Births and Adoptions

We welcome the following children to our MICDS family.

Stephen Douglass ’98 and Sara:
Lily Ann Douglass, March 14, 2019

Alumni/ae Deaths

Through February 23, 2020

Our deepest sympathies to the families of alumni/ae we have lost.

Betty Ann Cooke Wood ’40, March 6, 2019
Charles C. Allen ’41, December 20, 2019
Mary Ann Leschen Morsey ’42, October 26, 2019
  John Shepley ’42, January 20, 2020
  John W. Eisenbeis ’43, December 3, 2019
Don R. Schneeberger ’49, December 27, 2019
  John A. Isaacs III ’49, January 27, 2020
Julius Jensen ’50, October 12, 2019
John B. McKinney Sr. ’50, December 27, 2019
Allen W. Whittemore ’51, October 20, 2019
  Robinson Ord ’51, February 12, 2020
  David Schettler ’52, January 26, 2020
Roy R. Heimburger ’55, May 30, 2019
  Gay Hirsch ’55, July 10, 2019
Charles S. Smith ’55, December 17, 2019
  Herbert “Bert” D. Condie III ’55, February 8, 2020
Stephen E. Kalish ’60, December 18, 2019
  Ann Calfee Alden ’65, July 25, 2019
R. Steven Wunsch ’65, October 25, 2019
  Robert L. Reck ’66, July 22, 2019
Maida Cannon ’67, January 4, 2020
  Thomas L. Gross ’67, January 5, 2020
Marion Bland Langdon ’69, January 2, 2020
Raleigh Andrews Trovillion ’81, November 9, 2019
  Jennifer L. Bellar ’93, November 16, 2019
William Scott Peterson ’93, December 10, 2019
  John A. Holtz ’06, January 2, 2020

GETTING MARRIED? EXPECTING?

We’d like to help you celebrate, but we can’t print news about future weddings or babies. When your plans become reality, please let the Alumni Office know and we’ll gladly print your news after the fact, and all share in the excitement!
FOR THE RECORD

Faculty Deaths

Philip W. Alderks, former CDS Headmaster, December 25, 2019
Darrell L. Gage, former CDS faculty, November 24, 2019
Ann J. Johanson, former MI faculty, January 30, 2020
Allen W. Whittemore ’51, former CDS faculty, October 20, 2019

Philip W. Alderks, Former Headmaster of Country Day School

We are saddened to report the death of Philip W. Alderks, head of the Country Day Art Department in the 1950s and ’60s and later Headmaster of CDS. Alderks attended Carleton College where he earned a degree in fine arts. He went on to receive a masters in fine arts degree in 1955 from the University of Iowa before joining the Country Day faculty in 1956. At CDS, Alderks first taught art to students in the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools. An avid athlete, he coached football, tennis, baseball and basketball at the junior varsity and varsity levels, and he chaired a number of faculty committees during his first decade at our School.

In 1961, he was commissioned by Headmaster Ashby T. Harper to paint a large mural of the original Country Day campus in Berkeley. The artwork, the only known color representation of the “Old School,” is now displayed in the lobby of McDonnell Athletic Center.

In 1968, as Country Day celebrated its 50th anniversary, the Board named Alderks to succeed David M. Pynchon as the eighth Headmaster of the School, a position he held until 1972. While Headmaster, he continued to teach and coach.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ann Burridge Alderks, two daughters and two sons, eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.
1941 CDS

Charles C. Allen Jr. died peacefully in his sleep on December 20, 2019, at the age of 96. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Cynthia Hayward Allen ’51, his son, Charles Allen ’73 (Lisa Schlesinger) of St. Louis, three grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. Charlie was a lifelong resident of St. Louis. He interrupted his studies at Princeton University to serve in the U.S. Army field artillery. He graduated from Princeton in 1947 magna cum laude and received a law degree from Washington University in 1950. He joined Lewis & Rice in 1960, serving as managing partner from 1970-1975.

1954 Ml

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Mydie Baldwin Sant shares with us that she and John ’50 enjoyed a three-week trip in South Africa and had great game drives seeing the Big Five. Then they visited Victoria Falls before going to London to visit with their granddaughter, Sarah Sant ’16, who is studying for her Masters in Psychology in southern England.

1955 CDS

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Bob Jackes and his “Little Sweetie,” Mary, drove from Michigan to Maine last August for a four-day/night cruise on a coastal schooner, the “Mary Day.” They shared berths, meals and showers (two) with 22 other passengers and five crew. They had a lobster feast on a rocky beach plus a dip in the 55° Atlantic Ocean. The schooner is the same size as Bob’s ranch house: 100 feet long and 23 feet wide...fun!

1958 CDS

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Hugh Bartlett and Jane are going on a cruise from “Jerusalem to Athens” in May, run by Hillsdale College with their faculty providing lectures. Greatly looking forward!

Bill Hall says not much new, but he and Cheryl are moving into an 1888 house (Pippi’s house) on Amelia Island, and his 14-year-old granddaughter, Alison Hall, placed 5th for her age group in the Nike National Cross Country Championships in Madison, Wisconsin.

Bill Kelley’s youngest son, Rob, and grandson, Peter, both moved from their neighborhood in Illinois to Salida, Colorado. They and son, Clay, still operate Bill’s old business with help from their daughter-in-law, Becky, and granddaughter, Katie Sheehan. In South Carolina, Bill still rides the Paso Fino horse he bought from Bud Hirsch. Judy enjoys bridge and golf in and around their place at Hilton Head Island. Bill says their greatest pleasure is their big family: four great-grandchildren, seven grandchildren, three children and five in-laws.

Geoff McClelland reports there is nothing exciting, although he and Molly are scheduled to have Marilyn and Dick Helmholz over for dinner soon. First time they have seen them in several years.

Maurice “Bud” Hirsch continues to take photo tours and have his images in juried shows. In 2019, he went to Cuba, the Amalfi Coast and Sicily. 2020 will mark his 80th birthday with his wife on an Alaskan cruise in the summer. His images of Cuba are part of a group show at the St. Charles Community College. He continues to photograph his granddaughter, Anna Speller ’20, a Level 10 gymnast. He will feature her in a short photo essay at the St. Louis Camera Club, showing her on beam from 2011 to 2020.

