

It all started when Grace Alcazar was eight years old with her junior interpretive duo, “How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World.” Since then, Stoa has blessed Grace, allowing her to communicate about the simplicity of making an apple pie and the more technical aspects of policy-making and human rights. Grace participated in Stoa for ten years in total, competing in all formats of speech and debate. During her time in Stoa, Grace has served as captain for her club’s Team Policy class and as a student teacher. She is now moving into the position of novice coach for Team Policy at Invictus Fides.

In her free time, Grace enjoys watching movies, spending time with her family and friends, and, of course, loving her two dogs, who are perfect in every way. If Grace had to give the next generation of Stoa competitors her biggest secret for high school success, it would be this: Moms and dads—not just your own—are your best friends. They know a lot of stuff. Some of them have gum.

Grace is excited to study nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington in the fall.