

Somerville High School Local History Club



Adda Santos

Adda Santos was born in Porto Alegre, a city in the state of Rio Grande do Sul in southern Brazil. She immigrated to the United States in 1990.

In 1998, she became a teacher at Somerville High School, where she has taught for the last 25 years. Adda is a true believer in teaching “hard history” to her students and never leaving any facts or voices out of the American narrative. In 2020, Adda was awarded the **William Spratt Award for Excellence in Teaching Secondary Social Studies**, and in 2021, Adda was awarded the **American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Leadership in History Award of Excellence**. In 2022, Adda was named **Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year** by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Ellie Davis '23

Elena Davis she/her is a Senior at Somerville High. Elena is the captain of the Somerville Crew team and played varsity hockey. Elena has been a proud member of the Highlander Theater Company and the Somerville High Chorus for four years. She loves to read, draw, and sing.



Ryann Mack '23

Ryann has been a part of the Somerville history club for four years and is also apart of the Somerville tennis team and the Highlander theater company. She loves cooking and computer science. She was apart of the Somerville basement project in 2020 and is elated that the history club is able to continue to create important historical exhibits for the Somerville community.

Adwoa Ampene '24

Adwoa Ampene (she/her) is a junior at Somerville High School. She has many different passions and interests, some of which being history, law, lacrosse, music, and literature. This is her first year in the Local History Club.



Ruthanna Kern '24

Ruthanna Kern (she/her) is a junior at Somerville High and is thrilled to present this wonderful exhibit. Ruthanna is a four-time Massachusetts History Day gold medalist, and will be competing at the national competition in Washington D.C. this summer. Other than history, her passions include music, theater, art, and lacrosse.

Lillian MacArthur (she/her) is a junior at Somerville High School. Interests of hers include math, computer science, music, theater, and lacrosse. This is her first year in the Local History Club.

Lillian MacArthur '24



Michael Gomez '25

Michael is a 10th grader at SHS and this is his first year being a part of Local History Club. He is currently a part of Highlander Theatre Company at SHS and he was recently inducted into the International Thespian Society. He is very excited to have the opportunity to be a part of the exhibit. He'd like to thank Ms. Adda Santos for helping grow his love for Local and National history. In his free time, he loves to socialize with friends, practice singing. His most favorite activity is to be with his family, who he thanks for always believing in him.

Ella Wilczek '25

Ella is a sixteen-year-old sophomore at Somerville High excited to be working with the Local History Club to create a museum exhibit. She participates in theater as a stage manager and sometimes actress. She has been involved in student and teen advocacy groups. Her hobbies include reading and hiking, and her favorite subjects in school are history and English.