1959 CDS

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A big thank you to everyone who responded to my call for personal news. There doesn’t seem to be much. Norman James pretty much summed it up, “Nothing exciting is happening, and that’s just fine.” Similarly, Ed Fordyce says, “I wish I could offer some pithy comments that all would enjoy, but I really have nothing to offer. No great vacations, no meetings with lost classmates or anything else.”

The ever-thoughtful Bill Tucker provides a bit more: “Wish I had news, but mostly, though I continue working professionally a couple of days a week, I’m sliding – unexpectedly but gratefully – into grandparenting. I’ve gotten lots of experience on hers, but in the last nine years, I’ve gotten some on my own, as well. There are three so far.” See! He doesn’t think that’s “news,” but it is. So those of you who “don’t have anything to share” are wrong.

Bill Spencer checked in from Mexico but failed to provide details (I assume all is well).

R. K. Barton (one of the lunch semi-regulars) spent time with Sonny Harrison in Annapolis last fall, but details have been redacted for purposes of national security. Speaking of Sonny, he has been doggedly pursuing the
location of Jim Frick in the DC area and may have found him (if he wants to be found) in Alexandria, Virginia.

Chip Matthews and I have been joined regularly at our Monday lunches by Butch Welsch, whose family business, Welsch Heating & Cooling is celebrating its 125th anniversary with multiple events throughout the year. Butch has also been lecturing at Washington University’s business school on family businesses, a subject in which he is an expert.

George Bornstein reports the birth of his first grandchild, a baby girl named Serena. Congratulations!

I’m in my 39th year as Director of the Loretto-Hilton Center at Webster University with, God willing, no intention of retiring. Chip, Butch and I have lunch every Monday at Lester’s Restaurant at 11:30. We have been joined at various times by R. K. Barton, Nat Griffin, Luke Fouke, Fred Hanser, Julius Frager and (in the summer and fall) by Jim Schneithorst. Speaking of Jim, it is with great sadness that I report the demise of Schneithorst’s, which was so important to many of us during our CODASCO days. No more Big Bevos with special sauce. Tears!

1961

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Claire Foster Evans and Marshall have been married 52 years and have 12 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. They still live in three places—Atlanta, Georgia; Vail, Colorado; and Vero Beach, Florida. Their activities include golf, biking, bridge, Bible study and travel. Last year they went to the Dalmatian Coast and Saudi Arabia, and cruised around Montreal playing bridge. Claire is on Facebook and Instagram and would love to connect.

Pam Willhite Finch says she can’t hear or walk but can still teach and sew. She reads to Mt. Zion preschoolers three days a week. This year she sewed 178 dresses and 63 pillows for St. Louis Crisis Nursery.

Hadley Hesse Wood has retired from teaching but taught one course last spring for a professor on sabbatical. She has been traveling the world—Eastern Caribbean, 10 days in China, river cruise from Bucharest to Budapest and a long cruise from Los Angeles to Sydney. She is home now and not expecting to travel as much this year.

Fo Hatton Logan lives in South Carolina. She has grandkids from 28 down to 13. Her kids are in their 50s with one still in the 40s. She hopes we all have our health and are enjoying life.

Mary Greve St.Clarey says she is enjoying life hugely. She is still working in financial services and is busy with nine grandchildren aged from 17 to one. She is grateful she has nothing negative to report personally in this troubled world. She loves hearing news of classmates.

Susan Lewis Vatterott is winding down her design business. She says 35 years is enough. She and Greg are doing well. Their travels are directed to New Orleans and Charleston where their daughters live. Their son and his family live five minutes from them. They have eight grandchildren and have been married 53 years.

1962

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Schneithorst’s closed on December 24, so planning our annual Boxing Day lunch did not make much sense since Boxing Day is on December 26. We did plan an event for December 10 to commemorate the decades we all attended Schneithorst’s, and a few classmates showed. Boxing Day was moved to Lester’s, so the 56-year tradition of Boxing Day lunch at Schneithorst’s ended but we had a nice turnout at Lester’s. Karl Weinkauff and Sharon, Jim Harrell, Jim Grove and Dudley, John Hensley and Linda, Skip Culver and Patty, Bill Dehlendorf, Joe Von Kaenel and Margaret, CB Gebhard, Duff Morrill, Denny Niedringhaus, Lou Cariffe and Sandy Primm were there.

Mike Witte reports that “Things are good here. Still playing tennis/paddle tennis and rowing although hip’s getting a bit creaky. Still drawing and working in baseball. Recently joined the Board of the Edward Hopper Museum here in Nyack (Edward Hopper’s birthplace and childhood home) and have deconstructed three subtextual levels of meaning in his art that have thus far gone unnoticed. Am in the process of writing a book that I hope will revolutionize Hopper scholarship. And having fun in my latter years!”

Jigger (John) Primm writes “All is well here in Thailand; I am still teaching ESL (I think that means English as a Second Language), swimming daily, riding my mountain bike and enjoying life. I am very grateful to be healthy and above ground.”
1963 MI

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**Becky Atwood Patton:** Landey and I are still operating Abigail Inn but expect to be making a change this year. After all, he turns 80 in March. Yikes! Maybe if we get out from under the inn, we’ll have time to travel and see some of you. Yet we have loved our seven years of living in Lexington and plan to stay.

**Lucinda Bagby Marrs:** Lots of travel to see family and have adventures. When in Texas, I must visit Dallas, Houston and Austin to cover all the families. Oldest granddaughter Bradley is 15, and #14 was born in April. I knit caps. Beau and I went to France and Germany last year. We stay for at least a month when we travel so far. I’m learning about music and musicians from Warren as we go along. Jazz mostly here and in France, and to The Kingsbury Ensemble’s summer festival in the Pyrenees.

**Margaret Blanke Henderson:** Most of us have faced or are facing our three-quarter century mark this year. As my oldest grandson turns 16, I worry even more about the world we are leaving him, his cohort and the generations to follow. I continue to act politically in Golden, Colorado, and Stallings, North Carolina, where I live part-time near each of my children and grandchildren to encourage the town councils to think more environmentally. I spend time with family and friends (Scrabble!), garden, walk in nature and ballroom dance.

