

THE JOYFUL NOISE

KINDRED SPIRIT'S NEWSLETTER

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD" - Psalm 98:4



Dear Kindred Spirit Family,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Despite our year being cut short because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year has been eventful and full of blessings. We are excited to share our updates with you!

In the fall, we welcomed three newbies, Ellie Bae '23, Moreen Rezkalla '23, and Luke Martin '23 and then flew off to our fall tour in Atlanta, Georgia, where we were graciously hosted by the family of KS member and current music director, Charlotte Tausche '21. During the tour, we were able to perform in front of several audiences, volunteer at Atlanta Community Food Bank and grow closer with both God and as a family of believers. In the spring, we welcomed Andra Constantin '23 and planned on a joint performance with Six14 Christian Dance Company. Although we were unable to perform, it was a great opportunity to collaborate with other Christians! We give all of the honor and glory to God for everything we were able to do.

Lastly, I want to invite each of you to our reunions event this year. While we cannot gather in person, on **Saturday, May 30 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm** we will be gathering on Zoom (Zoom ID: **962-4952-8967**). We look forward to reuniting with you then!

In Christ,

Joseph Kim '21
President 2020
jk30@princeton.edu

Who We Are

We are Kindred Spirit, Princeton's one and only Christian a capella group.

What We Do

Kindred Spirit offers outreach to the Princeton community and to our audiences everywhere through fellowship, arch sings, community service, and shared testimonies.

Why We Do It

Although we are all sinful people (*Romans 3:23*), the Lord Jesus Christ, through his mercy, has redeemed us all.

Consequently, we are devoted to spreading the gospel through song, encouraging one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and to glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Our time in Georgia: Fall Tour 2019

Over Fall break this past year, KS was blessed with the opportunity to tour and serve in Atlanta, Georgia! As a newbie to both KS and Princeton, as a whole, I was anxious traveling with a group of people that I had only known for a few weeks. What I didn't know then was that I was traveling with a group of people I would come to know as a second family.

The week spent in Atlanta flew by. We were very thankful for the hospitality of Charlotte Tausche '21 and her family in letting 14 college students take over their home for a week, and for providing for transportation, food, and a place for us to rehearse. KS performed at a variety of locations, including Jacob's Ladder Neurodevelopmental Center, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and Manor Care Rehab Center. It was so encouraging to see how the hope and love of Jesus that embodied our setlists impacted at every single venue, religious and otherwise. The message that we carried was received with open arms, something that I hadn't really been a part of before.

Not only were we able to sing around Atlanta, we were also able to serve the community. Our biggest service event was at the Atlanta Food Bank, where we were able to box up goods to distribute to the Atlanta Community. While it may not have been a major outreach, it was through the food bank and serving at the Agape After-School program that we really connected as a group. Boxing cans and running around a gym made me realize that KS was more than just an a cappella group, they had become a family, the first community that I had at Princeton.



This trip was one that I don't think I could ever forget. We are thankful for the generosity of the Tausche family, as well as all of the other officers who took care of every detail so that tour could be a focus of spreading the gospel to the community of Atlanta and to encourage one another. I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve and to be a part of this community, and hope to provide the same kindness and love of Christ to future members of KS for years to come.

Moreen Rezkalla '23

Publicity Chair 2020

Special Thanks To:

The 2019 KS officers:

Alden Hunt '20
President

Samantha Einspahr '20
Music Director

Kaitlyn MacMillan '20
Fellowship Chair

Charlotte Tausche '21
Business Manager

Kaylan Fomby '22
Publicity Chair

We would also like to thank the Tausche family for hosting us during our fall tour.

