

What **THIS IS YOUR  
CHAPEL**  
will your  
story be?





IT MAY LAST ONLY 15 MINUTES,  
YET MOST STUDENTS SAY THAT  
CHAPEL IS THE PINNACLE OF THEIR  
EXPERIENCE AT CONCORD ACADEMY.

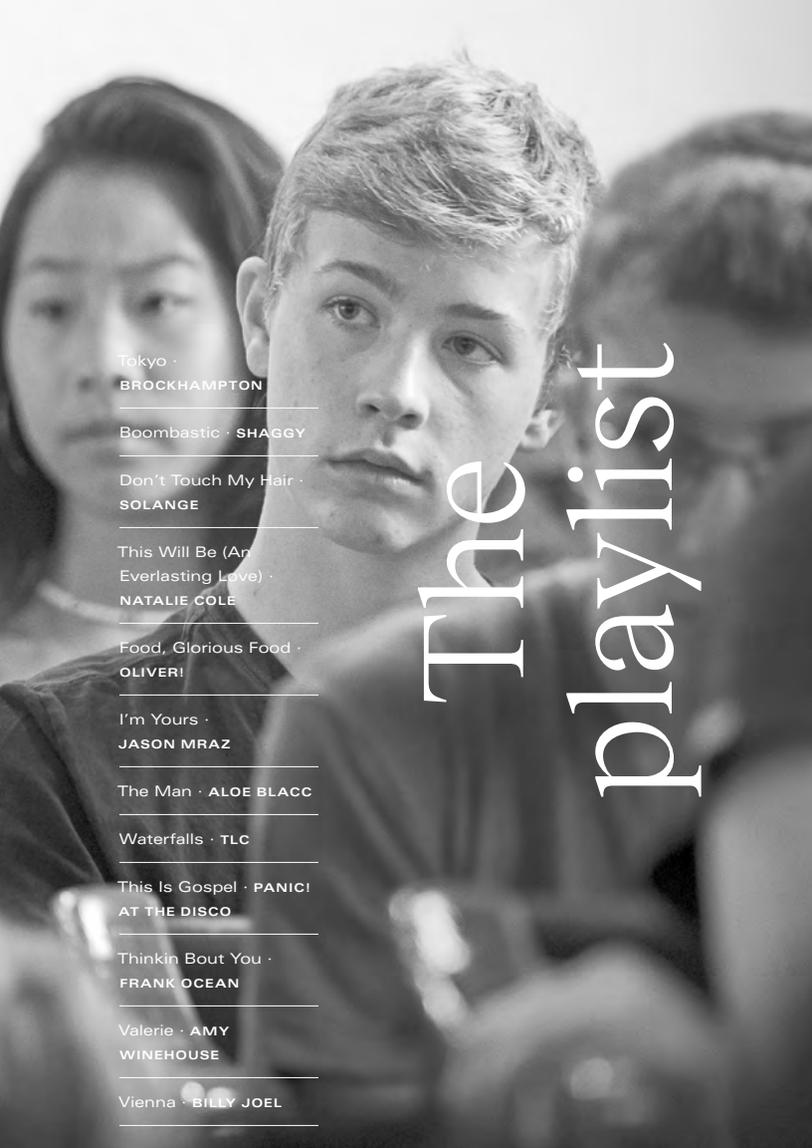




**A SPACE FOR QUIET,  
A SPACE TO BE HEARD**

Three times a week before morning classes begin, a member of our community stands before family and friends inside the Elizabeth B. Hall Chapel to reveal stories about who they are, where they're going, and how Concord Academy shaped them to be their best selves.

This is their Chapel.



# The playlist

Tokyo ·  
BROCKHAMPTON

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Boombastic · SHAGGY

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Don't Touch My Hair ·  
SOLANGE

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This Will Be (An  
Everlasting Love) ·  
NATALIE COLE

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Food, Glorious Food ·  
OLIVER!

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I'm Yours ·  
JASON MRAZ

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The Man · ALOE BLACC

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Waterfalls · TLC

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This Is Gospel · PANIC!  
AT THE DISCO

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Thinkin Bout You ·  
FRANK OCEAN

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Valerie · AMY  
WINEHOUSE

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Vienna · BILLY JOEL

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From ballads to rock anthems,  
opera to rap, students  
carefully select songs to set  
the tone for their chapels.

