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## *Introduction*

During the last week of July 2016 a group of twelve high school students joined seven members of the faculty in the School of Photographic Arts & Sciences at Rochester Institute of Technology for a week-long workshop learning about the wide world of contemporary photographic theory and practice. Seven of the students were from the Rochester area, two from the Boston area, one from Florida, and two from Italy (Milan and Venice).

The curriculum spanned a variety of topics including fine art, portraiture, documentary, and scientific photography. The week began with a photographic scavenger hunt for images demonstrating various qualities of light and shadow and how light interacts with subjects. Then students learned about historical approaches to portraiture and were challenged to make portraits with deliberate consideration of lighting and composition, as well as mood. Students were then challenged to produce fine art photographs using only campus settings and props selected randomly. From the domain of fine art students then turned their attention to various methods of photographing through the microscope. They learned that tools used primarily for scientific photography can also be used to create beautiful art.

On day four the students experimented with light painting in the studio, and then learned about documentary work. Once they had created a body of work, they were taught how to select and sequence their work for publication in this book. During the final afternoon of the week, all the students and faculty came back together to finalize the content of the book. We hope you enjoy looking at this collection of the best images made during the *RIT Summer Photography Workshop 2016*.

*Frank Cost  
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Portrait by Caleb Holzhauer

*Hannah Bauman*  
*Rochester, New York*

**B**orn in Syracuse and raised in West Irondequoit, New York, I grew up in a wonderful family of five. This includes my parents and my two younger siblings, Maggie and Daniel. Photography is my favorite part of everything I do and everywhere I go. I began to become interested in taking photographs when my grandfather gave me my first camera when I was fourteen. Since then, I have fallen even more in love with photography, and I hope that I can someday make it my life's work. That's why I chose to come to this camp, to build my technological camera and editing skills as well as become more familiar with all different sorts of photography, different from portraiture and photojournalism.

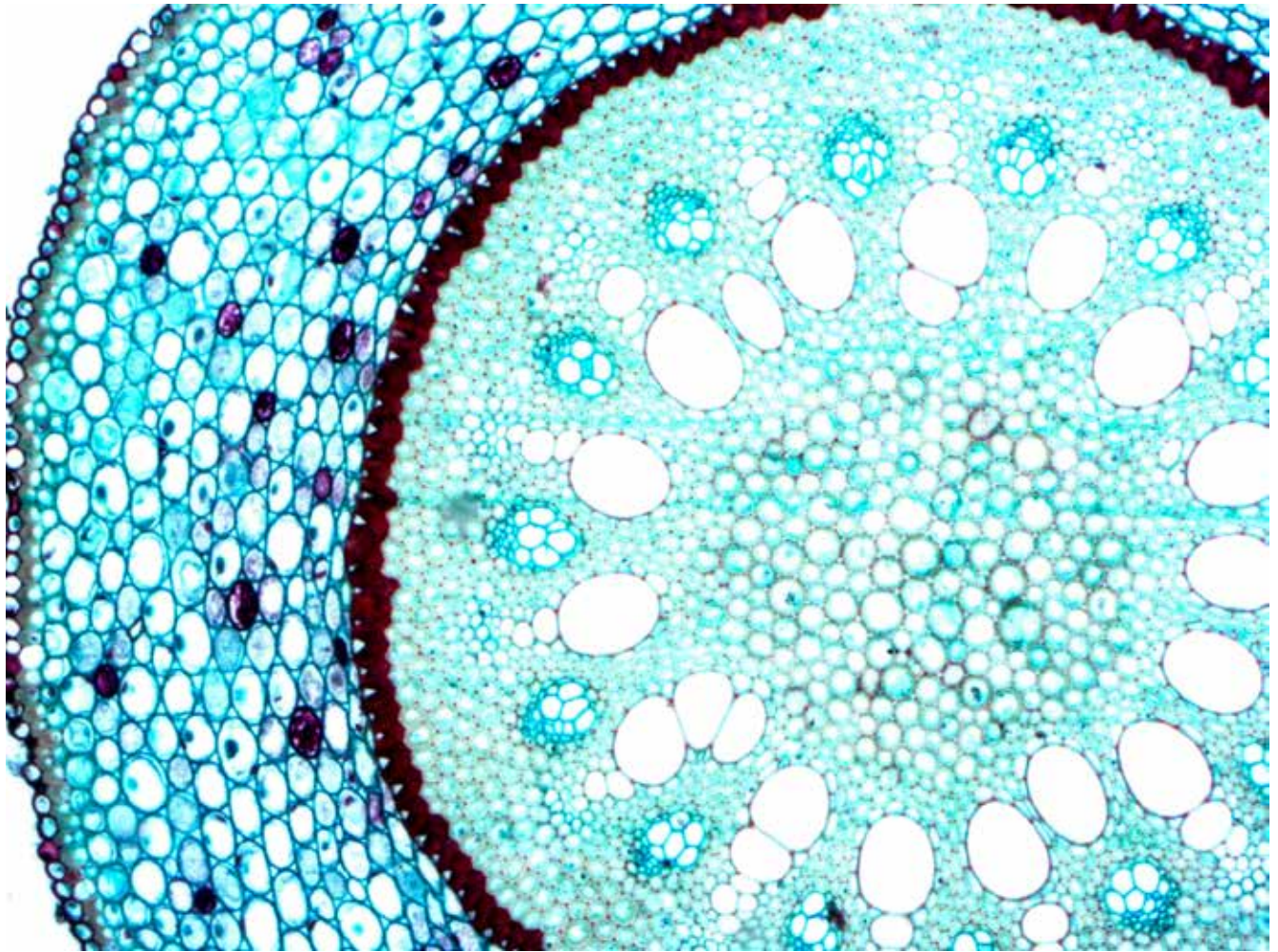






















Portrait by Talia Martinez

*Samuele Carletti*  
*Milan, Italy*

A part from food, my biggest passion is sport. I like practicing all kinds of sports, and when I relax I like watching the games. In my opinion, there is nothing more exciting or inspiring than watching an athlete in the moment when he tries to make the impossible possible. Catching this moment on film or just on a screen requires almost the same skills of the athlete. This is why I find photography a challenge, an awesome way to show other people what I see and share my own feelings with them. That being said, I like pizza.



