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Creative Leadership in the Arts

Arts Endorsement Program, Forest Ridge ('24-'26)

- 2-year recognition pathway for interdisciplinary arts, community engagement, & creative project.

Head Student Costumer, Theater Department, Forest Ridge ('23-'25)

- Designed & led costume production for upper-school theatrical performances, including: *Mean Girls*, *Puffs*, *Sense & Sensibility*, & *Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Managed wardrobe coordination, budgeting, alterations, fittings, & backstage execution for casts of up to 40.

- Member, International Thespian Society.

Social Entrepreneurship in the Arts

mboxmaker.com, Founder (Aug., '25)

- Founded bilingual web-based platform to advance cross-cultural exchange through shared process of creating traditional Russian folk-arts & crafts. Mission to promote peace & connection through artistic process. Built M-Box brand concept, design: M=memory, M=maker, M=*Matrushka*, research.

- Design features created: (1) AI pattern decoder w/ instructions; (2) interactive, folk-art museum map; (3) Heritage Atlas, connecting folk-artists and enthusiasts; (4) Tea Circle, Russian-English exchange; (5) Virtual Dacha, hosts video workshops; (6) Treasure Chest, gallery of featured user art.

- Pilot version live; used AI to code app.

Advanced Interdisciplinary Study Related to the Arts

Russian Soft Power: Cultural Diplomacy since the Invasion of Ukraine ('25-'26)

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- Portfolio website, live: documentation in progress: field visits to Russian Orthodox Churches, cultural centers, Russian language schools (Seattle, Portland, & Vancouver); interviews with experts, diplomats, leaders; resources. Findings presented in community-wide scholarly forum, May, '26.

Visual Arts

Seattle Fashion Academy Summer Intensive (summer, '23, '24)

- Completed 2, professional-level 6-week programs: pattern design, sewing, & garment construction.

Digital Fashion Design Club, Forest Ridge ('23-'24)

- Attended weekly meetings, prepared & submitted digital portfolio to YoungArts Competition.

Costume Designer, Holy Names ('23)

- Created original "Feather Duster" costume, using hand-placed feathers & detachable elements (*Beauty and the Beast*). Costume featured in program.

Creative Writing

YoungArts Competition 2026

- Writing-Fiction, "Pitch." 15-pg. short story submitted for award, pending.

Service Related to the Arts

Assistant Art Instructor, Go Go with Van Gogh – Diane Culhane Studio (June '25)

- Supported classroom management & instruction for 16 children, ages 8–10, in 2-week, fine-arts camp. Assisted with painting, mixed media projects, & classroom operations (21 service hours).

Senior Art Exhibit, Forest Ridge (Dec., '25)

- Co-organizer of the Senior Art Exhibit. Partnered to plan, publicize, and host evening event in collaboration with music program attended by over 200 people for school community. Featured 7 artists, 30 works.

Choir & Vocal Performance

Advanced Choir & Glee Choir, Forest Ridge ('22-'26)

- Weekly rehearsals (3.5 hrs.); multiple regional & school performances; 3x in Annual Choir Fest, Benaroya Hall; attended 3, 2-day, weekend guest-directed choir intensives. Teaching Assistant, Glee, grade 12.

International Choral Festival of Preveza, Greece (July, '23)

- Scholarship recipient to travel to Greece with school choir for 12-day tour. Performed in Preveza, Athens, & Delphi.