and London. In ten years, I plan on hopefully giving medical services to people in developing countries. The Armstrong Choir Program has made me really appreciate and further my knowledge in music. The friendships and experiences I made will last me a lifetime. Overall, I am beyond grateful for everything the program has done for me.

Yee Lor

In this coming autumn, I will be attending Gustavus Adolphus College. I am planning to major in athletic training and minor in chemistry. A decade from now, hopefully, I will be an athletic trainer and a father. The Armstrong Choir Program has had impacted my life not just musically but socially and cooperatively. I learned how to have fun and it taught me how to handle and work with my peers to have better results. Like Mrs. Trump says, choir is a sport, it's competitive, and we have to work as a team to be successful. I am glad I was part of the AHS Choir Program.

Alyssa Heinle

I will be attending North Hennepin Community College in the fall to complete my generals. I will then be transferring to St. Cloud State to further my education in Forensic Drug Chemistry. After college, I'm hoping to stay in the Midwest and work for Hennepin County. If it wasn't for Mrs. Trump and Mr. Rangel being two of the most wonderful choral teachers, I probably would not have stayed or even enjoyed choir all four years of high school. They've made choir one of the most enjoyable events in my life! The memories I have made in Cantori will be with me forever. So I want to give a big thank you to all of the girls in Cantori and to two of my favorite teachers.

Laura Berg

Next year, I will be attending Crown College in St. Bonifacius, MN to major in Elementary Education with a Preschool Endorsement. In ten years, I hope to be raising a family of my own, and/or moving up in the education field. Armstrong Choir Programs has been fun to be a part of, from freshman choir all the way through concert choir. Throughout all four years, I have developed many friendships, which I am grateful for.

Daniele Calcagno

In the fall I will be attending the University of Northern Iowa. The major I will be pursuing is Early Childhood Education, in hopes of becoming a Kindergarten teacher ten years from now. The Armstrong Choral Program has had a tremendous impact on me over these four years. The enormous progress I've made over the years on my musicianship seizes to amaze me. Without this program I don't believe I would be the same person I am today. Everything I've learned I know will stay with me through college and the rest of my life. I couldn't be more blessed for the experiences I've had, and the most wonderful director Mrs. Trump who I will miss greatly.

Ashley Weiland

In the fall I plan on attending Minnesota State University, Mankato. The Choral Program has helped me learn about many different cultures. Choir has never failed to brighten my mood on a bad day. I have made so many close connections with people. I am thankful for this program!

Grant Schroeder

This next fall I will be attending Canada Lutheran Bible Institute in Alberta. In ten years I intend to be well versed in theology, perhaps writing lessons and books, perhaps ministering overseas, lord only knows. I joined choir junior year, tried to quit. Im glad now that I didn't because I owe some of my strongest friendships, and some of my fondest memories to this choir. I'll smile when I remember that summer camp feeling of fifth hour.

Holly Enderle

In early August, I'll be heading up to NDSU to continue my soccer career there as well as pursue a career in pharmacy. If all goes as planned, in 10 years I hope to either Plan A: be finishing up grad school and starting off my life with a job as a pharmacist or Plan B: which I have yet to figure out exactly. Either way, I am extremely excited to see where life takes me! After 4 years in the Armstrong Choir Program, I feel so fortunate to have been able to be involved in something so great. There are an immense amount of valuable memories and experiences that I will no doubt carry with me through the next chapters of my life. Thank you AHS choir program for helping make my high school experience so great!

Gracie Snow

I plan on attending Iowa State University this fall to study Apparel, Merchandising and Design. In ten years I hope to be a successful Buyer for a big company & have traveled a lot. The Armstrong Choir Program has had a big impact on me, teaching me to be confident with not only my voice but with who I am. I've met so many friends in choir that I'll never would have met otherwise!

Aiden Weber

In the fall I will be going into the workforce. My current plan is to work to save up for collage and other things. The choral program has impacted me in the fact that I used to be a very antisocial person. Before I got into choir I would huddle up in the corner and just keep to myself. After I got in it was a different story. I started to talk to more people and It really helped me transition from my old school. In the end I never regretted joining the choir program and stayed in it for 4 years.

Kelsey Sather

Next fall, I will be attending the University of MN - Twin Cities. I will be studying Chemical Engineering, and hopefully be able to continue studying Spanish also. In ten years, I hope to be an engineer, a violinist in some type of orchestra in my area, a savant in the Spanish language, and a seasoned traveler, and not necessarily in that order! I will always be grateful to the Armstrong Choral Program for providing me one hour a day to be with friends, while collaborating and making beautiful music. I am proud to have been a part of this incredible and renowned program!