**Allison Bradbury Kitchen:** We enjoy our home in Flint, Texas, with three bedrooms for family and friends to visit. We have 2/3 of an acre with large oak trees that give us lots of shade but piles of leaves in the fall. I especially like being closer to kids and grandchildren. Unfortunately, my little great-granddaughters are in Atlanta with my oldest granddaughter and her husband. Jim just turned 85 last week, and we are both in good health. Maybe a bit slower but doing well. We are still able to spend time at the cottage each summer.

**Suzanne Franklin Corry:** By the end of March I will be moving to a life care community in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. My health is pretty good, but because I do not have family in this area, I have decided to move to a community which will care for me until I die. It’s called Willow Valley Communities and is a beautiful place with so much to do! My dog and two cats are coming too, and I have two friends who are also moving there! Very busy now with condo sale, etc., but looking forward to the future!

**Ann Haigler Rittenbaum:** We had all our children and grandchildren here over Xmas and New Year’s: 12 people in our house! It was delightful, except for one small event: our sewer backed up on New Year’s Eve and no one could shower or… But we found someone to come out and fix it that night! Amazing!

**Hila Hampton Green:** Dan and I are happy and healthy and looking forward to our 50th wedding anniversary next December. I am still enjoying designing jewelry, and Dan is busy with his exceptional artwork. We have both decided to concentrate on our “skiing”—otherwise known as “spending the kids’ inheritance.”

**Ann Keeler Poucher:** Ann and Ralph are busy traveling the Globe and being with family when in Colorado.

**Jane Lewin Steinger:** I have had a full year starting with trips to Puerto Vallarta and Tucson where Bob and I had such a fun two weeks that we booked for six weeks this winter! My granddaughter, Naomi, was a star at her June Bat Mitzvah which Ann Haigler Rittenbaum attended. Edie Levy Brown did not, but I still visited her in July. We saw two fab plays in NYC and a great exhibit at the MET in 24 hours! The fall saw a trip to Italy and the Spanish Islands. I turned 75 on December 6 and celebrated with family in Detroit. Still taking tons of classes and attending mainly political lectures, volunteering and keeping out of trouble with my soul mate Bob, pooch Darby, and cat Whiskers.

**Nancy Lungstras Broadfoot:** We have had a wonderful year! All our children and grandchildren live here in Atlanta, and our daily lives are so enhanced by them. Our son remarried this past May. His new bride is wonderful. We have had a few getaways: to the Caribbean, Cape Cod and Florida. We are very active in our church. I participate in various local volunteer activities. Bert continues his law practice, going to his office every day, and working out/running most days. Luckily, we are both healthy. So life is so good for us these days!

**Barbara Martin Smith:** Tim and I are now grandparents of five. Our youngest, Caroline, was born just before Christmas. We both continue to work. I serve on the Beaux Arts Council Task Force at the St. Louis Art Museum. I am represented by McCaughen and Burr Fine Art, and my paintings are being collected by individuals and institutions. One depicting the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers at sunset was included in an exhibit at the Mercantile Library featuring Artists of the Mississippi & Other Great American Rivers.

**Nettie Orthwein Dodge:** I am still staying busy with the ranch and now in the gravel business. Our children and grandchildren are near, and I get to see them fairly often. I had a delightful lunch at the St. Louis Art Museum with Barbara Martin Smith and Cindy Bagby Marrs. It was fun catching up. I had a delightful dinner with Muffy Culver Matthews and Chip Matthews ‘59. I enjoyed seeing their lovely new home. Congratulations to all who have conquered 75, and best wishes to those of us who are approaching that milestone.

**Dudley Rouhlac Grove:** Hi to all. You are always welcome to a room in St. Louis. Jim and I make sure we enjoy every day. Volunteer work with the 42 schools served by The Little Bit Foundation and Book Buffets (a buffet for your mind) at Froebel, a city elementary school, fill the weeks. Travel to Key West and Nova Scotia keep us moving. Grandchildren visits are a highlight of the year. Will be in Florida on the boat this spring!
Suzanne Williams Haaland: Busy year with lots of travel—the Netherlands (tulip time) and Belgium, Glacier Bay, Alaska adventure trip (kayaking and hiking) with 10- and 13-year-old grands, also Maine, Florida and NY. Enjoying good health and plan to travel as long as I can. Also spend a lot of time digging in my garden. My 14 grandchildren (three in college) are great fun.

Mary Vogt Myers added that she and Ann have, for years, emailed two or three times a week and that she feels “Ann seems to be rebounding a bit...tough cookie that she is.” Mary also shared her news: “We’re all well here on the far west frontier of Ladue. My Leslie has turned into a honeybee maven. He’s always on the lookout for backyards in which to set up hives. I hope anyone with an interest will contact me at mcbride101@aol.com... Free honey!”

Roxie Pool: Still going to my place in Mexico in November, April and May, Breckenridge condo in the summer. I try to ski in February and March if the sun is out and the snow is good! Just got back from Jerusalem, Petra and Wadi Rum in Jordan, UAE’s Dubai and Abu Dhabi, Oman and Saudi Arabia. With all of the stuff we hear, you’d think everybody was running from bombs all the time, but it’s really pretty much everyday living everywhere. Not too exciting, but an interesting and educational experience.

Jane Greve Sadler had a truly dreadful 2019 and wrote Jane to say: “Glad to see 2020…2019 was awful. My husband, Rodney, died in March after a long illness, and just when I was feeling as if I could go on, my youngest was killed in a crash in October. So I am grieving…feeling as if I could go on, my youngest was killed in a crash in October. So I am grieving…feeling as if I could go on, my youngest was killed in a crash in October. So I am grieving…feeling as if I could go on, my youngest was killed in a crash in October. So I am grieving…feeling as if I could go on, my youngest was killed in a crash in October. So I am grieving…”


Other good and exciting news comes from Kimmy Thompson Brauer: “We had a terrific 55th Mary Institute reunion! PLEASE stay healthy for our upcoming 60th! Steve ’63, our three kiddos and six grands keep us focused on the present and seizing the moment! A special treat is when we travel as a family! We LOVE holidays more each year as they bring us all together! The Cardinals are playing the Chicago Cubs in London on our actual 49th Anniversary on June 12, 2020! Looking back at all of you with THE happiest of MI memories!”