Vamos Hablar Ingles ·  
FEFITA LA GRANDE

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Don't Forget About  
Me · NONAME

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Phenomenal · BENJAI  
FEATURING H2O PHLO

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Boys · CHARLI XCX

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Hey Mama · DAVID  
GUETTA FEATURING  
NICKI MINAJ, BEBE  
REXHA, AFROJACK

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Prototype · OUTKAST

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Debra · BECK

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Monkey Gone To  
Heaven · PIXIES

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What A Fool Believes ·  
THE DOOBIE BROTHERS

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Three Little Birds ·  
JAMES TAYLOR

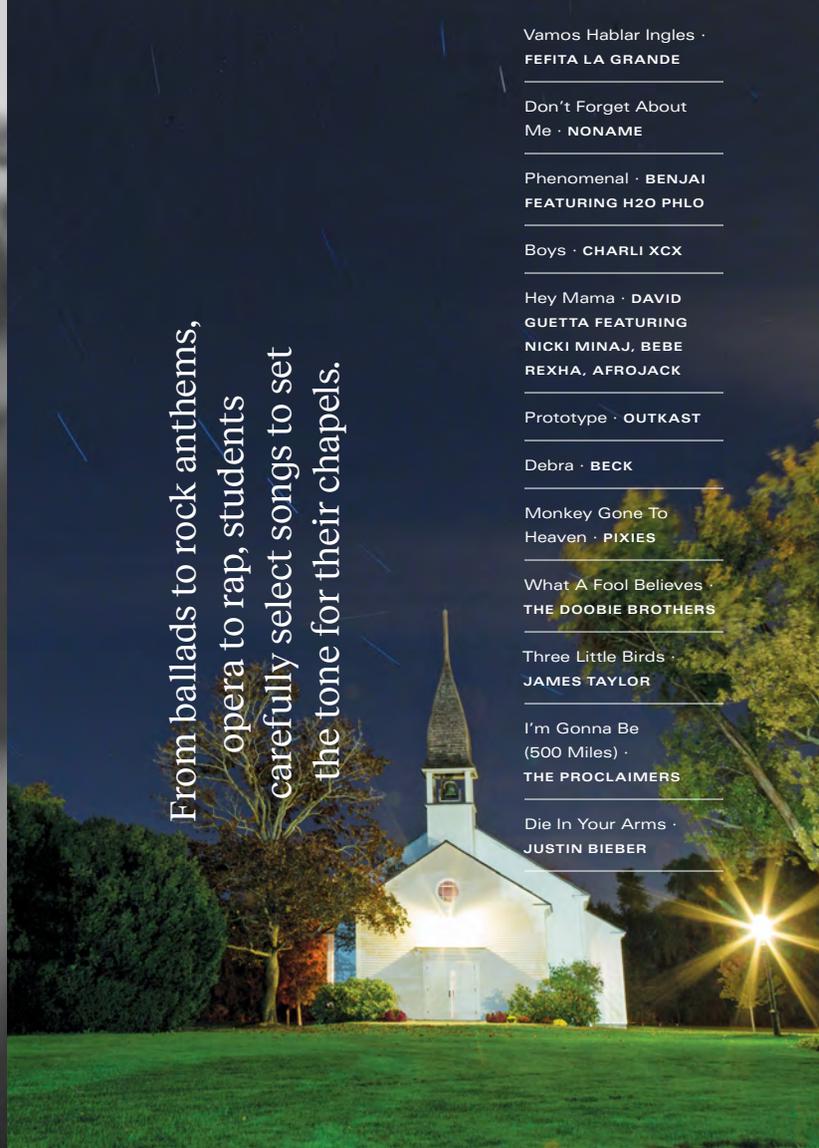
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I'm Gonna Be  
(500 Miles) ·  
THE PROCLAIMERS

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Die In Your Arms ·  
JUSTIN BIEBER

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“The secret sauce, the fairy dust, the animating addition that makes **common trust** work is your intellectual engagement: the requirement that you consider the meaning of your connectedness and behave accordingly.”

MAX HALL  
Faculty, Science Department



Science teacher Max Hall has delivered three chapels during his two decades at Concord Academy. In his most recent address, he explored the definition of common trust, the foundation of the CA mission: “Just observe your own self feeling more a part of the place, more a part of something bigger than yourself, more a part of the big, stumbling, slow, but ever-so-important effort to make things better here and everywhere.”