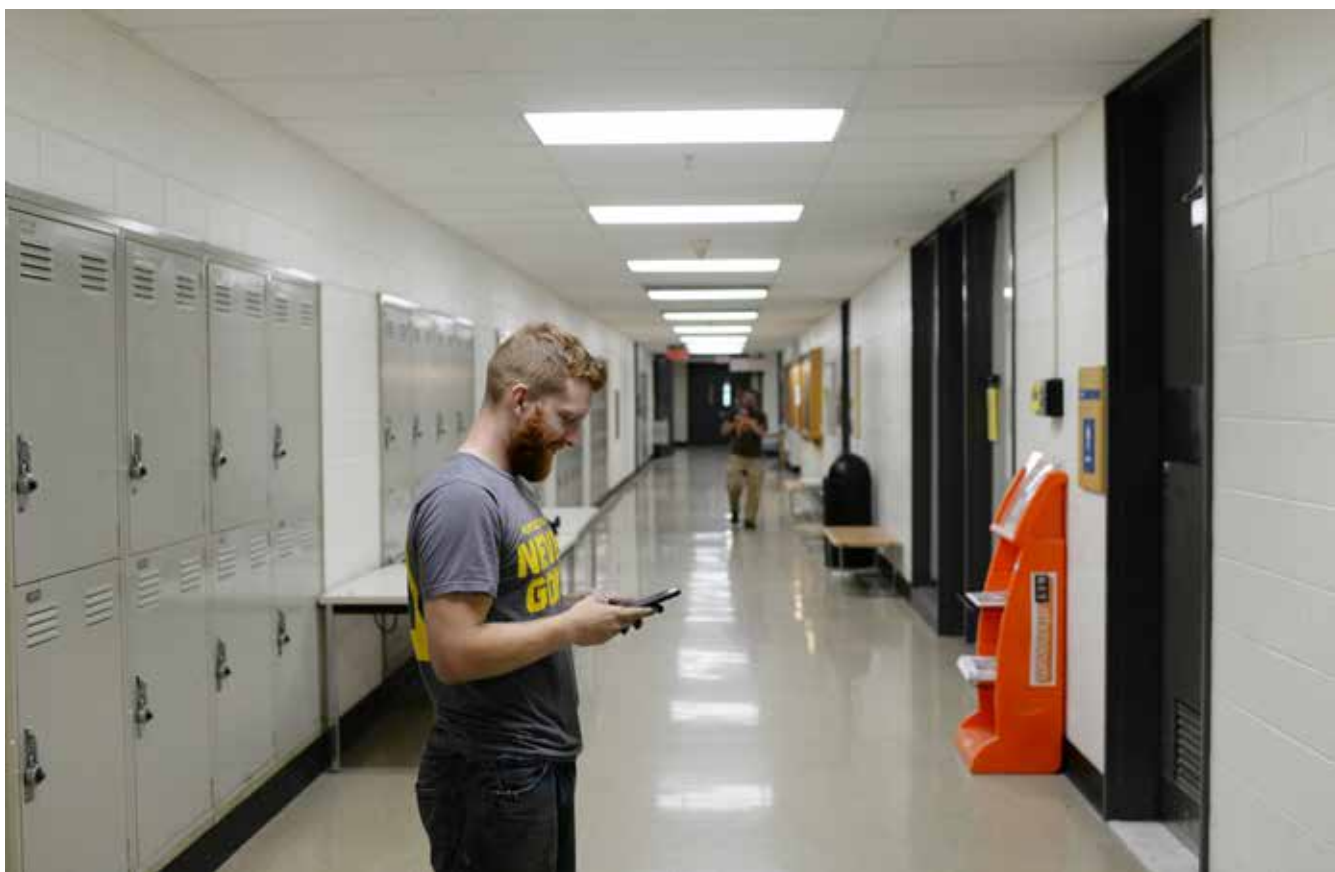






















Portrait by Valentina Sgarbossa

*Nick Cornish*  
*Rochester, New York*

I grew up in the inner city of Rochester. My family has never been well off, but when I was a kid we were at least just above the poverty line. That all changed when I was ten. We couldn't afford rent so we moved into family's houses, each one for a couple years. We didn't have our own place until a month before I started ninth grade. From all of this, my list of struggles has grown. I have been homeless once, gone to a food bank three times, payed a few bills out of money that I made babysitting, been unable to pay rent, and worried about being out of a home again a few times. I had my first job at 15, not because I wanted to, but because I needed to. Now my mom and I are better off, but our household income is about that of someone just starting out full-time at McDonald's. That's what social security pays. Oh, and I'm also gay and transgender. That's Nick.