Jacob Gedis

This fall, I plan to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I will pursue a business major of some sort. This should mean that in ten years, I'll hopefully be done with school, done with grad school, and starting my life, pursuing a career. If the Robbinsdale Armstrong Choral program has taught me one thing, it's that great things don't just happen out of luck. Greatness isn't, and shouldn't, ever be an accident, rather, a result of hard work and determination. The Armstrong Concert Choir has been a highlight of my high school career, and I am so happy to have been a part of it.

Emilee Harper

My plans for next year are still in the works because I'm still not sure where I'll be going or what I want to do yet but I do know my plans for in 10 years. In ten years I'll hopefully know exactly what I want to do with my career and I'll have gotten my college degree and I will have a job I enjoy. The choral program impacted me by inspiring me through music and it also taught me how to inspire others through my music. I'll forever be grateful for the experience I got in choir at Armstrong because I've grown so much not only as a musician but also as a person. Thanks always!

Ellen Schneider

Next fall I will be attending the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, currently I plan on going into journalism or communications. In ten years I hope to be (cross your fingers) done with school and starting my career as a journalist. I am so happy to have had the opportunity to be a part of this choir program for the last four years, it is a class and community that differs from any other at Armstrong. The things I have learned while in this program are vast and of great value to me, and I will happily carry these memories with me as I start my next journey.

Chintya Kaligis

In the fall, I'll be attending University of Northwestern St. Paul and studying the major I have yet to decide. In ten years, I see myself snuggled up with my husband and kids on our living room couch, watching some PG movie, and yelling at my dog Kip to stop barking at that one car that drives through our quiet suburban neighborhood at 10 on a Saturday night- I see myself content with everything God has blessed me with. The Armstrong choral program has really been a huge part of my time here at AHS. Singing alongside the Armstrong choir members for all four years has truly been an honor. It has given me an appreciation for music and has motivated me to always sing to inspire and to be inspired. I'll miss everything from the cory traditions, to singing musical mountain top moments. Armstrong choral program, you will be missed.

Elayna Abboud

Next year I plan to attend the University of Northwestern in St. Paul. I will be majoring in General Business and minoring in music. In ten years I don't have a clear vision of what I will do, but I definitely hope to be settled and able to not only support myself but give freely to others whatever their need. Only being at Armstrong for two years, I have really grown to appreciate what a strong choral program Armstrong has. Trump is passionate about music and about us being the best we can be. It is such a privilege for me to be able to come to class in any mood and know that when I leave I will have a song in my head and a smile on my face. The AHS choral program is so solid and I definitely do not regret being a part of it.

Ellie Sjoldal

This fall, I'll be heading to the University of Minnesota Twin Cities! I was admitted into the College of Biological Sciences and I have a strong desire to pursue a career in medicine. I know there are many different avenues I can take to get there, so I'm keeping an open mind when it comes to a major. In ten years I hope to have graduated from medical school and taken off a year or two to travel, learn, and grow. But enough with the future! There aren't words to express how much these past 4 years in the Armstrong Choir Program have meant to me. From freshman choir to Chambers (and everything in between), I feel truly blessed to have been a part of something so incredible. Choir has given me abundantly more than a song; it has given me a reason to sing it. And that is irreplaceable.

Carly Weld

In the fall, I will be attending North Dakota State University. I am super excited to be furthering my education there! My current plan is to major in criminology. I would love to be involved in forensic science and minor in psychology. In ten years I see myself hopefully having a job that I really enjoy where I'm doing something different every day. The Armstrong choir program has taught me so much throughout these last four years. I've been involved in choir all my life and I'm so happy it led me here. It made my experience at Armstrong so memorable because I've been able to have a class that I really enjoy every single day and doing something that I love with great people around me!

Rachael Peterson

In the fall I will be attending University of Wisconsin Green Bay and will major in either nursing or physical therapy and minor in Spanish. Along with my studies, I will also be swimming on the team at Green Bay. In ten years, I see myself being done with my schooling and working in my health field profession. Being part of choir has impacted me greatly. It has helped me connect with many people who share the same love for music and has challenged me in many positive ways. Thank you Mindy!

