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THE CIRCLE OF CAMP

Liza Goldstone is a 3rd Generation Towanda-er; her parents met at Towanda; Stacy Glass and Jayson (1978-86); and her Grandmother, Dale Sokoloff, attended in the 1950s and 60s and her sister, Ava, attended 6 summers too. Liza just completed her 9th summer at Camp Towanda as a DORM GIRL and eloquently presented this sermon during the summer:

The world is made up of many shapes -- squares, triangles, rectangles. Here at *Camp Towanda*, circles can be found prominently. A circle symbolizes unity, wholeness, and continuation.

As we step off the busses on the first day of camp, we enter the circular camp "bubble" and environment -- a place that promotes individuality and independence as well as teamwork and friendship. Inside of this camp bubble, we are offered so many incredible opportunities and it is so important to take advantage of all of them.

Both Girl's and Boy's campuses are laid out in a circular shape without corners. Coincidentally, my favorite place on camp, The Grove, is also arranged in a circle. Ever since my first summer, I have loved sitting in The Grove to read and write letters and to also appreciate the sights and sounds of camp. This is also a place where groups come together whether it be before intercamp games or during freeplay.

There is even an "o" in the word "Dorm" that represents the circle of sisterhood and oneness that Dorm girls achieve during their final summer as campers as well as all of the summers leading up to it.

Many aspects and activities at camp

have molded me into the person I am today. Through participating in camp plays, I have gained the confidence to truly be myself. Also, because we switch up bunks every summer, our circle changes its order and new friendships are encouraged.

Another one of the many valuable skills I learned at camp is the importance of challenging myself, always remembering that I have the support of my 17 Dorm sisters and 17 Club brothers. At the beginning of the summer, I looked up at the O & A Giant's Ladder and thought "how could anyone get to the top of that?" But, I recently challenged myself and, even though I was very scared, made it up each step alongside one of my Dorm sisters using trust and teamwork. When I eventually stood on the top, I looked down at the sea of smiling faces below me and realized that I can accomplish what I set my mind to with help from my circle of friends and family.

So, I challenge each and every one of you to live each day to its fullest potential and to do things that are a bit out of your comfort zone because it is these things that will make you grow.

I am so grateful to Mitch and Stephanie for being my summer Mom and Dad and

to Amy, Lisa, Bob, and Michael for always being there with endless support and smiles.

I would also like to take a moment to thank my 34 Dorm sisters and Club brothers for celebrating my happiest moments and for sticking by me with unwavering support when I need you most and being the most important part of my circle.

Whether sitting with our age groups at Sunday night barbecues or gathering around a campfire, the unity and oneness created by the circle of the Dorm and Club as well as those of other age groups encourages new memories to be made and bonds to be strengthened. And now I've come full circle -- starting as a shy and quiet Double Deb in 2008 into a confident and excited Dorm girl in 2016.

See you as an LIT in 2017,



Liza

What We Hear From The Mansion Porch!!!



Our very own, Hank Azaria receives an EMMY for his role in *Ray Donovan* and also a great shout out for Hank's 600th *Simpson's* episode...speaking of our very own; congrats to O'Neil Lubin, he has been appointed the Head Basketball Coach of Oak Ridge High School in Orlando, FL; making O'Neil the youngest coach in the state of Florida; congratulations AND O'Neil will be back in 2017!!!....

Camp Towanda had an honorable mention in the August Issue of *The Hollywood Reporter*; the article stated that Bradley Cooper and Paul Rudd were required to adhere to our rule of no gum chewing !... The Fabrizio's of Australia once again send their love to their *Towanda* Family...Tiffany Dickens (married, now Dee) from Arts & Crafts 2005 and with the Junior girls, reports that she still proudly

owns her staff t-shirts...Frank Infante had an internship from The Behlman's which has turned into a full-time job, so that should help him schedule an Alumni Day visit! .. Mansion

Porch Photos: Zach Shaytin and his mom re-enacting *Camp Towanda's* Abbey Road in London... Karlyn Levi spotted in

Disney World with the CT poncho (no hills there either)... Jake Senior and Sydney

Levy were seen cruising around in their THING. Here's a reminder that if you are

spotted with a magnet on your car; that's a pizza!!!...and Heather Meisner was in

Iceland packing a deck of *Camp Towanda* cards!....Meredith Mitchiner has discovered



Bryers ice cream Kit-Kat flavor (only in Texas)... Kate Hopper GG from Halifax 2007-2009 graduated from Saba University School of Medicine and is now in a 4 year residency position in Anesthesiology at Louisiana State University in Shreveport....



