

"I will remember the last night when everyone was outside talking and hanging out in the courtyard."  
-Prakruti Pancholi '20



Spartans wanting to head into the medical field got a sneak peek of it this summer. Wanting a more hands-on experience, seniors Lucas Law, Katie Garner, and Preksha Kedilaya went to SAU's Human Body Camp where they were able to dissect specific parts of a human body. Similarly, Senior Hannah Lederman went to the University of California, Berkeley to take part in the Medicine and Health Care Camp. For other students, researching was their calling this summer. Junior Sandro Xiao spent five and half weeks studying at the University of Iowa. He was able to "perform analytical research under a professor in the anthropology department." In addition, Juniors Ani and Akash Pradeep studied at Duke University where they researched different topics and wrote abstracts over what they found.



Senior Prakruti Pancholi and two friends she met this summer when she attended the Yale Young Global Scholars program.

## RECAP OF AN A+ SPARTAN SUMMER

*Spartans attend academic camps all over the country*

As the 2018-2019 school year came to an end, Pleasant Valley Students were ready to throw out the books. However, this was not the case for Senior Prakruti Pancholi. Pancholi took a trip up to Connecticut where she took part in a program at Yale University.

The program Pancholi attended was the Yale Young Global Scholars program. There, Pancholi studied a session called "Politics, Law, and Economics." Her days were broken up into three parts: lecture, seminar, and capstone. The lecture always consisted of a large group of students, and a Yale professor would lead the discussions.

The seminars Pancholi attended were slightly similar to the lectures. However, the students would discuss more specific topics, and in smaller groups. One of her favorite seminars she took was, "Accountability in Comedy: Can I Say That?"

Finally, Pancholi participated in a capstone at the program. The capstone was a research portion where they broke out in groups of four-five people and researched a topic important to them. Pancholi's topic was a "Comparison of Social Mobility Between Black and White Women After the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Pancholi's favorite part of this program was being able to "explore social sciences in a place that put proper emphasis on it." She really enjoyed her time there and gained a lot of information as well as friends through doing this program.

Even though summer is known to be a time off from school, Prakruti kept up with her studies. In doing so, she was able to take part in an amazing experience and meet all kinds of new people. Her time there was something she will remember forever and she is so glad she was able to participate in this program.



"Camp is an awesome place to make connections and also learn things by doing activities."  
- Ramya Subramaniam '21 (ITLC)



"I made amazing friends from all over the world, and overall loved it!"  
- Amy Oberhart '20 (Musical Theater Acting Intensive)



"We learned about ourselves in ways to love ourselves and know we weren't alone."  
- Clare Basala '20 (RYLA)



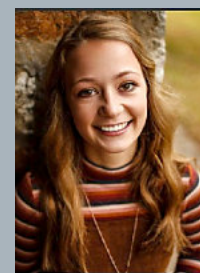




A few of our Spartans took the stage this summer, and participated in theater camps. Senior Amy Oberhart went to the highly selective Musical Theater Acting Intensive at the Boston Conservatory. During that time Oberhart studied different acting methods and attended dance classes. Overall she felt "so welcomed" and "had an amazing experience."

## CHASING DOWN THE Dream

PV students dream big, knowing hard work and determination can get them anywhere. Here's how these Spartans are chasing their dreams.



**Kayci Gaitlin '20**

"My dream in life is to be happy and to help others be happy and enjoy the life we have."

## Leading the dream

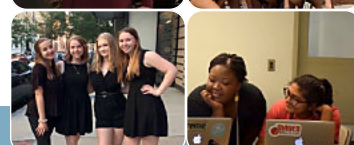
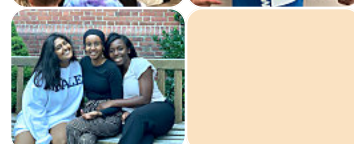
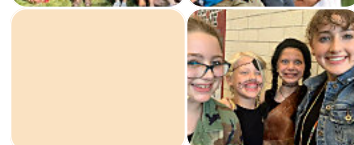
Many students made taking a leadership camp a part of their summer this year. A handful of Spartan Assembly members took a four day trip out to Des Moines to participate in the Iowa Leadership Training Camp. Our Spartans were separated into different teams consisting of people across the state. The team members would then work together to finish tasks and compete against the other teams. They also participated in all kinds of activities ranging from team bonding to listening to motivational speakers. This camp was a learning experience for all, and everyone had a great time.



## Wartburg Band Camp



Sophomores Catherine Moore and Trinity O' Brien performed at Wartburg's Summer Band Camp as their way to stay academically active this summer. The two attended a week long camp, learning all kinds of new skills. Moore's favorite part of camp was "learning a second instrument because I loved trying something new!" Both Moore and O'Brien were taught how to play the trumpet. "It was an extremely fun experience" for Moore and she learned so much. Aside from learning how to play the trumpet, O'Brien also learned how to conduct and compose music. For O'Brien, "it was fun to learn and try something new" and it overall made her "a better musician."



**Cole Claussen '20**

"I would like to be the world's first trillionaire. I would have enough money to do whatever I wanted and not worry about it."



**Carter Hall '20**

"A dream of mine would be a videographer for documentaries like Planet Earth and travel around the world."

## SPARTANS LOOK AHEAD TOWARDS College

For many Spartans, college visits were a priority this summer. Looking ahead into their future, whether that be instate or out of state, Spartans saw it all this summer.