Punkin Hirsch (aka Carolyn Michel) reports: “Since our reunion in May, a lot has transpired. My beloved sister, Gay Hirsch ’55, passed away this summer. She was a beautiful soul inside and out and a terrific big sis! We all miss her, but her spirit lives with us always. Her youngest daughter, Jennifer Lieberman ’85, now lives in Sarasota near me. September found me in New Hampshire at the Peterborough Players performing a one-woman play, Rose, as well as the great role of the housekeeper in A Doll’s House Part 2. Then to Amsterdam to walk the red carpet again as a Best in Sarasota, organized by Florida Studio Theatre. My wonderful husband, I Howard Millman, and I are spending quality time together. Life is good. Treasure your family and friends.”

Becky Jones Fouke and Luke are taking a huge leap and moving from their home of many years in Briarcliff to a high-rise co-op on the western edge of Forest Park. Gone will be the worry of steps, the garden, greenhouse and pool. They will have to learn to be city-dwellers. Becky will have the new lifestyle under control in no time!

Late-breaking news: the Fouke house was purchased by John and Marie Campagna Brauer’s Janey Brauer Miller ’99. Sadly, Janie’s husband Zach died just before Christmas. Now Janey and her boys will have a fresh start in a “1964 Legacy House!”

Marianne Schultz Galt and Sandy ’60 split their time between Florida and St. Louis. This winter they are spending time on a cruise ship going to South America. We will have more to report next time.

Josie Pettus Wiseman says she went to Phoenix in March for her annual stint as a volunteer at the Heard Museum Indian Market. She stayed with Barbara Baur Dunlap and Charlie. In June she plans to travel to a jewelry-making class in California, and she will see her sister, Lisa ’62.

Barbara Baur Dunlap wrote with lots of news. Kitty Shelton Bollinger’s granddaughter was this year’s Veiled Prophet Queen. The young lady in question is Lily Shelton Baur ’18. Barbara mentioned that she “was surprised to meet Joan Schnethorst Fick's little sister Jackie ’70, who now spends some of her time in Arizona. She said it was the last week before Schneider’s was leveled to become an office building. I felt a special bond with her because she was the class below my brother Jim ’69 and knew him in high school.” Barbara then talked about her recent foot surgery—she’s now an expert on crossed toes—and she and Jane Cox continually compare notes on therapy to get stronger. Sadly, Jane called from the ER two days ago. She had done something to her back and couldn’t move. The upshot is that she is to have surgery soon.

Our “Class Baby,” Vicki Shinkle Charles, turned 73 this week. We are all quite mature, and some of us have even “grown up!” Hugs go out to those who have suffered loss and/or health issues this year. Best wishes to Debbie Roullac Poitevent who sent the following happy news to conclude these tidings: “My
new adorable granddaughter, Amelia Laine Sanders, was born in October and we are over the moon! We call her Millie and she gives us such love and laughter! Best to all."

Jane and I join Debbie in wishing you all the best.

1965 Mi

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Here’s what’s new:

Mimi Johnson Severs: This Fall, I was lucky enough to enjoy visits with my whole family. In late August, my brother-in-law and I took a cruise with my son Scott and family to Southeastern Alaska, my first trip to that state. In October, I visited Matthew and Jen at their new home in Elmhurst, Illinois. Then the entire Severs family joined me in Phoenix to celebrate my 73rd birthday and Thanksgiving.

Connie Shapleigh Martin: How wonderful to have my grandchildren, Liliana (7) and Alejandro (6), join me at Mishaum Point, Massachusetts, my childhood summer paradise! It’s a great time to be alive as we all turn 73 this year, and I wish all of us good health and many adventures, whether they be large or small, for every day is filled with new discoveries! I love you all.

Irene Leland: My song, As You Dream Tonight, was chosen to air on a special Valentine’s series on the award-winning Women of Substance podcast on iTunes and Spotify. I have been nominated for the Akademia 2020 Artist Vision Award for exceptional talent and vision in the field of music. Finally, Elaine Presley and I spoke about our upcoming book, Kid of the King, at the Volunteer Service Council hosted by my cousin, Erle Lionberger Broughton ’77, in January.

Linda Glick and husband Steve Cohen had to postpone a trip to Vietnam because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Ann Calfee Alden’s daughters, Jennifer Parker and Alexa Alden, would love to hear stories about our memories of Ann. Please contact Jennifer at jtpagape@comcast.net.

I enjoyed a fun mini-reunion with Elizabeth Kendall in New York last October and another with Jane Atwood Whitehead and Nancy Burkham Williams in Longboat Key, Florida, in January. If any of you get together with other classmates, be sure to take pictures and write me about it.

MI ’65 Book Club news: Latest favorites are Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts (very appropriate given that our 7th grade play was The Wizard of Oz) and Circe by Madeline Miller. Reading Circe brings back memories of reading Edith Hamilton’s Mythology in 9th grade.

Hoping more of you will send news next time.

1966 Mi

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Hello Ladies of ’66. As usual, thank you for your speedy responses to my request for your news. Starting in Florida, Anne Steiner Manning reports she is now living in Miami Beach and Martha’s Vineyard and invites us to visit any time. Anne is teaching classes in Creative Thinking for Organizations at Harvard. She has become an avid traveler and will hike in the Dolomites in June. To get ready, she goes to the gym, plays tennis and attends a “dollop of yoga.” Anne greatly appreciates her wonderful life, adding “and I have not had any warrants out for my arrest...yet.”

Tauna Urban Durand tells us that she and her husband, Doug, still enjoy good health and retirement in Sarasota, Florida. They both volunteer in the schools and are involved in registering voters and supporting their local political candidates. They have three sons, three daughters-in-law and six grandchildren—all teenagers. Good luck, Tauna! Besides spending time with family, the Durands most enjoy travel. She adds, “Our intention is to run as fast as we can for as long as we can.”

Liza Jones Henderson is just to the geographic right of Tauna and Doug, closer to the east coast in Ponte Vedra. She and Paul have moved to be nearer to some of their 11 grandchildren... that is not a typo. Their children, six kids between them, are scattered around the country, so they spend a lot of time traveling to see them. Liza and Paul are both retired but work part-time at fun jobs: Paul at a kayak center and Liza at J. McLaughlin. Liza says: “very little pay but great deals on beautiful clothes.”