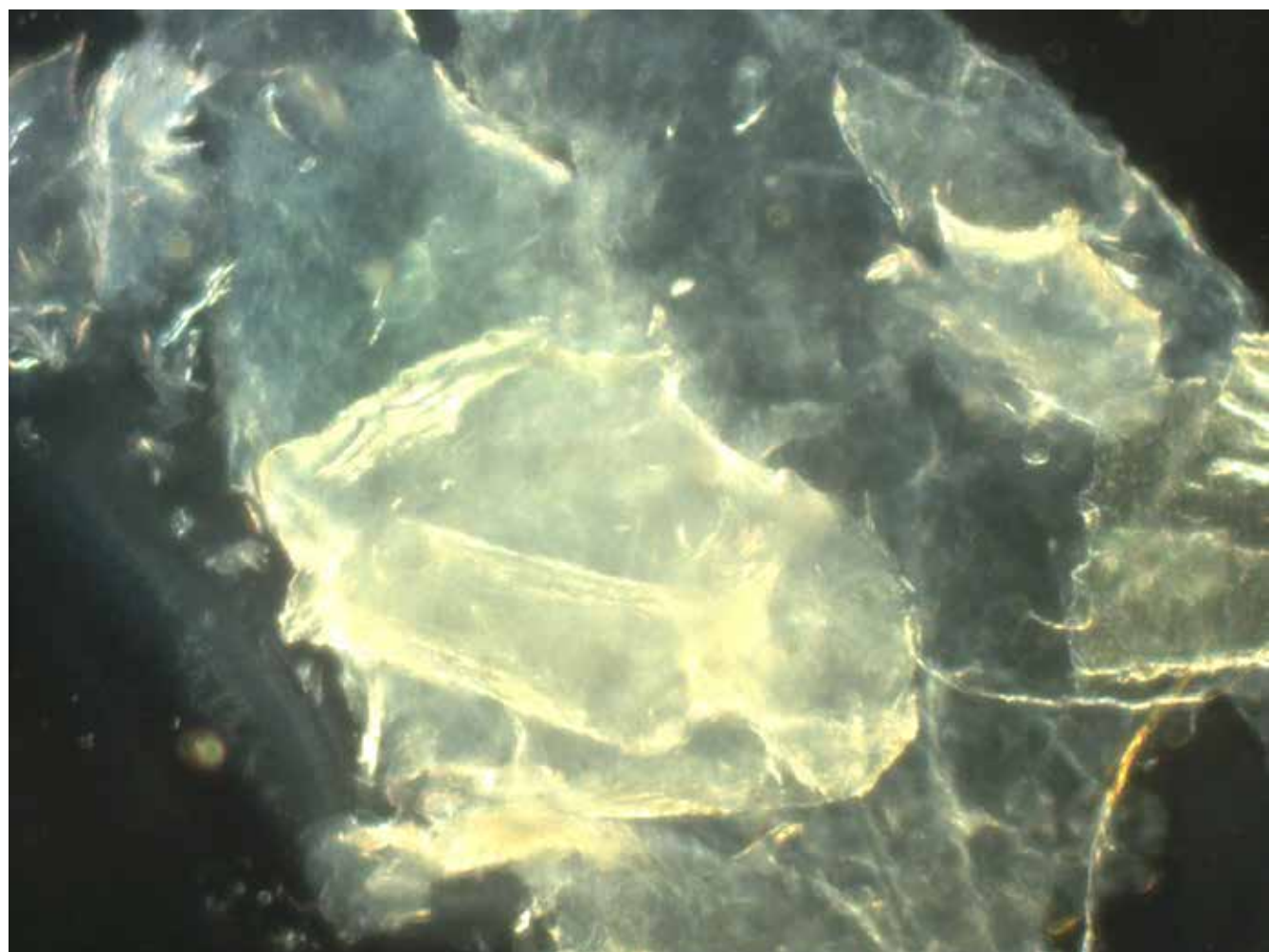














Portrait by Abbey Manetta

*Alyssa Damron  
Albion, New York*

I have been to forty-eight states and roughly eight countries. My family and I travel around the world doing missions work, and setting up radio towers to spread our Christian faith. I was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and have lived in several different places, even including Scotland! I enjoy many hobbies: art, music, photography, cooking, baking, sports, and drinking coffee! I also love to travel!

I first became interested in photography when my dad became a videographer. Fascinated by his works, I began to work along side of him, learning as much as I could. I would like to eventually be able to travel the world; taking pictures of the diverse places that God has created.





