Camp Towanda THE NEXT GENERATION: Congratulations to Parents of The Next Generation.... Pictured are Gabby (Phillips) GraBois, Marc & Shira (Weiner) Penziner, Jeff Schulman, Matt & Alexa (Phillips) Penziner... congratulations to Dan Mozes on becoming a dad and the engagement of Spencer Kirsch to Maxx Rapaport!!!..and to Steven Molino (see all star wedding picture of famed alumni: Michael Groll (Club 1969), Susan Salt (wife of Club 1968's Richie Salt), Marty Kaufman (Club 1975), Rob Wexler (Club 1975), Jenna Molina (Dorm 2002), Phyllis Hyman Miller (Dorm 1965), Bob Miller (Club 1966), Steven Molina, Mike Wiltsek (Club 1972) and Murray Stockfeder (Boys HC 1972 - 1982)



...and Congratulations to Matt and Dana Levy; both married, both parents.. getting ready for their 3rd generation campers ...and another happy *Towanda* couple got married over the summer; Stephanie Simon to Luke Lawley!!



FALL BBQ REVIEW



The Fall BBQ has become the unofficial kick-off of the next summer! In fact, it still felt like summer! Once again, this year's Fall BBQ for New Campers and their families was GREAT! We took full advantage of the new Grill at the *Waterfront* and had a great lunch by the lake! There was kickball on *Skyview*, tours of the *Treehouses*, hanging with the chickens and a great time had by the huge crowd of new campers and their families, along with THE DORM GIRLS of 2017, who did a great job creating a warm welcome for many of our new campers!

The New Camper Fall BBQ was happy, fun, relaxing, comforting and awesome! It was fantastic to see everyone, get to know each other a little better, and feel good that *Camp Towanda* is now their new summer home!

Thanks to all of our counselors, campers, maintenance crew and alumni that were able to be part of making this a great day! Next step: Welcome of new campers (with nicknames in the next *Towanda Times*) and then we are off to **Group Scoop** in January!



#CTpumpkin2016

Show your Camp Towanda pride this October with our annual Pumpkin Carving Contest! Submit your design to jared@camptowanda.com and post on social media!

Use the hashtag **#CTpumpkin2016**

The deadline is 11:59pm on Halloween to be considered to win your name on the coveted plaque in the canteen!

Are you the ultimate Towanda-er?!?! PROVE IT! Make your Halloween costume this year Towanda-themed! Having trouble thinking of an idea? Try these: Casper, the HC's, Olympic teams, anything Towanda!

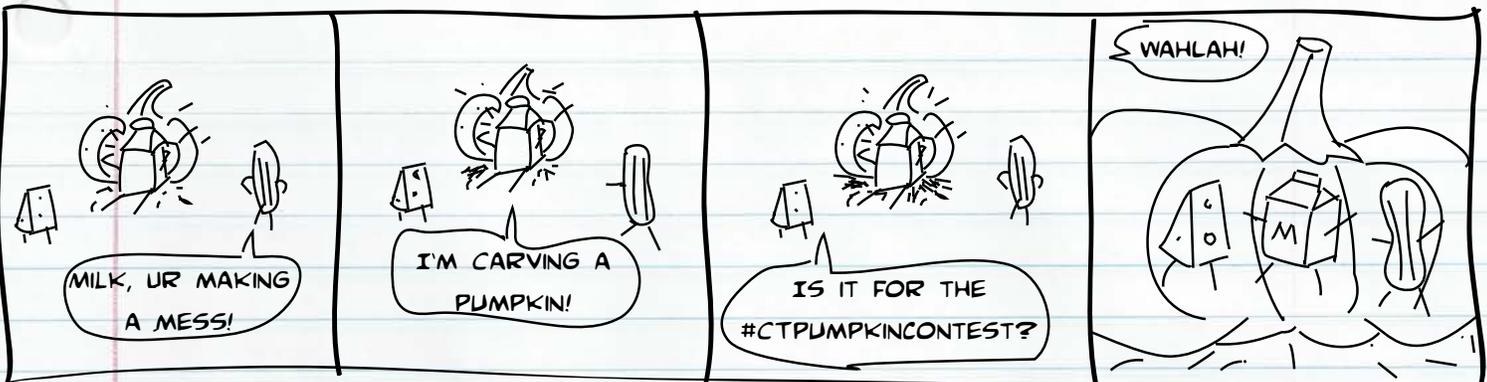


Check out last years winners, Morgan and Ryan Korn!