Traveling way south in this glorious state, we find Mary Schlapp Thistle, who has lived in Florida for 45 years—geesh! She has reached the pinnacle of success with heraccordion—there is no more room on her mantel for more “genu-wine” plastic trophies. Therefore, her new challenge is joining The National Accordion Orchestra which has been asked to play at the next inauguration. Daughter Ellen has moved to Denver and son Joe works in NYC. He and his wife recently bought a house in nearby New Jersey.

Up to Connecticut, we find Ellen Griesedieck and husband, Sam Posey. Sam is still working, most recently recording a piece for NBC, 24 Hours of Daytona Race. Daughter Judy and her husband are in film production in L.A. Son John is working on two novels and is Ellen’s right-hand man for help on her American Mural project. She tells us some of the sections of this massive project contain heavy marble, ceramic and glass. Ellen, we applaud your tenacity but are not surprised. Who was it who spearheaded most of our wild and crazy class projects?

Staying in the northeast, Nancy Eliot Ulett lives on Mt. Desert Island, Maine, in Acadia National Park. Nan keeps herself amused by playing tricks on and messing with the contractors and carpenters she deals with at her job at Home Depot. She continues her artwork...
01. Connie Shapleigh Martin ’65 enjoys time with grandchildren Ale and Lili Martin.

02. Connie Shapleigh Martin ’65, world traveler, in Cafayate.

03. Mimi Johnson Severs ’65 with family on a cruise to Alaska.


05. Peggy Dubinsky Price ’65 with Jane Atwood Whitehead ’65 and Nancy Burkham Williams ’65 in Longboat Key, Florida.

06. Irene Leland ’65 with Elaine Presley and Erle Lionberger Broughton ’77 at the book signing for Kid of the King.

and had a couple of shows in February 2020. Mostly she stays warm and cozy in front of her wood stove with her two cats and loves hearing about all the adventures of our MI classmates.

**Abby Martin Packer** is still making pottery and working with other “clay addicts” at her local Wayne Art Center. Her offspring have moved west, with a son, daughter-in-law and four-year-old grandson in Frisco, Colorado, and their design business in Breckenridge. Abby’s daughter, Cameron, is now working for the University of Idaho as Operations Manager for an 11,000-acre ranch, coordinating research studies and public access initiatives. We applaud Cameron for protecting our public lands. And congrats to Abby for still being married to the same guy for 48 years!

Over to St. Louis, **Laura Kloos Justiss** tells us she is living in the Central West End with her three cats, enjoying long walks in Forest Park and visits to Straub’s. Her walks prepared her for a rigorous four-day Vermont walking tour in October in the Southern Green Mountains with **Leslie Knowles McIntire**. They hiked 40 miles, learning how to be “one” with Mother Nature and what “Green Latrine” means. Laura continues to do Medicare counseling at Barnes.

2019 saw many changes for **Robin Ewing Engler**’s family. **Lele ’96** moved from NYC to San Francisco and is employed with BBC America. Her second daughter, **Ashley ’10**, has moved with her husband and four-year-old twins to the home of Ole Miss in Oxford. Robin and Curt keep busy traveling between St. Louis and Florida. Robin’s mother, **Rosalie McRee Ewing ’40**, is residing at One McKnight Place and doing well.

**Charlie Twedell ’66**, was kind enough to send us this blast-from-the-past photo (at right) in the form of four of our classmates sitting on Santa’s lap. Where was this—maybe at Famous Barr? Here is **Sally Schaum Witte, JoAnne Larkin, Jayne Schneithorst Land and Liz Douglas**. Watch those hands, Santa.

It is with a heavy heart that **Jayne Schneithorst Land** reminds us that her family’s historic Schneithorst Restaurant and Drive-In has closed. Gone forever are the Big Bevo, “Schneity Packing” and checking out all the local boys. Right, Ginny? We’ll never forget Jayne’s Schneithorst-catered pool parties, our senior-year birthday cakes from their bakery, and **Irene Johnson** exclaiming to Jayne how much she loves “cheap sheet cakes.” Jayne’s daughter, Molly, lives in Golden, Colorado, and while they bike and hike, Jayne babysits for her 14-month old granddaughter.

Now out to California where **Patty Glaser**, retired since 2016, continues to live in the Bay area. She loves the weather and her home in the East Bay, but laments the growing population, the cost of living, the traffic, the fires, the mudslides and…! She still loves deep-sea fishing in Alaska and Mexico, and her local travel includes St. Louis, NYC and Las Vegas. Her mother, age 92, continues to live in St. Louis at One McKnight Place.

**Becky Egle Brittain von Schrader** is loving her life with husband, **Eric ’66**, in Carpinteria, California. And now they are both authors! Eric has written a novel about St. Louis entitled *A Universe Next Door*. Becky is just finishing a how-to book/memoir called *Sparkling: A Dance in Light*. She tells us she “sparkles people, clients and her world with this energetic tool.” Any surprise she was our May Queen, still dispensing goodness and light everywhere. Between them, they have eight grandchildren. The latest is Otto Eric von Schrader Galligan who lives in Manchester, United Kingdom, with the rest of his family.

Now way out and down to Australia. Thank you to our class for your many heartfelt wishes and donations to Australia as she struggles with historic fires. We heard from **Liz Douglas** that, although the smoke in Melbourne was significant, she is fine. Last year, her son (Tom’s) wife, tragically lost her battle with cancer.

Tom and the three boys relocated to Southern California. There was some joy, Liz says, when her youngest son married a “gorgeous, talented woman from Melbourne.” Since retiring from Monash University, Liz is now volunteering as a researcher for the Asylum Seekers Resource Center.

From hard-hit Sydney, **Diane Deal Parks** reports that they are dealing with bush fires and terrible drought. She says they have had severe water restrictions but feels she cannot complain when she looks at the huge areas of devastation in other parts of the country. Diane’s new joy is making music with a friend who plays the flute while Diane plays the piano. She admits to a bit of stage fright, so when they play for their ladies dining group, they prime the audience with lots of Prosecco before they perform. Brilliant!

We also heard from **Ginny Limberg**, who is on the far western coast of Australia, in Perth. She admits to feeling somewhat guilty because they have not been affected by the fires. Her thoughts go out to Liz, Di and the many other Australians who are experiencing so much pain and loss.

