Melissa Chen, violin and piano
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Galbraith Honor Strings | Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Melissa Chen has been a member of GSYO for 6 years, beginning with Galbraith Honor Strings. She began playing the violin at the age of 8 and has been a member of Senior Symphony for the past 3 years. In addition to music, Melissa has competed in cross country and track for 4 years at Homestead High School. Running in invitationalals in and out of the state, she has also participated in post-season events such as CCS and the CIF state meet throughout high school. Outside of school, Melissa pursues an active lifestyle- she frequently runs, hikes, skis, and does yoga whenever she can. This fall, Melissa will be attending UCLA and plans on majoring in business economics. She thanks her family, friends, and teachers for their help and support.

Josephine Chew, oboe
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Senior Symphony

Josephine Chew has been playing oboe in Senior Symphony for the past three years. At school, she is part of a class dedicated to supporting student well-being and serves as Opinion Editor of the newspaper and president of an arts service club. She also loves doing arts and crafts and introducing people to her various alpaca plushies whose names are Alfred, Sherlock, Custard, Egg, Coconut, Tofu, Rudolph, and Angel. In the fall, she looks forward to exploring cognitive science and continuing her musical pursuits at UCLA.

Jakob Enders, trombone
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Camerata | Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Jakob Enders has been playing the trombone since 5th grade, and joined GSYO in 8th grade, beginning in Camerata. This is sadly his first and last season playing in Senior Symphony after playing in Camerata and Sinfonietta. Apart from playing in GSYO, Jakob has been active in his school band as well as his church community, along with playing soccer. Jakob will be attending the University of Minnesota, studying Materials Science and Engineering. He plans to continue playing the trombone while there. Jakob would like to thank his trombone teacher, Craig Whitwell, for helping him become the musician he is today, his parents for supporting him on his journey, and the friends he has made along the way.
Angela Gao is a senior at Mission San Jose High School and has played violin for 9 years. She joined GSYO this year as a member of the Senior Symphony. Outside of orchestra, Angela is a captain of her school’s varsity track and Ocean Science Bowl teams, as well as a member of Science Olympiad. She also enjoys knitting, reading, and copying dance videos off of YouTube. In the fall, Angela plans to study biology and chemistry at MIT.

**Angela Gao, violin**
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Senior Symphony

Jason Hsu has been a member of GSYO for 7 years, beginning in Wind Orchestra, then playing in Senior Orchestra. He has been a member of the Senior Orchestra for four years. Jason began playing percussion at the age of 9 and is currently studying under Tammy Chen. Jason enjoys playing video games with friends. After graduation, Jason plans on majoring in music performance at NYU.

**Jason Hsu, percussion**
GSYO ENSEMBLES: El Camino Wind Orchestra | Senior Symphony

Darren Huang is a senior at Lynbrook High School and has been a member of GSYO (ECYS!) since the start of high school, being part of the Senior Symphony for the past 3 years. In addition, he plays in Lynbrook’s Wind Ensemble, and has been a part of the Santa Clara All County Honor Ensembles and California All State Honor Ensembles for 5 years. As a clarinetist and pianist, Darren has won numerous prizes in many music competitions including MTAC VOCE, US Open Music Competition (USOMC), and US International Music Competition (USIMC). Aside from music, he enjoys swimming, volunteering, gardening, and hanging out with friends. After graduation, Darren plans to study computer engineering and computer science at USC.

**Darren Huang, clarinet**
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony
Sophie Jacob is a senior at Palo Alto High School and has been a member of GSYO for over a decade, beginning in Chamber Players Orchestra. She has been a part of Senior Symphony for the past five years and participated in two international tours. In addition to music, Sophie enjoys traveling, volunteering, exercising, thrifting, and hanging out with friends. After graduation, Sophie plans to continue her academic studies at Washington University in St. Louis.

Sophie Jacob, violin
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Chamber Players | Camerata | Galbraith Honor Strings | Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Allison Kam, a senior at Mission San Jose High School, began playing violin at age 8 and is currently a student of David Chernyavsky. She has been in GSYO/ECYS for 4 years, including 3 in the Senior Symphony, and was Symphony 2nd violin principal in 2018. At school, Allison is the President of MSJ Impromptu, MSJHS’s music club. In addition to music, Allison enjoys volunteering in the special needs community, learning foreign languages, listening to TED Talks, and watching women’s soccer. In the fall, Allison will attend the University of Washington, where she plans to major in Speech and Hearing Sciences and continue playing violin in the college orchestra.