Current Officers:

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Kaylan Fomby '22
Fellowship Chair

Isabel Greene '21
Business Manager

Moreen Rezkalla '23
Publicity Chair

MD's Corner: 2020 Music Reflection

Dear KS Alumni,

My name is Charlotte Tausche, and I am KS's music director for the 2020 year! I am a Chemical&Biological Engineering major in the class of 2021, but aside from singing joyfully with the rest of KS and doing academic work, you might find me strolling somewhere on campus, on a hike off campus, or gardening in my spare time. My experience becoming music director and leading my first newbie arch was an exciting one, and our group was very fortunate to have our previous MD of almost three years, Sam Einspahr '20, there to teach me many of her ways. Sam carries all of the traits I could have envisioned in a good MD, being very observant, patient, and encouraging with each of us as we gain confidence with our singing, and she balanced improving our overall sound and technical work well with the more meaningful goal of feeling present before God in praise anytime we sing, even in drilling parts in rehearsal. I hope to continue her legacy this year and onto the next MD in 2021 when we are eventually back in person together. Despite only having our newbie arch and a very impromptu senior arch before moving off campus, the underclassmen decided to record an arrangement of "Fairest Lord Jesus" by Jay Sourbeer '17 in separate parts and piece them together into a music video, now accessible to the public on our YouTube site. We look forward to trying some new arrangements this fall if possible, along with keeping up our regular KS repertoire!

Warmly,
Charlotte Tausche '21
Music Director 2020

Six14 Collaboration

KS had a very cool opportunity this spring semester to perform a collaboration with Six14 - Princeton's only Christian dance group. Unfortunately this event was scheduled for 2 weeks after Spring Break, and did not end up happening. However we did have several rehearsals, and everyone was quite excited for the performance. Hopefully we will be able to realize the collaboration next year sometime, but until then I will have to settle for sharing only the concept with you all.

Mainly facilitated by Samantha Einspahr '20, the collaboration involved KS singing one of our new favorite arrangements, "So in Love" (also arranged by the lovely Samantha Einspahr '20), while a group of Six14 dancers performed thoughtful choreography.

"So in Love" reflects on the response we should have when faced with the unconditional love that Jesus has shown us. It is an outpouring of love for Jesus, and an assertion that His is the only name worthy of praise. There is no one else for us, and Jesus is truly the only lover of our souls.

This collaboration was not without its challenges, a major one being scheduling. KS decided to cancel our trip to Break it Down Boston in order to devote more time to the collaboration, and the following weekend would've been our Easter arch. We also had to try very hard to keep our tempo largely the same every time we sang with the dancers, because it was very important that they be able to have enough time for their moves. To assist in this, KS decided to do some choreography of our own that involved stomping and clapping on different beats. We were very excited about the results of this collaboration that we saw in rehearsals, and we look forward to hopefully realizing the dream next year. Many thanks to Samantha Einspahr '20 for all of her coordinating efforts and for bringing the idea from concept to fruition. We hope the collaboration continues in future years, and that our relationship with Six14 will continue to be fruitful.

Isabel Greene '21
Business Manager 2020

Meet the Newbies!



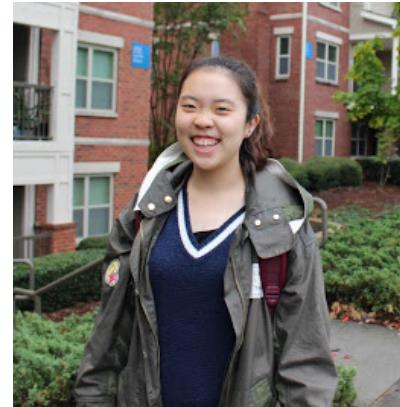
Luke Martin '23

An essential piece to the KS sound, Luke is a bass and joins our group as a freshman from Dallas, Texas. Always the jokester, Luke never fails to bring an extra element of silliness to rehearsals, but is always ready to crack down and face the music. On any given day, you may catch him practicing his beatbox skills or trying out a new dance routine!



Moreen Rezkalla '23

Moreen is a freshman from New Jersey, majoring in the sciences. Aside from singing with the alto section, Moreen is also well versed in children's worship songs and is always willing to teach them to her fellow KS members. You can often catch her practicing sign language as she speaks ... or spamming unsuspecting phones with a quick selfie!



