

THE OXBOW SCHOOL



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A QUIET YEAR MARKED BY RESILIENCE

Dear Friends of Oxbow,

It goes without saying that this past year was defined by unpredictable loss and subsequent grief around the world. The Oxbow School was not immune from the pandemic and, for health and safety reasons, we were forced to close for over a year. However, the Oxbow community rallied together and made a commitment to persevere, shifting our perspective from one of sorrow to hope and opportunity.

With bold determination, we stayed the course to invent alternative programming ranging from printmaking workshops to virtual academic classes to artist residencies. In the absence of students, we were able to focus on campus infrastructure and made improvements to the facilities.

I am also thrilled to report that we have safely opened for in-person instruction. On June 20th, we welcomed students from across the country onto our campus for the inaugural Summer Art Institute, an immersive summer term modelled after the semester program. This day was met with eager expectation by all and proved to be a symbolic closure to an otherwise challenging year for us. Due to the focused work of the Oxbow faculty and staff, campus is now brimming with joy as peals of laughter echo from the art studios down the Napa riverbanks.

As we begin to heal and rebuild, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for your generosity, kind words, and shared belief in the school. If one of the markers of excellence is support from its constituents, then we are truly a school of excellence, for your generosity allowed us to open our doors and provide needed scholarships for our summer students. Thank you for making a difference in their lives!

I am humbled by the journey we experienced together this year. As we celebrate reopening, we must stay focused on rebuilding the school's financial health so that future generations of students have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience a semester in our beautiful studios. As stewards for young artists, I look forward to our continued partnership and friendship.

Warm regards,
Jennifer Jordan, Head of School



I HAVE TRANSFORMED SINCE ARRIVING AT OXBOW AND I AM ABLE TO SEE POTENTIAL IN MYSELF THAT I NEVER HAD BEFORE. I HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED TO SEEK OUT NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT WOULD HAVE SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE PRIOR TO COMING TO OXBOW. I HAVE A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF MYSELF AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND I WAS ABLE TO WORK THROUGH SO MUCH DURING MY SEMESTER. I HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY INDEPENDENT AND HOPEFUL ABOUT MY FUTURE.

OXBOW WAS THE BEST THING I HAVE EVER DONE AND I COULD NOT IMAGINE MY LIFE WITHOUT IT. OXBOW ALLOWED ME TO SEE WHAT TRULY MATTERS TO ME. I HAVE GROWN SO MUCH AND I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Ava Marzulli, Spring 2019

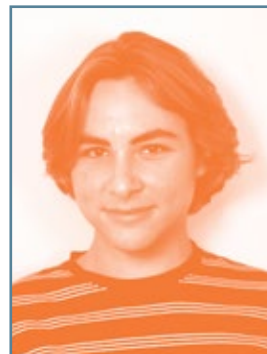
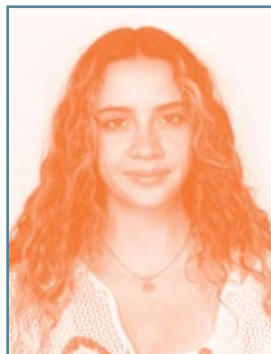
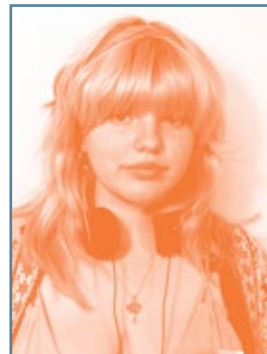
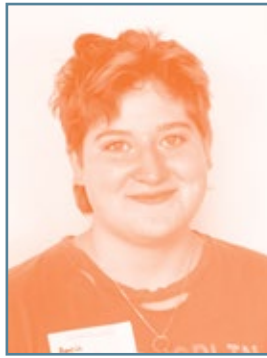
IMAGE: LUA COSTA, FALL 2019



IMAGE: KAILYN BRYANT, FALL 2019

**I'VE GROWN
TREMENDOUSLY AS A
SCHOLAR, AS A FRIEND,
AND AS AN ARTIST.
I'VE EXPANDED MY
VIEWPOINTS AND I'VE
MADE FRIENDS WITH
PEOPLE HERE THAT I
PROBABLY WOULD'VE
NEVER BECOME
FRIENDS WITH IN ANY
OTHER ENVIRONMENT.**

Amara Ibeanusi, Spring 2019



**SINCE I STEPPED FOOT
ON OXBOW, I HAVE
ACTED LIKE THE PERSON
I WANTED TO BE. I AM
MUCH MORE BUBBLY AND
OUTGOING. I AM SUPER
COMFORTABLE IN MY SKIN
AND I FEEL SUPPORTED
AND ACCEPTED HERE. I
THINK THE STAFF AND
STUDENT BODY HELPED ME
FEEL LIKE I COULD BE THE
TYPE OF PERSON I WANT
TO BE HERE.**

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