SENIOR ADVICE: "Find the courage to speak up and seek help. Value your own emotions. Surround yourself with people who support you."

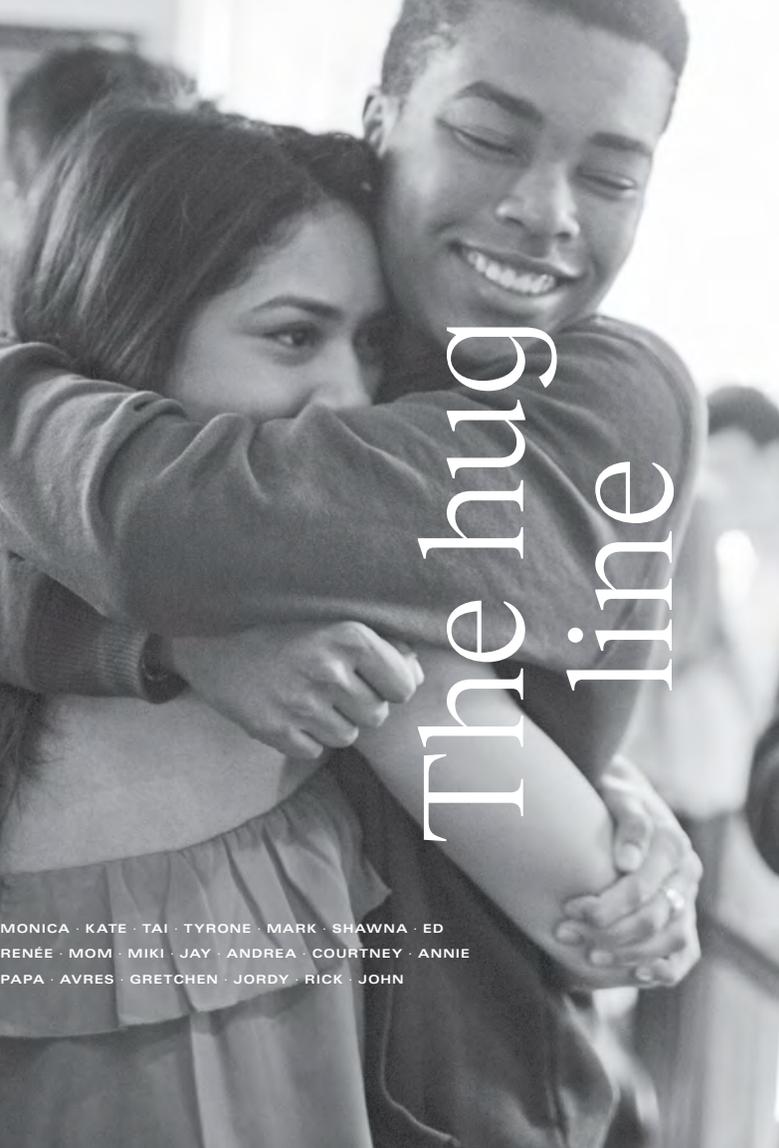
In her chapel, Helen shared how she found escape through running. "I grew to love long, slow distances which gave my mind the space to drift...sinking my bare feet into the

spongy quad while pondering the importance of foot agility...these are only small sensations that runners love yet others find hard to understand."

“As a spiritual person, I sincerely believe that the Chapel carries the multitudes of stories that are deeply rooted to our community. Today, I am extremely lucky that my story will become embedded in the rememory of this space.”



Helen Wu '19  
Shanghai, China



# The hug line

MONICA · KATE · TAI · TYRONE · MARK · SHAWNA · ED  
RENÉE · MOM · MIKI · JAY · ANDREA · COURTNEY · ANNIE  
PAPA · AVRES · GRETCHEN · JORDY · RICK · JOHN



LAURA · NATALIA · DAD · JAKE · TOPI · SHEP · SUE  
FABIANA · SABRINA · MOMMY · STEPHANIE · PJ · DOLLY  
PHELPS · DANTE · GAVYN · SUSAN · QUESS · A

Family, friends, faculty,  
and staff line up for hugs  
before chapel begins.