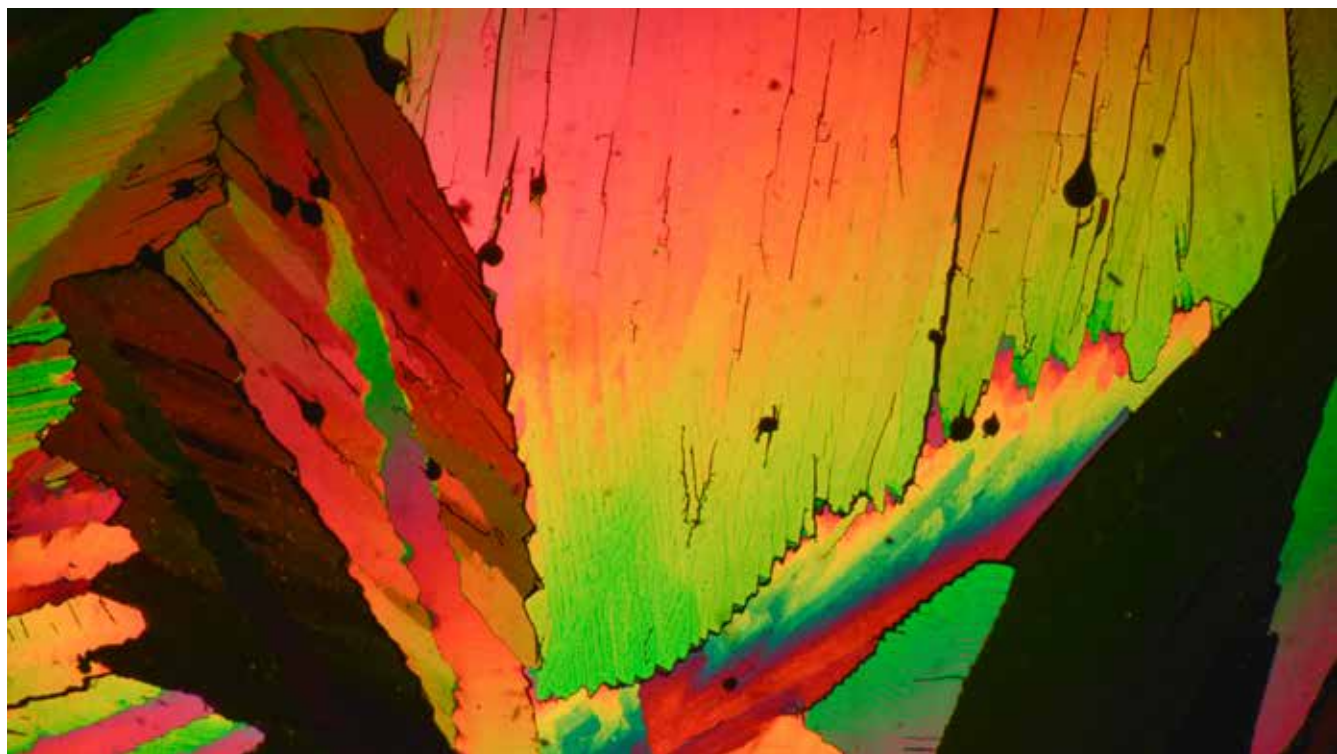
Portrait by Jack Tumpowsky

*Sarah DiMino*  
*Spencerport, New York*

Growing up schooled at home, I have been given so many amazing opportunities to pursue my interests and explore the world around me. My main identity is my Christian faith, and I want to give glory to God in everything that I do. Music is one of my passions; I have played the piano since I was four and have also studied harp. I enjoy outdoor adventure and play a variety of sports including soccer, tennis, and skiing. Spending time with family, friends, and working with young children are some of my favorite pastimes—and of course—I love photography!

I started taking pictures when my grandfather bought me my first camera, a small digital Canon. Ever since, my appreciation for the art has grown and I have enjoyed capturing images of landscapes, portraits, and, well, just about everything else!