Jessica MacFarlane

At the start of Fall Semester 2015, you will find me far from the Land of 10,000 lakes! I have chosen to attend Hillsdale College in Michigan, pursuing a double major in Chemistry and Theater. Nicknamed the Constitution College, Hillsdale is renowned for its classical education and critical thinking. In ten years, I hope to be using these degrees to teach at a high school and begin earning a postgraduate degree (Ph.D. is the plan)! I began at Armstrong my sophomore year and jumped headfirst into the Choral Program: from the first few class periods, I knew music was something I wanted to pursue at AHS. I have learned of both failure and success in this wing of the school! Underclassmen, I tell you this: don't let failure so discourage you that you stop doing something you love. You may not always make it, but you will forever regret quitting.

Nick DeLaPointe

Next year I will be attending NDSU to major in Environmental Engineering. I would like to minor in music or theater, possibly both!! I'm very excited to begin this new chapter in my life. In the next 10 years I plan to be settling into a job in the environmental field. A note to younger singers: you are very lucky to be singing in one of Minnesota's greatest high school choral programs, and there is no bias in saying that. High school choirs get to sing at Orchestra hall, receive clinics by many distinguished and world-renowned directors and be invited to sing someplace because they put hard work in, follow directions, have a fantastic director, and they invest their heart in the work they do. We are one of those choirs. Don't settle for anything less than that. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this program possible.

Ryan Hipsher

In the summer I plan on working part time and enjoying the fine weather with my shorts, tank, and my guitar. I'm hoping to be able to travel the world and indulge in the culture of other nations while also getting to know more about myself. Hopefully in ten years I've found out what I really want to do with my life and am pursuing that. The Armstrong Choir Program is what made high school fun for me. In my freshman and sophomore years it was a place to let all of my problems go and simply do something I'm passionate about. It's since become the place that holds all of my closest friends. It not only teaches you about musicianship and growing on long notes but also about diligence and striving for a goal (always perfection). I almost didn't join the choir program after middle school. I'm glad I did.

David Laansma

In the season of fall, I will be attending the University of Northwestern in Saint Paul which should be an oh so good time. I plan on pursuing a nursing career because I want to help people while having a positive interaction with them. In ten years I plan to have a sprouting young Laansma family running around with a lovely wife and a somewhat reasonable living space. Along with having my nursing degree healing the sick. Choir at Armstrong has helped me in many ways. One way was just being able to meet such a great teacher along with being a great person as well. It has also blessed me with wonderful people to be a part of my life. Of course choir has also taught me how to be a much more fluid musician going in tact with my other musical areas. I am extremely happy being able to be a part of choir these years and have so many fantastic memories along with it.

Jon Bergly

Starting this fall, I will be attending University of St. Thomas to pursue my career in Engineering. Although the specific field is up in the air right now, my current interest is Computer Engineering. In ten years, I hope to be done with my engineering degree, begin paying of those pesky student loans, and possibly even start a family. The Armstrong choral program has had a significant impact on my life. Armstrong choirs have taught me to be a persistent worker not only on music, but on everything else in life. Singing is one of the best stress relievers, and walking into choir every day at Armstrong gives me a reason to take a step back and re-evaluate myself. With the next steps I get to take in life, I'm abundantly glad that I get to take the things I've learned in choir to push me to my maximum potential in college.

Hunter Fernelius

Next fall I will be attending Bethel University, I will be focusing in on some business courses, but I'm am still undecided about my major. And in 10 years I will hopefully be living somewhere warmer, with a house and my two tennis playing children.

Rachel Grothe

Come August I will be headed off to Iowa State to pursue a degree in genetics with a minor in music. In 10 years I hope to be done with my master's degree, and to live in Europe where I'll start my family. Music has always been a major part of my life: both of my parents played the tuba, and I played the french horn for a good number of years. I first started singing in choir freshman year, when I was still in my awkward phase. Choir has helped me find who I am, and even if I'm not in a choir all through college, I will never stop singing.

Matthew Holten

In the fall, I will be attending the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities School of Biological Sciences! As of now, my goal is major in Microbiology and Economics and hopefully go the Pre-Med route. In ten years I see myself (hopefully) finishing up Medical School and in major debt (: The choir program has been an awesome experience throughout my high school career and I have enjoyed every minute of this adventure!

Jack Welsh

Next year I will be attending St. Olaf College where I will be swimming and studying psychology on the pre-med track. In 10 years I will hope to be done with medical school and have a degree in psychiatry and finishing my residency program.

Jonathan Nyquist

In the fall I plan to attend north Hennepin community college while staying active in theater and dance. In ten years I hope to be acting and performing on the stage and behind the camera. The choir program at Armstrong has been wonderful and it has taught me so much! I will forever remember the things I've learned and the experiences I had during the four years I've been a part of it.

