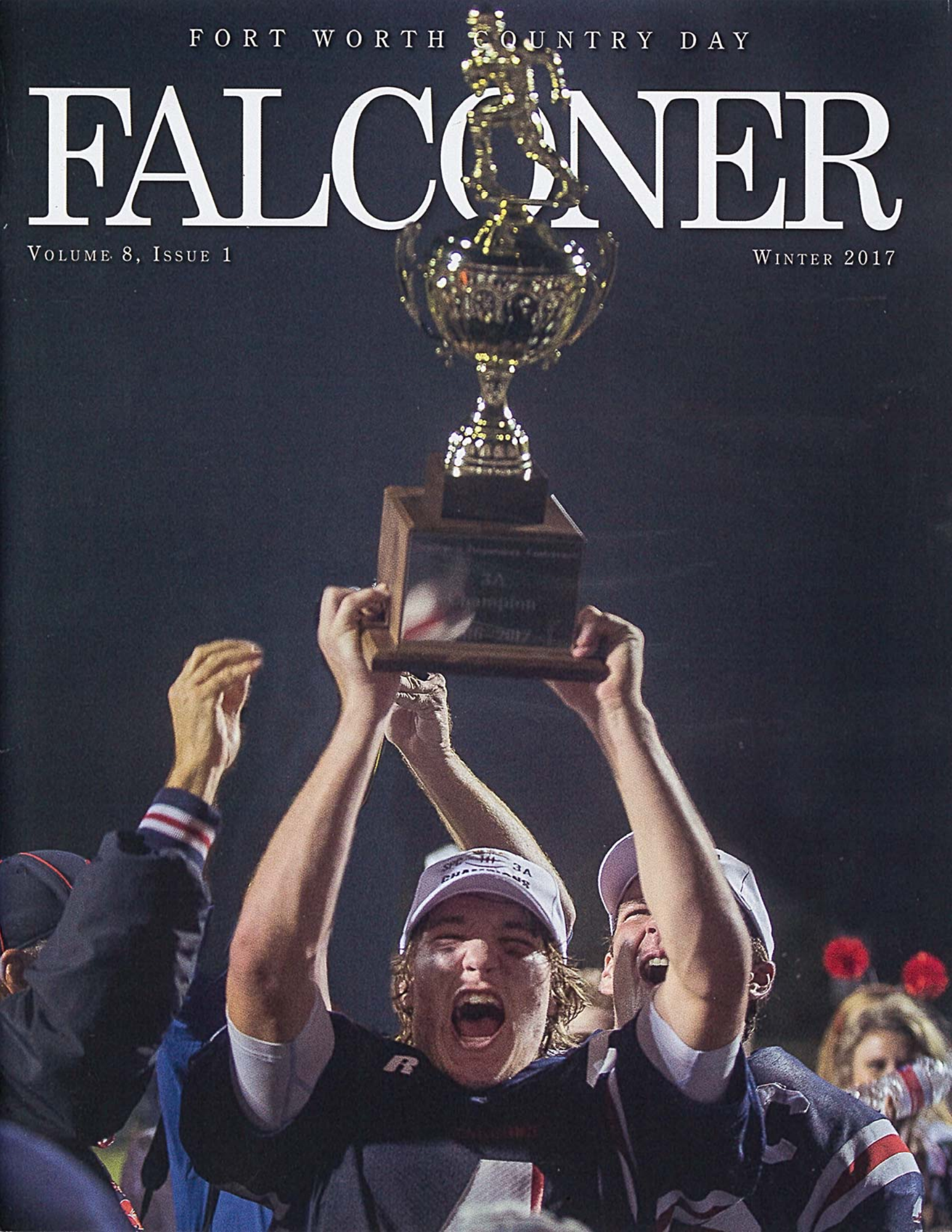


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Art Fosters Awareness, Friendship

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Upper School painting and drawing students made meaningful connections while undertaking an art project that allowed them to delve into the personalities of the SAGE Dining Services team.

Lauren Cunningham, Upper School Studio Art, Art History and Malone Schools Online Network Teacher, conceived the project at the end of the academic year, when she realized lunch would no longer be provided. “I look forward to summer vacation, yet also dread the summer months because I am forced to make lunch plans every day,” Cunningham said. “I value the meals in the FDP.”

She also recalled being trained to say thank you to the cafeteria staff as she went through the serving line at The Westminster Schools as a student. “I don’t see the same daily expression of gratitude at FWCD,” she said, “and I wanted students to recognize the incredible service SAGE provides.”

The project entailed students shadowing a SAGE model, conducting an interview, photographing the models and creating a charcoal drawing.

Grace Goldman ’18 worked with **Brett Schauer**, SAGE Food Service Director. Following her interview/photo session, she asked Cunningham if she could take more photos of Schauer. “Grace told me that Brett shared that his favorite part of the day is interacting with students,” Cunningham said. “During their interview, he was in the kitchen. Grace wanted to photograph him with students.” With this interaction, Cunningham knew the project was making an impact.

In total, 17 students immersed themselves in this project and drew 13 SAGE employees. “The project was eye-opening,” Cunningham said. “For many students, it was their first time seeing the School’s kitchen. Friendships also grew out of this project. This project was about more than art.”