Kyle Maynes' 1949 CT Scout Patch inspired pumpkin from last year!

The Adventures of Cheese, Milk and Pickle



Jordan Berke SUPER d!!!

Camp Towanda National Girl, Jordan Berke, has dyslexia and has been part of an AMAZING organization called [DYSLEXIAVILLE](http://www.dyslexiaville.com), spearheaded by Oscar winner Peggy Stern. This organization's mission is to help kids succeed in school and life because of, and not in spite of, their learning differences.



Jordan has been part of a web-based series, through www.dyslexiaville.com, called *The Super d! Show*. She is a Super d! kid, and is helping to de-stigmatize learning differences, raise awareness, and help other children/parents feel empowered. The episodes are very educational, and really funny!

The website also will take children and parents to learning resources.

October is [Dyslexia Awareness](#) month, the website has launched and so far, 2 seasons have been made, but awareness (and funding) is needed to keep this going. You can help spread awareness by:

- Going to YouTube and type in Dyslexiaville
- Subscribe to the channel
- Enjoy all the fun content :) and “like” it!
- SPREAD THE WORD —and ask others to spread the word as well
- For those with Instagram, Facebook or Twitter accounts, if you post about the Super d! Show, include the hashtags #TheSuperDShow #DifferentThinkers

In the meantime....

Checkout Jordan's promo [Click Here!](#)

Jordan's Super d! Professor Boom episode [Click Here!](#)

Super d! Youtube channel [Click Here!](#)

MIKE THE PLUMBER'S REPORT

Since camp has ended, Mike The Plumber (MTP), our Head Caretaker, and his crew have been very active and busy cleaning up, repairing, fixing and building new stuff at camp. In addition to routine maintenance, leaf raking and winterization, here is a list of some of the projects MTP has been working on so far:

- Additional water well and storage tank for *Girls' Camp*!!! Oh please, call me shower hour!!
- Remodeled and additional stalls at *The White Rock Café* bathrooms (maybe, just maybe could cut down on the lines).
- New fences at *Main Baseball*, *Main Tennis* courts and around the new softcoat pool deck!
- An all new special dietary kitchen to be more efficient and tastier for our gluten, soy & kosher.
- Many paths now have new layer of shale stone in an effort to smooth out the bumps and roots (path to the garden and main soccer; path to *Girls' Camp* and the service road to *Senior Row*).
- More extensive tree and branch trimming...did you see what I saw!
- New porch and expanded deck on *The Boys' HC*.
- Several bunks with remodeled and enlarged bathrooms.
- Lots of newly seeded grass areas.
- Drama's prop room with new storage shelves and additional stage footlights.
- New and improved PA systems for each campus and the waterfront.
- Refrigeration for the ultimate *Sunset Lake BBQ Grill*.
- A 2nd Gaga Court under The Big Top!



BREAKOUT!

Dutch Auction on the soccer field?!

Sure, why not.

Announcers in the center dressed as different storybook characters?!

A nice new tradition.

Darth Vader and Obi Wan?!

What's going on here?

Jonathan Pelton running to the center of the field dressed as BB-8?!

Is this it?



Cloaked figures approaching the field with lightsabers?!

Everyone is screaming.

Epic lightsaber duel?! *Lights go out.*

Laser light show overhead perfectly timed to the Star Wars theme music?! *Is there anybody out there?*

Banners unfurl?!

TOWANDA, THIS IT, OLYMPICS 2016!