Mary Soledad Craig '17  
Waltham, MA

“My parents followed incredibly different paths to get to the same place. People like to think that we are all so different, but looking at my two families — one that speaks Spanish and one that speaks English — I realize that they are the same. They are kind and smart, brave and generous.”

“A huge part of my life is dance,” Mary told the CA community. “I fell in love with hip-hop because it gave me a voice before I found my own. Dance is a way for me to share my happiness.” She is currently studying political science (and still dancing) at Columbia University in New York City.

**SENIOR ADVICE:** “Always find the room to love with your entire heart.”

“At CA, I was able to learn my first instrument, study abroad in Spain where I met some of the greatest people I know, and apply to the nation’s top colleges. Most importantly, the CA community offered me a space to be me without judgment, a space to grow and speak out about issues that I’m passionate about.”



Rony Fernandez '19  
Cicero, IL

During his chapel, Rony recognized his friends at CA: “Thanks for accepting me for who I am, for putting up with my flaws, for listening to my constant complaining, and for helping me realize my worth.” Rony currently attends Wesleyan University.

TO SHAWNA, JAY, MIKI, RENEE, DOLLY, JUAN,  
NATALIA, FABIANA, TYRONE, MARK, SHAWN:  
The work you do for all of us daily is astounding.  
Thanks for being here today. I can't imagine my  
time at CA without each and every one of you.  
— THEO NUNEZ '18 · OCTOBER 12, 2017

# Thank- yous

TO ALEX: We have been through a lot together,  
as opposite as we are. You are pretty cool—  
I mean not everyone can say that their brother  
is an All-American in hurdles or built an entire  
computer sophomore year of high school for fun.  
— ISABELLE CHARLES '19 · NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Many students say that  
giving thanks to family, friends,  
faculty, and staff is  
their favorite part of chapel.

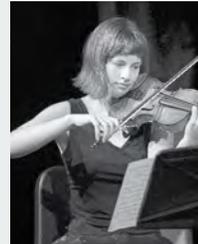
TO CASEY: I savor every second I am with  
you. Thanks for the talks and the silence,  
and for continuing to play cards with me  
despite my persistent trash talk. You make  
me really happy. I love you.

— WILDER DANIEL '19 · SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

SENIOR ADVICE: “Say every kind thing you think about people.”

“By the time I came to CA, I’d been in and helped create performances and protests about nuclear warfare, oil spills, theft of indigenous land, bathroom laws, racism, drought, poverty, immigration policy, fracking, and the deadly use of American bombs. I’m telling you this because I want you to know that you’re absolutely old enough to be learning about international politics and human rights, and that it’s your responsibility to do so.”

Sophia grew up in Glover, Vermont, on a farm that’s also home to Bread and Puppet, one of the oldest nonprofit theatrical companies in the country. But it’s much more than puppet shows, Sophia notes: “We also farm, make yogurt, turn roadkill into food, do printmaking, stilt, paint, sing, memorialize the people we’ve lost, and get sunburned.” She plans to study neuroscience and behavior at Columbia University.



Sophia Cannizzaro '19  
Glover, VT



Karl Hick '19  
Concord, MA

During his chapel, Karl talked about his love of eating: “Many people know this about me, but I carry a lot of food in my backpack, and there is always something there. If any of you need a snack, you can hit me up by leaving a note under the biggest tree in the forest, sending me a messenger pigeon, or just by sitting next to me in class.” Karl plans to major in engineering at Colby College.

“Be yourself. Not the you that you think people want to see, or the you that people want you to be. You can have the best of times and meet the greatest of people by just being yourself.”

SENIOR ADVICE: “Don’t take yourself too seriously. Life is always more fun when it is random.”

Chapel provides students the opportunity to share stories, sing and dance, give thanks, and reveal something about themselves. Yet a few times a year, it's a faculty or staff member who stands before the CA community in the Chapel to share their observations and experiences.



“We must remember that every single person, **every single voice matters**. One’s title, family name, gender, office, race, age, appearance, wealth, or birthplace—none of these endow any of us with any more or less right to think, speak, write, or be heard. When you move on from CA, **you won’t leave those values behind**. Make them live here, and then make them live wherever you go.”

RICK HARDY  
Head of School



# TRADITION

WHAT WILL YOUR STORY BE? WHAT  
WILL YOU SAY TO THE CA COMMUNITY  
WITH YOUR 15 MINUTES?



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