Zipping back to the U.S., we end with an update from our classmates in Colorado. **Noel Messing Hefty** has been on a veritable tear in the travel arena. To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary (oy vey), she and Terry took a month-long trip to Slovenia and Croatia; then on to Italy, Sicily, Pompeii and Naples. This fall, Noel “celebrated” her old age with shoulder replacement surgery, but reports that she is back to swimming, trying to lose the eight pounds she gained since surgery. Noel plaintively asks: “Why is weight still an issue at age 72?”
Gale Rutherford Dunlap and husband Sandy have now lived in Boulder, Colorado, for almost 34 years. Gale continues to work at her company, Standout Strategies, as a management coach to senior executives all over the world. Sandy retired last year and now skis regularly with Claire when she is in Colorado. Both kids have moved back to Colorado, so they get to see their grandsons, Ellis (4), and Thomas (6), all the time. Sandy and Gale still travel as much as possible, including a month-long hiking trip this year to Slovenia, Northern Italy and Croatia.

Claire Keeler Beck still travels between Colorado and Vermont. This last winter was great skiing with Gale’s husband, Sandy, and one glorious day trying to out-ski the “Crawford boys” Jim ’64, Steve ’66 and Michael ’70 in Vail. Claire traveled to Cornwall, England, to ride horses in May 2019, and then in November 2019, she and David went to Madagascar to see the enormous varieties of lemurs. Otherwise, life has been quiet and calm. “And Jayne,” Claire adds, “I also love cheap sheet cakes. So there.”

From Sally Morfit Lewis Kennedy: Hi, Class of 1966 and many other classes! I thought you all might want this recipe in your files. It’s from my grandmother’s cookbook for Miss Wibbing’s popcorn balls. My grandmother, Sallie VanDeventer Morfit, did not go to Mary I, but my mother, Nancy Bliss Morfit ’37, did and I think she had Miss Wibbing as a teacher, as did I. FYI, After the sugar sauce is all cooked, drip it over the big bowl of popped corn, mix it with a big spoon, put on some rubber gloves and start shaping the balls in whatever size you’d like. I remember them being about 3 inches in diameter. They’re delicious! Cheers!

Marian from May Day. She looked so lovely, young and happy in her white dress holding a bouquet of flowers. That is how I plan to remember her.

Susie Bele Wiegand reports that she has retired from Hager Hinge and is busier than ever. Her older son has recently married and has moved to St. Louis from New York. Susie is helping with the transition. Her younger son works for Columbia University in New York.

Alice Beckers Muckerman, Phoebe Scott Burke and their husbands journeyed to Morocco this past November. Besides visiting most of the major cities of Morocco, they rode camels while glamping in the Sahara, learned to make a fabulous chicken tagine, hiked in the High Atlas Mountains and greatly added to the Moroccan economy via multiple successful shopping excursions (no surprise!).

Globetrotter Marie Howe Sprague reports that she and her husband went to Egypt last fall, cruising the Nile, visiting temples and riding camels beneath the pyramids. Clearly the camel population of Africa is becoming well-acquainted with the bottoms of the MI ’69ers! This fall the Spragues plan to sail on a tall ship from Dubrovnik to Naples.

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1968 MI

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Ruth Falchero reports: Ann Grossman Boon, Jannie Jones Ramatici and I had a wonderful get-together lunch here in Denver. I’m hoping in the fall that Ann and Helen French Graves and Suzanne Blanke Sophocles and I can get together for a dinner at my house. Bill and I are doing well and loving being grandparents to our son Philip’s little girl. We’re lucky to have both of our sons living here in Denver. We’re also lucky to finally have a girl in the family! Had visits with both Holly Holtz and Carol Ferring Shepley while they were visiting in Colorado. I love seeing all my old pals from MI and actually having time to spend with them. Let me know if any of you are heading this way.

1969 MI

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It is with great sadness that I report that Marian “Mim” Bland Langdon died on January 2, 2020 from complications due to Alzheimer’s disease. Marian is the first member of our graduating class to die. She is survived by her children, Maggie and Jason. There was a wonderful memorial gathering for Marian at Hawken House in Webster Groves on January 26. In attendance were classmates Alice Beckers Muckerman, Beth Green Kling, Nancy Grove, Barb Kennedy, Phoebe Scott Burke, Christine Smith, Anne Taussig, Tandy Thompson and Stacey Tooker Brinkop. Nancy did a wonderful job of gathering photographs and memorabilia of Marian through the years which elicited many great reminiscences from the assembled MI group. There was a charming photograph of Alice Muckerman ’69 and Phoebe Burke ’69, Queens of the Sahara!
Jennifer Limberg Royal is spending the winter in LA—escaping the snowy climes of her new home in Colorado. She plans to reconnect with her old SoCal pals and indulge in quality time with her one-year-old grandson, Hendrix.

Nancy Macdonald Hinkson and her husband, David, continue to enjoy life in Kirkwood even though their two daughters have flown the coop. Daughter Laura and her husband are both teachers at the American Embassy School in New Delhi, India, where they live with their two daughters. Nancy, David and Parker Block McMillan have all made visits to India. When not in Kirkwood or New Delhi, Nancy and David squeeze in visits to see Marki Cady and her husband, Joe, at their home in the Cayman Islands. Nancy’s younger daughter, Allison, and family live in Denver.

Cynthia Plumb Hubbard is thoroughly enjoying her children’s peripatetic lifestyle. Her daughter, son-in-law and children are spending the year traveling around the world. Cynthia and her husband joined them for a month this fall in South Africa, including a safari in Kruger National Park. Cynthia’s son and daughter-in-law, who are expecting their first child very soon, live in Amsterdam.

I know many of you were able to tour MICDS last spring when you were in town for our 50th reunion. I think all of you would be very pleased with the leadership of the new Head of School, Jay Rainey, who started his tenure this past fall. He is a dynamic educator who has great respect for history and tradition but is also cognizant of the need for constant adaptation as our world evolves. I am confident he will maintain the standards that have made Mary Institute and Country Day great while guiding the school through these changing times.

Best to all of you, sexagenarians!—Phoebe

1970 Mi

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Linda Ferguson Benoist ended the decade with a Broadway trip to NYC with Joe and Annie Conant Schlaffy and started the new decade with a beach trip to Turks and Caicos with Bill and Barbie Howell Reisner. Both trips were wonderful. Still working with Lisa Dennig Coulter ‘75 at Janet McAfee peddling houses. Love having two grandkids at Beasley.