It was pure excitement that early August night as the teams were announced. Camp Towanda, split into two, the Blue Jedi Knights and the Red Sith Lords, about to embark on an epic contest of the light vs the dark. Throughout the week we saw great competition and sport as the two teams faced off against each other. The Red Sith came out strong Day 1 claiming Tug-O-War as their own and it was back and forth with the swim and track meets the following days. Yet there was a new hope for Blue when the Jedi prevailed in Ropeburning and Apache. Of course the Sith wouldn't go down without a fight as the Empire struck back by winning sing. But alas it wasn't enough as the force favored the return of the Jedi to claim victory. Divided no more, Sith and Jedi alike came together in a sea of purple as the Dorm Girls awakened the force within us as they sang their Alma Mater.



TOWANDA SPORTSCENTER

COACH LEE REPORTS

2016 Athletic Team Winners

Wayne County Champions

- 10/11th Grade Boys Tennis Doubles-Zach Khazzam and Javi Matoses
- 10/11th Grade Girls Tennis Singles-Andrea Fresnedo
- Boys 8th/9th Grade Volleyball Final vs. Island Lake 2-1
- 6th Grade Girls Basketball Final vs. Cayuga 20-16
- 4th Grade Girls Basketball Final vs. Trails End 14-2
- 9th Grade Girls Basketball Final vs. Seneca 28-13
- 7th Grade Girls Basketball Final vs. Tyler Hill 28-12
- 7th Grade Girls Soccer Final vs. NJY 8-0
- 4th Grade Girls Soccer Final vs. Blue Ridge 4-0
- 10th/11th Grade Girls Soccer Final vs. NJY 7-1
- 8th/9th Grade Boys Lacrosse Final vs. Trails End 14-3



Wayne County Runners-up

- 10th/11th Grade Girls Basketball Final vs. Bryn Mawr
- 5th Grade Girls Basketball Final vs. Blue Ridge 18-21
- 4th Grade Boys Basketball Final vs. Tyler Hill 15-16
- 8th Grade Boys Soccer Final vs. Trails End 4-8
- 5th Grade Girls Soccer Final vs. Blue Ridge 3-9
- 7th Grade Boys Baseball Final vs. Equinunk 4-9
- 9th Grade Boys Team Tennis Final vs. Equinunk 0-5
- 8th Grade Boys Team Tennis Final vs. Tyler Hill 1-4
- 7th Grade Girls Softball Final vs. Trails End 5-6
- 6th Grade Girls Softball Final vs. Blue Ridge 0-6
- 8th/9th Grade Girls Lacrosse Final vs. Bryn Mawr 10-11



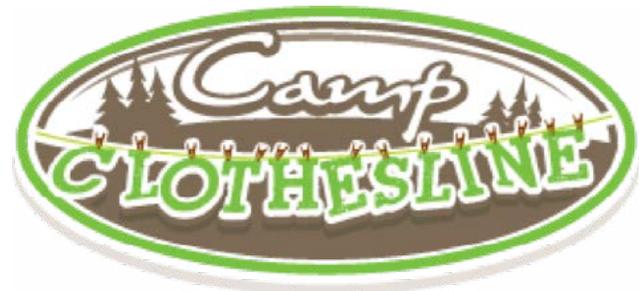
Invitational Tournament Winners

- 4th Grade Boys Basketball @ Indian Head Invitational- July 2
- 10th Grade Girls Basketball @ Bryn Mawr Challenge-July 2
- 6th Grade Girls Soccer @Bryn Mawr Soccerama-July 8
- 3rd/4th Grade Girls Soccer @ Bryn Mawr Soccerama-July 11
- 7th Grade Girls Soccer @ Bryn Mawr Soccerma-July 13
- 4th Grade Girls Soccer @ Tyler Hill Renegade Tourney-July 29
- 5th Grade Boys Flag Football @ Trails End Football Classic-July 31



Towanda Tournament Champions

- 9th Grade Girls Basketball- July 12
- 4th Grade Boys Soccer-July 19
- 7th Grade Girls Basketball-July 26
- 5th Grade Girls Soccer-July 26
- 6th Grade Girls Soccer- August 1



Do you have hand-me down *Towanda* Clothing items taking up space in your house? Camp Clothesline is here to save the day! Bring any items that are stain-free and in decent condition to the November Reunion to help future *Towanda* families prep for camp.

www.campclothesline.com

FLORIDA BEACH PARTY

Everyone's welcome to join the fun: campers (old & new), staff, parents, alumni, friends, prospective campers and their families. If you'll be heading south for the holidays, we'd love to see you!!
Bring sunscreen, camera & towel! Rain or Shine, we will be there.

