

OAK TREE TIMES

All The News That's Fit For Camp

New & Noteworthy Staff



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CIT Theatre



Stacey Krug (Left) and Kippy Dewey (Right)

Meet Stacey Krug

by Charlotte & Abby

Q. What did I you do before CAAP?

A. I was a clinical social worker for over 20 years. I worked with teenagers and families.

Q. What are you most excited about this summer?

A. Learning new things, being around new interesting people, and having a lot of fun!

Q. What was your favorite thing about day one of orientation?

A. Learning the ukulele!

Q. What is a fun fact about you?

A. I owned and operated a frozen yogurt shop for three years after I was a social worker.

Q. What are your favorite frozen yogurt flavors?

A. Coffee, salted caramel, and birthday cake!

An Interview With Mina

by Yael & Carson

Q: What's your name?

A: Mina Roustaei

Q: What is your job?

A: I'm the receptionist for CAAP.

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I like to craft, I play board games a lot, I like to play games online.

Q: What did you do before CAAP?

A: I was the receptionist here at the park school.

Q: Why did you want to work at CAAP?

A: Because it sounds like an amazing fun opportunity, and I'm really excited to see what else is in store!

Q: Do you have anything else to say?

A: I look forward to seeing all the wonderful things that you help these wonderful campers learn and experience. I'm so so excited!

CAAP Celebrates Its 40th Summer Season

Welcome CAAP 2021! It is always exciting every year when this time of year rolls around! This is the 40th season of CAAP, but there are a few different things this year. We have cohorts, and roughly half the number of campers, staff, and only ten CIT's. However, we still have quite a few course offerings. After this challenging year and a half, it is great to be back. What am I looking forward to most? Well, I love the Noon Time Shows! This year though, they will be outdoors, weather permitting. And, there will be snack offered to campers at 11:15 AM daily. I also want to remind you that The OTT is the most important publication in Brookline!

Stacey Krug is our new Administrative Coordinator. Stacey will be helping me make certain the CAAP summer program runs smoothly by interfacing with families and supporting staff members. She will greet you with a warm smile, she is approachable, friendly, and supportive. When asked about this summer, Stacey said, "I am looking forward to meeting wonderful, new people and watching the joy and excitement being made between the campers. My goal is to make this summer's experience as great as possible."

Love,
Kippy & Stacey



Summer Theater Productions

By Gabby & Jack

Hello! We are so excited for our three big productions this year and we think you all will be too! Here are some brief plot overviews of them:

Midsummer Night's Dream (Jr. Musical): This show follows the plot of one of Shakespeare's most famous plays. It tells the stories of 4 lovers, a crew of mechanicals, and fairies. Get ready to be transported to a mystical forest filled with lots of singing, dance, and of course, magic.

Ranked, A Musical (Musical): Ranked is about a world where "rank" is the only thing that matters; whether you're "Above" or "Below" the average. Intellect is everything. Students have to navigate their way through school and figure out how to meet the status quo amongst a sea of friends and enemies who are all trying to get to #1. When an impossible lie is discovered, the fate of these students' futures hangs in the balance. Debuting just weeks after the College Admission Scandal took the nation by storm, Ranked asks - what are you worth? Who decides? And what do you do when it all comes crashing down?

Cyrano de Bergerac (Advanced One Act): In Paris, in the year 1640, a brilliant poet and swordsperson named Cyrano de Bergerac finds himself deeply in love with their beautiful, intellectual cousin Roxane. Cyrano, however, has an abnormally large nose which hinders their self-confidence. In order to express their romantic interest to Roxane, Cyrano goes to great, yet indirect lengths.

Welcome Back!

Meet Your CITs

By Ben R.

Welcome to CAAP 2021! There are some wonderful people floating around camp called CITs, and this article will introduce you all to them! We asked each of our CITs to introduce themselves with their cohort, something they're excited for this summer, a favorite CAAP memory, and a superpower they wish they could have!

CARSON (he/him)
I'm really excited for all the music classes! I loved playing in the rock band and having fun with everyone! If I had a superpower I would love to fly!

ABBY (she/her)
cohort theater 7-11
I am excited about getting to be back at caap and singing in person!
my favorite caap memory was being in 13 the musical.
my super power would be teleportation or as gabby would say snapping my fingers and traveling to anywhere in the world

BEN R. (he/him)
Multi-Arts and theatre tech Cohorts I'm excited to see everyone and have a great summer!
Favorite memory at CAAP was my first time staying late to do tech for the musical
I would have telekinesis

BEN S. (he/him)
Multi arts ages 7-11
Excited for being back in person and working on the ott!
The potluck 2 summers ago!
Rewinding time

SAHARA (she/her)
I am excited to see campers cool art! My favorite CAAP memory is when I would sit in the art room making prints in print making class.
I would want to stop time.

JACK (he/him)
Theater 12-15
I'm pumped to see everyone after 2 years! I had a blast playing Dewey Finn in School of Rock
I would definitely want the ability to modify the weather (summer all year long!)