Courtney Mahlum

This coming fall I will be heading to the University of Jamestown North Dakota. I will major in nursing and will be playing volleyball for the Jamestown Jimmies. In ten years, I hope to be done with my schooling and working in a hospital as a registered nurse back in the cities. The Armstrong choir program has been a joy throughout high school. It has given me an incredible love for music and an appreciation for the work that is put into making the music. I am grateful for all of the experiences and opportunities that were given to me while in this program all of high school.

Emma Lenagh

In the fall, I will be attending McNally Smith College of Music to study vocal performance. In ten years I hope to be recording, performing, and composing music with my wife by my side. The Armstrong Choral Program had given me a road to becoming the person I am today. I've been able to express myself with music and learn how to be a better leader. I've discovered music is my true passion. It's the thing I want to do for the rest of my life. I've made great friends through this program, and I found joy within myself.

Katy Berglund

In the fall I will be attending Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota! I'm looking forward to majoring in either global studies or history, with a minor in Spanish. In 10 years I will be 28 (obviously), married to a rich (and attractive) celebrity, laying by the pool in Arizona, and reminiscing of all the good old fashion times in concert choir (of course)... Actually, I have no idea where I'll be in 10 years. I know I'd love to be traveling and living a adventurous yet stable lifestyle (whatever that may be). Choir is so impactful and has caused me to meet so many inspiring and wonderful people. I'm so thankful for the choir program at Armstrong. Underclassmen AND parents: Don't take this experience for granted :)

Lucas Meredith

I intend to attend the University of Minnesota, College of Design studying industrial design next year, and in ten years, I see myself out in the big bad world, hopefully with a job as a product designer and possibly living in a state that doesn't have weather-related mood swings. Choir has taught me many things, among which are to never be late, how to listen to a long lecture patiently and how to jig, but chief among them I learned the huge importance of music and how changing it is.

Andi Dickmeyer

In 10 years, I will still be in the choir program at Armstrong because I'm never leaving. Gotcha! Goofies on you, bo. Next fall, you can find me at Hamilton College in upstate New York, probably majoring in Psychology and French. In 10 years I'll be finishing up grad school after a stint or two in the Peace Corps. Believe it or not, I was going to quit choir freshman year- but Mr. Rangel convinced me not to. I owe Trump and Rangel so much: for giving me a place to forget about all of life's stresses for an hour every day, for giving me a second home in the choir office, and for providing me the opportunity to experience amazing "mountain-top moments" which teach me more about myself in a few minutes than I ever could in years. To all younger students: make this count. I already miss choir.

Tyler Tapio

This coming fall I will be pursuing my dream of opening a bookstore, and I would make the mystery section really hard to find. That was a joke. Seriously though, I will be moving up to the wonderful place they call Duluth (Doo-Looth) to study Theater at UMD. In ten years I will hopefully be pursuing my career by doing the "impossible" and moving to New York to give Broadway a shot. The Choir Program at Armstrong has really impacted me in several wonderful ways, knowing that pretty much all of my friends are from choir and also my time is spent in the choir room. I wish you all good luck in the future and remember, "They can take our lives but they can never take our freedom!"

Maddie Lunzer

This fall, I will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. I am going in undeclared but I am excited to figure out what my passions are. In ten years I hope to be finished with college and traveling the world. The Armstrong Choir program has given me so many wonderful experiences and memories that I would not trade for anything. I feel blessed to have been a part of one of the best choral programs with some of the greatest conductors. I've formed connections and built relationships with incredible people. I'll never forget all of the choir inside jokes or the opportunities we were given to travel and meet insanely talented musicians. This program has definitely been a major highlight of my high school career.

Lizzy Duncanson

This upcoming fall I plan to attend University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin. My current plan is to pursue a major in environmental science. Within ten years I hope to have a career in environmental science, consisting of field work and studying biology. The Armstrong Choir Program has become a bigger part of my life with each year that passes. I've learned more about music than I ever imagined and have developed a deep appreciation for not only singing, but the Armstrong Choir Program itself. I've made memories within choir that will never be replicated, and I'm truly going to miss being a part of the choral program at Armstrong.

Bianca Moose

In the fall of 2015, I will be attending St. Catherine University to pursue my career in the health sciences. In ten years, hopefully I will officially be done with school and start my career in Physical Therapy. The Armstrong Choirs has impacted my high school life by bringing me to new friendships and help me grow vocally. I will forever cherish the memories I have made here.