Dec. 26, 2016 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Spanish River Park, Pavilion #1, Boca Raton, Florida.

DIRECTIONS: Spanish River Park is on A1A in Boca Raton, between Spanish River Blvd and Palmetto Park Rd. Enter the park, follow the HOT PINK Towanda ARROWS to Pavilion #1. Park, gather your gear, go through tunnel to beach, lay down stuff and say 'Hi!'

Lunch provided! Sandwiches, chips, drinks! **RSVP by December 15!** [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!



Parents are
encouraged
to stay!

NY AREA REUNION

Saturday November 19, 2016

Lucky Strike Lanes

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

at Palisades Center Mall

4662 Palisades Center Drive

West Nyack, NY 10994

845-358-1602



Come SEE the BEST OF Friday Nite Flix 2016! Lunch Provided! BOWL!

ENJOY seeing your great camp friends! WEAR Sunscreen!

The 2016 Video Highlight DVD with bonus tracks and other gifts will be distributed.

Those that can't make it, we'll mail your DVD after Thanksgiving.

Lucky Strike Lanes is located on the fourth floor of the Palisades Center Mall. If you enter on the side of the mall that faces the NYS Thruway the closest entrance is located between Staples and Modell's. Go in the glass doors, go straight across until you reach the elevator and take it to the 4th floor, exit to your left and Lucky Strike Lanes is straight ahead.

If you arrive through the entrance facing Route 59 the closest entrance is near the Cheesecake Factory. Go straight to the elevators, up to the 4th floor, make a left and we are straight ahead. We are also easily accessible from the underground parking areas – follow signs for Center Court.

From the South (New York, New Jersey): take the Palisades Interstate Parkway North to Exit 9E, follow the NYS Thruway (87 South/287 East) to Exit 12- West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From New Jersey: take the Garden State Parkway North (all the way to the end) to the NYS Thruway South (87 South/287East) to Exit 12 West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From Connecticut/Westchester: take the Tappan Zee Bridge (87 North/287 West) to the NYS Thruway Exit 12 West Nyack-Palisades Center Drive.

From Upstate New York: take the NYS Thruway South (87 South/ 287 East) to Exit 12 West Nyack- Palisades Center Drive.

From Putnam County: take the Bear Mountain Bridge to the traffic circle to the Palisades Interstate Parkway South to Exit 9E, then take the NYS Thruway South (87 south/287 East) to Exit 12- West Nyack- Palisades Center Drive.

From Long Island: take any highway to the Cross Island Parkway. Cross the Throgs Neck Bridge, then bear right to Interstate 95 (Bruckner Expressway). Follow 95 through the toll plaza (\$1.00 toll). Take Route 287 West, to the Tappan Zee Bridge, Cross the Tappan Zee Bridge and get off at Exit 12, at light make a left and follow to parking lot.



STAFF:

Let us know if you are returning for 2017!!!
If you want a copy of 2016 FNF Highlights,
[CLICK HERE!](#)



NEW CAMPER GROUP "SCOOP"

For all new for 2017 campers and their parents!

Sunday Jan. 8, 2017

1:00 PM Sharp 'til 3 PM

at the Fort Lee DoubleTree on Rt 4 East.

Details have been emailed.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP!

PLAYBILL®

Attention Collectors of Broadway and Camp Towanda Playbills!

We need your donations!

Jared is laminating a vast collection of actual Broadway and Towanda theater production Playbills onto the ceiling of the new White Rock Cafe Bathrooms....

Please send to:

ATT: Jared
Camp Towanda
POB # 12
Demarest NJ 07627



CHAT ROOM January 25, 2017

New Campers, Returning Campers & Staff
Instructions coming soon!



SENIORS 2017 WINTER SLEEPOVERS

Girls Weekend - Saturday January 28, 2017

Boys Weekend - Saturday February 4, 2017



Snow, sledding, frozen Ghost, ice fishing and campfire in the middle of frozen Sunset Lake, hanging out in front of *The Mansion* fireplace and a lot s' more!

Registration details will be e-mailed shortly;
Seniors will need to RSVP!