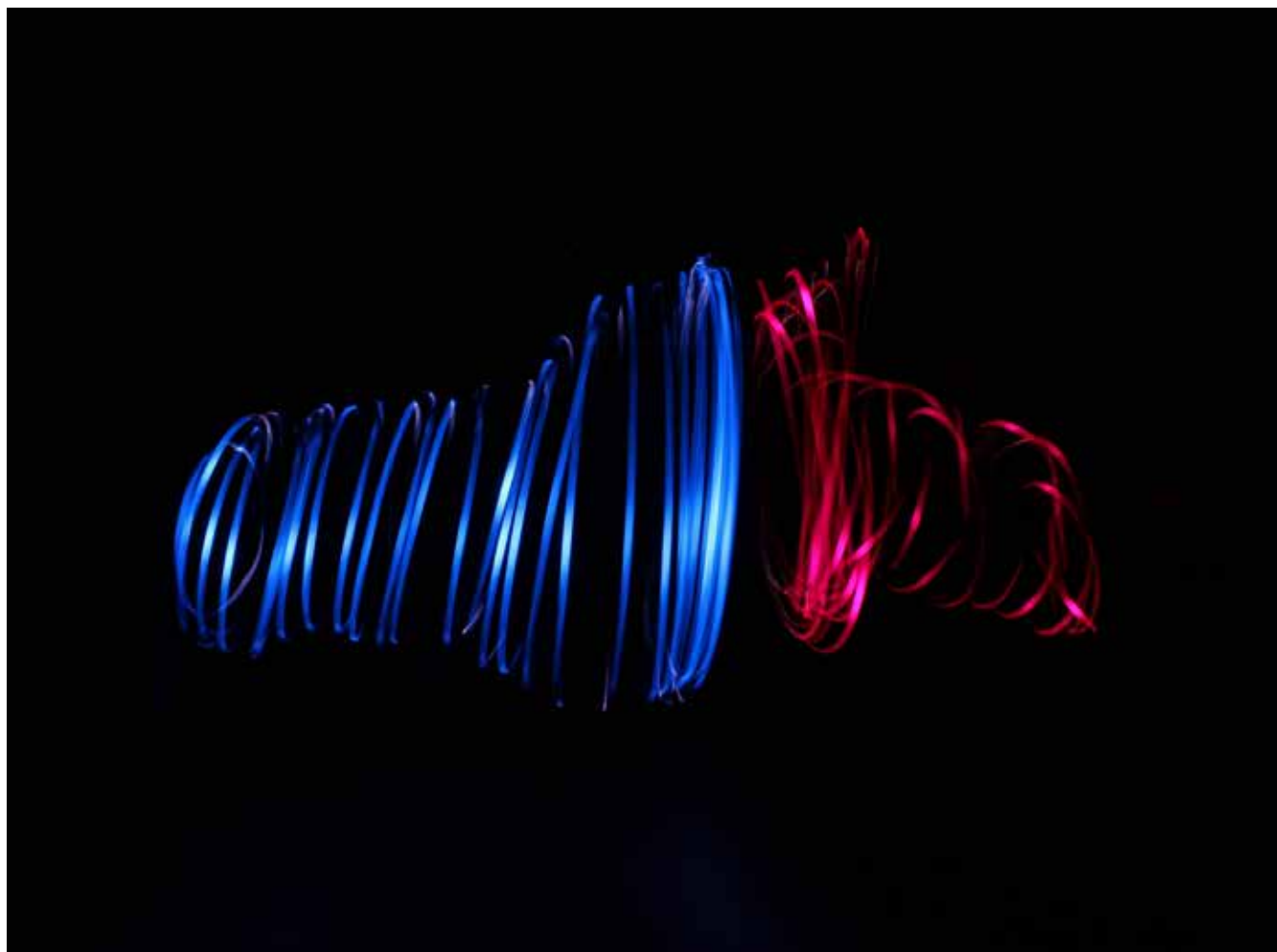
















Portrait by Hannah Bauman

*Caleb Holzhauer*  
*Boca Raton, Florida*

I was born in Chicago moved to Florida when I was little. I live with three siblings and my mom and dad. I have been at private and public schools and am now going to a public high school of the arts called Dreyfoos. My favorite sport is basketball but I like most sports. I like to hang with friends on the weekends. I also enjoy photography and I play the saxophone.





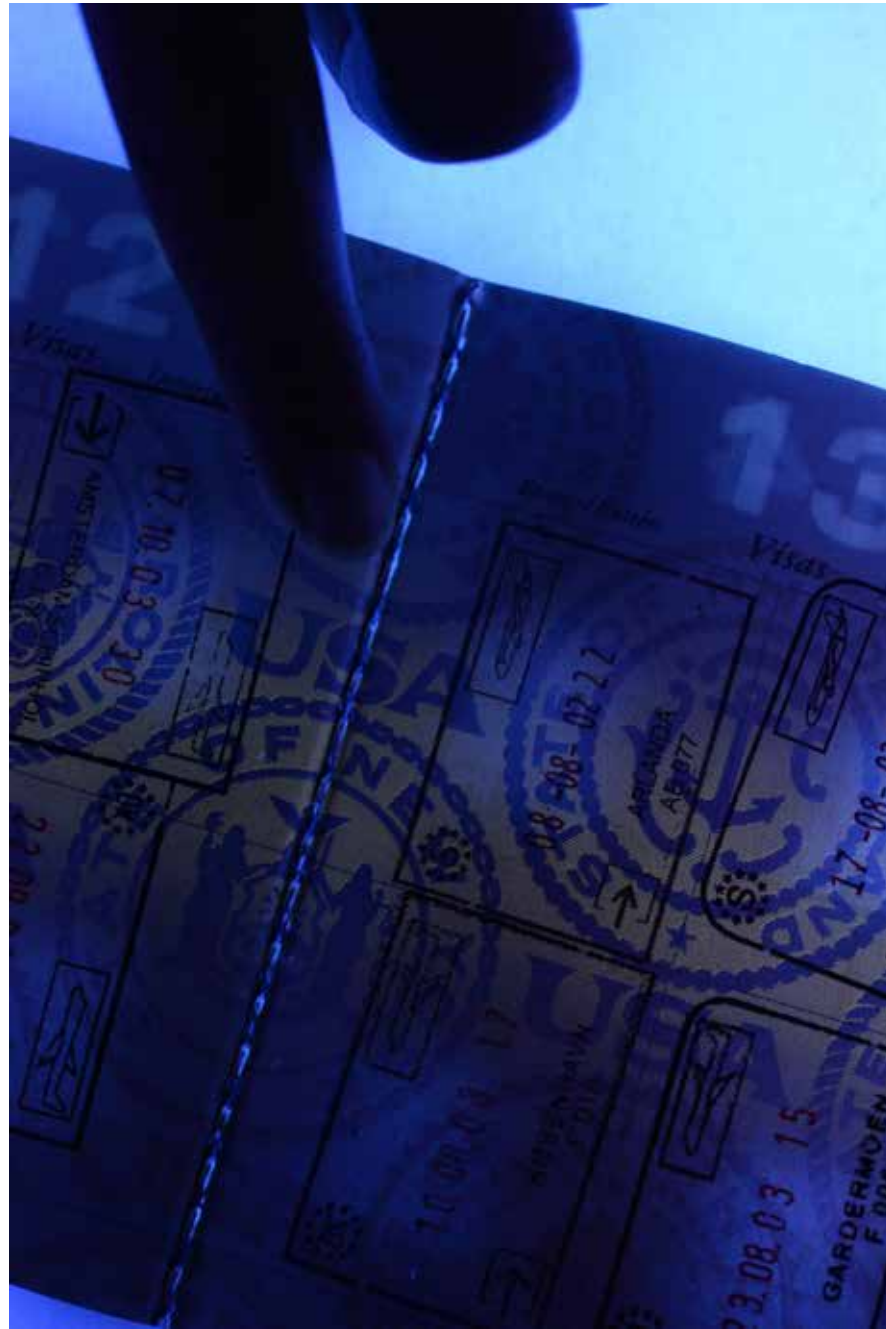




















Portrait by Will Koziel

*Cassidy Kogler*  
*Rochester, New York*

**M**y name is Cassie and I was born in Rochester and I still live in Rochester now. I have two sisters, an older one and a younger one. I'm fourteen and going to be a freshman this fall. I really like photography and writing and using social media. I have been taking photos for a while now and have mostly been taking pictures of landscapes.



