

Growing Up

“WHEN I WAS, SEVEN OR EIGHT I USED TO PLAY **ONLINE BARBIE GAMES** ON THE WEEKENDS WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE SCHOOL.”

— ANESHA SINHA

“A CORE CHILDHOOD MEMORY THAT I HAVE IS **SILLY BANDS** AND THE BLACK MARKET. TEACHERS DIDN'T WANT US TO HAVE SILLY BANDS ANYMORE SO THEY BANNED THEM.”

— ALINA CHEN

“I FEEL LIKE AS A SENIOR YOU HAVE SO MUCH MORE FREEDOM. YOU JUST AUTOMATICALLY FEEL COOLER BEING ON CAMPUS AS A SENIOR. EVEN THOUGH IT'S STRESSFUL WITH COLLEGE AND JOBS, **IT'S NICE KNOWING THAT YOU GOT THIS FAR.**”

— RUHEE JAIN

“IF I WENT BACK IN TIME, I WOULD TAKE THE CLASSES THAT I'M TOTALLY INTERESTED IN. EVERY YEAR I HAVE CHANGED MY CLASSES EITHER BY DROPPING A LEVEL BELOW OR OUT OF A CLASS. BY TAKING THE CLASSES THAT I CAN TRULY HANDLE AND I WANT TO TAKE WITHOUT EXTERNAL PRESSURE, I'M ACCEPTING MY OWN INTERESTS AND CAPABILITIES.”

— SAMYAK VASHA

“HIGH SCHOOL IS SO STRAIGHTFORWARD, YOU KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO. WHEN YOU SET OUT TO DO INDEPENDENT PROJECTS, YOU HAVE TO CREATE ALL THE MILESTONES YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TO CREATE ALL THE DUE DATES YOURSELF AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO HOLD YOURSELF ACCOUNTABLE TO THAT. **I'M GONNA MISS [HIGH SCHOOL] SO MUCH.**”

— PRERIT MARWAHA



“WHEN I WAS A CHILD I GOT MY FIRST PAIR OF HEELYS AND I HEELY'D EVERYWHERE. IN TARGET I WOULD HEELY ON THE SLICK FLOORS.”

— LAUREN LIN

“I got it from the doctors when I had surgery when I was three, because [my] organs fell out of the organ bag, and they had to sew it back together. They gave me a teddy bear because I had an allergic reaction to the anesthesia and it didn't work on me.”

— ROYCE WANG

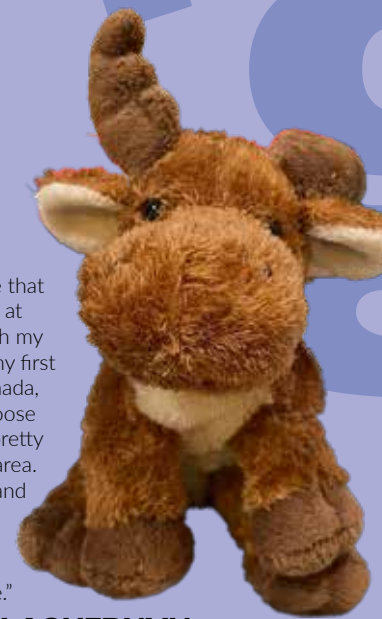


“It's a brown stuffed monster called a Domo. I think I got it when I was really little, around five years old. I believe my dad got it from one of his co-workers and then he gave it to me, I've had it ever since. It was a plushie that was a source of physical comfort for me and I would sleep with it at night. It also reminded me of my dad since I got it from him and since I've had it for over 10 years at this point, it makes me nostalgic.”

— JOSEPH LEE

“[This is] a moose that I got when I was at Niagara Falls with my cousins. It was my first time visiting Canada, [so] I chose a moose because it was pretty common in the area. As I grew older and started needing it less, I started letting my dogs play with it more.”

— ADI MELLACHERUVU



“I used to be super obsessed with pandas, I had panda bracelets, pen and necklaces. When we went to the San Diego Zoo, they had a bag that was literally an actual stuffed animal panda with a handle on it. I was like, 'I need to get this' and it makes me laugh every time I look at it. It's a pretty core memory because the panda stage lasted a quite a while for me.”

— ANUSHA SAINARAYANAN



“I got this stuffed animal like it when I was like four years old and it was back in Taiwan. I got it with my sister and so both of us have it, it's like a sister bond. This is one of the main things that both of us thought was important to bring [to America].”

— KATELYN YEH



“My aunt got it for me [when I was in] elementary school, I think fourth grade, so I've had it for a really long time. I still use it all the time, it's like my little hugging comfort toy. When there's school events like bringing stuffed animals or pajama day I always bring it because it's cute and huge.”

— DILARA ONER

GUESS WHO?

Match the seniors to the correct baby photos



Left to Right: Annika Lee, Yuyao Fan, Naomi Baba, Clara Takahashi, Kylie Chang, Lauren McMillion, Gwyneth To, Krupa Shanware, Ananya Dev, Nikita Swaminathan, Raagavalli Karumanchi, Jordan Wong, Tvisha Gupta, Tarun Ambati, Allison Kyutoku, Mira Bhardwaj, Avani Kulshrestha, Matthew & Thomas Phillip, Julianna Kimm