

# HERE @ MAC WE DO THINGS A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY...



**We** sent 42 artists to the state VASE competition.

**We** tasted Taco Shack Bowl victory over the Anderson Trojans for the first time since 2013.

**We** premiered a musical that hasn't been performed since 1897.

**We** shook our heads when we learned that Sam Stroup ('17) spent his summer biking from New Mexico to Banff, Alberta, Canada.

**We** threw thousands of pink water balloons to raise awareness for breast cancer and collected more than \$1,300 for the cause.

**We** cheered as Andrea Janss ('17) became the first Mac volleyball player to sign to play volleyball at a D1 school, Texas Tech University.

**We** supported Maya Shimizu ('17) as she competed at the state wrestling tournament for a fourth year in a row, placed fifth, and became the only wrestler in school history to go to state four times.

**We** collected more than 800 pairs of socks for homeless Austinites.

**We** held the annual fashion show in the AISD PAC for the first time, increasing attendance capacity by 650 people.

**We** started the varsity football season 4-0 for the first time in 50 years, won 10 games and ended the season as bi-district champs for the first time since 2013.

**We** celebrated with bassist Pablo Kennedy ('18) as he became the first Knight to make the National Youth Orchestra and earned a chance to travel to Mexico, Ecuador and Colombia.

**We** encouraged Alex Lynch ('20) as he was the only McCallum swimmer to qualify for state preliminaries and finals, and cheered him on as he competed as the only freshman in the 2017 UIL State Final heat in the 100-yard breaststroke.

**We** broke school records by being nominated for nine Greater Austin High School Musical Theatre Awards for *Me and My Girl*.

**We** admired Townes Hobratchk ('19) as he battled cancer and met actor Samuel Jackson and Vice President Joe Biden in the process.

these moments combined to define our year and our time together

#### For Whom Bell Tolls

At the Inauguration Day protest on Jan. 20 at Auditorium Shores, Marley Bell (18) displays a sign quoting Nelson Mandela. Bell was one of the estimated 150 students from McCallum that chose to participate in rallies protesting President Trump and Senate Bill 6. "I think that it's going to be a long time before we can get completely gender neutral bathrooms," Bell said. "But I know for certain that it's a matter if these individuals taking it upon themselves to be aware of the problems and to fix them as well as committing to educate people about gender neutral bathrooms, because the more educated people are the more comfortable people are." Photo by Madison Olsen.