Jill Stein has been living in Paris for nearly 30 years and is still enamored of the city. She travels to St. Louis often for short visits.

Ellen Langtree appeared on Antiques Roadshow with the submission of a unique kinetic sculpture. Many of us were fortunate enough to tune in and watch.


Note from the Editor: Our sincere apologies to Maud Essen. It appears we unwittingly married her to someone she hasn’t met in the last issue of MICDS Magazine. Good news, though: she reports the annulment is in works and she will be using her maiden name now.

1970 CDS

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Greetings to all the classmates, family and friends reading this installment of the CDS ‘70 Class Notes. I hope this spring finds you happy, healthy and sunny.

I heard from Tom Duncan, who regretted missing our annual matriculation reunion dinner in September. He and his wife had to watch their grandson Henry all day and night. Apparently Henry has “boundless energy” which overwhelms the grandparental energy level. Tom says he is looking forward to our 50th.

Ernie Plank reports that his son Max ’00 was married in October in Lake Como, Italy. Ernie’s daughter-in-law is named Liberty. Max is launching his own virtual reality entertainment business, Adventure Lab.
Ernie’s daughter, Laura ’03, moved to Cleveland, Ohio, from across the street. Her husband, Danny, merged his exotic car business with one in Cleveland. This means that Susan and Ernie will have to commute to Ohio, rather than across the street, when they want some grandchild time. Thus the spoiling may diminish a bit, although I’m sure they will make up for the loss when visiting.

I’m informed by Jeff Miller that he and Ed Potter did some fishing in the Seychelles. The sporting was excellent and “the weather wasn’t anything like St. Louis in January.” Their wives accompanied them and had a great time.

Life in Carlisle is slowing down just a bit. I am now about 75% retired: not pursuing new work and taking work from existing clients at a slower pace. This leaves time for some volunteering and pursuing my two mainstream hobbies, building scale models of cars, and designing and emulating fictitious computers. My current modeling project is an Aston Martin DBS, mildly customized. Cynthia continues writing articles for the Carlisle Mosquito, our independent town newspaper.

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Our most exciting news is that K.K. DuVivier is the recipient of the school’s highest alumni award: The MICDS Distinguished Alumni Award. The award represents a demonstrated record of distinguished service and extraordinary achievement in a particular field or endeavor that brings distinction and honor to MICDS. We could not be more proud of K.K.

Her dear friend and classmate, Kathy Fordyce Peake, wrote, “While K.K.’s professional achievements alone qualify her to receive this award, I believe it is her intangible qualities—humility, thoughtfulness, inclusiveness, compassion for outsiders and dedication to the environment—that set her apart from the average over-achiever.” We could not agree more.

Audie Woolsey, Kathy Fordyce Peake and I flew in especially for the event. Among the others who joined the two days of festivities were Marika Csapo-Sweet, Cyndi Traunernicht, Debbie Smith Fitzgerald, Babs Claggett Wagner, Beth Trueblood and Laurie Wolff Miller.

Lisa Culver sailed off on another escapade in February. “It’s a 40-day expedition cruise, not a classic cruise—no casino or dancing girls, just zodiacs and great adventures. Ushuaia to Cape Town is 21 days, then up the coast of West Africa via Namibia, Angola and Benin up to Ghana for an additional 19 days. It will be very interesting! I did West Africa with Beth Ingham years ago...looking forward to seeing the changes!”

Lucy Ferriss survived the 6.4 magnitude earthquake in Puerto Rico in January, albeit with some terrifying moments. In other news: her collection Foreign Climes is on the shortlist—one of five finalists—for the Jordan Prize for Literary Excellence awarded by Columbus State University. Wish her luck!

As for me, Laurie Jacobson, I was blessed with a second grandchild in November, Lucas. Now I have a complete set and love it. I have a new book out in March: TV Dinners: 40 Classic TV Kid Stars Dish Up Favorite Recipes With a Side of Memories. It’s all the kids we grew up watching, like Wally and the Beaver, Greg Brady, the Mouseketeers and, of course, Timmy. I had a ball writing it and am excited for it to come out.

In May, we begin plans for our 50th reunion in 2021. We’re going to blow the roof off. I expect to see you all there!!

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Hello ’75ers!

Hope this finds you all well and happy!

Cindy Armstrong shares, “My big news is that, as of today, after my Defense, I will be Dr. Armstrong! I have a Doctor of Education in Organizational and Instructional Leadership. I’m supervising special ed student teachers at Portland State U. now. My three grands are doing super well, and I’m looking forward to having a clean chapter to have new adventures!”

Martha Scott Rocder is still giddy from daughter Ashley’s wedding.

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From Steve Spalding: I enjoyed seeing everyone at our reunion, and it’s great to know that Bebee still has some awesome dance moves!! I have been somewhat of a hermit these past four years as I negotiated a difficult divorce, but following in Andy’s shoes, I’ve come out clean on the other side! Son Dylan is a senior and has better grades than I ever did. On November 1, 2019, I merged my commercial P&C insurance brokerage into The BrookStone Insurance Group. Feel free to contact me via email or cell 214-502-7970, and if you ever come through Dallas, I’ll buy the first round!
01. (l-r) Mary Essen Detrich ’75, Lisa Ritter Hayman ’75, Maud Essen ’70 and Joan Essen ’72.

02. Lisa Dennig Coulter ’75 and Lisa Ritter Hayman ’75.

03. (l-r) Kathleen Brackeen ’75, Kat Schneider-Clark ’75, Mary Essen Detrich ’75 and Lisa Ritter Hayman ’75.

04. (l-r) Heather Riggin ’00, Erin Moore ’00, Laurie Hemberger ’00, Zack Michaelson ’00, Jon Powell ’00, Eric Smith ’00, Ndidi Oteh ’00 and Hadley Schnuck ’01.
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From Bill Baker: The Baker kids have been busy. Billy graduated from Auburn with an ME degree. Betsy, our youngest, is now in her freshman year as a nursing student at Clemson. Our oldest, Mary, is working for Penguin Random House publishing in New York City.