Ellie Bae '23

Ellie Bae, Class of 2023, is a COS major who joined KS to sing with the lovely sopranos. She is an international student from Korea with an infectious smile and a constantly friendly, open attitude. Outside of KS, Ellie is involved in Manna Christian Fellowship and lives in Mathey College!



Andra Constantin '23

This spring our group had the pleasure of welcoming freshman Andra Constantin to our group. She is a real joy to have around, and hails from New Jersey. Andra is an alto, but has a beautiful range of sopranic proportions! Outside of KS, Andra is involved in Princeton Christian Fellowship.

Senior Spotlights



Samantha Einspahr

At Princeton I learned God is always good. He has made me fall so in love with Him through KS. Dearest friendships, loving disciplers, and joyful noise were all found in those Woolworth rehearsal rooms, around the piano. I never thought I would find a group of sisters and brothers who loved Jesus so much they wanted to sing praise to Him more than they wanted to do anything else with their time. KS was my first community on campus and God has so providentially nourished my faith walk with Him through it.

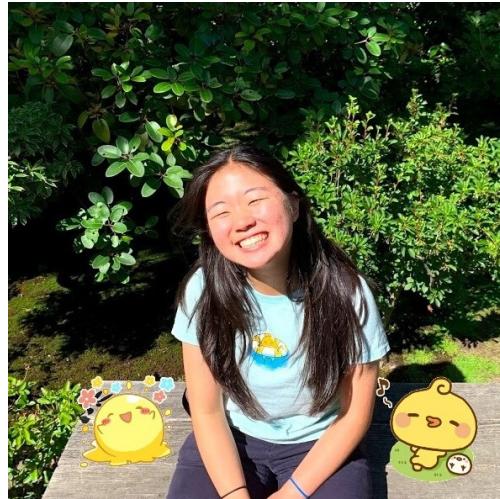
Next year, I will be staying in Princeton to serve as a PCF intern. I am excited to continue this path towards ministry and thankful to the KS family for spreading and demonstrating to me the ministry of music!



Kaitlyn MacMillan

What a joy it has been to praise God with my brothers and sisters in Christ over the past few years. Kindred Spirit was my first exposure to Christian community on campus and has been a family to me since my freshman year. I am so grateful that God has provided this platform for me to join with other believers and to boldly proclaim the good news both on and off campus. I pray that God continues to sustain and use this group for His glory.

Next year, I will begin a Ph.D. program in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Cornell University. I look forward to coming back to visit, listen to future KS arches, and join in for the benediction.



Soon Il Higashino

Although I joined KS a bit later in my time as a student here, I can say without a doubt that being a part of this wonderful family has been one of my favorite things about my time at Princeton. The warmth, the joy, and the sincerity that I've experienced with each member of KS has encouraged me through some difficult times, and I am so grateful to have gotten the chance to know you all and praise God together as a community. I'm so grateful I've had the chance to grow in my relationship with God alongside all of you through worship and service. It has truly been an uplifting and unique opportunity to get to spend quality time with you all singing, eating together, touring, etc., and I can't wait to come back and see your performances next year and whenever I visit!

Next year, I'll be interning for Alpha Omega ministries on campus.



Alden Hunt

I am so grateful to God for the family I have had in Kindred Spirit. Many of my favorite moments at Princeton have come from KS rehearsals, arches, and trips. In KS I have seen how there is no greater joy than to praise God in unity, and I am so thankful.

This summer, I'm getting married and moving to Austin, TX to start work at Amazon.



Daniel Braga

I joined KS my junior spring, and even though I haven't been in the group for long, I came to consider KS a much beloved family on campus. It's a blessing to sing to the Lord with KS and I pray that this group continues to bring glory to God in the years to come.

Next year I will be staying in Princeton to work for Bloomberg, so I hope to be able to come to many arch sings!