Allison Kam, violin
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Justin Kim has been a member of GSYO since last year. He started playing cello at the young age of 5 and performed in numerous concerts. He played in Advanced Orchestra in both years of middle school (Hopkins Junior High) and briefly played at his high school (Mission San Jose) for one year. Outside of his musical pursuits, Justin devotes a large amount of his time to sports. He has participated in Varsity soccer all 4 years and placed in All-League twice during his junior and senior years. Justin plans on going to Purdue with an interest in their Polytechnic Institute.

Justin Kim, cello
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Senior Symphony
Kleo Ku has been a member of GSYO’s Senior Symphony for 3 years. She began playing flute at 9 years old and currently studies with Maria Tamburrino. She is a senior at Lynbrook High School and is a National Merit Finalist. Her hobbies include baking, going to viewpoints, playing with her cat, thrifting, and listening to music. After graduation, she plans to continue her studies at Brown University.

**Kleo Ku, flute**
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Senior Symphony

Ethan Lee is a senior at Lynbrook High School. As the principal of Lynbrook’s horn section and co-principal of GSYO’s horn section, he has played the French Horn for 7 years and has been a member of GSYO for 5 of those years. In his time with GSYO, he won the concerto competition in 2018, and made his debut in horn performance in March of 2019. He also went on 2 tours with GSYO: to Central Europe in 2017, and the Baltic countries in 2019. He was also selected as a member of the California All State Honor Ensembles for 4 years, and also earned the national gold medal from the Royal Conservatory of Music in French Horn Performance and Theory. Ethan hopes to continue his biological studies and musical journey in Carnegie Mellon University.

**Ethan Lee, horn**
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Jonathan Liu is a senior at Mission San Jose High School and has been playing clarinet for seven years, two of which he has spent with the Senior Symphony. Studying with Patricia Kast, he has participated in the All-State, Northern CA, and District Honor Ensembles for three years. He is also a member of his school band and a bass clarinetist in the quartet @musicbydefault. Outside of music, Jonathan is the news co-editor of his school newspaper, the Smoke Signal, and an avid gardener. This fall, he will continue his studies at Vanderbilt University.

**Jonathan Liu, clarinet and bass clarinet**
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Senior Symphony
Ryan Liu has been a member of GSYO for 1 year and has participated in the Senior Symphony. He has played trombone for 3 years and bass trombone for one and a half years. He is currently studying under C. L. Behrens and, under his guidance, has been accepted to study trombone at IU, UCLA, Eastman, and Oberlin. Ryan has participated in various honor ensembles including the SJSU Honor Wind Ensemble, SCC Honor Band, and CASMEC Wind Symphony. He also plays in the Homestead’s Wind and Jazz Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra and has performed in venues such as Carnegie Hall. In addition to playing bass trombone, he loves to play his alto, both tenor, and contrabass trombone as well as euphonium and tuba.

**Ryan Liu, bass trombone**  
**GSYO ENSEMBLES: Senior Symphony**

Theo Makler is a senior at Gunn High School and has been playing French horn for seven years, studying under Daniel Wood. He has been in the Senior Symphony for the past four years, and is thankful to have built close friendships with fellow musicians while playing amazing and challenging repertoire. Outside of GSYO, Theo enjoys swimming, working on his Miata, and trying to learn piano pieces that he has no business playing. Theo plans to study Mechanical Engineering at Stanford University, and is excited to continue playing French horn in the music program.

**Theo Makler, horn**  
**GSYO ENSEMBLES: Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony**

Gabriel May has been a member of ECYS/GSYO for a total of 6 years. He’s been with the Senior Symphony for the last 4 years and has gone on two international tours. Gabriel began playing the cello at age 5 and is currently studying with Kevin Yu. His past teachers include Ting Chin, Michail Gelfandbein and Eric Gaenslen. Gabriel enjoys playing board games, video games, and Magic the Gathering. He is currently trying to decide between 2 colleges, both in the Pacific Northwest, but regardless of where he ends up, he does know he would like to explore his interest in economics and business and continue to play cello.

**Gabriel May, cello**  
**GSYO ENSEMBLES: Chamber Players | Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony**
Mina Oh has been a member of GSYO for nine years, starting in Galbraith Honor Strings and she has been a member of the Senior Symphony for four years. She began playing the violin at the age of three and is currently studying under Davis Law. In addition to playing in the Gunn F Period and Chamber Orchestras, Mina teaches music through Palo Alto Music Connection and performs in the Cygne Piano Trio. She was selected to attend the CODA and CASMEC Honor Orchestra conferences for four years and is a National Merit Finalist. Aside from music, Mina publishes a weekly webcomic and enjoys writing, sculpting, and watercolor painting. After graduation, Mina plans on studying chemistry and music at Oberlin College and Conservatory.