SKI TRIP

MEET & SKI AT ELK MOUNTAIN

Sunday Jan. 29, 2017

at Elk Mountain, Scranton, PA, - not too far from camp (a good day trip, or stay close by) Call in advance, meet, ski and take a picture with JARED (jared@camptowanda.com)! Meet at Noon outside the main lodge by the big ski map.

Get your photo taken for the Towanda Times!



CAMP TOWANDA CAMPERSHIP FUND



The Camp Towanda Campership Fund in partnership with the American Camp Association, will help provide the opportunity for children of our Alumni and existing Camp Towanda families that fall on challenging times to attend camp.

The following guidelines help qualify a scholarship participant for the Camp Towanda Campership Fund:

- Camper's family is unable to otherwise afford sending this child to attend Camp Towanda, as shown by their submission of income and expense information on the Camp Towanda scholarship application.
- The amount given toward the participation of any scholarship camper shall not exceed the amount of tuition, canteen, transportation, uniform and optional activities, minus the amount the family is able to pay and any amount raised from the participant's own efforts in fundraising.
- Camper and family are willing to review this opportunity with the Director in advance of scholarship application.
- Camper is 7 to 17 years old.
- Camper is self-motivated and excited to participate under the guidelines of Camp Towanda.
- Camper expresses curiosity, integrity, intelligence, and willingness to take healthy risks.
- Camper is flexible and mature.
- Camper is involved in school and extracurricular activities.
- Camper has at least a B average.
- Camper is respectful of others and able to follow the guidelines of positive group dynamics.
- Camper is able to work with the physical demands of the program.
- Camper is interested in grasping a broader sense of responsibility and a larger understanding of the physical world, and is interested in acquiring greater self-confidence and know-how; life and leadership skills.
- Camper is committed to being a positive contributing group member and shows a genuine interest in participating, understanding that his or her commitment means full participation and completion of the program.
- Camper has a family who supports this child's attendance at Camp Towanda.



The application process is submitted to the American Camp Association, a 501(c)3 non profit organization, assessing qualifications from personal interviews and conversations with references before the camper is accepted.

Please make your contribution online ([CLICK HERE](#)) or by sending a check made payable to ACA National Camper Scholarship Fund/Camp Towanda and send it to our office.



FRIDAY NITE FLIX

Check out more fun videos on FridayNiteFlix.com!

In addition to the upcoming release of the 2016 Friday Nite Flix Highlight DVD, there are many bonus videos on FridayNiteFlix.com and Camp Towanda's **You Tube** channels.

Check it out at:

THIS IS TOWANDA!!!

[Click Here!](#)

Camp Towanda Theater Productions

Lion King [Click Here!](#)

Grease [Click Here!](#)

Aladdin [Click Here!](#)

Rope Burning [Click Here!](#)

Olympic Sing/Scenery [Click Here!](#)

ONLINE!!!

Hey, off season, it is okay to be plugged in!



- Bunk Photos are on line... Go to the PHOTO section of your [CampMinder](#)
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) and check out the [Rope Burning 360](#) and other fun 360 pics & vids!!
- Always fun with Andrew Rowan...[Check it out!](#)

SCOPE

We are proud of 2nd generation former camper EVAN SEIDEN Trevor Day School SCOPE Club President & SCOPE Junior Leader; Check out his story by clicking [HERE!](#)



SCOPE
Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education

CLIP & SAVE

2017 CAMP DATES

New York Area Camper Reunion	November 19, 2016
Florida Beach Party	December 26, 2016
New Camper Group Scoop	January 8, 2017
Stephanie's Book Club	January 24, 2017
Chat Room	January 25, 2017
Senior Girls Sleepover	January 28, 2017
Meet & Ski at Elk Mtn	January 29, 2017
Senior Boys Sleepover	February 4, 2017
NYC VisionWalk	Spring TBA 2017
Flying Campers Arrival	June 23, 2017
First Day of Camp	June 24, 2017
S'More Tours	July 7, 15 & 30, 2017
Visiting Day & Sibling Sleepover	July 22, 2017
95 Year Celebration Alumni BBQ	July 23, 2017
Last Day of Camp	August 11, 2017
Family & Friends Labor Day Weekend	September 1-4, 2017

