

# BLOWN AWAY

Senior Karrie Huang takes us through her glassblowing journey.

If you're looking for senior Karrie Huang, chances are the first place you would look is the glassblowing studio. Even when the temperature pushes 110 degrees, her happy place is next to the 1000-degree annealer. For Huang, her love for glassblowing overpowers the heat.

"There are lots of different mediums in which you can make interesting things, but glass is one of the most immediate and exciting," Huang said.

After a long-time fascination with glass, Huang began her glassblowing journey in middle school by attending weekend workshops. This inspired her to continue glassblowing throughout her high school career.

"I was drawn to glass blowing because the people who do glass seriously are a really fun group of people," Huang said.

Her artistic journey took off in her sophomore year and has continued to develop ever since. But it doesn't stop here. She continues to be inspired and always wants to learn more.

"Glassblowing is very fun and it has a really long history," Huang said. "So there's a lot to learn from it."

However, Huang has learned countless times that glassblowing isn't all fun and games.

"Glass things can go wrong really quickly," Huang said. "They can crack or fall apart so you have to react quickly and bounce back."

Even though mistakes and accidents can happen, it has taught her resilience and the ability to bounce back.

As her time at Paly is coming to an end, Huang hopes that her glassblowing journey isn't ending with it.

"I've been looking at colleges that have glassblowing but there's really not a lot out there," Huang said. "But, there's opportunity for sure."

As she finishes her senior year, she continues to experiment with different designs and techniques, creating many finished products for friends.

Story by Tali Lehrer and Zora Wakelee

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**KARRIE HUANG ('23)**



(below) **ROLLING THE MOLTEN** glass, Senior Karrie Huang shapes a cup in the glassblowing studio. "I've always been fascinated with glass things and being able to make the cups I use is really cool," Huang said.



(left) **A JELLYFISH ENCASED** in glass is one of Huang's favorite glass designs that she has made. (right) **OPENING THE FURNACE**, Huang heats up the rod to begin sculpting her cup. "You need to be able to work when it's really hot or else it'll just be solid and you can't do anything with it," Huang said. Photos by Chiara Martin

## swinging into the SEASON

Elise Teofan ('24) prepares for the tennis season.



**How did you prepare for the season?**

I prepared for the season by practicing almost every day at around 5 p.m. during the summer, working on my serves and hitting.

**What are your goals for the season?**

My goal for this tennis season is to improve my tennis skills and connect with my team.

**What are you most excited for?**

I'm mostly excited to see my teammates because being around your team is what makes tennis the most fun.

**How have you improved since last year?**

I would say I have improved from last year. I can definitely tell how improved my serves are!

**TOSSING THE BALL** into the air, Elise Teofan ('24) prepares to serve. "Being part of Paly's tennis team is something I will always appreciate," Teofan said. Photo by Zora Wakelee

What do you think about the glassblowing class?

"I think it's really unique and cool that Paly offers [glassblowing] because not a lot of other school do."

**FREYA**

**MCQUARRIE ('25)**



"I tried it once when I was younger and it seemed interesting so I might take it when I'm older."

**MALCOLM GINWALLA ('26)**

## CRAVES & FAVES

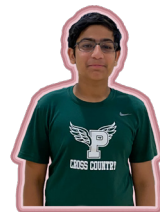
Students rank their go-to spots at Town & Country.



1. Lulu's
2. Trader Joe's
3. Antoine's

"Lulu's because I really like their burritos. Trader Joe's just because they have everything, and I like Antoine's."

**AVA KOGELNIK ('24)**



1. Lulu's
2. Cudos
3. Gott's

"I like their burritos, they're simple yet rich with flavor. They don't overdo a lot of their food like I feel other places do"

**SAMARTH SETHI ('25)**



1. Wildseed
2. Gott's
3. Kara's Cupcakes

"I like Wildseed because it's pretty healthy. Gott's has the meat, I like it. Kara's Cupcakes reminds me of the 'Despicable Me' scene with the El Tropic guy."

**MAXWELL MERKEL ('26)**



(left) **THE VARSITY FOOTBALL** team comes together and stands for the National Anthem before the game begins. "Even though each person has their own individual goals, we're all working towards a team goal," Kai Bussey ('23) said. "Without that team goal, there is nothing for us to work towards."



(top) **FOR HIS PERFORMANCE** at the game against Saint Ignatius, Kai Bussey ('23) was selected as offensive player of the game. "It made me feel proud of myself and my team, but I felt like some other players deserved the same recognition that I did," Bussey said.



(left) **AT THE GAME** against Saint Ignatius, Va'inga Mahe ('23) gets ready to snap the ball. "I go 100% every play so before the play starts I think about how I'm going to do that," Mahe said. Photos by Theresa Hart

## beginning OF THE END

Seniors open up about how it feels starting their last football season.

Seniors Kai Bussey and Va'inga Mahe know that this is their last season in a Viking jersey and they want to make the most of it.

"It makes me wanna play to the maximum ability that we can as a team," Bussey said. "It's kind of sad too, but I also want to focus on enjoying it while it lasts."

Mahe also wants to enjoy every moment of his last high school season.

"It feels terrible, I'm gonna be honest," Mahe said. "Knowing that it's our last season, I've gotta go hard every day like I do. It's a fun experience, I just gotta live it up everyday."

Mahe hopes to continue playing football after graduating.

"Honestly, I am open to playing football wherever I go," Mahe said. "D1 to D3, I really don't care, I just wanna play ball."

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