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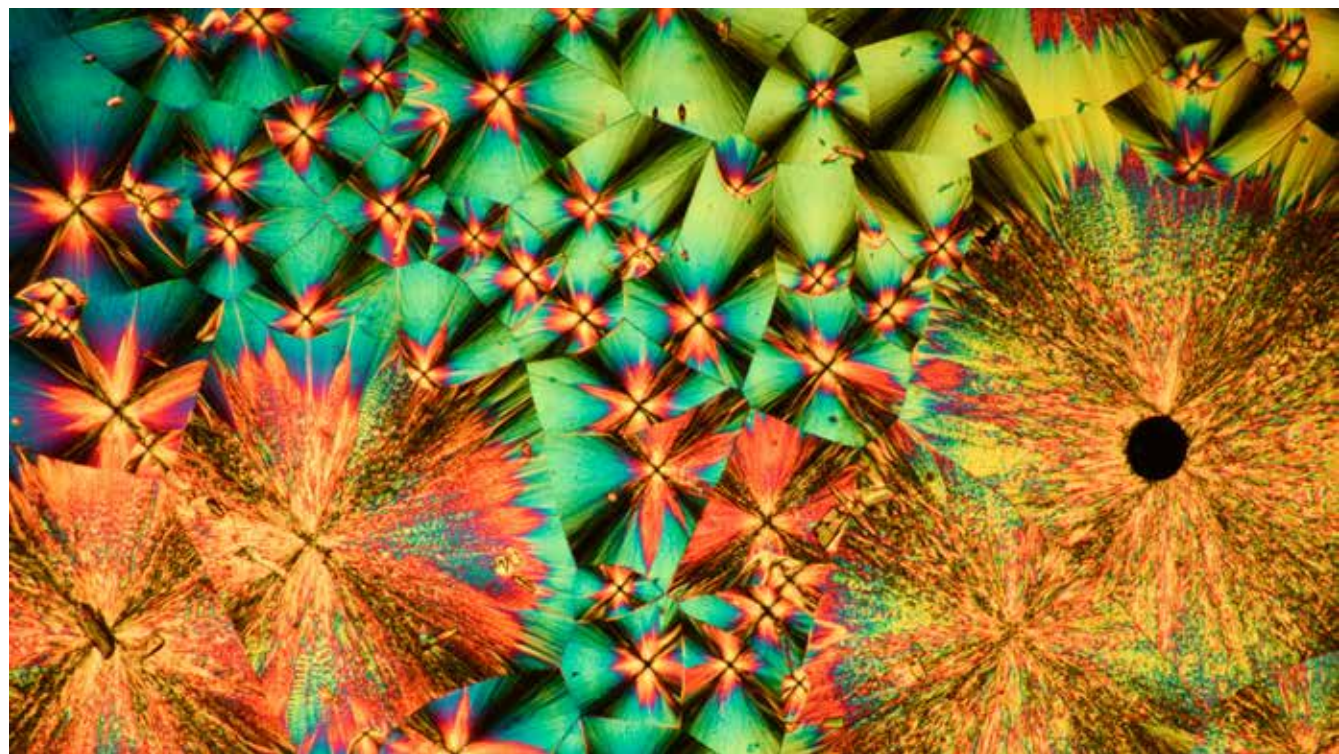




Portrait by Alyssa Damron

*Will Koziel*  
*Boston, Massachusetts*

Born and raised in the Boston area I've been lucky to always have some sort of camera by my side. Throughout my childhood I always loved to take pictures of my family and dog. As I grew up my passion also grew with me. When I was thirteen my family bought me my first actual camera. It had manual functions. I took my new camera everywhere and took pictures of everything. When I started high school I took pictures for many students' class election posters. When the theater director saw my photos he quickly asked me if I wanted to take photos for the school play. I have taken over 25,000 pictures over the last three plays. These pictures have been posted on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, I've gotten a lot of attention for the photographs. With all of this experience in my back pocket, I plan to continue pursuing my passion for photography in college and hopefully as a career.