**Mina Oh, violin**
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Galbraith Honor Strings | Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Sophia Shih started playing the violin at age 6 under Ming-Shui Yo and currently studies with David Chernyavsky. She has been a member of GSYO since 2013, being with the Senior Symphony for the past 3 years. Outside of orchestra, Sophia enjoys playing badminton, making 3D origami (@fid_origami), and singing along to musical soundtracks. This fall, Sophia plans to study violin performance and physiological science at UCLA.

**Sophia Shih, violin**
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Galbraith Honor Strings | Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Reid Sox-Harris (bassoon and contrabassoon) has been playing for GSYO over the last 2.5 years. He has been playing bassoon for 5 years. At Palo Alto High School, Reid is active in many extracurriculars, including as a starting middle on the varsity volleyball team and the lighting head of department at Paly Theatre. He is also a lighting designer and electrician for Paly Theatre and other local theater companies. Outside of school, Reid enjoys working with electronics and computers. Reid intends to follow his interests by studying electrical engineering at the University of Toronto.

**Reid Sox-Harris, bassoon and contrabassoon**
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony
Andrea Sun has been playing the bassoon for GSYO (ECYS) since 2015 in Wind Orchestra, Sinfonietta, and Senior Symphony. This is her first year in Senior Symphony. Andrea has been studying at CSMA for 7 years and is part of the Merit Scholarship program. At Homestead High School, Andrea is the co-editor-in-chief of the award-winning newspaper, The Epitaph, and has earned several awards through the NSPA, CPA, and more. Outside of school, Andrea is active in her church community, enjoys hanging out with friends (6 feet apart now), and likes traveling to foreign countries. Andrea will be studying Creative Writing and Psychology at the University of Rochester in the fall.

**Andrea Sun, bassoon**  
GSYO ENSEMBLES: El Camino Wind Orchestra | Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Cathy Wang has been a member of GSYO since 2017, beginning in Sinfonietta and then in the Senior Symphony the following season. She began playing violin in the fifth grade and has since been actively participating in school orchestra, where she is concertmaster, and in music clubs. Apart from music, Cathy is also the captain of the Los Gatos High School robotics team, where she does project management, teaching, and machining. After graduation, she will be attending UT Austin pursuing a degree in biology and plans on continuing music.

**Cathy Wang, violin**  
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Alan Yang has been a member of GSYO for 7 seven years. A clarinet player, he started in the Chamber Players Orchestra in 6th grade and has participated in every GSYO ensemble since. In addition to music, Alan is the president of Gunn High School’s YCS-Interact club and the vice president of TEDxGunnHighSchool. For fun, he runs his school’s meme account (@gunnhighmemes), and a fan account for his beloved hydroflask, Benji @livelaughhydroflask. After graduation, he plans to study public health and biology at the University of Michigan.

**Alan Yang, clarinet**  
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Chamber Players | Camerata | El Camino Wind Orchestra | Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony
Andy Wang (Viola) has been a member of GSYO for 5 years and a member of the Senior Symphony for the past two. Previously, he has also played in the Camerata, Galbraith Strings, and Sinfonietta ensembles. Outside of music, Andy is a nationally-ranked fencer and is part of the 2018-2019 USA Fencing All-American and All-Academic First Teams. He also earned a Gold Award in the Le Grand Concours French Contest and is a Merit Commended Scholar. Andy’s interests include chemistry, which he plans to study further at Brown University. He will look back fondly on his time with GSYO and plans to continue playing the viola after graduation.

Andy Yang, viola
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Camerata | Galbraith Honor Strings | Sinfonietta | Senior Symphony

Guy Zamir has been a member of GSYO for 1 year, participating in Senior Symphony. He started playing the trumpet when he was 7 years old and has played in the Gunn Wind Ensemble -- which recently played at Carnegie Hall -- for 3 years. Working with Richard Roper, Guy has also been a member of the California All-State Wind Symphony. Guy has swam competitively since he was 5 and has competed for Gunn’s varsity team all 4 years of high school. He also enjoys playing pickup basketball and ultimate frisbee with friends. In the classroom, Guy loves math and science, is involved in the CS club, and has achieved USA Coding Olympiad gold division. Next year, Guy will study computer science and continue playing the trumpet at UC San Diego.

Guy Zamir, trumpet
GSYO ENSEMBLES: Senior Symphony

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