

Ariana Starkman:

“Fondest Memory: Some of my fondest memories are from rehearsals, dressing room conversations, on-stage discoveries, and classes. There are too many to pick from!”

What I would tell someone coming into the department: Welcome! At times it can seem like a lot—everyone knows each other, lots of people, lots of energy. It’s okay to take your time finding your group. Try to have a conversation with each person – especially the fabulous faculty and staff. Ask for help when you need it, support others before they need to ask for it. Make your time in the department your own – try new things, discover your passions, and dare to fail gloriously.

Where I’m going from here: Currently quarantining at home in Cleveland, OH! When not acting, you can find me teaching and practicing yoga, baking vegan concoctions, reading, writing, leading Scare Your Soul, being an Explorrior, reaching out to friends, learning new passions, and petting my cat.

How I will remember my time here at U of Pitt: Filled with support. Special thanks to Teisha Duncan, Diego Villada, Ricardo Vila-Roger, Kelly Trumbull, Cynthia Croot, Chris Staley, Ken Bolden, and Dennis Schebetta.”