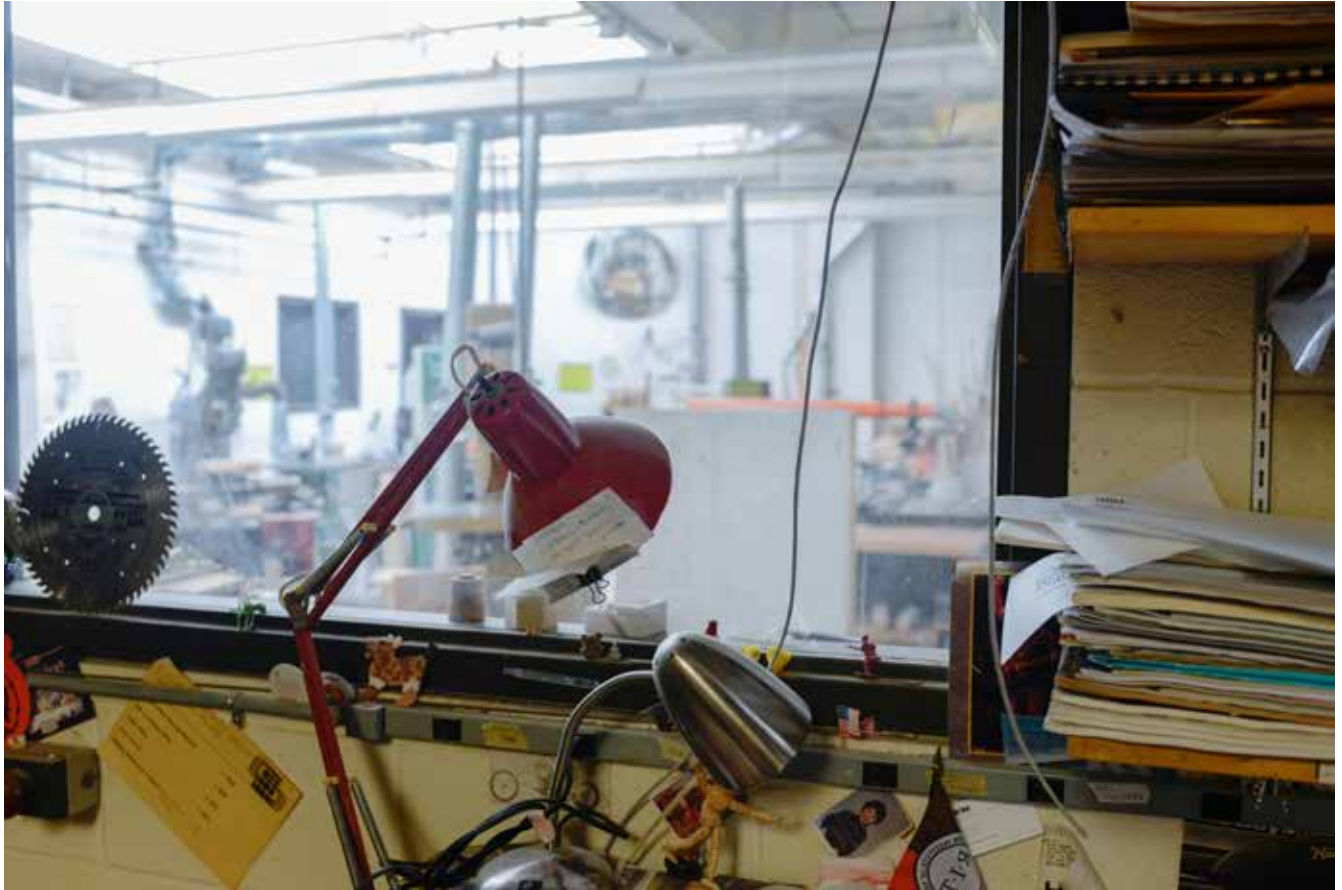


















Portrait by Will Koziel

*Abbey Manetta*  
*Rochester, New York*

I was born and raised in Rochester, NY. For seven years of my life I lived in the town of Greece and went to Home Road School. In the summer before my third grade year I moved to Hilton, NY. We had to live with my grandmother and grandfather for about nine months. We moved into the house later in the year and I made great friends who are like my family. I could not ask for a better family or group of friends.

