Niara Grace

This fall I will either attend Concordia University St. Paul, Northcentral University, or Northwestern University. Yes, I won't be traveling far, but the college I choose will take me farther than I could ever image. In ten years I will have a doctorate degree in animal science, as a veterinarian, and be happily married. I will have a large beautiful house with my husband and 2 or more beautiful healthy children. My education is important to me because it is the building block that builds my future. In order for me to accomplish these things in life I have to get my education. The Choral Program has been one of the blocks that have helped me build on to my education. I have learned more than just how to be an expert singer but a well-rounded, intelligent, and confident young lady. What I have learned can be applied in real life.

Katherine Schoff

Starting fall, I'll be attending college at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Presently, I plan to major in statistics and minor in computer science. In ten years' time, I hope to have successfully completed my schooling and started my budding career in the workforce. Over the extent of 4 years, the Armstrong Choral Program has positively impacted me and shaped my high school career from day one. This program and its fantastic teachers have taught me not only the mechanics of music, but the joy of it. Through their relentless effort to teach and inspire had lead me to gain a deeper appreciation of not only classical, but all forms of music. I can't express how much this program means to me and how much I'll miss it. Years from now, this is what I'll remember...

Krystal Brogaard

In the fall I'll be heading down to Winona, MN to attend Winona State University. I will be majoring in Nursing, while staying active in singing. In ten years I plan to be done with my schooling and hopefully will have a job at a hospital that I love helping people. The Armstrong choral program has transformed me from being a scared freshmen that wouldn't dare sing loud enough for anyone to hear to a senior that pushes others to express himself and be louder and confident. Having choir everyday has been a blessing, being able to express myself through music every morning. I am going to miss having choir every morning and having Mrs. Trump's positive attitude every morning, but also can't wait to begin my future.

Destiny Young

Next year I'm going to Northern Michigan University to continue lifting. I'm not sure what I want to do as a profession yet, but in ten years I plan on maybe being married and enjoying whatever career I choose.

Jasmine D'Avilar

In the fall, I will be attending State University of New York at Oswego. I plan to undertake a major in Anthropology and a minor in Forensic Science. In ten years, I hope to have finished most of my studies and begin practice but I also wish to have traveled the world and learn about various cultures. The Armstrong Choir Program has affected my life in ways I never thought possible. I have grown SO much just being a part of the Choral program, and some of the most important lessons I have learned from Mrs. Trump or Mr. Rangel are surprisingly not about music. They have taught me the basics of life: how to be a team player while also being a leader, the importance of punctuality and taking risks. Choir has allowed me to escape from any troubles and "leave my baggage at the door" to embrace the music. Thank you Mindy

Kaeli Jacobson

Next year, I will be attending St. Olaf College. I intend to pursue a double major in Applied Mathematics and Chemistry, as well as a minor in French Language. In ten years, I hope to be working either in the field of environmental sciences or as a chemical engineer. Choir has been a wonderful break from the rest of my busy school day. Even though choir gives my schedule relief, it has taught me to be determined in all of my endeavors. I'm grateful for the amazing choir program Armstrong hosts and every amazing mountaintop moment it has given me.

Jennifer Lowry

Next year I will be attending the University of Minnesota. If you asked me what I will be doing or studying there I would say that I have no clue... but I am very excited! After such an unforgettable choral journey here at Armstrong, I can't see myself not continuing down the same path at the U. And that's all I've got for ya... so maybe next year if you find yourself in the Twin Cities area, wondering what you should be doing, give me a jingle and I might have more answers for you by then (hopefully)! Big shout out to the parents and grandparents for supporting me even when I was so incredibly hard to deal with... I don't know how you do it, but I love ya so stinkin much for it!

Tashira Harris

In the fall, I will be attending Minnesota State University Mankato. I plan to Major in Nursing and minor in music and/or a language. With that hopefully in the next ten years I will be working as a traveling nurse. Without the Armstrong Choir program I don't know who I would be. I've learned lessons and skills that shape me into who I am today. Music has become such a part of my life. Through every struggle and triumph my choral family has been there to celebrate and help along the way. Of course the one and only Stephanie Trump made my experience one I'll never forget, she is my inspiration to never give up and always try harder.

Chloe Thomas

I am planning to go to Dunwoody to start an art career focusing on graphic design. I plan to continue to play sports and be productive with whatever life has in store for me. Throughout my 4 years of high school and my 8 semesters of choir, Mrs. Trump is the one teach who has never given up on me. I can not thank her enough for that. Thank you for pushing me to be a better person everyday and telling me everything I needed to hear even when I didn't want to listen. I can't wait to see where life takes me.

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