

Highlights on Harborlight Alumni

An Interview with Lisa and Sarah Goddard, Harborlight Class of 2006



Harborlight Graduating Class of 2006

The Goddard twins arrived at Harborlight mid-way through the seventh grade, and quickly fell into the Middle School scene. Sarah remembers a feeling like being part of a family, unlike anything she had experienced before. Everyone was so welcoming and accepting. Both Sarah and Lisa loved art class with Dan, but then who doesn't!

For Lisa, Harborlight gave her “an opportunity to start figuring out who I am and what I wanted to get out of my education. Because of the freedom Harborlight gives its students, I was able to continue being independent while also becoming a leader among my peers. I served as the President of the Student Council while at Harborlight, which showed me that I was capable of leading my peers and serving as an example for others. I have been able to take all of this with me through my high school career at Manchester Essex Regional High School, where I have been able to step into many leadership roles.” For Sarah, it was how Harborlight “places such a high value on individuality”, allowing her to excel at her own pace.

Both cited Spanish as one of their favorite subjects in High School, as well as psychology. And the similarity in interest and focus goes even deeper. Sarah reports: “At the beginning of high school I was heavily involved in the theater department at my school, but more recently I have gotten

really passionate about the visual arts, such as drawing, painting, and photography. I did an intensive program at Montserrat College of Art over the summer, as well, so the visual arts definitely make up a huge part of my high school career. Additionally, I have been involved in our Student Council, our Peer Leaders program, the Math Team, and the Green Team (our environmental club), which have been great opportunities for me to learn leadership skills and make a difference in my school community. This year I took up Ultimate Frisbee, and it feels great to be part of a team. It is such a great, laid back sport, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to play before going off to college. Outside of school, I have continued to dance, doing ballet, tap, and theatrical dance on a regular basis in Danvers, Salem, and Chelmsford.”

Lisa also is involved in a huge number of activities. “Most people call me an overachiever because of how many things I try to do at the same time. I am the Vice-President of the National Art Honor Society, a member of the Student Council, an officer for the Green Team, a member of the Math Team, and a member of the Ultimate Frisbee Team. I also do the musicals and plays at my school – I participated in the Manchester Summer Stage productions as well as the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival. Out of school, I have done community theatre with Neverland Theatre, taken piano lessons and horseback riding lessons, and over the summer I did the summer Pre-College program at Montserrat College of Art. I have taken dance classes for many years as well, mostly focusing on tap. This year I have



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also picked up yoga, which I was never really interested in before, but now I absolutely love it and always look forward to going. I leave completely relaxed and always in a much better mood.”

Now the Goddard girls are ready for college, and it appears they will be heading to Brown University in the fall. They also are excited at the relationship Brown has with the Rhode Island School of Design, plus it is not too far from home Both recommend starting the college search process early, making personal visits, applying to many (they both applied to 14 each), and be prepared for the rejections, wait lists and acceptances as they roll in. They look forward to the next four years and believe that graduate school is also in their future, as well as some travel overseas.

Their advice to Harborlight students...

Sarah: “Work hard in school so that you keep your options open for the future, and know that what you’re doing now will pay off in the end. Get involved, find things that you enjoy doing, and be yourself. Everyone always envies the person who is independent and doesn’t worry about what everyone else thinks.” And Lisa: “Find your passions and get as involved in them as you can. They will make all the hard work you do in high school and beyond worthwhile, and you will open up many doors for yourself. Make sure you work hard now – it will give you the chance to play hard later, and with many accomplishments behind you, you’ll be able to really do what you love to do.”



Lisa



Sarah