GABBY (she/her)
theatre 7-11 cohort
I am so excited to meet all of the amazing campers! My favorite CAAP memory is making a teddy bear vlog.
I would want to snap my fingers and be able to go anywhere in the world (teleportation according to Abby)

YAEL (she/her)
Multi arts 12-15
I'm SO so excited to see everyone and to make art with everyone!
My favorite CAAP memory is probably performing Enter Sandman with Rockband and if I had a super power it would hopefully be being able to fly but I'd also absolutely love to be a mermaid

CHARLOTTE (she/her)
Visual arts ages 7-11
I'm really excited to teach sewing classes and work on costumes! I loved being in the catwalks in the theater, running a spotlight, and watching the noontime shows from up there
Shape shifting

Coffee TIME

By Jill Seaman-Chandler, RN

Two summers ago at camp, Felicia Brady - music teacher extraordinaire (who I will really miss this year!), made note of my afternoon iced coffee recipe. At the time, it woefully consisted of instant decaf mixed with water, sugar, a little cream, and, of course, ice. She helped me up my game by sharing some of her Starbucks Via which was a vast improvement. Since then, I'm happy to report I've evolved even further in my late day coffee preparations. Some people baked bread during the pandemic, but I made cold brew. And then I graduated to espresso. So I now share with you my latest, greatest concoction recipe (which I dare say rivals Tatte's House Latte for any fans out there):

Ingredients

- 1 heaping tsp espresso powder
- 2 oz hot water
- 1 tsp maple syrup
- 1 pinch cardamom
- 6-8 oz oat milk (I prefer Oatly Low Fat)
- 3-4 ice cubes
- whipped cream topping (optional)



Directions

Pour 2 oz of hot water over espresso powder in a mason jar. Swirl until dissolved. Add remaining ingredients through ice cubes. Seal jar with lid and shake until combined. Add whipped cream topping. Enjoy!

Achille VR: Camper, CIT, & Counselor

By Achille VR

Hey everyone! I'm incredibly excited to be back at camp with you all! I figured I'd tell you a bit about myself, my relationship to CAAP, and just some info in general about how I spend my time outside camp.



Counselor Achille VR

I started as a camper when I was 11 (the summer before seventh grade), was a camper up through the summer before sophomore year of high school, and then was a CIT for three years. Last summer would have been my first summer as a full-fledged counselor, but alas! the pandemic; I'm more excited than ever to really get to know my cohort, especially since as a CIT I only worked with the older kids group, and to dive deep into dance, movement, and freeing up the physical body with a younger student group.

During the year, I study acting, education, and religious studies at Ithaca College in New York state, and work at Trader Joe's. My favorite thing about Ithaca is definitely the nature; there's a ton of super accessible (although very hilly) hiking trails with carefully conserved ferns and trees, dramatic shale gorges that make you feel both sheltered and dwarfed by the scope and depth of the valleys they create, waterfalls, arboretums, wildflower gardens- lots! Ithaca's biggest drawback is probably how isolated/insular it can be, so I'm grateful for the opportunity to come back to a larger city for the summer. Outside of my areas of study, I really enjoy reading, listening to/creating music, astrology, and seeing folks! Right now I'm reading Louise Gluck poetry (specifically the Wild Iris), I've been listening to a lot of jazz recently (especially Nina Simone), and I'm a leo sun, virgo moon, and capricorn rising. I'd love to talk astrology, art, or anything else, and with that, I'd like to wish you a productive, exciting, and enjoyable summer :)

CAAP Hosts Its First Gender Workshop With Dynamic Family Duo

Julia Lanham, MPH (pronouns: she/her/hers) and her child Tessa Humphreys (pronouns: he/she/they) hosted a gender workshop during CAAP staff orientation. "I have done variations of this workshop for different audiences in academia and healthcare settings and was thrilled when Kippy invited me to do it for the CAAP staff," Lanham told The OTT.

"When I told Tessa I was doing it, they were psyched! I asked Tessa if they wanted to do it with me as Tessa is a natural educator of LGBTQ+ with peers and adults in their circle. Truthfully, I was surprised that they said yes! We got so much out of doing it together - it connected us in unexpected ways - and hope the CAAP audience did too."

Lanham is the Director, Career Equity Advisor, Queer Alliance Boston University School of Public Health. Her role as a public health professional focuses on the health of adolescents and young adults. "As a member of the LGBTQ community and as a white woman, I am committed to doing work to



Tessa Humphreys (Left) and Julia Lanham (Right) at CAAP Staff Gender Workshop

dismantle transphobia and racism, so trans folks and BIPOC folks aren't asked to do it," she said.

To learn more about Julia Lanham and her journey in understanding "how to be antiracist, a better ally and truthfully, a better human being," check out tomorrow's edition of The OTT!

Resources:

<https://www.mypronouns.org/>

A Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Youth (The Trevor Project)

Be an Ally - Support Trans Equality (Human Rights Campaign)

7 Ways to Be More Inclusive in Your Everyday Life (article on Medium)