1985 MI

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Anne Turcen lives in the hills just outside of Florence, Italy with her husband, Marco. Their two children have flown the nest and are experimenting with different jobs. Anne breeds Irish Terriers, and has bred numerous champion dogs and placed top dog for the past six years. She is an accredited FCI judge. She writes for the international trade journal Best in Show Magazine and has published a book on handling. While waiting for publication of her breed book on the Irish, she is well ahead on her third volume, a cynological textbook.

1987 MI

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From Wendy Brafman: I continue to serve at the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan, but will move to Mumbai (formerly Bombay), India, late this summer to begin an assignment at our consulate there. In February, Kerry Meadows Carl and Adrianna Ahern Donat sojourned to Jordan to visit me and the sights. I celebrated my 50th last year with special trips to France, Italy, and Portugal.

From Gina Gaines Bundy: We only have one son left at MICDS with the other three already graduated. Crawford ’21 is a junior at MICDS. He underwent two hip surgeries, missing football season but was back for lacrosse in the spring. Graham Jr. ’19 is a freshman at Georgetown, playing lacrosse there and loving it. He has made the USA U19 team, so he will be playing for USA in Ireland next summer and is super-excited. Gaines ’17 is a junior at University of Arizona. He is currently looking for an internship this summer and playing a lot of golf during his off time. Foster ’12 is in Phoenix, working for a commercial real estate firm and doing well! Graham is still working at Worldwide Technology, and I just moved real estate firms and am now working at Dielmann Sotheby’s International Realty and loving it.

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Catherine “Claire” Wedemeyer Panopoulos: My husband Lou and I had a baby girl, Zoe Anna Panopoulos, in January 2018. It’s a little late for an announcement, but the last two years have been a blur. I have taken a career hiatus for my initial few years of motherhood but hope to get back in the circus ring soon (www.ClairetheClown.com). I love being in touch with my MICDS classmates.

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Olivia Gacka graduated with her BA from Rhodes College and her MA from the National University of Ireland Galway. She now lives in Memphis and works at the Rhodes College Alumni Office as the Alumni Services Coordinator.
A Family Legacy

At MICDS, we are proud that our community has a strong tradition of family ties, where multiple generations within the same family have graduated from Mary Institute, Saint Louis Country Day School and MICDS. We celebrate these important connections and legacies with our graduating seniors each year. The 15th annual Legacy Dinner on Sunday, November 24 brought back grandparents and parents for a special evening with 35 members of the Class of 2020 who are the latest members of their family to matriculate. Guests included alumni from the 1940s and every decade since. Several seniors can trace their families’ connections to the School back to the 1800s!

This year’s event featured four speakers who shared their thoughts and memories on what this School means to them and what it means to be a legacy: Carol Bodenheimer Loeb ’59, grandmother of Maggie ’20; Dan ’86 and Tracy Kaye Jasper ’86, parents of Adam Jasper ’20; and Caroline Latta ’20, representing the MICDS Class of 2020.
Jay Rainey Visits Atlanta, Palm Beach and Naples

01. Nancy Lungstras Broadfoot ’63, Bert Broadfoot and Lana Mueller Jordan ’58

02. Head of School Jay Rainey speaking with Atlanta alumni at the Piedmont Driving Club

03. Sara Tegelhoff Lowery ’87, Charles Brickley and Suzie Leydig Brickley ’90

04. Susan Elliott, Judy Gissler Adair ’56, Page Sharp Jackson ’56 and David Elliott ’63

05. Diane Garesche Reed ’71, Elizabeth Moore Coulter ’08 and Dru Webster Patterson ’71

06. Trip McCoy ’90, Kate McCoy, Bill Shepherd ’87, Jay Rainey, Katherine Stone Solomon ’11 and TJ Solomon

07. Hosts Bob ’60 and Signa Hermann and Jay Rainey

08. Sally Driemeyer, Derick Driemeyer ’52, Carol Kent Diggs ’58 and Walter Diggs ’54

09. David Elliott ’63, Tee Baur ’64, Shellie Baur, Jay Rainey, Walter Diggs ’54, Derick Driemeyer ’52 and Terry Franc ’54 (front)
Chris Kerber ’90 relinquished the microphone for a period of the Stanley Cup Final game to fellow broadcaster John Kelly, a selfless act of kindness. Kerber was honored at the Musial Awards in November 2019 for his noble gesture. The Musial Awards are bestowed by the St. Louis Sports Commission and National Sportsmanship Foundation to figures in athletics “who embody class and character.”

Chrissy Taylor Broughton ’94 was named CEO of Enterprise Holdings.

Hair Love, a short film by Lion Forge Animation, won the Academy Award for best animated short film. This film was the first project of Lion Forge Animation under Polarity, the holding company organized by David Steward II ’95 to manage his media businesses. Lion Forge Animation is one of the only black-owned animation studios in the United States.

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02. The Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner law firm has promoted 10 of its associates worldwide to the title of counsel, including Elizabeth Schlesinger ’01 in St. Louis. She is a member of the firm’s private client group. Her practice involves estate planning and administration, with a focus on wealth transfer tax planning.

An Off-Broadway Play by Liza Birkenmeier ’04, Dr. Ride’s American Beach House, ran in the fall of 2019 at the Greenwich House in Manhattan. Birkenmeier has numerous productions under her belt and is an alum of Ars Nova’s Play Group and the 2019-2020 Tow Foundation Playwright-In-Residence. She worked with Ars Nova to present the world premiere of this new play.

03. Josalyynn Smith ’12 is the recipient of the SFFILM Sloan Science in Cinema Filmmaker Fellowship which supports the development of narrative feature screenplays that explore scientific or technological themes and characters.

Yulkendy Valdez ’13 is part of the 2020 class of Forbes “30 Under 30.” Every year, Forbes honors the top young leaders who will shape every field for the next 50 years in industries ranging from the arts to social impact. Yulkendy and her Forefront co-founder, Josuel Plasencia, are honored to be part of this impactful community of young entrepreneurs, including Canva CEO Melanie Perkins, NBA veteran Kevin Durant, Guild Education CEO and Co-founder Rachel Carlson, and Grammy Award-nominated rapper 21 Savage.

Congratulations!
From the Country Day Orchestra formed a century ago in January 1920 to the Winter Band Concert last December, music education is a longtime MICDS tradition with student musicians inspiring our community through their passion and skill.