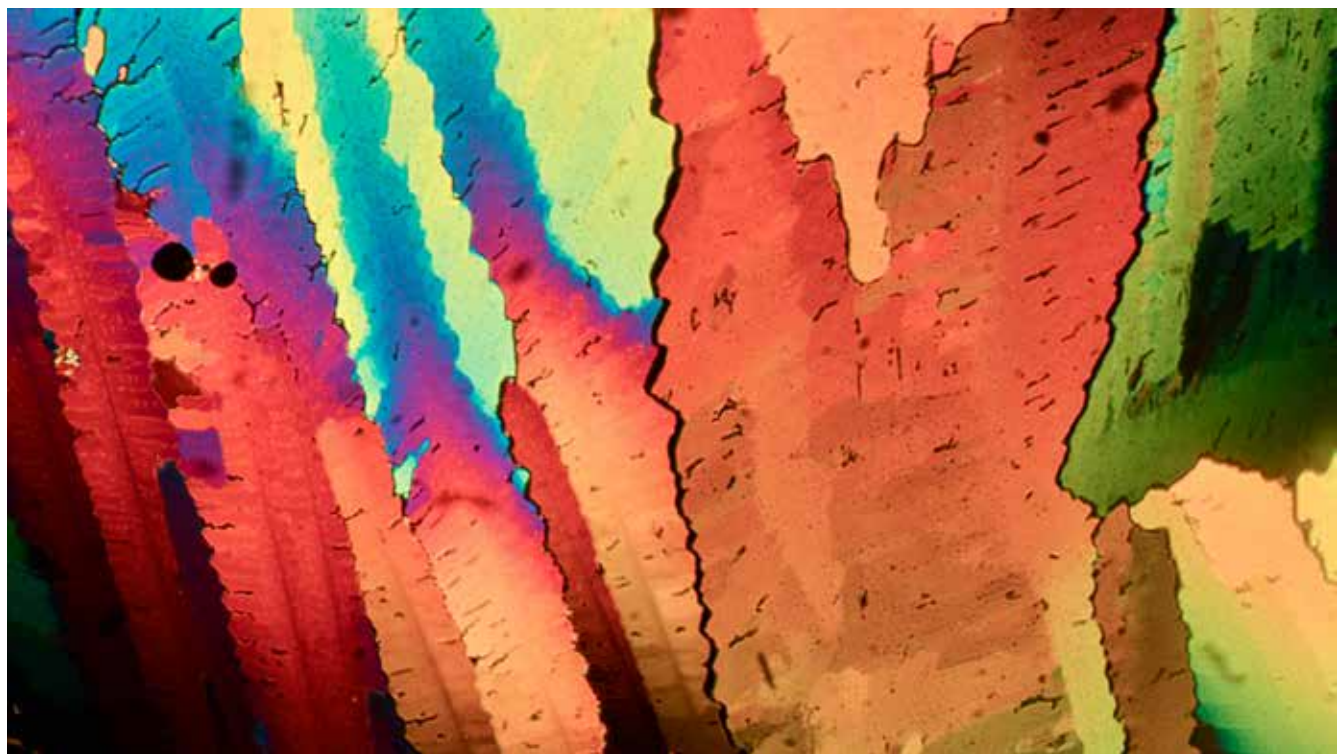


Portrait by Samuele Carletti

*Talia Martinez*  
*Rochester, New York*

I was born in Brooklyn New York but moved upstate to be closer to my grandparents. I soon will be part of the graduating class of 2019 at Brighton High School. Throughout my life I have played piano through the Suzuki Method and hope to play in a recital in Japan. Dance has also played a big part in my life. Ever since I was three I have practiced many styles of dance including ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and pointe. My reason for joining this photography workshop was to expand my experience. I have taken previous photography courses but really wanted to go more in depth into the subject. I'm really drawn towards photography because many would say I'm a social media junkie. I enjoy seeing what other people see and sharing moments with everyone. I hope to continue the spread of ideas through photography and view the world from many different perspectives.





















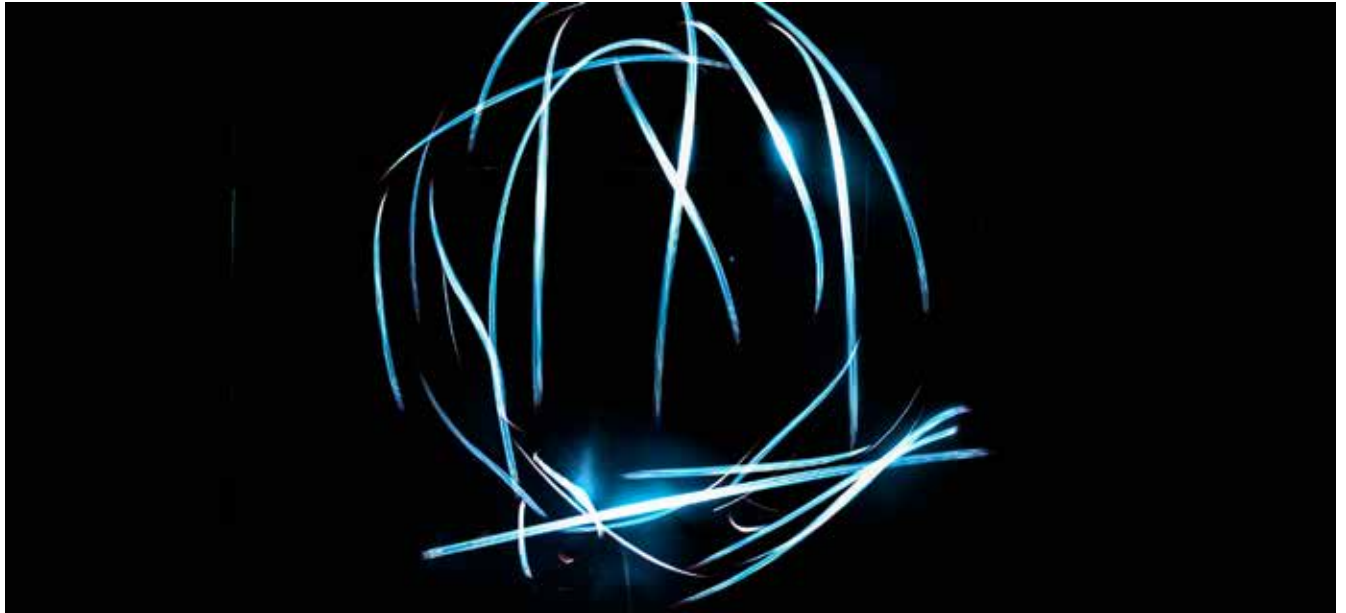


Portrait by Nick Cornish

*Valentina Sgarbossa*  
*Venice, Italy*

I consider myself a perfect-moment catcher. Even though I'm aware that every single moment of my life is precious, for long I have been hunting for those few perfect moments in which I can feel goose bumps on my skin and my chest seems to explode with happiness. They are unique experiences, which are so exciting just because they are unknown.

One day I asked myself if I could find a way to share the perfection of those moments. The best answer I could find was photography. Photography is a way to tell a story and to convey an emotion. It requires patience and sacrifice to be true, but in the end it is worth the efforts and the hours of solitude, shooting the same subject over and over again.



























Portrait by Sarah DiMino

*Jack Tumpowsky*  
*Waban, Massachusetts*

I am normal. I go to school, hang out with friends and sleep a lot. But I also don't fit in. I enjoy being a photographer and a filmmaker (something not necessarily appreciated at my school). I don't play a lot of sports (not my choice) due to a problem I have with my leg. But I am fortunate and lucky.



























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