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AMANDA ADAMS is a freshman at the University of Portland. She feels that she is truly blessed to have attractive friends that she can take pictures of. (2, 20)

ASHLEY ASAHINA is a junior English major who tends to have incredibly lucid dreams that cause her to write about and constantly question the nature of reality. She is currently seeking world peace within a jar of crunchy cookie butter. (61)

AHMED BASHANDI is a photographer who believes that beauty can be found everywhere. We just have to appreciate what we see in order to find the beauty. (46)

ERIN BRESKA, a senior biology major, grew up in Northern California appreciating the outdoors. She enjoys creative non-fiction writing and in her free time can be found crafting homemade cards with her vintage typewriter. (26)

COITO does have a first name, and it's Sara, but she doesn't like it. What she does like is how perfect Gloria Anzaldua looked in high-waisted jeans, beet stains, reading aloud, music by Nina Simone, and jazz squares. But all you really need to know is that she dreams of being in a band called Nippin' Hard, in which she would play the tambourine. (3, 33, 65)

SAMUEL COLOSIMO is a first-year Engineering student at the University of Portland. He enjoys a good cup of coffee, specifically an Ethiopian roast or a Sumatra blend. (32)

NICHOLAS COOGAN is a self-taught photographer from Los Angeles, where street photography provided a huge influence in his work. He would like to thank you for taking the time to view his photography: "You are the universe experiencing yourself." (38)

DANA COPPERNOLL-HOUSTON is a senior Environmental Science major with too many hobbies and not enough time. When she is not writing music or prose, she can be found making a mess in the kitchen, yelling at her computer, or making quasi-accurate weather forecasts. (41)

MEG CROWLEY wants to teach young children, live in cities all over the world, and bake all the desserts the world ever saw. But there are times she just so desperately needs to write. (36)

AJ DAVIES is a senior Biology major who loves spending his free time exercising, practicing digital photography, playing guitar, raving, and disregarding digital communication. He is still on track to be one of the first contestants in the Olympics when winking becomes a sport. Next year, he will be attending the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Regis University in Denver, CO. He hopes to continue to pursue his creative outlets between constant studying, missing the Toolshed, and living the Colorado lifestyle. (19)

HOPE DORMAN is a junior English major who aspires to someday be paid to write, but her life's true quest is to pet as many cats as possible and find the perfect chocolate chip cookie recipe. (18)

PHILIP ELLEFSON is a 72-year-old man trapped in the body of a 22-year-old man. He enjoys language, folk music, landscapes, and hearty home cooking. (1, 39)

ANA FONSECA doesn't like writing small blurbs about herself. It's like on the first day of school when you're asked to say your name and an interesting fact about yourself—Ana never knows what to say. In middle school, her interesting fact was that she didn't like maple syrup. Upon reflection, that was a weird and, in fact, not at all interesting fact, and what's more, she actually likes maple syrup now, occasionally on waffles. (30)

KATE GARCIA is a sophomore English and Political Science double major. She most enjoys onion rings and time spent with her cat Nelson. (63)

ANDREA HERNANDEZ-GARIBAY is a young, up-and-coming Mexican photographer. She loves capturing the beauty of nature and pays special attention to the small details that often go unnoticed. (35)

HALLIE HOLLAND is living her lifelong dream of becoming a Super Senior. She like the mountains, the desert, and dessert. (57, 58)

JACK HULBERT is an aspiring landscape photographer based in Reno, Nevada. One of his life goals is to live with and photograph the lives of indigenous peoples on each continent. (60)

MATT KLEMSZ is a fresh air addict and explorer at heart. His photos capture the beauty and freedom of the outdoors in an attempt to urge everyone to find the adventure in themselves (14, 62)

MEGAN LESTER is so happy you could make it. Have a seat, it'll just be a moment. (15, 31)

CARLYE MEISBURGER
only talks about herself
through clever haikus (21)

CLARE MUNGER is a senior French Studies major and English and Education minor. She hopes to live and teach in France, and perhaps write poetry under the Eiffel Tower. (25)

AMANDA MUNRO would like to thank all the people, animals, trees, flowers and leaves that have put up with posing for her pictures, especially her sister Carolyn, who is the subject of the photo in this magazine. (7)

CAROLYN MUNRO was born in Sagamihara, Japan, and moved twelve times before finding herself at the University of Portland, which she calls home. Now she is currently pursuing

her dream of becoming an accomplished writer, and will receive her English degree in May. (45)

MARISSA QUINONES is a freshman this year at the University of Portland. In her spare time, she loves to write, paint, sing for UP's Chapel Choir, and watch scary movies with her roommates. (52)

MEGAN RICHARDSON is a senior majoring in Economics. After three and a half years of graphs and statistics, she's glad for the long-awaited foray into writing before she joins the real world. (47)

GABRIELA RIEGOS is a self-proclaimed photographer from Sacramento and that is about it... (66)

KATELIN STANLEY is a scientist, writer, and student of the world. Life is her inspiration and her prize, and her greatest hope is to share that wonder with the ever-racing blur that is humanity. (13, 56)

SAMANTHA STEELE is a Global Business major bent on world domination and voted "Most Likely to Stay Weird" in high school. (22)

HALI THOMPSON has too much going on in her head; sometimes she writes it down. Her favorite game to play is the one where you people-watch and make up their dialogue or speculate about their lives. Her imaginings—or so she imagines—are usually more hilarious or more outlandish than the reality of the matter. She supposes it's an odd thing that just peering at the surface, one can come up with a thousand different stories in vain attempts to understand the murky depths of a stranger. (8)

ANNIE TURNER is a local Portland resident studying to become a nurse. Recently, her main focus has been printmaking and the themes of identity and self-representation. (cover)

KIMBERLEE TURNER loves education, language, and culture. She is extremely grateful for all of the support she has received from the University of Portland community as she pursues a career as a language teacher. (67)

LEAH WALTERS began her photography career young by secretly commandeering her mother's camera one afternoon. Since then, she has enjoyed making photography a hobby while honing her skills as a photographer technically and artistically, as well as exploring its application to her current major, English, and her first and foremost artistic love: film. (44)

SARAH WEAVER enjoys wine, chocolate, Brie, and excellent books. She prefers these consumed together. (54)

GUANGJU WEI is a tall guy, 6'3", from Beijing, China. He is pursuing his "American Dream" here. Lucky people can make friends with him and the most lucky one can marry him. (24)